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- 1.1 This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Carrier Common Line, End User Access, Switched Access, Special Access, Lifeline Assistance, Universal Service Fund 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. Pursuant to the Codified Federal Rules (CFR), Title 47, Sections 69.4(c), 69.5(d), 69.104(1), 69.116, 69.117, 69.603(c) and 69.603(d), regulations concerning administration and billing of Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund, rates and charges for these carrier's carrier elements are contained in Section 8 of the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF FCC No. 5. The National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., will bill and collect all Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund Charges on behalf of the Telephone Company.
- 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.
- Local Exchange Carriers (LEC's) subject to this tariff are also subjected to terms and conditions of the <u>Conceptual Framework, Missouri Intrastate, IntraLATA Primary Carrier By Toll Center Plan filed in Case No. TO-84-222 et al., as modified and approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission.</u>

1. Application of Tariff

- Listing of Exchanges by Company References in 17.1.1 to exchanges of the previously three separate 1.4 companies are detailed as follows;
 - (A) ALLTEL MISSOURI, INC.

Exchange Number	
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3001	CROCKER
3002	DIXON
3003	FLORENCE
3004	HOLLIDAY
3005	IBERIA
3006	LACLEDE
3007	MADISON
3008	MENDON
3009	MILAN
3010	ROTHVILLE
3011	ST. ELIZABETH
3012	STOVER
3013	SUMNER
3014	VANDALIA
3201	FAIRVIEW
3202	LIBERAL
	MINDEN MINES
3204	PURDY
3205	STARK CITY
3206	STOTTS CITY
3207	VERONA
	WHEATON
3401	CLUBB
3402	DONIPHAN
3403	FAIRDEALING
	GRANDIN
3405	GREENVILLE
3406	MYRTLE
3407	NAYLOR
3408	NEELYVILLE
3409	OXLY
3410	PATTERSON
3411 3412	PIEDMONT
	PONDER
	SOUTH MYRTLE
3414 3415	WAPPAPELLO PARK WILLIAMSVILLE
5501	UNIONVILLE
5502	LEMONS
3302	TEMON2

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- 1.4 Listing of Exchanges by Company (Con't)
 - (B) Eastern Missouri Telephone Company

Exchange Number	Exchange Name
2401	SILEX
2402	EOLIA
2403	MARTINSBURG
2404	MIDDLETOWN
2405	OLNEY
2406	NEW HARTFORD
2407	BELLFLOWER

1. Application of Tariff

- 1.4 Listing of Exchanges by Company (Con't)
 - (C) Missouri Telephone Company

Exchange	Exchange
Number	Name
2301	PATTONSBURG
2302	COFFEY
2303	GRANT CITY
2304	UNION STAR
2305	GALLATIN
2306	ALBANY
2307	WINSTON
2308	ALLENDALE
2309	JAMESON
2310	POLK
2311	STOCKTON
2312	BOLIVAR
2314	HALF WAY
2315	PLEASANT HOPE
2316	FAIR PLAY
2317	ALDRICH
2318	MORRISVILLE
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2. General Regulations

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

2.1.1 Scope

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

2.1.2 Limitations

(A) Assignment or Transfer of Services

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. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)
 - 2.1.2 Limitations (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 acknowledgment shall be made within 15 days from the receipt of notification. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to such assignee or transferee.

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

(B) Use and Restoration of Services

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

2.1.2 Limitations (Cont'd)

(C) Sequence of Provisioning

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

The first-come, first-served sequence shall be based upon the received time and date 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 Liability

(A) Limits of Liability

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.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

2.1.3 Liability (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) Damages to Customer Premises

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) Indemnification of Telephone Company

(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. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)
 - 2.1.3 Liability (Cont'd)
 - (D) Indemnification of Telephone Company (Cont'd)
 - (1) By the End User (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.

General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

2.1.3 Liability (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.

$(G) \qquad \underbrace{ \text{Circumstances Beyond the Telephone Company's} }_{\text{Control}}$

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. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (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 Facility Terminations

The services provided under this tariff will include any entrance cable or drop wiring and wire or intrabuilding cable to that point where provision is made for termination of the 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 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (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 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 The Telephone Company will work characteristics. cooperatively with the customer to determine reasonable notification procedures.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

2.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service

- (A) 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(E), 2.4.1 or 2.5 following (respectively, Damages, Availability for Testing, Balance, Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements, Payment Arrangements, Connections) including any customers failure to make payments on the date and times therein specified, the Telephone Company may, on thirty (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 non-complying customer at any time thereafter.

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.

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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)
 - Except as provided for equipment or systems subject to (C) 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.
 - When access service is provided by more than one (D) 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.

- 2. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (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.
 - (F) If the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., notifies the Telephone Company that the Customer has failed to comply with Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund provisions contained in NECA FCC No. 5, Section 8, including any Customer's failure to make payments on the date and times specified therein, the Telephone Company may, on thirty days' written notice to the Customer by Certified U.S. Mail, take any of the following actions:
 - refuse additional applications for service
 - refuse to complete any pending orders for service.
 - discontinue the provision of service to the Customer.

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (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 the 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 reasonable notification requirements.

2.1.10 Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies

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

2.1.11 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 six (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 Use

2.2.1 Interference or Impairment

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, (Credit Allowances for Service Interruptions) 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 Design of Customer Services

Subject to the provisions of 2.1.7 preceding (Changes and Substitutions), the customer shall be solely responsible, at its own expense, for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangement of its services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations or procedures of the 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 Obligations of the Customer (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.
- The customer shall defend, indemnify and save harmless (B) the Telephone Company from and against any suits, claims, losses and damages, including punitive damages, attorney fees and court costs by third persons arising out of the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, or removal of the customer's circuits, facilities, or equipment connected to the Telephone Company's services provided under this tariff including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation claims, actions for infringement of copyright and/or unauthorized use of program material, libel and slander actions based on the content of communications transmitted over the customer's circuits, facilities or equipment, and proceedings to recover taxes, fines, or penalties for failure of the customer to obtain or maintain in effect any necessary certificates, permits, licenses, or other authority to acquire or operate the services provided under this tariff; provided, however, the foregoing indemnification shall not apply to suits, claims, and demands to recover damages for damage to property, death, or personal injury unless such suits, claims or demands are based on the tortious conduct of the customer, its officers, agents or employees.
- (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 of 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 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements

(A) Certification Requirements - Special Access

When the customer orders Special Access Service, 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 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.

(B) <u>Disputes Involving Jurisdictional Certification</u> - Special Access

If a dispute arises concerning the certification of projected interstate traffic as described in (A) above, the Telephone Company will ask the customer to provide the data the customer used to determine that more than 10% 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, 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 Service. No changes will be made to existing intrastate percentages until the requested detail has been provided to warrant such change.

- General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
 - 2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements
 - (C) Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access

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) 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 Service Access
 - 900 Service Access

Additionally, upon employing the 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 LATAs 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.

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- 2. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
 - 2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)
 - (C) Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access (Cont'd)

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

Determination of the jurisdictional basis of the usage will be based on the following requirements:

- (a) Sixty-six and six tenths percent (66.6%) of all usage which originates on the customer's network in the Missouri portion of the Kansas City Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) and terminates at a telephone number in Missouri will be reported as intrastate.
- (b) Seventy-five and nine tenths percent (75.9%) of all usage which originates on the customer's network in the Missouri portion of the St. Louis Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) and terminates at a telephone number in Missouri will be reported as intrastate.
- (c) One hundred percent (100%) of all other usage which originates on the customer's network in Missouri and terminates at a telephone number in Missouri will be reported as intrastate.
- (d) If a customer establishes a point of interconnection between its facilities and those of a local exchange telephone company in a state which adjoins Missouri and to which Missouri customer may gain access on a toll free basis, the usage which gains access at such points of interconnection and terminate at a Missouri telephone number shall be reported as intrastate messages. Such traffic from the Kansas City and St. Louis SMSAs shall be apportioned in accordance with paragraphs a. and b. above.

- 2. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
 - 2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)
 - (C) Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access (Cont'd)
 - (e) All usage which originates on the customer's network in the Missouri portion of a LATA and terminates at a telephone number in the same LATA in Missouri will be reported as intrastate intraLATA. Usage terminating at a telephone number in a different LATA in Missouri will be reported as intrastate interLATA. Wire centers and their corresponding LATA's may be found in EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF WIRE CENTER & INTERCONNECTION INFORMATION.
 - (f) All intrastate usage will be reported as such whether or not the customer has the proper state certification or an effective intrastate tariff.
 - (2) 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 below. 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 quarter (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 and intrastate percentage of use 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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)

(C) Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access (Cont'd)

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 of service as set forth in (2) following.

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

Interstate Minutes Total Minutes

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.

(3) Where the customer utilizes the FGA Switched Access Service for calls between a Primary Exchange Carrier and a Secondary Exchange Carrier within the same Extended Area Service calling area, and /or Feature Group B Switched Access Service for calls between a Primary Exchange Carrier's access tandem and a subtending Secondary Exchange Carrier, where the Primary and Secondary Exchange Carriers are not the same Telephone Company, a copy of the revised report will be provided by the customer to each Secondary Exchange Carrier.

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

- 2. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
 - 2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)
 - (C) Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access (Cont'd)

single lines or trunks as well. 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 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.

For multiline hunt group or trunk group arrangements where either the interstate or the intrastate charges are based on measured usage, the intrastate Feature Group A and/or Feature Group B Switched Access Service(s) information reported as set forth in (a) 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 interstate percentage to develop the intrastate access minutes. The number of access minutes for the group minus the developed inetastate access minutes for the group will be the developed intrastate access minutes.

- (4) When a customer orders Feature Group C or Feature Group D Switched Access Service(s) the customer may provide the projected interstate usage for each end office in its order. The Telephone Company, where the jurisdiction can be determined from the call detail, will determine the projected interstate percentage as follows:
 - For originating access minutes, the projected interstate percentage will be developed on a monthly basis by end office where the Feature Group C or Feature Group D Switched Access Service by dividing the measured interstate originating access minutes (the access minutes where the calling number is in one state and the called number is in another state) by the

- 2. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
 - 2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)
 - (C) Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access (Cont'd)

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 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.

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. <u>General Regulations</u> (Cont'd)
 - 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
 - 2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)
 - (C) Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access (Cont'd)
 - (5) The reports required in (2) above should be based on actual total customer usage data if at all feasible. If that data is not reasonably available, the reports may be based on either statistically valid samples derived by the customer, or on samples from sampling techniques agreed to by the Telephone Company. The allowable statistical parameters associated with the percentages produced form statistical sampling are a 95 percent confidence level and a +/- five percent precision.

- 2. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
 - 2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Cont'd)
 - (C) Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access (Cont'd)
 - (6) Where a customer has previously obtained interstate service and subsequently applies for mixed interstate and intrastate service, the customer must, at the time the order is placed for mixed interstate and intrastate service, provide an interim jurisdictional report for the previous three months usage that complies with the requirements of paragraphs (1), (3) and (4) above.
 - (7) The Telephone Company retains the right to employ monitoring equipment for the purpose of verification of IXC PIU reporting. The Telephone Company shall treat such information as proprietary in nature and shall maintain its confidentiality.

The PIUs described in this section 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.

- (1) 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.
 - (a) 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 this section.

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

(D) <u>Maintenance of Customer Records</u>

The customer shall maintain and retain for a minimum of one year, complete, detailed and accurate records, workpapers and backup documentation in form and substance to evidence the percentage data provided to the Telephone Company as set forth in (C) proceeding. All of the records, workpapers and backup documentation, including the sampling techniques and traffic data underlying samples, if used, shall be make available during normal business hours, at a location named in the report, upon reasonable request by the Telephone Company in order to permit a review by a Telephone Company auditor, an outside auditor under of a federal or state regulatory commission. The Telephone Company may in its discretion accept the results of a third-party audit submitted by the IXC in lieu of performing its own audit.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)

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

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

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

When mixed interstate and intrastate Switched Access Service is provided, all charges (i.e., nonrecurring, monthly and/or usage) including optional features charges, will be prorated between interstate and intrastate. The percentage determined as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding will serve as the basis for prorating the charges unless the 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.

(B) Usage Sensitive Charges

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.

- General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
 - 2.3.13 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 No. 11-161 released (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. For ease of reference, the applicable interstate rates are listed in Section 17.2.5.

(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 Telephone Company will calculate and implement an OPVU factor representing a whole number percentage based on total traffic originated by Telephone Company end users in IP format and delivered to the customer in the State divided by the Telephone

Company's total originated intrastate access MOU delivered to the customer in the State.

- General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
 - 2.3.13 <u>Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic</u> (Cont'd)
 - (C) Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor (Cont'd)
 - (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 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 TPVU provided by the customer the Telephone Company will apply the TPVU factor as well as the OPVU developed by the Telephone Company to the respective terminating and originating 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 TPVU, the Telephone Company will request additional information to support the TPVU, during this time no changes will be made to the existing 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 TPVU. If after review of the additional information, the customer and Telephone Company establish a revised and mutually agreed upon 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 TPVU factor will be used by the Telephone Company.

General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.13 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd)

(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 and/or developed by the Telephone Company into account retroactively to January 1, 2012, provided that the factor(s) and supporting documentation are provided as specified in subsection (C) above to the Telephone Company no later than 15 days after the effective date of this tariff. Within 15 days of receiving the customers TPVU factor the Telephone Company will verify and either request additional information or apply the TPVU and associated Telephone Company developed OPVU. If the customer does not furnish the Telephone Company with a TPVU factor pursuant to the preceding subsection (C), the initial TPVU factor will be zero.

(E) OPVU and TPVU Factor Updates

The customer may update the TPVU factor 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 TPVU factor and supporting documentation based on data for the prior three months, ending the last day of December and/or June, respectively. Within 15 days of receiving the customers revised TPVU factor the Telephone Company will verify and either request additional information or apply the TPVU and associated Telephone Company developed OPVU. Once verified by the Telephone Company the revised TPVU factor along with the revised Telephone Company developed OPVU 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.

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.

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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 (Cont'd)
 - (2) $\frac{\text{Access Services Other Than End User and}}{\text{Presubscription}}$

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.

- (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, 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.

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)

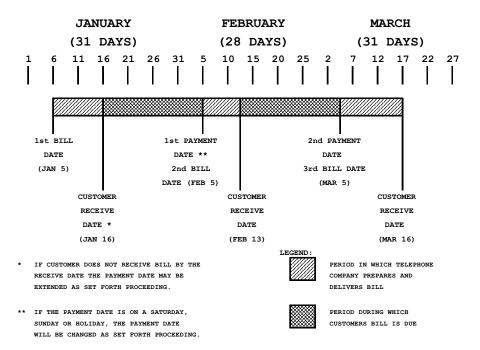
When the bill has been delayed, upon request of the customer the due date will be extended by the number of days the bill was delayed. Such request of the customer must be accompanied with proof of late bill receipt.

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

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

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

EXAMPLE: CALCULATION OF PAYMENT DATES



- 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:
 - (a) the interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied per the P.S.C, 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 in its absense.
 - (b) 0.000292 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
- 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

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.

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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)

(E) Billing Disputes Resolved in Favor of the Telephone Company

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

(F) Billing Disputes Resolved in Favor of the Customer

If the customer pays the total billed amount and disputes all or part of the amount, the Telephone Company will refund any 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:

- (1) the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied per the P.S.C, compounded daily for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved, or in its absense.
- (2) 0.000292 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

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), 7.2.4 (Part-time Video and Program Audio), and 6.1.3 (Switched Access High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facility and DS3 Direct Trunked Transport).

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

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

- (A) When a service with a one month minimum period is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, a one month charge will apply at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued.
- (B) When a service with a minimum period greater than one month is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, the applicable charge will be the lesser of (1) the 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.

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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 and High Capacity, 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) Special Access Service Other than Program Audio and Video and flat rated 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 (e.g., 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 (e.g., a channel termination per customer designated 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) Special Access Service other than Program Audio and Video and flat rated Switched Access Service rate elements (Cont'd)
 - (c) Multiplexed Services

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) $\frac{\text{Flat rated Switched Access Service Rate}}{\text{Elements}}$

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 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (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 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 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 fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

- 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)
 - (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 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 Service Usage Rated Elements

For Switched Access 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 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (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. 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, for amounts less than one dollar.
 - (D) Use of an Alternative Service Provided by the Telephone Company

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(E) Temporary Surrender of a Service

In certain instances, the customer may be requested by the Telephone Company to surrender a service for purposes other than maintenance, testing or activity relating to a service order. If the customer consents, a credit allowance will be granted. The credit allowance will be 1/1440 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 described in (A) or (B) following based upon the interconnection arrangements between the Telephone Companies. The Single Company Billing method will only be used where technical limitations prohibit interconnection billing.

- 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)

The Telephone Company will notify the customer which of the billing methods will be used. The customer will place the order for the service as set forth in 5.3 dependent upon the billing method. The Telephone Company receiving the order or copy of the order from the customer will be responsible for billing the customer.

- (A) Single Company Billing
 - (1) The Telephone Company receiving the order from the customer, as specified in 5.3, will arrange to provide the service, determine the applicable charges and bill the customer for the entire service in accordance with its Access Services tariff.
- (B) Multiple Company (Interconnection Point) Billing
 - (1) Each Telephone Company receiving an order or copy of the order from the customer, as specified in 5.3 following will determine the applicable charges for the portion of service it provides and bill in accordance with its Access Services Tariff as follows:

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- 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)
 - 2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)
 - (B) Multiple Company (Interconnection Point) Billing (Con't)
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 - (a) For Switched Access
 - (i) The portion of the Local Transport provided by the Telephone Company is not distance sensitive. (C) The Local Transport rate described in 17.2.2 will apply to the total number of access minutes. The rate charged for the portion of Local Transport provided by a connecting exchange Telephone Company will be based on the connecting exchange Telephone Company's access tariff and may be distance sensitive.

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- 2. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)
 - 2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)
 - (B) Multiple Company (Interconnection Point) Billing (Cont'd)
 - (b) For Special Access
 - (i) Determine the appropriate Channel Mileage by computing the number of airline miles between the Telephone Company serving wire centers using the V&H method set forth in 7.2.5.
 - (ii) Determine the billing percentage (BP),
 as set forth in EXCHANGE CARRIER
 ASSOCIATION TARIFF WIRE CENTER &
 INTERCONNECTION INFORMATION, which
 represents the portion of the service
 provided by each Telephone Company,
 except as indicated in (iv) below.
 - (iii) Multiply the number of airline miles, as set forth in (i) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone company, as set forth in (ii) preceding, times the Channel Mileage Facility rate. Add the Channel Mileage Termination rate.

For intraLATA LEC to LEC traffic, V&H coordinates and billing percentages will be determined from the Missouri PTC Plan IntraLATA Data Base.

- 2. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)
 - 2.4.7 <u>Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)
 - (B) Multiple Company (Interconnection Point) Billing (Cont'd)
 - (b) For Special Access (Con't)
 - (iv) When three or more Telephone Companies are involved in providing an Access Service, the intermediate Telephone Company(s) will determine the appropriated charges as set forth in (iii) preceding, except the Channel Mileage Termination rate does not apply.
 - (C) Reserved for Future Use

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 and Special 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 Definitions

Certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

Access Code

The term "Access Code" denotes a uniform seven digit access code assigned 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.

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Access Minutes

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

Access Tandem

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Answer/Disconnect Supervision

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

Attenuation Distortion

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

Balance (100 Type) Test Line

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

Bit

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

Business Day

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (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 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 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 Service ordered.

Call

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

Carrier or Common Carrier

See Interexchange Carrier.

CCS

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

Central Office

See End Office.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (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 band-width or lower speed channels.

C-Message Noise

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (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.

Coin Station

See Pay Telephone.

Common Line

The term "Common Line" denotes a line, trunk, pay telephone line or other facility provided under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs of the 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.

Common Channel Signaling

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

Communications System

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

Customer(s)

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

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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. Additionally, 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.

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.

Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Referenced to O

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 option available with Feature Group D Access, which provides for data transmission at up to 56 kilobits per second.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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 Definitions (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 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 Definitions (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."

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)].

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 Definitions (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.

First Point of Switching

The term "First Point of Switching" denotes the first Telephone Company 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 at which switching occurs on the originating path of a call proceeding from the originating end office to the customer designated premises.

Frequency Shift

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

Grandfathered

The term "Grandfathered" denotes Terminal Equipment, Multiline Terminating Systems and Protective Circuitry directly connected to the facilities utilized to provide services under the provisions of this tariff, and which are considered grandfathered under Title 47 of the Code of Federal 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

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (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.

Inserted Connection Loss

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (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 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 intrastate by wire or radio, between two or more exchanges.

Intermodulation Distortion

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

Interstate Communications

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

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.

Interstate Telecommunications Service Provider

The term "Interstate Telecommunications Service Provider" 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 and includes Interexchange Carriers, Operator Service Providers, Enhanced Service Providers and any other provider of interstate telecommunications service.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (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.

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 Definitions (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 customers's premises from the Telephone Company end office.

Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO)

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

Network Control Signaling

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

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 Definitions (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.

Originating Direction

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

Pay Telephone

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

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.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Release Message

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

Remote Switching Modules/Systems

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

Return Loss

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

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 Definitions (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 500, 700 and 900 codes.

Service Switching Point (SSP)

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

Serving Wire Center

The term "Serving Wire Center" means the telephone company central office

designated by the telephone company to serve the geographic area in which the interexchange carrier or other access customer's point of demarcation is located.

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.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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.

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.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Signaling Point (SP)

The term "Signaling Point (SP)" denotes a switch in the CCS network that is capable of originating and terminating SS7 trunk signaling messages.

Signaling System 7 (SS7)

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

Signal Transfer Point (STP)

The term "Signal Transfer Point (STP)" denotes a packet switch which provides access to the 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.

Singing Return Loss

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

Special Order

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

Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem

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

Synchronous Test Line

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Terminating Direction

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

Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic

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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.

Transmission Measuring (105 Type) Test Line/Responder

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

Transmission Path

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

Trunk

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

Trunk Group

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

Trunk Side Connection

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

Two-Wire to Four-Wire 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).

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Uniform Service Order Code

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

V 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.

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.

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.

Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.2 Limitations

3.2.1 Exclusions

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

3.2.2 Access Groups

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

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

3.2.3 WATS Access Lines

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

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

3.3 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

3.3.1 Provision of Service

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

3.3.2 Interstate and Intrastate Use

The Switched Access Service provided by the Telephone Company includes the Switched Access Service provided for both interstate and intrastate communications. The Carrier Common Line Access rates and charges as set forth in 17.1.1 following apply to Intrastate Switched Access Service access minutes in accordance with the rate regulations as set forth in 3.8.4 following.

3.4 Obligations of the Customer

3.4.1 Switched Access Service Requirement

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

3.4.2 Supervision

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

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

3.5 Determination of Usage Subject to Carrier Common Line Access Charges

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

3.5.1 Determination of Jurisdiction

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

3.5.2 Cases Involving Usage Recording by the Customer

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

- 3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.5 Determination of Usage Subject to Carrier Common Line Access Charges (Cont'd)
 - 3.5.3 Local Exchange Access and Enhanced Services Exemption

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

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

3.6 Resold Services

3.6.1 <u>Scope</u>

Where the Customer is reselling MTS and/or MTS-type service(s) on which the Carrier Common Line and Switched Access charges have been assessed, the Customer may, at the option of the Customer, obtain Feature Group A, Feature Group B or Feature Group D Switched Access Service under this tariff as set forth in Section 6. following for originating and/or terminating access in the local exchange. Such access group arrangements whether single lines or trunks or multiline hunt groups or trunk groups will have Carrier Common Line Access charges applied as set forth in 17.1.1 following in accordance with the resale rate regulations set forth in 3.6.4 following. For purposes of administering this provision:

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

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

- Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)
 - 3.6.2 Customer Obligations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services

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

The monthly period used to determine the minutes of use for resold MTS and/or MTS-type service(s) shall be the most recent monthly period for which the Customer has received a bill for such resold service(s). This information shall be delivered to the Telephone Company, at a location specified by the Telephone Company, no later than 15 days after the bill date shown on the resold MTS and/or MTS-type service bill. If the required information is not received by the Telephone Company, the previously reported information, as described preceding, will be used for the next two months. For any subsequent month, no allocation or credit will be made until the required documentation is delivered to the Telephone Company by the Customer.

- 3. 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 or MTS-type usage billing from either the Customer or the provider of the MTS or MTS-type service. Requests for billing will relate back no more than 12 months prior to the current billing period.

Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)

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

When the Customer is provided an access group to be used in conjunction with the resale of MTS and/or MTS-type services as set forth in 3.6.1 preceding, subject to the limitations as set forth in 3.2 preceding, and the billing entity receives the usage information required as set forth in 3.6.2 preceding, to calculate the adjustment of Carrier Common Line Access charges, the Customer will be billed as set forth in (D), (E) or (F) following, depending upon, respectively, whether the usage is from non-equal access offices, equal access offices or a combination of the two.

(A) Apportionment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use

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

(1) Originating Services

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

- 3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)
 - 3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Cont'd)
 - (A) Apportionment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use (Cont'd)
 - (1) Originating Services (Cont'd)

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

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

(2) Terminating Services

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

- Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)
 - 3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Cont'd)
 - (A) Apportionment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use (Cont'd)
 - (2) Terminating Services

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

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

(B) Same State/Telephone Company/Exchange Limitation

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

- Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)
 - 3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Cont'd)
 - (C) Direct and Indirect Connections

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

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

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

- 3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.6 <u>Resold Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Cont'd)
 - (D) Reserved for Future Use

- 3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.6 <u>Resold Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Cont'd)
 - (E) Reserved for Future Use

- 3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.6 <u>Resold Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Cont'd)
 - (F) Reserved for Future Use

- 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)
 - (G) Reserved for Future Use
 - (H) Reserved for Future Use

- 3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.6 <u>Resold Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Cont'd)
 - (I) Reserved for Future Use

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

3.7 <u>Coin Services</u>

3.7.1 Collection of Coin Station Monies

When the Customer is provided Operator Trunk-Coin or Combined-Coin and Non-Coin or Operator Trunk-Full Feature Optional Features for sent-paid pay telephone access as set forth in Section 6. following, the Telephone Company will collect sent-paid monies from pay telephone stations and will remit monies to the Customer as set forth in 3.7.3 following. The Telephone Company will provide message call detail format and bill periods used to determine the monies upon request from the Customer.

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

3.7 Coin Services (Cont'd)

3.7.2 Provision of Message Call Detail Concerning Coin Station Monies

Where Operator Trunk-Coin or Combined-Coin and Non-coin or Operator Trunk-Full Feature Optional Features for sent-paid pay telephone access is provided to the Customer and the Customer wishes to receive the monies it is due for the monies collected by the Telephone Company from coin pay telephone stations, the Customer shall furnish to the Telephone Company, at a location specified by the Telephone Company, the Customer message call detail for the Customer sent-paid (coin) pay telephone calls in accordance with the Telephone Company collection schedule. The Customer message call detail furnished shall be in a standard format established by the Telephone Company. The Telephone Company will provide to the Customer the precise details of the required standard format. If, in the course of Telephone Company business, it is necessary to change the standard format, the Telephone Company will provide notification to the involved customer six months prior to the change. If no customer message call detail is received from the Customer for each bill period established by the Telephone Company, the Telephone Company will assume there were no customer sent-paid (coin) pay telephone calls for the period. In addition, the Customer shall furnish a schedule of its charges for sent-paid (coin) calls to the Telephone at a location and date as specified by the Telephone Company. Any change in the Customer's schedule of charges shall be furnished to the Telephone Company one day after the change becomes effective.

Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.7 Coin Services (Cont'd)

3.7.3 Payment of Coin Sent-Paid Monies

The Telephone Company will collect the monies from coin pay telephone stations and will determine and remit amounts due to a customer which is provided Operator Trunk-Coin or Combined-Coin and Non-Coin or Operator Trunk-Full Feature Optional Features for sent-paid pay telephone access as set forth in Section 6. as follows:

(A) Bill Period Coin Revenue

The Telephone Company will establish a collection schedule for each coin pay telephone station and will collect the monies from the coin pay stations based on this collection schedule. The monies collected based on this schedule during each bill period established by the Telephone Company will be identified by coin pay telephone station and summed to develop the Bill Period Coin Revenue for each coin record day (i.e., the day a record is prepared and dated to show the amount due the Customer).

(B) Total Customer Coin Revenue

The Intrastate Total Customer Coin Revenue will be determined by the Telephone Company based on the Customer message call detail received from the Customer for each bill period and the Customer's schedule of charges for sent-paid coin calls. Such Total Customer Coin Revenue will be developed each coin record day.

- 3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.7 Coin Services (Cont'd)
 - 3.7.3 Payment of Coin Sent-Paid Monies (Cont'd)
 - (C) Recourse Adjustments

For each coin record day, the Telephone Company will subtract from the Total customer Coin Revenue an amount for coin station shortages. Coin station shortages are amounts resulting from unauthorized calling at coin pay telephone stations, use of unauthorized coins (i.e., foreign coins, slugs and improper use of U.S. pennies), unauthorized removal of coins from coin pay telephone stations and coin refunds beyond the Telephone Company's control. Such amount for coin station shortages will be developed by the Telephone Company by multiplying the Total customer Coin Revenue for each coin record day by a shortage factor. Such amount will be rounded to the nearest penny. The shortage factor will be determined by dividing the yearly total coin shortage amount by the yearly total coin revenue amount (i.e., total coin revenue equals the coin revenue due under exchange tariffs, state toll tariffs, and Intrastate toll tariffs). The total coin shortage amount and the total revenue amount will be determined by the Telephone Company through an annual special study.

Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.7 Coin Services (Cont'd)

3.7.3 Payment of Coin Sent-Paid Monies (Cont'd)

(D) Payment of Net Customer Coin Revenue

The Telephone Company will determine the Net Customer Coin Revenue for each coin record day by subtracting from the Total Customer Coin Revenue determined as set forth in (B) preceding the amount for coin station shortages determined as set forth in (C) preceding. On the date (payment date) determined by adding 45 days to the coin record day, the Telephone Company will remit payment to the Customer for the Net Customer Coin Revenue.

(E) Audit Provisions

Upon reasonable written notice by the Customer to the Telephone Company, the Customer shall have the right through its authorized representative to examine and audit, during normal business hours and at reasonable intervals as determined by the Telephone Company, all such records and accounts as may under recognized accounting practices contain information bearing upon the determination of the amount payable to the Customer. Adjustment shall be made by the proper party to compensate for any errors or omissions disclosed by such examination or audit. Neither such right to examine and audit nor the right to receive such adjustment shall be affected by any statement to the contrary, appearing on checks or otherwise, unless such statement expressly waiving such right appears in a letter signed by the authorized representative of the party having such right and delivered to the other party.

- 3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.7 Coin Services (Cont'd)
 - 3.7.3 Payment of Coin Sent-Paid Monies (Cont'd)
 - (E) Audit Provisions (Cont'd)

All information received or reviewed by the Customer or its authorized representative is to be considered confidential and is not to be distributed, provided or disclosed in any form to anyone not involved in the audit, nor is such information to be used for any other purpose.

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

3.8 Rate Regulations

3.8.1 Billing of Charges

Carrier Common Line charges will be billed to each Switched Access Service provided under this tariff in accordance with the regulations as set forth in 3.8.5 following (Determination of 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 Carrier Common Line 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 FGB Usage) and Feature Group C operator and automated operator services systems call detail such as pay telephone sent-paid, operator-DDD, operator-person, collect, credit-card, third number and/or other like calls recorded by the Customer. The Telephone Company measuring and recording equipment, except as set forth in 3.8.3 following (Unmeasured FGA and FGB 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. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

3.8.3 Unmeasured Feature Group A and B Usage

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

3.8.4 Percent Interstate Use (PIU)

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

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

3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

3.8.5 Determination of Charges

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

- (A) Access Minutes for all rated Switched Access Service subject to Carrier Common Line charges will be multiplied by the Access per minute rate as set forth in 17.1.1 following.
- (B) Reserved For Future Use.
- (C) Carrier Common Line charges shall not be reduced as set forth in 3.6.1 preceding unless Switched Access Charges, as set forth in Section 6. following, are applied to the Customer's Switched Access Services.

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- 3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 3.8.5 Determination of Charges (Cont'd)
 - (D) Terminating Access, per minute charge(s) apply to:
 - all terminating access minutes of use;
 - -- less those terminating access minutes of use associated with Mobile Telephone Switching Offices (MTSOs).
 - 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 500, 700, 800/888 and 900 numbers
 - -- less those originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 500, 700, 800/888 and 900 numbers that terminate on a Switched Access Service that is assessed terminating Carrier Common Line charges.

This usage is determined using information supplied by the Customer. The Customer's report to the Telephone Company shall include either the number of calls or minutes placed to 500, 700, 800/888 and 900 numbers that terminate on a Switched Access Service that is assessed terminating Carrier Common Line charges. The Customer shall update this information at least semi-annually.

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- 3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 3.8.5 Determination of Charges (Cont'd)
 - (D) (Cont'd)

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 (E) 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 the 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.

- 3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 3.8.5 Determination of Premium and Non-Premium Charges (Cont'd)
 - (E) The originating 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 those originating access minutes of use associated with Mobile Telephone Switching Offices (MTSOs).
 - -- less those originating minutes of use associated with calls placed to 500, 700,800/888 and 900 numbers;
 - -- plus all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 500, 700, 800/888 and 900 numbers for which the Customer furnishes for each month a report of either the number of calls or minutes or a report of the percent of calls or minutes that terminate in a Switched Access Service that is assessed Carrier Common Line charges, and for which a corresponding reduction in the number of terminating access minutes of use has been made as set forth in (D) preceding.

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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 and Special Access or Access Related Service or to provide changes to existing services.

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 ${\tt address}$).
- 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 and Special Access 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 17.5.2(B) following.

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 17.5.2(B) following.

To develop, determine and bill the customer the extraordinary costs which may be involved, Special Construction terms and conditions may be required. Authorization to incur the costs and to bill the customer will be in accordance with such tariffs.

When the request for expediting occurs subsequent to the issuance of the Access Order, a Service Date Change Charge as set forth in 17.5.1(B) following also applies.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.1 General (Cont'd)

5.1.3 Selection of Facilities for Access Orders

The option to request a specific transmission path or channel is not provided except for High Capacity Special Access Facilities, 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.

Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements

5.2.1 Switched Access Service

(A) Feature Group A

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

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

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

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

(B) Feature Group B

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

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

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

5.2.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

(C) Feature Group C, Feature Group D and Interim NXX Translation

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 by Feature Group and by type of BHMC, or
- The number of trunks desired between customer designated premises and an entry switch.
- The number of BHMC or trunks required for or to be converted to an SS7 signaling capability.
- Optional Features
- Interim NXX Translation options.
- A projected percentage of interstate use (PIU) and intrastate use, as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding.
- For Feature Group D switched access service to a Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO) 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 AM 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. customer shall then determine the average busy hour minutes of capacity (i.e., BHMC) by dividing the largest number of minutes of use figure for the same hour period for the consecutive twenty business day period by 20. This computation shall be performed for each end office the customer wishes to serve. These determinations thus establish the forecasted BHMC for each end office.

- 5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)
 - 5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)
 - 5.2.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - (C) Feature Group C, Feature Group D and Interim NXX Translation (Cont'd)

Customers may, at their option, order FGD by specifying the number of trunks desired between customer designated premises and an end office or access tandem. When ordering by trunk quantities 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(B) following.

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- Access Ordering (Cont'd)
 - 5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)
 - 5.2.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - (D) SS7 Optional Feature

When FGC or FGD 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.

For 800/888 Data Base Access Service, as described in 6.1.3(A) and (C) following, the customer must order FGC or FGD to those access tandems or end offices designated as SSPs for 800/888 Database service in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF FCC NO. 4. Direct trunk routes can only be provided from end offices equipped to query centralized data bases. All traffic originating from end offices not equipped to provide SS7 signaling and routing, require routing via an access tandem where SSP functionality is available.

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

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

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

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(B) following, must be ordered between that wire center and the nearest WSO where the screening, switching and/or recording functions can be provided.

5.2.4 Mixed Use Facilities - Switched and Special Access

Mixed use is the provision of both Switched and Special $\$ Access Services over the same High Capacity 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 or may subsequently be added to a pending order at any time up to and including the service date for the access service. When miscellaneous services are added to a pending order a service date change may be required. When a service date change is required, the service date change charge as set forth in 17.5.1(B) following will apply. When miscellaneous services are added to a pending order, charges for a design change as set forth in 17.5.1(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%.

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

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

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

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

5.3.2 Meet Point Billing Ordering

Each Telephone Company will provide its portion of the Access Service within its operating territory to an interconnection point(s) with the other Telephone Company(s). Billing Percentages will be determined by the Telephone Companies involved in providing the Access Service and listed in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. Each Telephone Company will bill the customer for its portion of the service as set forth in 2.4.7(B). All other appropriate charges in each Telephone Company tariff are applicable.

In addition to the service ordering provisions following, the customer must also provide a copy of the order to any other Telephone Company(s) involved in providing the service.

- For Feature Group A and B Switched Access Services, (A) 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).
- For Feature Group C and D Switched Access Services, (B) the customer must place an order with the Telephone Company in whose territory the end office is located. Customers other than MTS/WATS providers 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
 - 5.3.2 Meet Point Billing Ordering (Cont'd)
 - 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.
 - Except for Special Access Service as set forth in (C) (D) above or as set forth in (E) below, the customer may place the order for a Special Access Service with either Exchange Telephone Company.
 - For Special Access Service involving a hub(s) the (E) customer must place the order with the Telephone Company(s) in whose territory the hub(s) is located.
 - (F) 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)

Charges Associated with Access Ordering

5.4.1 Access Order Charge

The Access Order Charge is applied to all customer requests for new Special and Switched Access Service. In addition, the Access Order Charge is applicable to customer requests for additions, changes or rearrangements to existing Special and Switched Access 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 the Interim NXX Translation charge is applicable.
- When a Miscellaneous Service Order Charge is applicable.
- When a Presubscription Charge is applicable.
- Telephone Company initiated reconfiguration requires a customer's existing access service to be reconfigured.
- When service rearrangements are necessary due to the surrendering of a Carrier Identification Code to the North American Numbering Plan Administration on of before January 1, 1993.
- When service rearrangements are made prior to May 1, 1994 in connection with a customer converting trunks from tandem-switched transport to direct-trunked transport or from direct- trunked transport to tandemswitched transport, or when a customer orders the disconnection of over-provisioned trunks.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd) 5.4

5.4.1 Access Order Charge (Cont'd)

The Access Order Charge will be applied on a per order basis to each order received by the Telephone Company or copy of an order received by the Telephone Company pursuant to 5.3.1 preceding and 5.3.2 preceding, except by the Telephone Company applying the Interim ${\tt NXX}$ 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 information to the customer.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.2 Miscellaneous Service Order Charge

A Miscellaneous Service Order Charge, as set forth in 17.5.1(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) 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).

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),
- International Blocking Service (13.7).

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.2 Miscellaneous Service Order Charge (Cont'd)

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

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

5.4.3 Access Order Change Charges

Access Order changes involve service date changes and design changes. The customer may request a change of its Access Order prior to the service date. The 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 17.5.1(A) will apply on a per occurrence basis.

Any increase in the number of Special Access Service channels or Switched Access Service lines, trunks or busy hour minutes of capacity 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)

Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.3 Access Order Change Charges (Cont'd)

Service Date Change (A)

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.

the Telephone Company determines that 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 17.5.1(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.

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

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

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.3 Access Order Change Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Design Change

The customer may request a design change to the service ordered prior to the requested service date. A design change is any change to an Access Order which requires engineering review. An engineering review is a review by Telephone Company personnel, of the service ordered and the requested changes to determine what changes in the design, if any, are necessary to meet the changes requested by the customer. Design changes include such things as the addition or deletion of optional features or functions or a change in the type of Transport Termination (Switched Access only), type of channel interface, type of Interface Group or technical specification package. 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 17.5.1(C) following will apply in addition to the charge for Additional Engineering as set forth in 17.5.2(A) following. If a change of service date is required, the Service Date Change Charge as set forth in 17.5.1(B) following will also apply. The Access Order Charge as specified in 17.5.1(A) following does not apply.

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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.).

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5.5.2 Development of Minimum Period Charges

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

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

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

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.5 Minimum Period and Cancellations (Cont'd)

5.5.2 Development of Minimum Period Charges (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.

5.5.3 Cancellation of an Access Order

- A customer may cancel an Access Order for the (A) 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 Period 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 or Special Access Service facilities is considered to have started when the Telephone Company incurs any cost in connection therewith or in preparation thereof which would not otherwise have been incurred.
 - (2) Where the customer cancels an Access Order prior to the start of installation of access facilities, no charges shall apply.
 - (3) Where installation of access facilities has been started prior to the cancellation, the charges specified in (a) or (b) following, whichever is lower, shall apply.
 - (a) A charge equal to the costs incurred in such installation, less estimated net salvage. Such costs include the 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;
 - (b) The charges for minimum Switched or Special Access 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)

Minimum Period and Cancellations (Cont'd) 5.5

5.5.3 Cancellation of an Access Order (Cont'd)

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

5.5.4 Partial Cancellation Charge

Any decrease in the number of ordered Special Access Service channels or Switched Access Service lines, trunks or busy hour minutes of capacity will be treated as a partial $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$ 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, which is available to customers for their use in furnishing their services to end users, provides a two-point communications path between a customer designated premises and an end user's premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching, and trunking facilities and for the use of common subscriber plant of the Telephone Company. Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate calls from an end user's premises to a customer designated premises, and to terminate calls from a customer designated premises to an end user's premises in the LATA where it is provided. Specific references to material describing the elements of Switched Access Service are provided in 6.1.3 and 6.5 through 6.9 following.

Rates and charges for Switched Access Service depend generally on the specific Feature Group ordered by the customer, e.g., for MTS or WATS services or MTS/WATS equivalent services, and whether it is provided in a Telephone Company end office that is equipped to provide equal or non equal access. Rates and charges for Switched Access Service are set forth in 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.1 Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements

(A) Description

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

The provision of each Feature Group requires Local Transport facilities, including an Entrance Facility 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 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

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

(A) Description (Cont'd)

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 optional feature is available with Feature Group C and Feature Group D.

Detailed descriptions of each of the available Feature Groups are set forth in 6.5 through 6.8 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 6.9 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 Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)

(B) Manner of Provision

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

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

There are two major BHMC categories identified as: Originating and Terminating. 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. 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

Description and Provision of Switched Access Service 6.1.1 Arrangements (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, 800/888/877, 900, Operator and IDDD. Domestic BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying only domestic traffic other than 800/888/877, 900 and Operator traffic; IDDD BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying only international traffic; and, 800/888/877, 900 and Operator BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying, respectively, only 800/888/877, 900 or Operator traffic. When ordering such types of access capacity, the customer must specify Domestic, 800/888/877, 900, Operator or IDDD 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

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

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

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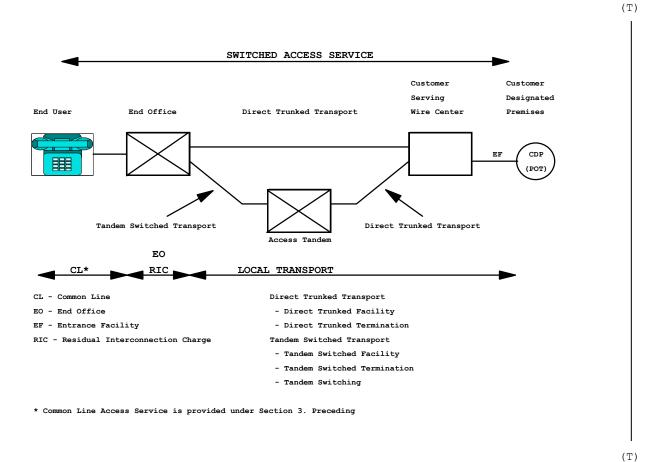
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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

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



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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport

The Local Transport rate category establishes the charges related to the transmission and tandem switching facilities between the customer designated premises and the end office switch(es) where 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 a Remote Switching Module(s). Exceptions to the Local Transport Facility measurement rules are set forth in 6.4.6 following and in this section.

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 of and typically used 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 Direct Trunked Transport or Entrance Facility.

The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer in determining (1) whether the service is to be directly routed to an end office switch or through an access tandem switch, and (2) the directionality of the service, (3) the type of Direct Trunked Transport and whether it will overflow to Tandem Switched Transport when service is directly routed to an end office, (4) the type of Entrance Facility, and (5) when multiplexing is required, the hub(s) at which the multiplexing will be provided. Local Transport rates are found in Section 17.2.2.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

Additionally, when service is to be routed through a 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 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, (2) from end offices that lack recording or measurement capability, and (3) for originating 800/888/877 calls from non-Service Switching Point (SSP) equipped end offices that can not accommodate direct trunking of originating 800/888/877 calls.

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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

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

(1) Entrance Facility

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

Three types of Entrance Facility are available:

- Voice Grade 2 or 4 wire (an analog channel with an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000 hz),
- High Capacity DS1 (an isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 1.544 Mbps),
- High Capacity DS3 (an isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 44.736 Mbps).

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 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(2) Direct Trunked Transport

The Direct-Trunked Transport rate elements recover a portion of the cost associated with a communications path on circuits dedicated to the use of a single customer between:

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

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

Direct Trunked Transport is not available: (1) from end offices that provide equal access through a centralized equal access arrangement, (2) from end offices that lack recording or measurement capability, and (3) for originating 800/888/877 calls from non-Service Switching Point (SSP) equipped end offices that can not accommodate direct trunking of originating 800/888/877 calls.

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 $1.544~\mathrm{Mbps}$),
- (3) High Capacity DS3 (an isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of $44.736~\mathrm{Mbps}$),

The minimum period for which a High Capacity DS3 is provided is twelve months.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(2) Direct Trunked Transport

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.

Direct Trunked Transport rates consist of a Direct Trunked Facility rate which is applied on a per mile basis and a Direct Trunked Termination rate which is applied at each end of each measured segment of the Direct Trunked Facility (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 the transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment, between the end points of the interoffice circuits.

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

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

The Tandem Switched Transport rate elements recover a portion of the costs associated with the 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.

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

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(3) Tandem Switched Transport (Cont'd)

The Tandem 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.

The Tandem Switched Facility rate recovers a portion of the costs of the transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment, between the end points of the 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

The Tandem Switched Termination rate recovers a portion of the costs of the circuit equipment that is necessary for the termination of each end 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, remote 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.

(4) Multiplexing

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

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

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

Local Transport (Cont'd) (A)

Multiplexing (Cont'd) (4)

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 Mpbs channel to 28 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

DS1 to Voice Grade Multiplexing charges apply when a High Capacity DS1 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Facility is connected with Voice Grade Direct Trunked Transport. 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(5) Interface Groups

Ten Interface Groups are provided for terminating the Local Transport at the customer's designated premises. Technical specifications concerning the available interface groups are set forth in 15.1 following.

(6) Nonchargeable Optional Features

Where transmission facilities permit, the individual transmission path between the customer's designated premises and the first point of switching may at the option of the customer be provided with the following optional features as set forth and described in 15.1.1(E) following.

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

When a customer utilizes the CCS network at appropriately equipped Telephone Company end offices, the following optional features are made available and are described in 6.10.1 following.

- SS7 Signaling
- Calling Party Number
- Carrier Selection Parameter
- Charge Number Parameter

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.1 General (Cont'd)
 - 6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)
 - (A) Local Transport (Cont'd)
 - (7) Chargeable Optional Features

800/888/877 Database Access Service is provided to all customers in conjunction with FGC and $\overline{\text{FGD}}$ switched access service. A Basic or Enhanced Query charge, as set forth in 17.2.2(D) following, is assessed for each completed query returned from from the 800/888/877 data base whether or no the actual call is delivered to the customer. The query is considered completed whin 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 800/888/877 calls by telephone companies to different interexchange carriers based on the Local Access Transport Area (LATA) in which the call originates. The Enhanced 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 800/888/877 numbers (which is generally necessary for the routing of 800/888/877 calls); (3) alternate POTS translation (which allows subscribers to vary the routing of 800/888/877 calls based on factors such as time of day, place of origination of the call, etc.); and (4) multiple carrier routing (which allows subscribers to route to different carriers based on factors similar to those in (3)).

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.1 General (Cont'd)
 - 6.1.3 <u>Rate Categories</u> (Cont'd)
 - (B) End Office

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

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

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. Local Switching 1 does not apply to:

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

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

- Feature Groups C and D,
- FGB when utilized to provide MTS/WATS service,
- FGB when routed over FGD facilities at an end (N) office or access tandem. (N)

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 - 6.1 General (Cont'd)
 - 6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)
 - (B) End Office (Cont'd)
 - Local Switching (Cont'd) (1)
 - Feature Groups A and B used for terminating inward WATS and WATS-type service at an equal access WATS Serving Office, and

Local Switching does not apply to Feature Groups B and D Switched Access Services associated with Mobile Telephone Switching Offices (MTSOs) 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(A)(1) 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, Intercept, and Line Termination. These are described in (a) through (d) following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) End Office (Cont'd)

(1) <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 6.8 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 6.9.1 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 6.9.2 following.

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

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

(d) Line Termination

The Line Termination rate element 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. Rates for Line Terminations are set forth in Section 17.2.3(B).

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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.

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 - 6.1 General (Cont'd)
 - 6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)
 - (B) End Office (Cont'd)
 - Directory Assistance Information Surcharge (2)

Directory Assistance 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(C) 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 Mobile Telephone Switching Offices (MTSOs) directly interconnected to a Telephone Company access tandem office.

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

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(C) Chargeable Optional Features

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

(1) Interim NXX Translation

The Interim NXX Translation rate element provides for customer identification when calls are directed by end users in the 1+SAC+NXX-XXXX (e.g., 1+900+NXX-XXXX) format. The NXX codes assigned to specific customers 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.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.1 General (Cont'd)
 - 6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)
 - (C) Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - (1) Interim NXX Translation (Cont'd)

A nonrecurring charge, as set forth in 17.2.1(B) 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 17.5.1(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 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) following.

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6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(C) Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(2) <u>800/888/877</u> Data Base Access Service

800/888/877 Data Base Access Service is provided to all customers in conjunction with FGC and FGD switched access service. When a 1+800/888/877+NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Telephone Company will utilize the CCS network to query an 800/888/877 data base to identify the customer to whom the call will be delivered and provide vertical features where applicable based on the dialed ten digits. The call will then be routed to the identified customer over FGC or FGD switched access.

A Basic or Enhanced Query charge, as set forth in 17.2.2(D) 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 guery. 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 800/888/877 calls by telephone companies to different interexchange carriers based on the Local Access Transport Area (LATA) in which the call originates. The Enhanced 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 800/888/877 numbers; (3) alternate POTS translation (which allows subscribers to vary the routing of 800/888/877 calls based on factors such as time of day, place or origination of the call, etc.); and (4) multiple carrier routing (which allows subscribers to route to different carriers based on factors similar to those in (3)).

The description and application of this charge with respect to FGC or FGD is as set forth in 6.4.1(C)(6) following.

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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 Design Layout Report

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

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

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

6.2.1 Network Management

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

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

6.2.2 Transmission Specifications

Each Switched Access Service transmission path is provided with standard transmission specifications. There are three different standard specifications (Types A, B and C). The standard for a particular transmission path is dependent on the Feature Group, the Interface Group and whether the service is directly routed or via an access tandem. The available transmission specifications are set forth in 15.1.2 following. Data Transmission Parameters are also provided with each Switched Access Service transmission path. The Telephone Company will, upon notification by the customer that the data parameters set forth in 15.1.3 following are not being met, conduct tests independently or in cooperation with the customer, and take any necessary action to insure that the data parameters are met.

The Telephone Company will maintain existing transmission specifications on functioning service configurations installed prior to May 25, 1984, except that service configurations having performance specifications exceeding the standards set forth in 15.1.2 following will be maintained at the performance levels specified.

The transmission specifications concerning Switched Access Service are limits which, when exceeded, may require the immediate corrective action of the Telephone Company. The transmission specifications are set forth in 15.1.2 following. Acceptance limits are set forth in Technical Reference TR-NPL-000334. This Technical Reference also provides the basis for determining Switched Access Service maintenance limits.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

6.2.3 Provision of Service Performance Data

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

6.2.4 Testing

Certain testing services offered under this section of the tariff are subject to the availability of the necessary qualified personnel and test equipment at the various testing locations.

(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 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (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 (Return loss).

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

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

Additional tests may be ordered as set forth in 13.3.1 following. Charges for these additional tests are set forth in 17.5.2(D) following.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

6.2.5 Determination of Number of Transmission Paths

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

The Telephone Company will determine the number of Switched Access Service transmission paths to be provided for the Switched Access Feature Group C and D busy hour minutes of capacity ordered. The number of transmission paths will be developed using the total busy hour minutes of capacity by type (as described in 6.1.1(B) preceding) for the end offices for each Feature Group ordered from a customer's designated premises. The total busy hour minutes of capacity by type (e.g., originating, terminating, IDDD, Operator) for the end office will be converted to transmission paths using standard Telephone Company traffic engineering methods. The number of transmission paths provided shall be the number required based on (1) the use of access tandem switches and end office switches, (2) the use of the end office switches only, or (3) the use of the tandem switches only.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)
 - 6.2.6 <u>Trunk Group Measurement Reports</u>

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) Code Screening Reports

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

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

6.3.2 <u>Trunk Group Measurement Reports</u>

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

6.3.3 Supervisory Signaling

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

6.3.4 Short Duration Mass Calling Requirements

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

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

6. 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. These are usage rates and nonrecurring charges. These rates and charges are applied differently to the various rate elements as set forth in (C) following.

(A) Recurring Charges

Recurring charges for Switched Access Service are charges that apply on a per access minute or per call basis. Recurring charges are accumulated over a monthly period.

(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. These charges, with the exception of the Interim NXX Translation optional feature, are in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in 17.2.1(B) following.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

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

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(1) Installation of Service

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A Local Transport nonrecurring installation charge, as set forth in 17.2.2 following, will be applied at the serving wire center for each Entrance Facility installed. Additionally, a nonrecurring trunk activation charge as set forth in 17.2.1 following, will be applied at each end office on a per order per end office basis or at the tandem when ordered to the tandem for each group of 24 Direct Trunked Transport trunks or fraction thereof that is activated (i.e., designated by the customer to be used to carry switched access). A maximum of 24 trunks can be activated on a DS1 facility and a maximum of 672 trunks can be activated on a DS3 facility.

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 Activated 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 Activated nonrecurring charge. These charges are in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in 17.4 following.

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(2) Interim NXX Translation Optional Feature

This nonrecurring charge applies to the initial order for the installation of the Interim NXX Translation optional feature with Feature Group C or Feature Group D Switched Access Service and for each subsequent order received to add or change NXX translation codes. This charge, if applicable, applies whether this optional feature is installed coincident with or at any time subsequent to the installation of Switched Access Services. This charge is applied by the Telephone Company per order, per LATA or Market Area. When it is necessary for multiple telephone companies to provide the translation function, the nonrecurring charge is assessed only by the Telephone Company that provides the

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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.

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 - 6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
 - (B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)
 - (3) Service Rearrangements

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.
- When changes to an existing service are made prior to May 1, 1994, in connection with a customer converting trunks from tandem-switched transport to direct-trunked transport or from direct trunked-transport to tandem-switched transport, or when a customer orders the disconnection of over- provisioned trunks, the nonrecurring charges set forth in (1) preceding do not apply

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

Administrative changes will be made without charge(s) to the customer. Administrative changes are as follows:

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

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

- Changes and additions to existing Switched Access Services which are necessary due to Telephone Company initiated network reconfigurations, and required to provide the same grade of service to the customer that existed prior to the reconfiguration. Charges will apply to those changes and additions which are in excess of those required to provide the same grade of service and/or capacity. Grade of service will be as determined by industry standard engineering tables.
- Changes and additions to existing Switched Access Services which are necessary due to the surrendering of a Carrier Identification Code to the North American Numbering Plan Administration for reassignment. This exception applies only when the customer surrenders the CIC on a nationwide basis on or before January 1, 1993. 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 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
 - (B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)
 - (3) Service Rearrangements (Cont'd)

Changes to the point in time when the off-hook supervisory signal is provided in the originating call sequence i.e., when the off-hook supervisory 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 17.5.1(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 17.5.1(A) following will apply. When an optional feature is not required on each transmission path group, and end office or an access tandem switch, only one such charge will apply (i.e., it will not apply per transmission path).

- 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)
 - (4) SS7\MF Signaling Trunk Group Conversion Charge

For conversion of FGC or FGD trunks from MF to SS7 signaling or from SS7 to MF signaling, a nonrecurring charge will apply as set forth in 17.2.2(C) following.

The trunk group conversion charge is applied on a per trunk group basis or major fraction thereof, and is applicable when the total number of trunks in a trunk group remain the same. Additions of new trunks will follow the regulations, rates and charges associated with the installation of new services as set forth in 6.4.1(B) (1) preceding.

During the conversion of a trunk group from MF to SS7 signaling, a customer may add Calling Party Number (CPN), Charge Number (CN) and/or Carrier Selection Parameter (CSP) optional features.

The Access Order Charge, as set forth in 17.5.1(A) following will apply to each order received by the Telephone Company to convert an existing FGC or FGD trunk group(s) from MF to SS7 signaling or from SS7 to MF signaling.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

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

(C) Application of Rates

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

(1) 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.

(2) Notice of Equal Access Conversion

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

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
 - (C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)
 - (3) Notice of Equal Access Conversion (Cont'd)

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.

(4) 800/888/877 Data Base Access Service

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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(D), will only be applied by those companies whose wire centers are identified as assessing query charges in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

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 - 6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
 - (C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)
 - (4) 800/888/877 Data Base Access Service (Cont'd)

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 800/888/877 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 office (EO-1, EO-2, and EO-3) subtend a tandem

EO-1 measures 2,000 minutes of use EO-2 measures 3,000 minutes of use $\frac{EO-3}{1000} = \frac{5,000}{1000} = \frac{5$

The tandem delivers 800/888/877 usage to two customers:

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

- The allocation ratio for EO-1 is 20%

2,000/10,000

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

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

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.2 Minimum Monthly Charge

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

For the Local Transport and End Office 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.

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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 will not apply and minimum period obligations will not change, i.e., the time elapsed in the existing minimum period obligation will be credited to the minimum period obligations for FGD service, subject to the following limitations.

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

- submit its order to disconnect Feature Group A and/or B within 30 days after the date the results of the final allocation of customers in an end office are actually received by the customer, and
- make the effective date for disconnection of the Feature Group A and/or B Access Services no later than 60 days after the final allocation results are received by the customer.

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

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.4 Moves

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

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

The charges for the move are dependent on whether the move is to a new location within the same building or to a different building. In either case, charges as described in (A) and (B) following are in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in 17.5.1(A) following.

(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 17.5.1(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 <u>Local Information Delivery Services</u>

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.

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6.4 <u>Rate Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

6.4.6 Reserved for Future Use

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6.4 <u>Rate Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

6.4.6 Reserved for Future Use

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6.4 <u>Rate Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

6.4.6 Reserved for Future Use

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6.4 <u>Rate Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

6.4.7 Mixed Use

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

6.4.8 Message Unit Credit for Feature Group A

Calls from end users to the seven digit local telephone numbers associated with Feature Group A Switched Access Service are subject to Telephone Company local and/or general exchange service tariff charges (including message unit and toll charges as applicable). The monthly bills rendered to customers for their Feature Group A Switched Access Service will include a credit to reflect any message unit charges collected from their end users under the Telephone Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs. When the customer is provided FGA service where measurement capability does not exist, the credit will apply to access minutes not to exceed the assumed originating access minutes. No credit will apply for any terminating FGA access minutes. The message unit credit for originating access minutes will be based on the generally applicable message unit charges of the Telephone Company.

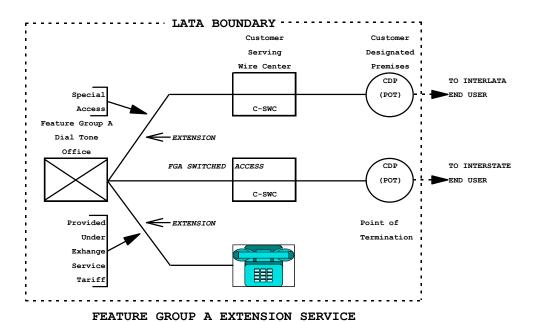
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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.9 Application of Rates for Feature Group A Extension Service

Feature Group A Switched Access Service is available with extensions, i.e., additional terminations of the service at different customer designated premises in the same LATA as the FGA dial tone office or a LATA other than the LATA where the FGA dial tone office is located. Feature Group A extensions within the same LATA and same state as the dial tone office are provided and charged under the Telephone Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs. Feature Group A extensions located in a LATA other than the LATA where the dial tone office is located or in a different state in the same LATA as the dial tone office are provided and charged as Special Access Service. The rate elements which apply are: A Voice Grade Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, if applicable, and Signaling Capability (optional features and functions), if applicable. All appropriate monthly rates and nonrecurring charges set forth in 17.5.1 following will apply.



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

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA)

6.5.1 Description

- FGA Access, which is available to all customers, (A) 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. The customer must specify the Interexchange Carrier to which the FGA service is connected or, in the alternative, specify the means by which the FGA access communications is transported to another state. Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGA at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices as set forth in Section 7. following may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGA Switched Access Service for the provision of WATS-type services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in 5.2 preceding.
- (B) FGA Switching is provided at all end office switches. At the option of the customer, FGA is provided on a single or multiple line group basis and is arranged for originating calling only, terminating calling only, or two-way calling which are specified by the customer's order for service.
- (C) FGA provides a line side termination at the first point of switching (dial tone office). The line side termination will be provided with either ground start supervisory signaling or loop start supervisory signaling. The type of signaling is at the option of the customer.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)
 - 6.5.1 Description (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 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)
 - 6.5.1 Description (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 a separate account

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.5 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA)</u> (Cont'd)
 - 6.5.1 Description (Cont'd)
 - (H) (Cont'd)

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.

- (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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.5.2 Optional Features

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

(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in 6.9 following.

- (1) Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group
- (2) Service Code Denial on Line or Hunt Group
- (3) Hunt Group Arrangement
- (4) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement
- (5) Nonhunting Number for Use with Hunt Group or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement
- (6) Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS-Type Services
- (7) <u>Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service 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 or WATS-Type Services

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.5.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(B) Transport Termination

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

(C) Local Transport Options

- (1) Supervisory Signaling (as set forth in 15.1.1(E) following)
- (2) <u>Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level</u> (as set forth in 15.1.1(E) following)

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

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

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

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

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 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (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 17.2.4 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 17.2.4 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 17.2.4 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 17.2.4 following. If the total exceeds the assumed minutes set forth in 17.2.4 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 17.2.4 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 17.2.4 following, will be assigned for originating calling only lines and assumed terminating access minutes, as set forth in 17.2.4 following, will be assigned for terminating calling only lines.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

The following matrix illustrates the application of assumed access minutes for FGA as set forth in $17.2.4\,(A)$, (B) and (C) following.

Service Ordered As	Can Measure Originating	Can't Measure Originating	Can Measure Terminating	Can't Measure Terminating
Originating Only	Actual	1,510	N/A	N/A
Terminating Only	N/A	N/A	Actual	2,685
Both Originating and Terminating (originating measurement greater than 4,195)	Actual	N/A	N/A	0
Both Originating and Terminating (originating measurement equal or less than 4,195)	Actual	N/A	N/A	0 to 2,685*
Both Originating and Terminating (terminating measurement greater than 4,195)	N/A	0	Actual	N/A
Both Originating and Terminating (terminating measurement equal or less than 4,195)	N/A	0 to 1,510*	Actual	N/A

^{*} Sum of actual and assumed cannot exceed 4,195. Reduce assumed minutes of use if necessary.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd) 6.5.4

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 Description

- FGB Access, which is available to all customers, (A) provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an associated uniform 950-1XXX or 950-0XXX access code. FGB trunk side access is provided for the customer's use in originating communications from and terminating communications to an Interexchange Carrier's 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 state. Special Access Services utilized for connection with $\bar{\text{FGB}}$ at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices as set forth in Section 7. following may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGB Switched Access Service for the provision of WATS or WATS-type services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in 5.2 preceding.
- (B) FGB, when directly routed to an end office (i.e., provided without the use of an access tandem switch), is provided at appropriately equipped Telephone Company electronic end office switches. When provided via Telephone Company designated electronic access tandem switches, FGB switching is provided at Telephone Company electronic and electromechanical end office switches.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)
 - 6.6.1 Description (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 6.9.1(F) and 6.9.2(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 950-1XXX or 950-0XXX. A uniform access code(s) will be assigned to the customer for the customer's domestic communications and another will be assigned to the customer for its international communications, if required. These access codes will be the assigned access numbers of all FGB switched access service provided to the customer by the 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.

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

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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)

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- 6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)
 - 6.6.1 Description (Cont'd)
 - (H) When all FGB switching arrangements are discontinued at an end office and/or in a LATA, an intercept announcement is provided. This arrangement provides, for a limited period of time, an announcement that the service associated with the number dialed has been disconnected.
 - (I) For FGB switched access service to a Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO) 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(F) preceding.
 - (J) A customer who has FGB access may elect to have their (N) 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. (N)

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.6.2 Optional Features

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

(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in 6.9 following.

- (1) Automatic Number Identification (ANI)
- (3) Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services
- (4) <u>Hunt Group 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 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)
 - 6.6.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - (B) Transport Terminations Options
 - (1) Rotary Dial Station Signaling
 - (C) Local Transport Options
 - (1) <u>Customer Specification of Local Transport</u> Termination
 - (2) Optional Supervisory Signaling
 - (3) Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level

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

6.6.3 Design and Traffic Routing

For Feature Group B, the trunk directionality and traffic routing of the Switched Access Service between the customer designated premises and the entry switch are determined by the customer's order for service. 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)

Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (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 $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$ the terminating FGB first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

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

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 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (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 17.2.4 following, when the trunk is arranged for two way calling.

Where measurement capability exists for either originating or terminating usage, but not both, on a trunk arranged for two way calling, the number of access minutes per trunk per month will be assumed usage, as set forth in 17.2.4 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 17.2.4 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 17.2.4 following. If the total exceeds the assumed minutes set forth in 17.2.4 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 17.2.4 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 17.2.4 following, will be assigned for originating calling only lines and assumed terminating access minutes, as set forth in 17.2.4 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 $17.2.4\,(\mathrm{D})$, (E) and (F) following.

Service Ordered As	Can Measure Originating	Can't Measure Originating	Can Measure Terminating	Can't Measure Terminating
Originating Only	Actual	3,132	N/A	N/A
Terminating Only	N/A	N/A	Actual	5,568
Both Originating and Terminating (originating measurement greater than 8,700)	Actual	N/A	N/A	0
Both Originating and Terminating (originating measurement equal or less than 8,700)	Actual	N/A	N/A	0 to 5,568*
Both Originating and Terminating (terminating measurement greater than 8,700)	N/A	0	Actual	N/A
Both Originating and Terminating (terminating measurement equal or less than 8,700)	N/A	0 to 3,132*	Actual	N/A

^{*} Sum of actual and assumed cannot exceed 8,700. Reduce assumed minutes of use if necessary.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.6.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

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

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

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

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)
 - 6.6.5 Testing Capabilities

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

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)

6.7.1 Description

FGC Access provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches for the customer's use in (A) 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 800/888/877 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 800/888/877 Data Base service, but only for purposes of testing. Existing FGC Access will be converted to FGD Access when FGD Access becomes available in an end office. A Carrier may lease the FGC network, until such time as the Commission has ruled in Case No. TO-99-593 (In the matter of the Investigation into Signaling Protocols, Call Records, Trunking Arrangements, and Traffic Measurement), provided they are willing to pay existing tariffed switched per minute of use rates. 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 5.2.2 preceding.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)
 - 6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)
 - (B) FGC switching is provided at all end office switches unless FGD 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. FGC switching is furnished to providers of MTS and WATS. Additionally, originating FGC switching is available to all customers when used to provide the Interim NXX Translation optional feature or 800/888/877 Data Base service. Terminating FGC switching is available to all customers who are not MTS and WATS providers only when such terminating access is for purposes of testing FGC facilities provided in conjunction with the Interim NXX Translation optional feature or 800/888/877 Data Base
 - (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 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)
 - 6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)
 - (D) FGC is provided with MF or SS7 signaling where technically feasible. Where both MF address and SS7 signaling are unavailable at Telephone Company switching offices, dial pulse or immediate dial pulse signaling will be used. Up to 12 digits of the called party number dialed by the customer's end user using dual tone MF signaling, SS7 signaling 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-XXXXX, NPA + NXX-XXXXX, 0 or 1 + NPA + NXX-XXXXX, and, when the end office is equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD), 01 + CC + NN or 011 + CC + NN.

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 - 6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)

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information provider, and other customer's services (by dialing the appropriate codes) when the services can be reached using valid NXX codes. When directly routed to an end office, only those valid NXX codes served by that office may be accessed. When routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX codes served by offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed. Where measurement capabilities exist, the customer will also be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services, for which rates are applicable under Telephone Company exchange service tariffs, e.g., 976 (DIAL IT) Network Services. Additionally, non-access charges will also be billed for calls from a FGC trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Telephone Company performs the billing function for that customer. Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-1XXX or 950-0XXX 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 (C)

completed to Directory Assistance (NPA-555-1212 or 555-1212) when FGC switching is combined with Directory Assistance switching. The combination of FGC Switched Access Service with DA Service is provided as set forth in Section 9. following. FGC may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to Switched Access Service Feature Groups B, C or D.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)
 - 6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)
 - (G) The Telephone Company will establish a trunk group or groups for the customer at end office switches or access tandem switches where FGC switching is provided. When required by technical limitations, a separate trunk group will be established for each type of FGC switching arrangement provided. Different types of FGC or other switching arrangements may be combined in a single trunk group at the option of the Telephone Company.
 - (H) Unless prohibited by technical limitations the providers of MTS and WATS may, at their option, combine Interim NXX Translation and/or 800/888/877

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 800/888/877 Data Base.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)
 - 6.7.2 Optional Features

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

(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in 6.9 following.

- (1) Automatic Number Identification (ANI)
- (2) Signaling Options
 - (a) Delay Dial Start-Pulsing Signaling
 - (b) Immediate Dial Pulse Address Signaling
 - (c) Dial Pulse Address Signaling
- (3) <u>Service Class Routing</u>
- (4) Alternate Traffic Routing
- (5) <u>Trunk Access Limitation</u>
- (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) Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)
 - 6.7.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - (A) Common Switching Options (Cont'd)
 - (9) <u>Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use</u> with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Services
 - (10) Nonhunting Number Associated with a Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Services
 - (B) Transport Termination Options
 - (1) Operator Trunk Coin, Non-Coin, or Combined Coin and Non-Coin

The Operator Trunk option is set forth in 6.9.2(B) following.

- (C) Local Transport Options
 - (1) Supervisory Signaling

The Supervisory Signaling optional feature, due to its technical nature, is set forth in 15.1.1 following.

(2) SS7 Signaling

The SS7 optional feature allows the customer to receive signals for out of band call set up and is available with Feature Group C Switched Access Service. This option requires a signaling connection between the customer's designated premise and an Signaling Transfer Point (STP). The SS7 optional feature is provisioned for two-way exchange of signaling information and is only available at appropriately equipped Telephone Company switches.

- (D) Chargeable Optional Features
 - (1) Interim NXX Translation

The Interim NXX Translation Optional Feature is set forth in $6.9.3\,(\text{A})$ following.

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6.7.3 Design and Traffic Routing

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

Selection of facilities and equipment and traffic routing of the service are based on standard engineering methods, available facilities and equipment, and the Telephone Company traffic routing plans. 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes

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

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

- Step 1: Obtain recorded originating minutes and messages, from the appropriate recording data.
- Step 2: Obtain the total attempts by dividing the originating measured messages by the completion ratio. Completion ratios (CR) are obtained separately for the major call categories such as DDD, operator, 800/888/877, 900, directory assistance and international from a sample study which analyzes the ultimate completion status of the total attempts which receive acknowledgement from the customer. That is, Measured Messages divided by Completion Ratio equals Total Attempts.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)
 - 6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)
 - Step 3: Obtain the total non-conversation time additive (NCTA) by multiplying the total attempts (obtained in Step 2) by the NCTA per attempt ratio. The NCTA per attempt ratio is obtained from the sample study identified in Step 2 by measuring the non-conversation time associated with both completed and incompleted attempts. The total NCTA is the time on a completed attempt from customer acknowledgement of receipt of call to called party answer (set up and ringing) plus the time on an incompleted attempt from customer acknowledgment of call until the access tandem or end office receives a disconnect signal (ring - no answer, busy or network blockage). That is, Total Attempts times Non-Conversation Time per Attempt Ratio equals Total NCTA.
 - Step 4: Obtain total chargeable originating access minutes by adding the total NCTA (obtained in Step 3) to the recorded originating measured minutes (obtained in Step 1). That is, Measured Minutes plus NCTA equals Chargeable Originating Access Minutes.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)
 - 6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

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

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

- (1) Total Attempts = $\frac{1,000 \text{ (m. Mes)}}{.75 \text{ (CR)}}$ = 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Originating Usage

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

For originating calls over FGC provided with 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 SSP to the STP. For originating calls over FGC provided with SS7 Signaling when the FGC end office is routed through an access 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 MF signaling ends when the originating FGC first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the originating end user's end office, indicating the originating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

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

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Terminating Usage

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

For terminating calls over FGC provided with MF signaling where measurement capability exists, the measurement of chargeable access minutes begins when the terminating FGC first point of switching receives answer supervision from the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has answered. This measurement ends when the terminating FGC first point of switching receives an on-hook supervisory signal from the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

For terminating calls over FGC with SS7 signaling, usage measurement begins when the terminating recording switch receives answer supervision from the terminating end user. The Telephone Company switch receives answer supervision and sends the indication to the customer in the form of Answer Message. The measurement of terminating FGC call usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends the Release Message, whichever occurs first.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)
 - 6.7.5 Design Blocking Probability

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

- (A) For Feature Group C, the design blocking objective will be no greater than one percent (.01) between the point of termination at the customer's designated premises and the first point of switching when traffic is directly routed without an alternate route. Standard traffic engineering methods will be used by the Telephone Company to determine the number of transmission paths required to achieve this level of blocking.
- (B) The Telephone Company will perform routine measurement functions to assure that an adequate number of transmission paths are in service. The Telephone Company will recommend that additional capacity (i.e., busy hour minutes of capacity) be ordered by the customer when additional paths are required to reduce the measured blocking to the designed blocking level. For the capacity ordered, the design blocking objective is assumed to have been met if the routine measurements show that the measured blocking does not exceed the threshold listed in the following tables.

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6.7.5 Design Blocking Probability

- (B) (Cont'd)
 - For transmission paths carrying only first (1)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 time consistent busy hour for the number of measurements taken between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. per trunk group

	15-20 Measurements	11-14 Measurements	7-10 Measurements	3-6 Measurements
2	7.0%	8.0%	9.0%	14.0%
3	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%	9.0%
4	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%	8.0%
5-6	4.0%	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%
7 or more	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	6.0%

(2) For transmission paths carrying first routed traffic between an end office and customer's premises via an access tandem, the measured blocking thresholds are as follows:

Number of Transmission Paths Per Trunk Group

Measured blocking thresholds in time consistent busy hour for the number of measurements taken $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$ between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. per trunk group

	15-20 Measurements	11-14 Measurements	7-10 Measurements	3-6 Measurements
2	4.5%	5.5%	6.0%	9.5%
3	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	6.0%
4	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.5%
5-6	2.5%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%
7 or more	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	4.0%

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)
 - 6.7.6 Testing Capabilities

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

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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)

6.8.1 Description

- (A) FGD Access, which is available to all customers, provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches. Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGD at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving offices as set forth in Section 7. following may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGD Switched Access Service for the provision of WATS or WATS-type services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in 5.2.2 preceding.
- (B) FGD is provided at Telephone Company designated end office switches whether routed directly or via Telephone Company designated electronic access tandem switches.
- (C) FGD is provided as trunk side switching through the use of end office or access tandem switch trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment is provided with wink start start-pulsing signals and answer and disconnect supervisory signaling.
- (D) FGD switching is provided with multifrequency address signaling. Up to 12 digits of the called party number dialed by the customer's end user using dual tone multifrequency or dial pulse address signals will be provided by Telephone Company equipment to the customer's premises where the Switched Access Service terminates. Such address signals will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.

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- 6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)
 - 6.8.1 Description (Cont'd)
 - FGD switching, when used in the terminating direction, (E) 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 950-1XXX or 950-0XXX 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.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)
 - 6.8.1 Description (Cont'd)
 - (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 of the form 101XXXX . A uniform access code(s) (C) 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-XXXXX, 0 or 1 + NXX-XXXXX, NPA + NXX-XXXXX, 0 or 1 + NPA + NXX-XXXXX, 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,

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also provides for dialing the digit 0 for access to the customer's operator, 911 for access to the Telephone Company's emergency reporting service, or the end-of-dialing digit (#) for cut-through access to the customer designated premises.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)
 - 6.8.1 Description (Cont'd)
 - (H) FGD switching will be arranged to accept calls from telephone exchange service locations without the need for dialing the 101XXXX uniform access code. Each telephone exchange service line may be marked with a code to identify which 101XXXX code its calls will be directed to for interLATA service.
 - (I) Unless prohibited by technical limitations, the customer's Interim NXX Translation and/or 800/888/877 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 800/888/877 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 800/888/877 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.
 - (J) For FGD switched access service to a Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO) 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(F) preceding.
 - (K) A customer who has FGB access may elect to have their (N) 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. (N)

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6.8.2 Optional Features

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

Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in 6.9 following.

- (1)Automatic Number Identification (ANI)
- (2) Service Class Routing
- (3) Alternate Traffic Routing
- (4) Trunk Access Limitation
- Call Gapping Arrangement
- (6) International Carrier Option
- (7) Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services
- (8) End Office End User Line Service Screening for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services
- (9) Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)
 - 6.8.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - (A) Common Switching Options (Cont'd)

 - (11) Nonhunting Number Associated with Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services
 - (12) Digital Switched 56 Service
 - (B) Transport Termination Options
 - (1) Operator Trunk Full Feature

The Operator Trunk optional feature is set forth in 6.9.2(C) following.

- (C) Local Transport Options
 - (1) Supervisory Signaling

The Supervisory Signaling optional feature, due to its technical nature, is set forth in 15.1.1 following.

(2) Signaling System 7 (SS7)

The SS7 optional feature allows the customer to receive signals for out of band call set up and is available with FGD. This option requires a signaling connection between the customer's designated premise and an STP. The SS7 optional feature is provisioned for two-way exchange of signaling information and is only available at appropriately equipped Telephone Company switches.

- (3) Multifrequency Address Signaling
- (4) Calling Party Number (CPN) Parameter
- (5) Charge Number Parameter (CNP)
- (6) Carrier Selection Parameter (CSP)

- 6. <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)
 - 6.8 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)</u> (Cont'd)
 - 6.8.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - (D) Chargeable Optional Features
 - (1) Interim NXX Translation

The Interim NXX Translation Optional Feature is set forth in 6.9.3(A) following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.3 Design and Traffic Routing

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

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

Selection of facilities and equipment and traffic routing of the service are based on standard engineering methods, available facilities and equipment, and the Telephone Company traffic routing plans. 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.

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 imputed 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.

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6.8.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Originating Usage

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

For originating calls over FGD, provided with MF 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 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 SSP to the STP. For originating calls over FGD provided with SS7 signaling when the FGD end office is routed through a tandem for connection to the customer, usage measurement begins when the FGD and office receives the SS7 Exit Message from the tandem.

The measurement of originating call usage over FGD provided with MF signaling ends when the originating FGD first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the originating end user's end office, indicating the originating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

The measurement of originating call usage over FGD provided with SS7 signaling ends when the originating FGD end office receives an SS7 Release Message indicating either the originating or terminating end user has disconnected.

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6.8.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Terminating Usage

For terminating calls over FGD the chargeable access minutes are either measured or derived.

For terminating calls over FGD provided with MF 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 imputed 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 on an Answer Message. The measurement of terminating FGD call usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a Release Message, whichever occurs first.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd) 6.8
 - 6.8.5 Design Blocking Probability

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

- For Feature Group D, the design blocking objective (A) will be no greater than one percent (.01) between the point of termination at the customer's designated premises and the end office switch, whether the traffic is directly routed without an alternate route or routed via an access tandem. Standard traffic engineering methods as set forth in reference document Telecommunications Transmission Engineering - Volume 3 - Networks and Services (Chapters 6-7) will be used by the Telephone company to determine the number of transmission paths required to achieve this level of blocking.
- (B) The Telephone Company will perform routine measurement functions to assure that an adequate number of transmission paths are in service. The Telephone Company will recommend that additional capacity (i.e., busy hour minutes of capacity or trunks) be ordered by the customer when additional paths are required to reduce the measured blocking to the designed blocking level. For the capacity ordered, the design blocking objective is assumed to have been met if the routine measurements show that the measured blocking does not exceed the threshold listed in the following tables.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)
 - 6.8.5 Design Blocking Probability (Cont'd)
 - (B) (Cont'd)
 - For transmission paths carrying only first (1)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

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Measured blocking thresholds in 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
	Measurements	Measurements	Measurements	Measurements
2	7.0%	8.0%	9.0%	14.0%
3	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%	9.0%
4	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%	8.0%
5-6	4.0%	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%
or more	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	6.0%

(2) For transmission paths carrying first routed traffic between an end office and customer's premises via an access tandem, the measured blocking thresholds are as follows:

Number of Transmission Paths Per Trunk Group

Measured blocking thresholds in 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
	Measurements	Measurements	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 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.6 Network Blocking Charge

The customer will be notified by the Telephone Company to increase its capacity (busy hour minutes of capacity or quantities of trunks) when excessive trunk group blocking occurs on groups carrying Feature Group D traffic and the measured access minutes for that hour exceed the capacity purchased. Excessive trunk group blocking occurs when the blocking thresholds stated below are exceeded. They are predicated on time consistent, hourly measurements over a 30 day period excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays. If the order for additional capacity has not been received by the Telephone Company within 15 days of the notification, the Telephone Company will bill the customer, at the rate set forth in 17.2.2(B) following, for each overflow in excess of the blocking threshold when (1) the average "30 day period" overflow exceeds the threshold level for any particular hour and (2) the "30 day period" measured average originating or two-way usage for the same clock hour exceeds the capacity purchased.

Blocking	Thresholds	
Trunks in Service	1%	1/2%
1-2	7.0%	4.5%
3-4	5.0%	3.5%
5-6	4.0%	2.5%
7 or greater	3.0%	2.0%

The 1% blocking threshold is for transmission paths carrying traffic direct (without an alternate route) between an end office and a customer's premises. The 1/2% blocking threshold is for transmission paths carrying first routed traffic between an end office and a customer's premises via an access tandem.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd) 6.8
 - 6.8.7 Testing Capabilities

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

When SS7 signaling is ordered, network compatibility and other testing will be performed cooperatively by the Telephone Company and the customer as specified in Technical Reference TR-TSV-000905.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features

Following on page 225 are descriptions of the various optional features $\left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$ that are available in lieu of, or in the addition to, the standard features provided with the Feature Groups. They are provided as Common Switching or Transport Termination options.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features

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

			Availab	lo Fost	ure Gr	oune
	Option	А	В	C	D D	oups
	<u> </u>				<u>=</u>	
A)	Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group	Х				
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			Χ		
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			Χ	X	
M)	Trunk Access Limitation				X	X
N)	Call Gapping Arrangement				X	
0)	International Carrier Option					X
P)	Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special					
	Access Service Utilized in the Provision of					
0)	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			3.7	3.7	
D.	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	Х	X
S)	Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use		Λ	Λ	Λ	Λ
3)	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		71	21	21	27
± /	Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution					
	Arrangement for Use with Special Access					
	Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS					
	or WATS-Type Services		Х	Х	X	Х
U)	Digital Switched 56 Service				X	
V)	Multifrequency Address Signaling				X	Х
W)	Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling				X	X
X)	Calling Party Number (CPN)					
Y)	Charge Number Parameter (CNP)				X	X
Z)	Carrier Selection Parameter (CSP)					X

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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- 6.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - 6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group

411 or 555-1212 whichever is available, 611, 911, 800/888/877 and a Telephone Company specified set of

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 800/888/877. 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (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) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement

This option provides a type of multiline hunting arrangement which provides for an even distribution of calls among the available lines in a hunt group. Where available, this feature is provided in Telephone Company electronic end offices only. It is available with Feature Group A.

This option provides access to an individual line within a multiline hunt or uniform call distribution group. When the nonhunting number is dialed, access is provided when it is idle, or busy tone is provided when it is busy. Where available, this feature is provided in Telephone Company electronic end offices only. It is available with Feature Group A.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - 6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - (F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI)
 - (1) This option provides the automatic transmission of a seven digit or ten digit number and information digits to the customer designated premises for calls originating in the LATA, to identify the calling station. The ANI feature is an end office software function which is associated on a call-by-call basis with:
 - (a) all individual transmission paths in a trunk group routed directly between an end office and a customer designated premises or, where technically feasible, with
 - (b) all individual transmission paths in a trunk group between an end office and an access tandem, and a trunk group between an access tandem and a customer designated premises.
 - (2) The seven digit ANI telephone number is generally available with Feature Groups B and C. With these Feature Groups, technical limitations may exist in Telephone Company switching facilities which require ANI to be provided only on a directly trunked basis. ANI will be transmitted on all calls except those originating from multiparty lines, coin stations and coinless 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)
 - Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd) 6.9
 - 6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - Automatic Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd)
 - The ten digit ANI telephone number is only available with Feature Group D. The ten digit ANI telephone number consists of the Number Plan Area (NPA) plus the seven digit ANI telephone number. The ten digit ANI telephone number will be transmitted on all calls except those identified as multiparty line or ANI failure, in which case only the NPA will be transmitted (in addition to the information digit described below). Ten digit ANI is provided with MF 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 800/888/877 service. ANI is not provided from end offices where the Telephone Company forwards ANI to its recording equipment.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd) 6.9
 - 6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - Automatic Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd)
 - 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:

- 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,
- ANI failure has occurred in the end (C) office switch which prevents identification of calling telephone number - must be obtained by operator or in some other manner,
- (d) hotel/motel originated call 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)
 - 6.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - 6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - Automatic Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd)
 - Additional ANI information digits are available with Feature Group D also. They include:
 - (a) InterLATA restricted - telephone number is identified line
 - InterLATA restricted hotel/motel line (b)
 - InterLATA restricted coinless, (C) hospital, inmate, etc., line

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

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (Cont'd)

(G) Up to 7 Digit Outpulsing of Access Digits to Customer

This option provides for the end office capability of providing up to 7 digits of the uniform access code (950-1/0XXX) to the customer designated premises. The customer can request that only some of the digits in the access code be forwarded. The access code digits would be provided to the customer designated premises using multifrequency signaling, and transmission of the digits would precede the forwarding of ANI if that feature were provided. This feature is available with Feature Group B.

(H) Delay Dial Start-Pulsing Signaling

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

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (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) Dial Pulse Address Signaling

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

(K) Service Class Routing

This option provides the capability of directing originating traffic from an end office to a trunk group to a customer designated premises, based on the line class of service (e.g., coin, multiparty or hotel/motel), service prefix indicator (e.g., 0-, 0+, 01+ or 011+) or Service Access Code (e.g., 900). It is provided in suitably equipped end office or access tandem switches. It is available with Feature Groups C and D.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

5.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (Cont'd)

(L) Alternate Traffic Routing

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 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.9.1 Common Switching 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.

(0) International Carrier Option

This option allows for Feature Group D end offices or access tandem switches equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing to be arranged to forward the international calls of one or more international carriers to the customer (i.e., the Telephone Company is able to route originating international calls to a customer other than the one designated by the end user either through presubscription or 101XXXX dialing). This arrangement requires provision of written verification to the Telephone Company that the customer is authorized to forward such calls. The written verification must be in the form of a letter of agency authorizing the customer to order the option on behalf of the international carrier. This option is only provided at Telephone Company end offices or access tandems equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing and is available only with Feature Group D.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - 6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services

This option, which is provided in association with two or more Special Access Service groups, provides for the automatic overflow of terminating calls to a second Special Access Service group, when the first group has exceeded its call capacity. This option is available with Feature Groups A, B, C and D.

End Office End User Line Service Screening for Use (Q) 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) Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services

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in the terminating direction, when the hunting number of the Special Access Service group is forwarded from the customer to the Telephone Company. This feature is provided in all Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices. It is available with Feature Groups A, B, C and D.

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- Switched Access Service (Cont'd) 6.
 - Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd) 6.9
 - 6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services

This option provides a type of multiline hunting arrangement which provides for an even distribution of terminating calls among the available Special Access Services utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type Services in the hunt group. available, this feature is only provided in Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices. It is available with Feature Groups A, B, C and D.

Nonhunting Number Associated with Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement (T) 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.

Digital Switched 56 Service (U)

> 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 D offices as set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (Cont'd)

(V) Multifrequency Address (MF) Signaling

This feature provides for the transmission of number information and control signals (e.g., number address signals, automatic number identification) between the end office switch and the customer's premises (in either direction). MF 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 available as an optional feature with FGC and FGD but not in combination with SS7 signaling.

(W) Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling

This feature provides common channel out of band transmission of address and supervisory SS7 protocol signaling information between the end office switch or the tandem office switching system and the customer's designated premises. 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 directory 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 provided with originating FGC and FGD with SS7 signaling.CPN is available where technically feasible.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.9 <u>Nonchargeable Optional Features</u> (Cont'd)
 - 6.9.1 Common Switching Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - (Y) Carrier Selection Parameter (CSP)

This feature provides for the automatic transmission of a signaling indicator which signifies to the customer whether or not the call being processed originated from a presubscribed line. If the line was presubscribed, the indicator will signify if the end user did or did not dial 101XXXX. This feature is provided with originating FGD with SS7 signaling.

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(Z) Charge Number Parameter (CNP)

The CN Parameter is equivalent to the existing ten digit Automatic Number Identification (ANI) available with FGC where technically feasible and FGD with MF signaling. The CN Parameter provides for the automatic transmission of the ten digit billing number of the calling station and the originating line information. This feature is provided with originating FGC and FGD with SS7 signaling.

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6.9 Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.9.2 Transport Termination Optional Features

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+ respectively, or 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.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd) 6.9
 - 6.9.2 Transport Termination Optional Features (Cont'd)
 - 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 public stations, dormitory or inmate stations, or other screening arrangements agreed to between the customer and the Telephone Company.

Operator Trunk - Full Feature

This option provides the initial coin return control function to the customer's operator. It is available with FGD and is provided as a trunk type for Transport Termination. This feature is not available with SS7 signaling.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable Optional Features

6.10.1 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 an 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(B) following.

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6.10 Chargeable Optional Features

800/888/877 Data Base Access Service is provided with FGC or (C) FGD Switched Access Service. When a 1+800/888/877+NXX-XXXX (C)

FGD Switched Access Service. When a 1+800/888/877+NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Telephone Company will utilize the CCS network to query an 800/888/877 data base to perform the identification function. The call will then be routed to the identified customer over FGC or FGD switched access.

The manner in which 800/888/877 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 800/888/877 data base access service originates at an end office equipped with Service Switching Point (SSP) capability for querying centralized data bases, all such service will be provisioned from that end office.
- When 800/888/877 data base access service originates at an end office not equipped with SSP customer identification capability, the 800/888/877 call will

be delivered to a switching office equipped with the SSP feature to query centralized data bases.

Query charges as set forth in 17.2.2(D) following are in addition to those charges applicable for the FGC or FGD Switched Access Service.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable Optional Features

6.10.3 Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP)

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 17.2.2 for rates.

7. Special Access Service

7.1 General

Special Access Service provides a transmission path to connect customer designated premises, directly, 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. 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 seven types of channels used to provide Special Access Services. Each type has its own characteristics. All are subdivided by one or more of the following:

- Transmission specifications,
- Bandwidth,
- Speed (i.e., bit rate),
- Spectrum

Customers can order a basic channel and select from a list of those available transmission parameters and channel interfaces that they desire in order to meet specific communications requirements.

For purposes of ordering channels, each has been identified as a type of Special Access Service. 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.

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7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.1 Channel Types (Cont'd)

Following is a brief description of each type of channel:

Metallic - a channel for the transmission of low speed varying signals at rates up to 30 baud. This channel type will not be available after February 7, 2000.

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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 not be available after February 7, 2000.

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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 or 64 kpbs.

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.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.1 Channel Types (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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.2 Service Descriptions

For the purposes of ordering, there are seven categories of Special Access Service. These are:

	Service	Designator	Codes
Metallic		MT	
Telegraph Grade		TG	
Voice		VG	
Program Audio		AP	
Video		TV	
Digital Data DA			
High Capacity		HC	

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

7.1.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

- (A) Information pertaining to the technical specifications packages indicates the transmission parameters that are available with each package. This information is displayed in matrices set forth in 15.2 following.
- (B) Channel interfaces at each Point of Termination on a two-point service may be symmetrical or asymmetrical. On a multipoint service they may also be symmetrical or asymmetrical, but communications can only be provided between compatible channel interfaces. Only certain channel interfaces are compatible. These are set forth in 15.2 following, in a combination format.
- (C) Only certain channel interface combinations are available with the predefined technical specifications packages. These are delineated in the Technical References set forth in (F) following. When a customized channel is requested, all channel interface combinations available with the specified type of service are available with the customized channel.
- (D) The optional features and functions available with each type of Special Access Service are described in this section. The optional features and functions information also indicates with which technical specifications packages they are available. Such information is displayed in matrices set forth in 15.2 following with the optional feature or function listed down the left side and the technical specifications package listed across the top.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

- The Telephone Company will maintain services installed prior to April 1, 1985, at their existing transmission such performance specifications provided 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.
- All services installed after April 1, 1985 will (F) conform to the transmission specifications standards contained in this tariff or in the following Technical References for each category of service:

TR-NPL-000336 Metallic Telegraph Grade TR-NPL-000336 TR-TSY-000335 Voice Grade

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TR-NPL-000337 and associated Program Audio

Addendum

Video TR-NPL-000338

Digital Data TR-NPL-000341 and associated

Addendum PUB 62310

High Capacity TR-INS-000342 PUB 62411

7.1.3 Service Configurations

There are two types of service configurations over which Special Access Services are provided: two-point service and multipoint 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 WATS Serving Office (WSO).

Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Terminations
- Channel Mileage (as applicable)
- Optional Features and Functions (when applicable)

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 Service Configurations (Cont'd)

Two-Point Service (Cont'd)

A Special Access Surcharge, as set forth in 7.3 following, may be applicable.

The following diagram depicts a two-point Voice Grade service connecting two Customer Designated Premises (CDP). The service is provided with C-Type conditioning.

	Cı	ustomer		Customer				
Customer	S	Serving		Serving		Customer		
Designate	d	Wire		Wire	Γ	esignated		
Premises	(Center		Center		Premises		
CDP) c	-SWC	$\times \longrightarrow \times$	C-SWC		CDP		
	Channel		-C hannel		C hanne	1		
	Tem ination	οn	M ileage		Tem ina	a tio n		
			Tem inat:	ions (x)				
			-C hannel					
			M ileage F	acility				
	Optic	onal Fea	atures ar	nd Functi	ons-			
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Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Terminations (2 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.

The Special Access surcharge, as set forth in 7.3 following, may be applicable.

		Customer			WAT	S		Customer		
Customer		Serving			S e rv	ing		Serving		Customer
D esignated		W ire			Offic	e		W ire		Designate
P rem ises		Center						Center		P rem ises
										CDP
CDP		C-SWC	$\times\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!\!-\!$	WS	0	$\overline{\times}$		C-SWC		(POT)
	-С Т		-C M T (X)				-LTT			Pointof
			-CMF	\vdash			-E O			Tem inati
		Special	L Acces	s		;		Switched	Acc	ess
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	СТ - С	ChannelTen	n ination			<u>:</u>	LTT - Lo	calT ransport	Tem i	nation
CMT-ChannelMileage Termin				in a tio n			EO - End Office elements			
CMF-ChannelMileageFacil			ity			LTF - LocalTransportFac			-X	

Applicable rate elements for Special Access are:

- Channel Termination
- Channel Mileage
 - . 2 Channel Mileage Terminations plus
 - . 1 section, Channel Mileage Facility per mile

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 Service Configurations (Cont'd)

(B) Multipoint Service

Multipoint service connects three or more customer designated premises through one or more Telephone Company hubs. Only certain types of Special Access Service are provided as multipoint service. These are so designated in the descriptions for the appropriate channel set forth in 7.4 through 7.10 following.

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). 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.

Example: Voice Grade multipoint service connecting four customer designated premises (CDP) via two customer specified bridging hubs.

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			Custome	r		╫	H	ub	-		Custome		
Customer				1-	Serving		-		Serving	T	Customer		
Designated			Wire	1-		1	d	ire			Wire	1	Designated
Prem ises			Center	1		Т	Ce	nter			Center		Prem ises
CDP			SWC				SW	C			SWC		CDP
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	СТ			Ι						1		СТ	
				7	7				7	/	CMT(X)		
					CMT(X)						CMF		
	СТ		х -	7	CMF		2	· –		СТ			
CDP			SWC				SW	C			CDP	1	
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Customer			ustome	r			Cust	omer			Custome	2	
Designated			Serving				Serving			D esignated			
Premises			W ire				W	ire			Prem ises		
			Center				Ce	nter					

CT - Channel Termination

CMT - Channel Mileage Termination

CMF - Channel Mileage Facility

o - Bridging Port

Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Terminations (4 applicable)
- Channel Mileage
 - o 2 Channel Mileage Terminations per Channel
 Mileage Facility section for a total of 8 plus
 o 4 sections, Channel Mileage Facility per mile
- Bridging Optional Feature (6 applicable, i.e., each bridge port)

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.4 Alternate Use

Alternate Use occurs when a service is arranged by the Telephone Company so that the customer can select different types of transmission at different times. A customer may use a service in any privately beneficial manner. However, where technical or engineering changes are required to effectuate an alternate use, the Telephone Company will make such special arrangements available on an individual case basis.

The arrangement required to transfer the service from one operation to the other (i.e., the transfer relay and control leads) will be rated and provided on an individual case basis and filed in Section 12. following, Specialized Service or Arrangements. The customer will pay the stated tariff rates for the Access Service rate elements for the service ordered [i.e., Channel Terminations, Channel Mileage (as applicable) and Optional Features and Functions (if any)].

7.1.5 Special Facilities Routing

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

At no additional charge, the Telephone Company will, at the customer's request, cooperatively test the following at the time of installation:

- (A) For Voice Grade analog services, the acceptance test will include tests for loss, 3-tone slope, DC continuity, operational signaling, C-notched noise, and C-message noise when these parameters are applicable and specified in the order of service. Additionally, for Voice Grade services, a balance (improved loss) test will be made if the customer has ordered the improved loss optional feature.
- (B) For other analog services (i.e., Metallic, Telegraph, Program Audio, and Video) and for digital services (i.e., Digital Data and High Capacity), acceptance tests will include tests applicable to the service as specified by the customer in the order for service.

In addition to the above tests, Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing for Voice Grade service to test other parameters, as described in 13.3.1(B) following, is available at the customer's request. All test results will be made available to the customer upon request.

7.1.8 Ordering Options and Conditions

Special Access Service is ordered under the Access Order provisions set forth in Section 5. preceding. Also included in that section are other charges which may be associated with ordering Special Access Service (e.g., Service Date Change Charges, Cancellation Charges, etc.).

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations

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

7.2.1 Rate Categories

There are three basic rate categories which apply to Special Access Service:

- Channel Terminations (described in 7.2.1(A) following)
- Channel Mileage (described in 7.2.1(B) following)
- Optional Features and Functions (described in 7.2.1(C) following).

(A) Channel Termination

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. 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.

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 or between two Telephone Company hubs. Channel Mileage rates are made up of the Channel Mileage Facility rate and the Channel Mileage Termination rate.

(1) Channel Mileage Facility

The Channel Mileage Facility rate recovers the per mile cost for the transmission path which extends between the Telephone Company serving wire centers and/or hub(s).

(2) Channel Mileage Termination

The Channel Mileage Termination rate recovers the cost for end office equipment associated with terminating the facility (i.e., basic circuit equipment and terminations at serving wire centers and hubs). The Channel Mileage Termination rate will apply at the serving wire center(s) for each customer designated premises and Telephone Company hub where the channel is terminated. If the Channel Mileage is between Telephone Company bridging hubs, the Channel Mileage Termination rate will apply per Telephone 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. 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 and the type of bridging or multiplexing functions available.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 <u>Rate Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

7.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges

There are three types of rates and charges. These are monthly rates, daily rates and nonrecurring charges. The rates and charges are described as follows:

(A) Monthly Rates

Monthly rates are recurring rates that apply each month or fraction thereof that a Special Access Service is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.

(B) Daily Rates

Daily rates are recurring rates that apply to each 24 hour period or fraction thereof that a Program Audio or Video Special Access Service is provided for part-time use. For purposes of applying daily rates, the 24 hour period is not limited to a calendar day.

Part-time Program Audio or Video 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 Types of Rates and Charges (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 17.5.1(A) following.

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

Nonrecurring charges apply to each service installed. The nonrecurring charges for the installation of service are set for each channel type as a nonrecurring charge for the Channel Termination.

(2) Installation of Optional Features and Functions

When optional features and functions are installed coincident with the initial installation of service, no separate nonrecurring charge is applicable. When optional features and functions are installed or changed subsequent to the installation of service, an Access Order Charge as specified in 17.5.1(A) following will apply per order.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(C) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(3) Service Rearrangements

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 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
 - (C) <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) Service Rearrangements (Cont'd)

Administrative changes will be made without charge(s) to the customer. Administrative changes are as follows:

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

All other service rearrangements will be charged as follows:

- If the change involves the addition of other customer designated premises to an existing service, the nonrecurring charge for the channel termination rate element will apply. The charge(s) will apply only for the location(s) that is being added. The charge(s) will be in addition to an Access Order Charge as set forth in 17.5.1(A) following.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

- (C) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)
 - (3) Service Rearrangements (Cont'd)
 - If the change involves the addition of an optional feature or function, 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 17.5.1(A) following 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 within the same building or to a different building. In either case, charges as described in (A) and (B) following are in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in 17.5.1(A) following.

(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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.3 Moves (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 Minimum Periods

The minimum service period for all special access services except DS3 High Capacity, services subject to a Service Discount Plan as described in 5.5.1 preceding, and part-time Program Audio and Video services 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 Program Audio and Video services is a continuous 24-hour period, not limited to a calendar day.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.5 Mileage Measurement

The mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for the Channel Mileage Facility is calculated on the airline distance between the locations involved, i.e.,

- the serving wire centers associated with two customer designated premises,
- a serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub,
- two Telephone Company hubs,
- 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.

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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.6 Facility Hubs

A customer has the option of ordering Voice Grade service or High Capacity services (i.e., DS1, DS1C, DS2, DS3 or DS4) to a facility hub for channelizing to individual services requiring lower capacity facilities (e.g., Telegraph, Voice, Program Audio, etc.).

Different locations may be designated as hubs for different facility capacities, e.g., multiplexing from digital to digital may occur at one location while multiplexing from digital to analog may occur at a different location. When placing an Access Order the customer will specify the desired hub. NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4 identifies serving wire centers, hub locations and the type of multiplexing functions available.

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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.6 Facility Hubs (Cont'd)

Cascading multiplexing occurs when a High Capacity service is de-multiplexed to provide channels with a lesser capacity and one of the lesser capacity channels is further de-multiplexed. For example, a 6.312 Mbps High Capacity service is de-multiplexed to four DS1 channels and then one of the DS1 channels is further de-multiplexed to 24 individual Voice Grade channels.

When cascading multiplexing is performed, whether in the same or a different hub, a charge for the additional multiplexing unit also applies. When cascading multiplexing is performed at different hubbing locations, Channel Mileage charges also apply between the hubs.

The Telephone Company will designate hubs for Program Audio and Video Services. Full-time or part-time service may be provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a hub and billed accordingly at the monthly rates set forth in 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 a full-time or part-time Program Audio and Video 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.

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 Mixed Use Analog and Digital High Capacity Services (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. Additionally, the Switched Access Service Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport, and Multiplexing charges, if applicable, will be reduced by multiplying their respective rates by the ratio of derived Switched Access Service channels to the total number of Voice Grade 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 Service Discount Plans

(A) General

Service Discount Plans apply to Special Access services, excluding Individual Case Basis (ICB) arrangements listed in 17.3.9 following, on a per circuit or per circuit leg basis. The Channel Termination (CT), Channel Mileage (CMF and CMT) and the Optional Features and Functions (OFF) monthly recurring rate elements are eligible for inclusion in a Service Discount Plan. Service Discount Plans are available for the special access services listed below:

- High Capacity 1.544 Mbps (DS1)
- High Capacity 44.736 Mbps (DS3)

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Service Discount Plans (Cont'd)

(B) Description

For special access circuits subscribed to a Service Discount Plan, the current monthly tariff rate(s) are reduced by a fixed percentage (discount percent). The amount of the discount differs with the commitment length of the Service Discount Plan. All eligible recurring rate elements selected by the customer for the circuit on the Service Discount Plan will be discounted. The minimum period for circuits under the Service Discount Plan is defined in 5.5.1 preceding.

The fixed percent discount and the length of the Service Discount Plans are detailed in 17.3.10 following.

The discount percent can be changed by the company at any time. However, the discount percent in effect at the time the customer subscribes to the Service Discount Plan will remain in effect until the expiration of that plan.

At the end of the initial Service Discount Plan, the customer may subscribe to a new Service Discount Plan. When the customer subscribes to a new Service Discount Plan, the discount percent in effect at the time of renewal will be applied throughout the new Service Discount Plan period. If the customer does not choose a new Service Discount Plan, the rates will automatically convert to month-to-month rates without being reduced by the discount percent.

Any rate elements added to an existing circuit under a Service Discount Plan will automatically subscribe to the original circuit's minimum period and Service Discount Plan length. However, the discount percent in effect at the time the additional rate elements are added to a circuit will be utilized to discount the newly added rate elements.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Service Discount Plans (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Upgrading Plans</u>

A customer may upgrade from a 36 to a 60 month Service Discount Plan without incurring termination liability charges discussed in (D) following. When a customer upgrades a Service Discount Plan, a new minimum period and term commitment obligation will be established as of the conversion date.

(D) Termination Liability

Termination Liability charges are applicable when any one of the following conditions are met:

- The customer disconnects the service or circuit prior to the expiration of the Service Discount Plan period.
- The customer requests that all channels on the service be changed to switched access service.
- The customer requests that a circuit be moved to another location.
- When the jurisdiction of the circuit changes to intrastate.
- The customer changes from a lower capacity service under a Service Discount Plan to a higher capacity service under a Service Discount Plan or a higher capacity service under a Service Discount Plan to a lower capacity service under a Service Discount Plan.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Service Discount Plans (Cont'd)

(D) Termination Liability (Cont'd)

There are two (2) types of Termination Liability calculations. The first is when the minimum period described in 5.5.1 preceding is not fulfilled and the second is when the minimum period is fulfilled but the Service Discount Plan commitment period was not met.

When the minimum period is not fulfilled, the Termination Liability calculation is as follows:

(# of months in minimum period x current monthly rate) - (# of months service was in place x (current monthly rate x (1 - discount percent)))

As an example, a customer subscribed to a 36 month Service Discount Plan which had a 10 percent discount. The currently monthly rate is \$100. The customer disconnected service after the 5th month. The Termination Liability charges would be:

(12 months x \$100) - (5 months x ($\$100 \times (1-10\$)$)) = \$750 Termination Liability Charges

When the minimum period is fulfilled but the Service Discount Plan has not expired, the Termination Liability calculation is as follows:

(# of months service was in place x current monthly
rate x discount percent)

As an example, a customer subscribed to a 36 month Service Discount Plan which had a 10 percent discount. The currently monthly rate is \$100. The customer disconnected service after the 15th month. The Termination Liability charges would be:

(15 months x \$100 x 10%)
= \$150 Termination Liability Charges

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:
 - (1) an open-end termination in a Telephone Company switch of an FX line, including CCSA and CCSA-equivalent ONALs; or
 - (2) an analog channel termination that is used for radio or television program transmission; or
 - (3) a termination used for TELEX service; or
 - (4) a termination that by the nature of its operating characteristics could not make use of Telephone Company common lines such as, terminations which are restricted through hardware or software; or

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

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7.3.2 Application (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 (inter-machine trunks); or
 - (6) a termination that the customer certifies to the Telephone Company is not connected to a PBX or other device which interconnects the Special Access Service to a local exchange subscriber line.

7.3.3 Exemption of Special Access Service

- Special Access Services which are terminated as set (A) 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 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

7.3.3 Exemption of Special Access Services (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	Voice Gra	de	Monthly				
Service	Equivalen	t	Surcharge	Charge			
D.G.1	0.4		0.5	4600 00			
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

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. preceding, is received. If the status of the Special Access Service was changed prior to receipt of the exemption certification, the Telephone Company will credit the customer's account, not to exceed ninety (90) days, based on the effective date of the change as specified by the customer in the letter of certification.

7. Special Access Service

7.4 Metallic Service

7.4.1 Basic Channel Description

A Metallic channel is an unconditioned two-wire channel arranged to transmit direct current and capable of transmitting low speed varying signals at rates up to 30 baud. This channel is provided by metallic or equivalent facilities. Metallic channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs where bridging functions are performed. Interoffice metallic facilities will be limited in length to a total of five miles per channel.

Metallic Special Access services are typically used for applications such as alarm, pilot wire protective relaying, and dc tripping protective relaying. These examples of applications are not intended to limit a customer's use of the channel nor to imply that the channel is limited to a particular use.

Rates and charges for Special Access Metallic Service are as set forth in 17.3.2 following. Technical Reference publications for Special Access Metallic Service are listed in $7.1.2\,(\mathrm{F})$ preceding.

7.4.2 <u>Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel</u> Interfaces

Technical Specifications Packages are set forth in 15.2.1(A) following. Compatible network channel interfaces are set forth in 15.2.2(C) (1) following.

7.4.3 Optional Features and Functions

Central Office Bridging Capability

- (A) Three Premises Bridging Provision of tip-to-tip and ring-to-ring connection in a central office of a metallic pair to a third customer designated premises.
- (B) Series Bridging of up to 26 customer designated premises.

The table set forth in 15.2.1(A) following shows the technical specifications packages with which the optional features and functions are available.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.5 Telegraph Grade Service

7.5.1 Basic Channel Description

A 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. Technical Reference publications for Special Access Telegraph Service are listed in $7.1.2\,(\text{F})$ preceding.

7.5.2 <u>Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel</u> Interfaces

Technical Specifications Packages are set forth in 15.2.1(B) following. Compatible network channel interfaces are set forth in 15.2.2(C)(2) following.

7.5.3 Optional Features and Functions

(A) 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 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. Technical Reference publications for Special Access Voice Grade Service are listed in 7.1.2(F) preceding.

7.6.2 <u>Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel</u> Interfaces

Technical Specifications Packages are set forth in 15.2.1(C) following. Compatible network channel interfaces are set forth in 15.2.2(C) (3) following.

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions

(A) Central Office Bridging Capability

- (1) Voice Bridging (two-wire and four-wire)
- (2) Data Bridging (two-wire and four-wire)
- (3) Telephoto Bridging (two-wire and four-wire)
- (4) DATAPHONE Select-A-Station Bridging with sequential arrangement ports or addressable arrangement ports

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(A) Central Office Bridging Capability (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) following.

(B) Central Office Multiplexing

Voice to Telegraph Grade. An arrangement that converts a Voice Grade channel to Telegraph Grade channels using frequency division multiplexing.

The rate for this option is set forth in 17.3.4(C)(7) 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)(2) 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) Conditioning (Cont'd)

(1) C-Type Conditioning

C-Type Conditioning is provided for the additional control of attenuation distortion and envelope delay distortion on data services. The attenuation distortion and envelope delay distortion specifications for C-Type Conditioning are delineated in Technical Reference(s) for Voice Grade service.

(2) Improved Attenuation Distortion*

Improved Attenuation Distortion upgrades the frequency versus loss limits of the channel. The technical specifications for Improved Attenuation Distortion are delineated in Technical Reference(s) for Voice Grade service. This option is available only when ordered in combination with C-Type Conditioning.

(3) Improved Envelope Delay Distortion*

Improved Envelope Delay Distortion upgrades the frequency versus delay response limits of the channel. The technical specifications for Improved Envelope Delay Distortion are delineated in Technical Reference(s) for Voice Grade service. 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) Data Capability (D Conditioning)

Data Capability provides transmission characteristics suitable for data communications. Specifically, Data Capability provides for the control of Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio and intermodulation distortion. It is available for two-point services or three-point multipoint services.

The Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio and intermodulation distortion parameter for Data Capability are delineated in Technical Reference(s) for Voice Grade service. 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(s) for Voice Grade service. The rate for this option is set forth in 17.3.4(C)(2) following.

(6) <u>Sealing Current Conditioning</u>

Sealing Current Conditioning is provided to help maintain continuity on dry metallic loops. It is usually associated with four-wire DA or NO type network channel interfaces.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(D) Customer Specified Premises Receive Level

This option allows the customer to specify the receive level at the Point of Termination. The level must be within a specific range on effective four-wire transmission. The ranges are delineated in Technical Reference(s) for Voice Grade service. The rate for this option is set forth in 17.3.4(C)(4) following.

(E) Improved Return Loss

- (1) On Effective Four-Wire Transmission at Four-Wire Point of Termination (applicable to each two-wire port): Provides for a fixed 600 ohm impedance, variable level range and simplex reversal. Telephone Company equipment is required at the customer's premises where this option is ordered. The Improved Return Loss parameters are delineated in Technical Reference(s) for Voice Grade service. 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(s) for Voice Grade service. The rate for this option is set forth in 17.3.4(C)(3) following.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

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.

Network channel interfaces for Voice Grade Special Access service requiring signaling capability can be found in applicable Technical Reference publications listed in 7.1.2(F) preceding.

(G) Selective Signaling Arrangement

An arrangement that permits code selective ringing for up to ten codes on a multipoint service. The rate for this option is set forth in 17.3.4(C)(7) following.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

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) <u>Public Packet Switching Network (PPSN) Interface</u> <u>Arrangement</u>

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) Four-Wire/Two-Wire Conversions

When a customer requests that an effective four-wire channel be terminated with a two-wire channel interface at the customer designated premises, a four-wire to two-wire conversion is required. The customer will be charged the four-wire Channel Termination rate as set forth in 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. <u>Special Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(K) Improved Two-Wire Voice Transmission

(1) Loss Deviation

The maximum Loss Deviation of the 1004 Hz loss relative to the Expected Measured Loss (EML) is $-4.0~\mathrm{dB}$ to $+4.0~\mathrm{dB}$.

(2) Attenuation Distortion

The maximum Attenuation Distortion in the 404 to 280 Hz frequency band relative to loss at 1004 Hz is -2.0 dB to +6.0 dB.

(3) C-Message Noise

The maximum C-Message Noise for the transmission path at the route miles listed is less than:

Route Miles	C-Message Noise
less than 50 51 to 100	35 dBrnco 37 dBrnco
101 to 200	40 dBrnco
201 to 400	43 dBrnco
401 to 1000	45 dBrnco

(4) Return Loss

The Return Loss, expressed as Echo Return Loss (ERL) and Singing Return Loss (SRL), is equal to or greater than:

ERL	13.0	dΒ
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)
 - 7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)
 - 7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)
 - (L) Improved Termination Option

Improved Termination provides for a fixed 600 ohm impedance, an extended range of transmission levels, and simplex reversal (when applicable) on an effective four-wire channel. Telephone Company equipment is required at the Customer's premise where this option is ordered. The rate for this option is set forth in $17.3.4\,(\text{C})\,(10)$ following, and is applied per Channel Termination.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.7 Program Audio Service

7.7.1 Basic Channel Description

A Program Audio channel is a channel with bandwidth measured in Hz for the transmission of a complex signal voltage. The actual bandwidth is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. Only one-way transmission is provided. Program Audio channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs.

Program Audio Special Access services are typically used in full-time and part-time applications for radio broadcasting, noncommercial educational audio, and wired music. These examples of applications are not intended to limit a customer's use of the channel nor to imply that the channel is limited to a particular use.

Rates and charges for Special Access Program Audio Service are as set forth in 17.3.5 following. Technical Reference publications for Special Access Program Audio Service are listed in 7.1.2(F) preceding.

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) Central Office Bridging Capability

Distribution Amplifier

(B) Gain Conditioning

Control of 1004 Hz AML at initiation of service to 0 dB + 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 Basic Channel Description

A Video channel is a channel with one-way transmission capability for a standard 525 line/60 field monochrome, or National Television Systems Committee color, video signal and one or two associated 5 or 15 kHz audio signal(s). The associated audio signal(s) may be either diplexed or provided as one or two separate channels. The provision and the bandwidth of the associated audio signal(s) is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. Video channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs.

Rates and charges for Special Access Video Service are as set forth in 17.3.6 following. Technical Reference publications for Special Access Video Service are listed in 7.1.2(F) preceding.

Technical Specifications Packages are set forth in 15.2.1(E) following. Compatible network channel interfaces are set forth in 15.2.2(C) (5) following.

The following network channel interfaces (NCIs) define the bandwidth and the provision of the audio signal(s) associated with a Video channel:

NCI	Audio <u>Bandwidth</u>	Provision
2TV6-1	15kHz	1 Channel, diplexed
2TV6-2	15kHz	2 Channels, diplexed
2TV7-1	15kHz	1 Channel, diplexed
2TV7-2	15kHz	2 Channels, diplexed
4TV6-5	5kHz	1 Channel, separate
4TV6-15	15kHz	1 Channel, separate
4TV7-5	5kHz	1 Channel, separate
4TV7-15	15kHz	1 Channel, separate
6TV6-5	5kHz	2 Channels, separate
6TV6-15	15kHz	2 Channels, separate
6TV7-5	5kHz	2 Channels, separate
6TV7-15	15kHz	2 Channels, separate

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.9 Digital Data Service

7.9.1 Basic Channel Description

A Digital Data channel is a channel for duplex four-wire transmission of synchronous serial data at the rate of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56 or 64 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 only available via Telephone Company designated hubs and are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs. The 64 Kbps speed requires B8ZS Line Code Formatted Signal as described in Technical Reference TR-NPL-000054. The wire centers providing CCC 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(s) for Digital Data Service.

Rates and charges for Special Access Digital Data Service are as set forth in 17.3.7 following. Technical Reference publications for Special Access Digital Data Service are listed in 7.1.2(F) preceding.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.9 Digital Data Service

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:

NCI	Bit Rate	
DU-24	2.4 Kbp	s
DU-48	4.8 Kbp:	s
DU-96	9.6 Kbp:	s
DU-19	19.2 Kbp:	S
DU-56	56.0 Kbps	s
DU-64	64.0 Kbps	S

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.9 Digital Data Service (Cont'd)

7.9.3 Optional Features and Functions

(A) Central Office Bridging Capability

This optional feature connects three or more customer designated premises at Telephone Company designated hubs.

(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.

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.

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, 6.132, 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 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(s) for High Capacity Service.

Rates and charges for Special Access High Capacity Service are as set forth in 17.3.8 following. Technical Reference publications for Special Access High Capacity service are listed in 7.1.2(F) preceding.

* 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

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:

Bit Rate
1.544 Mbps (DS1)
274.176 Mbps (DS4)
3.152 Mbps (DS1C)
44.736 Mbps (DS3)
6.312 Mbps (DS2)

 $[\]star$ 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 <u>High Capacity Service</u> (Cont'd)

7.10.3 Optional Features and Functions

(A) Automatic Loop Transfer

The Automatic Loop Transfer provides protection on a 1xN basis against failure of the facilities between a customer designated premises and the wire center serving that premises. Protection is furnished through the use of a switching arrangement that automatically switches to a spare channel line when a working line fails. The spare channel is not included as a part of the option. This option requires compatible equipment at both the serving wire center and the customer designated premises. The customer is responsible for providing the equipment at its designated premises will be provided under tariff only if it existed in the Telephone Company inventory as of November 18, 1983.

(B) <u>Transfer Arrangement</u>

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) Central Office Multiplexing

(1) DS4 to DS1

An arrangement that converts a $274.176~{\rm Mbps}$ channel to $168~{\rm DS1}$ channels using digital time division multiplexing.

(2) DS3 to DS1

An arrangement that converts a $44.736~{\rm Mbps}$ channel to $28~{\rm DS1}$ channels using digital time division multiplexing.

(3) DS2 to DS1

An arrangement that converts a $6.312~{\rm Mbps}$ channel to four DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

(4) DS1C to DS1

An arrangement that converts a $3.152~{\rm Mbps}$ 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 DS0</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) Central Office Multiplexing (Cont'd)

(7) DS0 to Subrate

An arrangement that converts a 64.0 Kbps channel to subspeeds of up to twenty 2.4 Kbps, ten 4.8 Kbps, or five 9.6 Kbps channels using digital time division multiplexing.

The table set forth in 15.2.1(G) following shows the technical specifications packages with which the optional features and functions are available.

(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.
- (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.

- 7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 7.10 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)
 - 7.10.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)
 - Clear Channel Capability (CCC) (Cont'd)
 - 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. CCC is a nonchargeable optional feature.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.11 Individual Case Filings

Certain services set forth in Special Access Service, Section 7. are provided on an Individual Case Basis. Rates and charges for Special Access Service provided on an Individual Case Basis are set forth in 17.3.9 following.

8. Billing and Collection Services

The Telephone Company will provide the following services at the request of the ${\tt I.C.}$

- (A) Recording Service
- (B) Billing Service

8.1 Recording Service

8.1.1 General Description

Recording Service is the recording of the details of an end user message for the customer.

The term "customer message" denotes a completed call originated by a customer's end user. A customer message begins when answer supervision from the premise of the ordering customer is received by Telephone Company recording equipment indicating that the called part has answered. A customer message ends when disconnect supervision is received by Telephone Company Recording equipment indicating that the called party has answered. A customer message ends when disconnect supervision is received by Telephone Company recording equipment from either the promise of the ordering customer or the customer end user premises form which the call originated.

A description of each Recording Service rate element follows.

(A) Recording

Recording is the entering on magnetic tape or other acceptable media the details of customer messages originated through Switched Access Service. Recording is provided 24 hour a day, 7 days a week.

(B) Assembling and Editing

Assembling and Editing is the aggregation of the recorded customer message detail to create necessary for rating is present. Assembling and Editing is part of the Recording function. The rate is applied based on each message recorded and is applied to both Message Telephone Service and WATS services. Rates for Recording are set forth in 17.4.

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8.1 Recording Service (Con't)

8.1.1 General Description (Con't)

(C) Provision of Message Detail

Provision of Message Detail is the provision of recorded, assembled and edited message detail to the customer. The information provided will be sorted by end user telephone number and include name and address information so the customer has sufficient detail for billing their end user. Except for lost or damaged records, the recorded detail will be available to the customer not more than five business days after the date all the detail requested by the customer was processed by the Telephone Company. The Telephone Company will provide this information on magnetic tape to the customer. The charge for each magnetic tape utilized will apply.

Where available and when requested by the customer, the assembled and edited customer message detail will be data transmitted to customer. The charge for data transmission set forth in 17.4 will apply. Rates for Provision of Message Detail are set forth in 17.4.

8.1.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

(A) The Telephone Company will provide Recording Service in its operating territory. The minimum territory for which the Telephone Company will provide this service is all offices where the customer has ordered Switched Access Service.

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8.1 Recording Service (Con't)

8.1.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Con't)

- (B) The telephone Company will record all customer messages carried over Feature Group C Switched Access Service which are accessible by the Telephone company provided the recording equipment will be provided at locations selected by the Telephone Company. Assembly and editing will be performed on all messages recorded during the billing period established by the Telephone Company. Except as set forth in 8.1.(F) and 8.1.3 following, recorded message detail from previous billing periods will not be recovered and made available to the customer.
- (C) A standard format for the provision of the recorded message detail will be established by the Telephone Company and provided to the customer. If, in the course of Telephone Company business, it is necessary to change the format, the telephone Company will notify the customer six months prior to the change.
- (D) Sorting, as described in the Provision of Message Detail rate element, will be provided to the customer contingent on the customer furnishing the Telephone Company with any additional information which may be needed in order to perform these services.
- (E) At the request of a customer, magnetic tapes containing the recorded message details will be provided to the customer as part of Recording Service. The Telephone Company will supply the magnetic tapes at the rate described in Section 17.4. Unless otherwise by the

8. Billing and Collection Services

8.1 Recording Service (Con't)

8.1.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Con't)

(E) (Con't)

customer, their magnetic tapes will be sent to the customer via first class mail. However, the customer may pick up the magnetic tapes at location designated by the Telephone Company.

- (F) The Telephone Company will retain message detail for forty-five days from the date the detail was initially made available to the customer. At the customer's request, within the forty-five day period, the Telephone Company will provide previously recorded and provided message detail to the customer. All applicable charges will apply for the provision of this service as if the information was being provided for the first time.
- (G) If customer message detail is data transmitted to a customer location, the rate for Data Transmission described in Section 17.4 will apply.

8.1.3 Liability of the Telephone Company

- (A) Any liability described here is in addition to the liability described in Section 2.1.3.
- (B) If 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 messages and associated revenue based on previously known values. this estimated customer message volume will be included along with the customer message detail provided to the customer and/or provided for Rating Service.

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8.1 Recording Service (Con't)

8.1.3 Liability of the Telephone Company (Con't)

(B) Con't

Appropriate credit adjustments will be made to the customer amounts due to account for the customer's unbillable revenue. The Company's liability is limited to the granting of a corresponding credit adjustment to the customer amount due to account for the unbillable revenue.

- (C) When the Telephone Company, due to error or omission, provides incomplete data to a customer, the Telephone Company will make every reasonable effort to recover the data at no additional charge. Such request to recover the data must be made within 30 days from the date the details were initially made available to the customer. If the data cannot be recovered, the extent of the Telephone Company's liability for damages shall be limited as set forth in (B) preceding.
- (D) In the absence of willful misconduct, no liability for damages to the customer or other person other than as set forth in (B) and (C) preceding shall be assumed by the Telephone Company.

8.1.4 Obligations of the Customer

(A) The customer shall order Recording Service from the Telephone Company. No charges apply for the processing of an order except as described in Section 8.1.5 for minimum periods and minimum monthly charges.

The customer shall order Recording Service at least one month prior to the date when the customer message detail is to be recorded.

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8.1 Recording Service (Con't)

8.1.4 Obligation of the Customer (Con't)

- (B) The customer shall order Provision of Message Detail at least on month prior to the period when it wishes to receive the recorded message detail. If a change in the method of provision of recorded customer message detail is requested, the Telephone Company will make its best effort to accommodate the request within one month of receiving written notification from the customer.
- (C) The premises of the ordering customer shall provided the signals necessary to properly operate the Telephone Company's automatic message accounting equipment used to perform the detail recordings.

8.1.5 Payment Arrangements and Audit Provision

(A) Audit Provision

With a minimum of two weeks written notice to the Telephone Company, the customer shall have the right to audit, during normal business hours and at reasonable intervals as determined by the Telephone Company, all records and accounts which contain information concerning the recording of messages for which amounts may be payable to the customer. Adjustments shall be made by the proper party to compensate for any errors disclosed by the audit.

All information reviewed by the customer is confidential and is not to be distributed, provided or disclosed in any form to anyone one involved in the audit, or is such information to be used for any other purpose.

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8.1 Recording Service (Con't)

8.1.5 Payment Arrangements and Audit Provision (Con't)

(B) The minimum period for which Recording Service is provided and for which charges apply is one month.

The minimum monthly charges are the charges for each rate element ordered by the customer for 30 day period. If service is terminated prior to the completion of the initial month of service, the Telephone Company will estimate the minimum charge for each rate element using the most recent data available. Actual data for the period service was provided will estimate the minimum charge for each rate element using the most recent data available. Actual data for the period service was provided will be utilized to determine an amount per day. The amount per day will be multiplied by 30 to determine the minimum charge.

- (C) A customer may cancel an order for Recording Service on any date prior to the service date without incurring cancellation charges. If verbal notice of the cancellation is given, the verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within 10 days. The service date for Recording Service is the date the customer requests that recording start. Minimum monthly charges as described in 8.1.5(B) apply if service is canceled on or after the service date. No other cancellation charges apply.
- (D) When a customer requests non-material changes to a pending order for Recording Service, the requested change will be made to the existing order. Non-material changes which will be accommodated under an existing order include changes to customer name, address, and the location where Recording Service output will

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8.1 Recording Service (Con't)

8.1.5 Payment Arrangements and Audit Provision (Con't)

(D) be provided. If the existing order must be canceled due to material changes, and a new order issued, all minimum monthly charges will apply to the canceled order.

8.2 Billing Service

8.2.1 <u>General Description</u>

Billing Service consists of the rating of customer messages, the billing and collection of customer charges to end users and maintenance of the end user files and software modifications necessary to provide these services. A description of each Billing Service rate element follows.

(A) Rating Service

Rating Service is a charge per message for transforming the recorded, assembled and edited end user message details into rates messages in preparation for billing. Rating will be performed based on the customer provided scheduled of rates for both Message Telephone Service and WATS service. Upon completion, rated messages will be provided to the customer for billing unless the customer orders Bill Processing Service form the Telephone Company. Rated messages are ready for input to the Bill Processing Service of the Telephone Company. Rates for Rating Service are set forth in 17.4.

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8.2 Billing Service (Con't)

8.2.1 General Description (Con't)

(B) Bill Processing Service

- (1) Bill Processing Service is a charge per message for the preparation and mailing of bills, and collection of amounts due from end users for their use of the customer's service.
- (2) If a contractual arrangement can be mutually agreed upon, the Telephone Company will purchase from the customer the accounts receivable that arise from bills rendered by the Telephone Company to that customer's end users. If arrangements cannot be agreed on, the Telephone Company will act as billing agent in the provision of Bill Processing Service.
- (3) Subject to procedures established by the customer, the Telephone Company will answer end user question about charges billed for customer services, apply credits and adjustments to end user accounts and review customer messages removed from an end user's bill
- (4) Treatment of accounts is also provided as part of this rate element. Treatment of accounts is the forwarding of notices to the end user of delinquent or unpaid end user accounts, posting of credits and adjustments. Rates for Bill Processing Service are set forth in 17.4.

(C) Special Billing Service

When Bill Processing Service is provided where the bill cannot be included with the monthly bill for local service, a charge for Special Billing Service also applies. This situation

8. Billing and Collection Services

8.2 Billing Service (Con't)

8.2.1 General Description (Con't)

(C) Special Billing Service (Con't)

occurs when credit card charges are not associated with an end user common line or when the billing is performed for a dedicated facility such as a Special Access Service or a WATS Access Line. Rate for Special Billing Service are set forth in 17.4.

(D) Data Transmission

Data Transmission charges apply for each message received or transmitted form or to another exchange telephone company for the purpose of billing the end user. Rates for Data Transmission are set forth in 17.4.

(E) Provision of Sample Message Data

Provision of Sample Message Data, when requested by the customer, will be provided at the rate described for each message processed while extracting the sample. This rate element is utilized in the provision of CMDS data if requested. If, at the request of the customer, the sample information is provided on magnetic tape, the charge for each magnetic tape utilized will apply. Rates for Provision of Sample Message Data are set forth in 17.4.

(F) Program Development

Program Development charges will apply when changes requested by the customer must be made in the rating program of the Telephone Company in order to provide Rating Service. If requested, the company will estimate the charges for making the required changes prior to accepting an order form the customer authorizing the changes. The time incurred in preparing the estimate will be billed to the customer at the established hourly rate. Rates for Program Development are set forth in 17.4.

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8.2 Billing Service (Con't)

8.2.1 General Description (Con't)

(G) Message Billed Service (Con't)

The Message Billed Service Charge per bill-rendered applies each month that one or more messages or related rate elements are billed to an end user. When both interstate and intrastate customer messages are billed by the Telephone Company to the end user on the same bill, the Message Billed Service charge times 0.5 applies each month. When more than one copy of the end user bill is provided to the end user, the Message-Billed Service charge applies for each additional copy of the end user bill provided. Rates for Message-Billed Service are set forth in 17.

8.2.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

(A) General

The minimum territory for which the Telephone Company will provide Billing Service is each individual exchange area in its operating territory.

(B) Rating Service

- (1) When Rating Service is ordered by a customer, the Telephone Company will process all of the customer messages it possesses.
- (2) The Telephone Company will provide Rating Service only for customer sent paid messages originating within the operating territory of the Telephone Company or received collect messages which must be processed prior to billing. The customer messages which the Telephone Company will process may be customer messages from Recording Service as set forth in 8.1 preceding or, other customer messages which are chargeable in accordance with the rate schedule furnished by the customer.

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 - 8.2 <u>Billing Service</u> (Con't)
 - 8.2.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Con't)
 - (B) Rating Service (Con't)
 - (3) A record of customer call detail is required to provide Rating Service. When a customer subscribes to Recording Service, recorded details may be used as the input. When the customer provides the call details, the records must be in the standard format established by the Telephone Company and delivered to the location specified by the Telephone Company. The charges for Data Transmission will apply if the customer data-transmits its call details to the Telephone Company. If the customer provided records must be converted by the Telephone Company to the standard format, and the Telephone Company agrees to make the conversion, the Program Development charges apply for the hours required to design, develop, test and maintain the necessary programs. When the customer provided records must be converted, an Assembling and Editing charge will be added to the tariff in addition to all other charges. The Telephone Company will provide to the customer the precise details of the required standard format. If, in the course of Telephone Company business, it is necessary to change the standard format, the Telephone Company will notify the customer six months prior to the change. If, due to customer error, customer provided call details must be reprocessed, all appropriate charges will apply.
 - (4) The Telephone Company will develop the customer's schedule of rates into a rating program. Program Development charges apply for the hours required to design, develop, test and maintain the necessary programs.

8. Billing and Collection Services

- 8.2 Billing Service (Con't)
 - 8.2.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Con't)
 - (B) Rating Service (Con't)
 - (5) Upon acceptance by the Telephone Company of an order for Rating Service, the Telephone Company will determine the period of time to implement such service on an individual order basis.
 - (6) Changes to the Telephone Company billing programs necessary to properly apply the customers rates will normally be implemented within 30 days after receipt of an order for service from the customer. If the Telephone Company determines that it will be unable to implement the changes within 30 days, the customer will be notified of the conditions and period of time required. If any message detail must be reprocessed in order to apply the customer's rate changes, the appropriate Rating Service charges will apply.
 - (7) Where the Telephone Company has rated customer messages which are to be billed to an end user by another Exchange Telephone Company, the Telephone Company will transmit the data to a location specified by the customer. Applicable Data Transmission charges and, if requested by the customer, magnetic tape charges will apply.
 - (8) Where the rates for the customer's services have been implemented under an accounting order pending final approval from regulatory agency, the Telephone Company will, upon written request from the IC, keep such records as may be required to make any adjustments to the end user accounts as may be ordered by the regulatory agency. The charges for such service will be determined on an individual case basis.

8. Billing and Collection Services

8.2 Billing Service (Con't)

8.2.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Con't)

(B) Rating Service (Con't)

(9) If the customer requests that the Telephone Company furnish rated message detail rather than ordering Bill Processing Service, the data will be provided in a format similar to that used by the Telephone Company as input to Bill Processing Service unless the customer has also ordered the Provision of Message Detail described in Section 8.1.

Program Development charges apply for the hours required to design, develop, test and maintain the necessary programs to provide this service.

(C) Bill Processing Service

- (1) When Bill Processing Service is ordered by a customer, the Telephone Company will establish and maintain end user accounts and prepare and render bills for all customer messages, and related rate elements it possesses.
- (2) The Telephone Company will not render bills under this tariff for the provision and/or delivery of telegrams, flowers, gifts, wine or other like services that a customer offers to his end users.
- (3) Rated customer messages are required to provide Bill Processing Service. If the customer subscribes to Rating Service, the rated messages may be used as the input.

8. Billing and Collection Services

- 8.2 Billing Service (Con't)
 - 8.2.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Con't)
 - (C) Bill Processing Service (Con't)
 - (3) (Con't)

If the customer provided the rated messages, those messages must be in the standard format established by the Telephone Company and delivered to the location specified by the Telephone Company. must convert customer provided messages to the standard format, all applicable program development charges will apply.

- (4) The Telephone Company will accept customer gift certificates for payment form end users if the customer agrees in writing to redeem all such gift certificates. The format of the gift certificate must be acceptable to the Telephone Company.
- (5) Unbillable messages will be handled in accordance with instructions that have been mutually determined by the Telephone Company and the customer.
- (6) The Telephone Company will make adjustments to end user balances as authorized by customer-approved procedures or the specific instruction of the customer.
- (7) The customer agrees to permit the Telephone Company to determine and collect customer Service deposits from all customer's end users in accordance with the Telephone Company's deposit regulations. The customer will notify its end users through its tariffs or other means that the Telephone Company will determine and collect customer service deposits.

8. Billing and Collection Services

8.2 Billing Service (Con't)

8.2.3 Liability of the Telephone Company

(A) Rating Service and Bill Processing Service

- (1) If message detail recorded by the Telephone Company or provided by the customer is lost through the negligence of the Telephone Company and cannot by replaced or recovered, the necessary information will be estimated as set forth in Section 8.1.3(B).
- (2) Errors in end user billing, when identified, will be corrected within sixty days. End user billing will be corrected for a retroactive period not to exceed three years from the date the error is discovered.
- (3) In the absence of willful misconduct, the Telephone Company shall have no liability other than that described in (1) and (2) above.

8.2.4 Obligations of the Customer

(A) Rating Service and Bill Processing Service

- (1) The customer shall be responsible for collecting all balances due from end users that existed prior to ordering Bill Processing Service.
- (2) Rating Service and Bill Processing Service must be ordered for renewable one year periods. Six months, prior to the end of each one year period, the customer must provide written notice if service is to be discontinued at the end of the period. If notification is not received, the Telephone Company will automatically extend the services for another year and notify the customer that service has been extended. The rates which apply will be those in effect during the period when service is provided. These rates will not necessarily be the same as those in effect at the time service was ordered.

- 8. Billing and Collection Services
 - 8.2 <u>Billing Service</u> (Con't)
 - 8.2.4 Obligations of the Customer (Con't)
 - (A) Rating Service and Bill Processing Service (Con't)
 - (3) When Rating Service is ordered, the customer shall furnish the Telephone Company an estimate of the number of messages to be rated monthly.

When Bill Processing Service is ordered, the customer shall furnish the Telephone Company an estimate of the number of messages for which billing is to be provided each month.

- (4) The customer shall furnish all information necessary for the Telephone Company to provide the Bill Processing Service including a statement which identifies all taxes which should be applied to the customer's services.
- (5) The customer shall furnish a written schedule of its rates and charges in sufficient time to allow the Telephone Company to establish a rating program. The interval required to establish a rating program must be mutually agreeable to the Telephone Company and the customer.
- (6) When the customer orders Bill Processing Service, the Telephone Company will be provided written instructions for the handling of end user questions about bills.

Credit adjustments to end user accounts will be made subject to the written procedures provided by the customer or specific instructions of the customer which identify the date and amount of the message to be credited.

8. Billing and Collection Services

8.2 Billing Service (Con't)

8.2.5 Payment Arrangements and Audit Provisions

(A) Audit Provisions

Audit provisions apply as specified in Section 8.1.5(A) preceding.

(B) Minimum Period

The minimum period for which Billing Service is provided and for which charges apply is one year. If service is terminated prior to the completion of the one year period, the Telephone Company will estimate the minimum charge for each rate element by determining the average usage per day for the period service was provided and multiplying the amount by the number of days remaining in minimum period.

If the rates for billing service are increased during the period for which service is ordered, the customer may, upon 30 days written notice to the Telephone Company, cancel service effective on the day billing service rates change without incurring cancellation charges. If timely notice of cancellation is not received, the existing minimum period will not be effected by the rate change.

(C) Cancellation of an Order for Service

A customer may cancel an order for Billing Service on any date prior to the service date. If verbal notice of the cancellation is given, the verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within ten (10) days. The service date for Billing Service is the date the customer requests that the service start. A charge equal to all program development costs and any non recoverable capital costs incurred by the Telephone Company will apply to the customers.

8. Billing and Collection Services

8.2 Billing Service (Con't)

8.2.5 Payment Arrangements and Audit Provisions

(D) Changes to Special Orders

When a customer requests changes to a pending order for Billing Service, and the change can be accommodated by the Telephone Company, the requested change will be made. A charge equal to any costs incurred by the Telephone Company because of the change will apply.

8.2.6 Rate Regulations

- (A) When message detail is entered on a data file or magnetic tape to be provided to a customer, the per tape charge applies for each data file or tape prepared and the per message charge applies for each record processed. Each is considered a record.
- (B) The basic per hour rate and the premium per hour rate for program development is for the use of one hour of one programmer's time. Premium rates apply when program development is performed outside normally scheduled working hours.

The Telephone Company will keep a count of the hours and fractional hours used to provide program development. The hours for each service ordered will be summed and then rounded to the nearest hour with a minimum charge of one hour. The customer will be billed in accordance with these records.

(C) The rates charged for the services provided under this tariff will be those in effect at the time service is provided.

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11. Special Facilities Routing of Access Services

11.1 <u>Description</u>

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 conditions provided in 11.1.1 through 11.1.4 following.

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 17.5.4 following and are in addition to all other rates and charges that may be applicable for services provided under other sections of this tariff.

11. Special Facilities Routing of Access Services (Cont'd)

11.1 Description (Cont'd)

11.1.1 Diversity

Two or more circuits must be provided over not more than two different physical routes.

11.1.2 Avoidance

A circuit(s) must be provided on a route which avoids specified geographical locations.

11.1.3 Diversity and Avoidance Combined

A service must be provided in accordance with 11.1.1 and 11.1.2 preceding, combined.

11.1.4 Cable-Only Facilities

Certain Voice Grade services are provided on Cable-Only Facilities to meet the particular needs of a customer.

Service is provided subject to the availability of Cable-Only facilities. In the event of service failure, restoration will be made through the use of any available facilities as selected by the Telephone Company.

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 17.5.5 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, Stand by, Testing and Maintenance with Other Telephone Companies, and Other Labor). 13.3 addresses Additional Programming. 13.4 addresses Miscellaneous Services (which are comprised of Testing Services, Maintenance of Service and Telecommunications Service Restoration Priority). 13.5 addresses Presubscription. 13.6 addresses verification of orders for long distance telemarketing. 13.7 addresses unauthorized PIC changes. 13.8 addresses Blocking Service and 13.9 addresses Billing Name and Address Service.

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. Basic time is that time during normally scheduled working hours on scheduled work days. Premium time is that time outside of normally scheduled working days.

A call out of a Telephone Company employee at a time not consecutive with the employee's scheduled work period is subject to a minimum charge of four hours. Work subject to premium time is always subject to a minimum charge of four hours.

A Miscellaneous Service Order charge as described in 5.4.2 preceding may be applicable to services ordered from this section.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

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 17.5.2 (A) 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(B) 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 17.5.1(C) following, does not apply unless the customer authorizes the Telephone Company to proceed with the Design Change.

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 17.5.2(B) following will apply before any additional labor is undertaken. 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 Stand by

Stand by includes all time in excess of one-half (1/2) hour during which Telephone Company personnel stand by to make installation acceptance tests or cooperative tests with a customer 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 Programming Services

(A) Programming charges apply when a request by a customer for information concerning the access services provided to the customer result in the creation of new computer software or the modification of existing software in order to provide the requested information.

The Telephone Company will notify the customer that additional programming charges will apply before any additional programming is undertaken.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.4 Miscellaneous Services

13.4.1 Testing Services

Testing Services offered under this section of the tariff are optional and subject to rates and charges as set forth in 17.5.2(D) 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)

13.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)

13.4.1 Testing Services (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 FGs C and D.

(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:

- o Impulse Noise
- o Phase Jitter
- o Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio
- o Intermodulation (Nonlinear)
 Distortion
- o Frequency Shift (Offset)
- o Envelope Delay Distortion
- o Dial Pulse Percent Break

- 13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)
 - 13.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 13.4.1 Testing Services (Cont'd)
 - (A) Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - (2) Additional Automatic Testing

Additional Automatic Testing (AAT) of Switched Access Services (Feature Groups B, 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 17.5.2(D) following.

- 13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)
 - 13.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 13.4.1 Testing Services (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 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 customer 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 17.5.2(D) following.

- 13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)
 - 13.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 13.4.1 Testing Services (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 13.4.1(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)
 - 13.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 13.4.1 Testing Services (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 customer's 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)
 - 13.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 13.4.1 Testing Services (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 time mutually agreed upon.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)

13.4.2 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 17.5.2(D) 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. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)
 - 13.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 13.4.3 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).

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.

- 13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)
 - 13.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 13.4.3 Telecommunications Service Priority TSP (Cont'd)
 - (B) A Telecommunications Service Priority charge applies as set forth in 17.5.2(E) 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 $17.5.1(\mathrm{D})$ 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 $17.5.2\,(B)$ 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 17.5.1 (D) and Additional Labor rates as set forth in 17.5.2(B) are applicable.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)

13.4.4 Miscellaneous Equipment

(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 $17.5.2\,(\text{F})$ following.

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13.5 InterLATA Presubscription

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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) 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 $17.5.2\,(G)$ following applies.

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(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 $17.5.2\,(G)$ 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.

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13.5 InterLATA Presubscription (Cont'd)

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- (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 17.5.2(G) following, applies.

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) 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 $17.5.2\,(G)$ following applies.

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13.5 InterLATA Presubscription (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.

13.6 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 and confirms:
 - The billed party's billing name and address and each telephone number to be covered by the PIC change order;
 - The billed party's decision to change the PIC to the IC; and
 - The billed party's understanding of the PIC change fee; 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

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13.6 Verification of Orders for Long Distance Telemarketing (Cont'd)

- (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 charge 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,
 - 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 customer complaints.

The IC must provide a post paid postcard which the billed party can use to deny, cancel or confirm the order. The IC must wait 14 days after the information package is mailed to the billed party before submitting the PIC change order to the telephone company.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.7 Unauthorized PIC Change

If an IC requests a Primary Interchange 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 substantiate the change with a letter of authorization signed by the billed party; then:

- The billed party will be reassigned to their previously selected IC. No change charge will apply to the billed party for this reassignment.
- The Unauthorized Presubscription Change Charge as set forth in 17.5.2(H) will apply to the IC that requested the unauthorized PIC change. This charge is applied in addition to the PIC change charge.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.8 Blocking Services

Blocking Services provided under this tariff include International Blocking

and 900 Blocking. Blocking Services are available to customers who obtain

local exchange service 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.

Blocking Services are only offered at appropriately equipped Telephone Company end offices. Those offices providing International and/or 900 Blocking Service are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

13.8.1 International Blocking Service

International Blocking Service (IBS) is an optional service that allows customers to restrict all direct dialed international calls with the dialing sequence of 011+ or 10XXX-011+ from being placed over an End User Common Line or FGA Switched Access Line. Where capable, the Telephone Company will route international blocked calls to a recorded message.

IBS is a nonchargeable service. For service order activity associated with installing or removing IBS on an existing end user common line or Feature Group A Switched Access line, a Miscellaneous Service Order Charge as set forth in 17.5.1(D) will apply.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.9 Billing Name and Address (BNA) Service

13.9.1 General Description

- (A) Billing Name and Address (BNA) Service is the provision to an Intrastate telecommunications service provider (ITP) by 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.
- (B) BNA Service is provided for the purpose of
 - (1) allowing customers to bill their end users for telephone services provided by the customer,
 - (2) activities associated with the introduction of equal access (e.g. verification of presubscribed end users)
 - (3) verification of service orders of new customers, identification of customers that have moved to a new address, fraud prevention, and similar non marketing purposes.

BNA information may not be resold or used for any other purpose than indicated above.

- (C) BNA information used in connection with 13.9.1(B)(1) preceding will be provided, upon request, for
 - listed/published telephone numbers
 - unlisted/nonpublished telephone numbers where the Telephone Company has not been directed by the unlisted/nonpublished customer to restrict release of BNA information.

BNA information used in connection with 13.9.1(B)(2) and (3) preceding will be provided, upon request, for all telephone numbers assigned by the Telephone Company.

- 13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)
 - 13.9 Billing Name and Address (BNA) Service (Cont'd)
 - 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. Provision of BNA information in electronic format (i.e., magnetic tape or computer diskette) is optional.
 - (C) Where facilities are available, the customer may request an optional specialized output format required to meet a specific customer need.
 - (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, as defined in 13.9.1 preceding, to parties other than ITPs and their authorized billing agents. BNA disclosure is limited to the activities detailed in 13.9.1(B) preceding.
 - (F) The Telephone Company reserves the right to request from an ITP, who has placed an order for BNA service, a statement concerning the intended use of the BNA information. This request is made to ensure that BNA information is to be used for legitimate purposes. The Telephone Company will not process the order until such time as the ITP provides the requested information, where applicable.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.9 Billing Name and Address (BNA) Service (Cont'd)

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 described in 13.9.1 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 reason BNA information is required. The Telephone Company will not process the order until such time as the customer provides the requested information.

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 requested by the ITP. The BNA Order Charge and the Per Record Charge are specified in 17.5.2(I) following.
- (B) The customer may order the response from the Telephone Company formatted on magnetic tape or computer diskette. The Optional Electronic Format Charge, specified in 17.5.2(I) following, will apply in addition to the BNA Order Charge and the BNA Record Charge.

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13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.10 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.

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13.10 Access Services Billing (Cont'd)

(B) Secondary/Additional Bills

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 17.5.2 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 17.5.2 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.

13.11 IntraLATA Presubsciption

- (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) Existing end users may exercise an initial free presubscription choice, within 180 days following implementation of ILP. If a customer has not decided upon an intraLATA IC at the conclusion of 90 days from implementation, the customer will default to their interLATA IC for intraLATA toll calls. If the customer's interLATA IC has not opted to be an intraLATA IC the customer will be assigned to a "no-pic" status and will have to dial an access code to make intraLATA toll calls. Any changes made 180 days after implementation will be subject to a nonrecurring charge as set forth in Section 17.5.2 following.

New end users who subscribe to service after the presubscription implementation date will be asked to select an intraLATA IC when they place an order for Telephone Company Exchange Service, at no charge. If a customer cannot decide upon an intraLATA IC, the customer will be assigned to a "no-pic" status and will have to dial an access code to make intraLATA toll calls. Any change made after the initial selection will be subject to a nonrecurring charge as set forth in Section 17.5.2 following.

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(C) If a customer has selected more than one intraLATA IC, the Telephone Company will process the PIC with the latest customer authorization date.

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14. 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.

15.1 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 $\frac{1}{2}$

set forth in 15.1.1 following.

As a result of the customer's access order and the type of Telephone Company transport facilities serving the customer designated premises, the need for signaling conversions or two-wire to four-wire conversions, or the need to terminate digital or high frequency facilities in channel bank equipment may require that Telephone Company equipment be placed at the customer designated premises. For example, if a voice frequency interface is ordered by the customer and the Telephone Company facilities serving the customer designated premises are digital, then Telephone Company channel bank equipment must be placed at the customer designated premises in order to provide the voice frequency interface ordered by the customer.

15.1.1 <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 Local Transport Interface Groups (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 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(A) Interface Group 1 (Cont'd)

The transmission path between the point of termination at the customer designated premises and the customer's serving wire center may be comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of and typically used in the telecommunications industry for the transmission of voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz.

The interface is provided with loop supervisory signaling. When the interface is associated with FGA, such signaling will be loop start or ground start signaling. When the interface is associated with FGB, FGC or FGD, such signaling, except for two-way calling which is E&M signaling, will be reverse battery signaling.

(B) Interface Group 2

Interface Group 2 provides four-wire voice frequency transmission at the point of termination at the customer designated premises. The interface is capable of transmission of voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

The transmission path between the point of termination at the customer designated premises and the customer's serving wire center may be comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of and typically used in the telecommunications industry for the transmission of voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(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) Interface Groups 3 through 5

Interface Groups 3 through 5 provide analog transmission at the point of termination at the customer designated premises. The various interfaces are capable of transmitting electrical signals at the frequencies illustrated following, with the capability to channelize voice frequency transmission paths. Certain frequencies within the bandwidth of the Interface Groups are reserved for Telephone Company use, e.g., pilot and carrier group alarm tones. Before the first point of switching, the Telephone Company will provide multiplex equipment to derive the transmission paths of frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

The interfaces are provided with individual transmission path SF supervisory signaling.

Interface Group Identification No.	Transmission Frequency Bandwidth	Analog Hierarchy Level	Maximum No. of Channelized Voice Freq. Trans.Paths
3	60 - 108 kHz	Group	12
4	312 - 552 kHz	Supergroup	60
5	564 - 3084 kHz	Mastergroup	600

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 <u>Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)</u>

(D) <u>Interface Groups 6 through 10</u>

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 Identification No.	Nominal Bit Rate (Mbps)	Digital Hierarchy Level	Max. No. of Channelized Voice Freq. Trans. Paths
6	1.544	DS1	24
7	3.152	DS1C	48
8	6.312	DS2	96
9	44.736	DS3	672
10	274.176	DS4	4032

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(E) Local Transport Optional Features

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 17.5.1(A) following is applicable on a per order basis when nonchargeable optional features are added subsequent to the installation of service.

- Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level

Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level allows the customer to specify the receive transmission level at the first point of switching. The range of transmission levels which may be specified is described in Technical Reference TR-NWT-000334. This feature is available with Interface Groups 2 through 10 for Feature Groups A and B.

- Customer Specification of Local Transport Termination

Customer Specification of Local Transport Termination allows the customer to specify, for Feature Group B routed directly to an end office or access tandem, a four-wire termination of the Local Transport at the first point of switching in lieu of a Telephone Company selected two-wire termination. This option is available only when the Feature Group B arrangement is provided with Type B Transmission Specifications.

- Supervisory Signaling

Supervisory Signaling allows the customer to order an optional supervisory signaling arrangement for each transmission path provided where the transmission parameters permit, and where signaling conversion is required by the customer to meet its signaling capability.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(E) Local Transport Optional Features (Cont'd)

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 normally associated with the Interface Groups.

 For Interface Groups 1 and 2 associated with FGB, FGC or FGD

> DX Supervisory Signaling, E&M Type I Supervisory Signaling, E&M Type II Supervisory Signaling, or E&M Type III Supervisory Signaling

 For Interface Group 2 associated with FGB, FGC or FGD and in addition to the preceding

SF Supervisory Signaling, or Tandem Supervisory Signaling

- For Interface Groups 3 through 5
 Optional Supervisory Signaling Not Available
- For Interface Groups 6 through 10

These Interface Groups may, at the option of the customer, be provided with individual transmission path SF supervisory signaling where such signaling is available in Telephone Company central offices. Generally such signaling is available only where the first point of switching provides an analog (i.e., non digital) interface to the transport termination.

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.

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)

(F) Available Premises Interface Codes

Following is a matrix showing premises interface codes which are available for each Interface Group. Their availability is a function of the Telephone Company switch supervisory signaling and Feature Group. For explanations of these codes, see the Parameter Codes and Options as set forth in 15.2.2(A) following.

Interface	Telephone Company	Premises	Fea	ture	Gr	oup
Group	Switch Super. Signalir	ng Interface Code	А	В	С	D
1	LO	2LS2	X			
	LO	2LS3	X			
	GO	2GS2	X			
	GO	2GS3	X			
	LO, GO,	2DX3	X			
	LO, GO,	4EA3-E	X			
	LO, GO	4EA3-M	X			
	LO, GO	6EB3-E	X			
	LO, GO	6EB3-M	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	2DX3		Χ	Χ	Χ
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4EA3-E		Χ	Χ	Χ
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4EA3-M		Χ	Χ	Χ
	RV, EA, EB, EC	6EB3-E		Χ	Χ	Χ
	RV, EA, EB, EC	6EB3-M		X	Χ	Χ
	EA, EB, EC	6EC3			Χ	Χ
	RV	2RV3-0		Χ	Χ	X
	RV	2RV3-T		Χ	Χ	Χ
	SS7	2NO2			Χ	Χ

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(F) <u>Available Premises Interface Codes</u> (Cont'd)

Interface	Telephone Company	Premises	<u>F</u> ea	ature	e Gro	oup
Group	Switch Super. Signaling	Interface Code	A	В	С	D
0	T.O	4270				
2	LO, GO	4SF2	X			
	LO, GO	4SF3	X			
	LO	4LS2	X			
	LO	4LS3	X			
	LO	6LS2	X			
	GO	4GS2	X			
	GO	4GS3	X			
	GO	6GS2	Χ			
	LO, GO	4DX2	X			
	LO, GO	4DX3	X			
	LO, GO	6EA2-E	X			
	LO, GO	6EA2-M	X			
	LO, GO	8EB2-E	X			
	LO, GO	8EB2-M	X			
	LO, GO	6EX2-B	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4SF2		Χ	Χ	Χ
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4SF3	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DX2		Χ	Χ	Χ
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DX3	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	6DX2			Χ	
	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	Χ
	EA, EB, EC	8EC2-M			X	Χ
	RV	4RV2-0		X	X	Χ
	RV	4RV2-T		X	X	Χ
	RV	4RV3-0		X	X	
	RV	4RV3-T		X	X	
	SS7	4NO2			X	Χ
3	LO, GO	4AH5-B	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4AH5-B		Χ	Χ	Χ
	SS7	4AH5-B			Χ	Χ
4	LO, GO	4AH6-C	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4AH6-C		Χ	Χ	Х
	ss7	4AH6-C			Χ	Х
5	LO, GO	4AH6-D	Х			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4AH6-D		Χ	Х	Х
	SS7	4AH6-D			X	X

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(F) <u>Available Premises Interface Codes</u> (Cont'd)

Interface	Telephone Company	Premises			e Gro	
Group	Switch Supervisory Signaling	Interface Code	_A	В	С	D
6	LO, GO	4DS9-15	Х			
O	LO, GO	4DS9-15L	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS9-15L	Λ	Х	Х	Х
	RV, EA, EB, EC RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS9-15L		X	X	X
	SS7	4DS9-15L		Λ	Х	X
	331	4039-13			Λ	Λ
7	LO, GO	4DS9-31	Х			
	LO, GO	4DS9-31L	Х			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS9-31		Χ	Χ	Χ
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS9-31L		Χ	Χ	Χ
	ss7	4DS9-31			Χ	Χ
8	LO, GO	4DS0-63	Х			
	LO, GO	4DS0-63L	Х			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS0-63		Х	Х	Х
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS0-63L		Х	Х	Х
	SS7	4DS0-63			X	X
9	LO, GO	4DS6-44	Х			
	LO, GO	4DS6-44L	Х			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS6-44		Х	Х	Х
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS6-44L		X	X	Х
	ss7	4DS6-44			Χ	Х
10	LO, GO	4DS6-27	Х			
-0	LO, GO	4DS6-27L	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS6-27		Х	Х	Х
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS6-27L		X	X	X
	SS7	4DS6-27			X	X
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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications

Descriptions of the transmission specifications available with each Feature Group as a function of the Interface Group selected by the customer, are set forth in (A) through (D) following. Descriptions of each of 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 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

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 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(D) Feature Group D

FGD is provided with either Type A, Type B or Type C Transmission Specifications as follows:

- When routed to the end office either Type B or C is provided.
- When routed to an access tandem only Type A is provided.
- Type A is provided on the transmission path from the access tandem to the end office.

Type C Transmission Specifications are provided with Interface Group 1. Type A and Type B Transmission Specifications are provided with Interface Groups 2 through 10.

Type DB Data Transmission Parameters are provided with FGD for the transmission path between the customer designated premises and the end office when directly routed to the end office. Type DA Data Transmission Parameters are provided for the transmission path between the customer designated premises and the access tandem and between the access tandem and the end office when routed via an access tandem.

(E) Type A Transmission Specifications

Type A Transmission Specifications is provided with the following parameters:

(1) Loss Deviation

The maximum Loss Deviation of the 1004 Hz loss relative to the Expected Measured Loss (EML) is \pm 2.0 dB

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) Attenuation Distortion

The maximum Attenuation Distortion in the 404 to 2804 Hz frequency band relative to the loss at 1004 Hz is -1.0 dB to +3.0 dB.

(3) C-Message Noise

The maximum C-Message Noise for the transmission path at the route miles listed is less than or equal to:

Route Miles	<u>C-Message Noise</u>
less than 50	32 dBrnCO
51 to 100	34 dBrnCO
101 to 200	37 dBrnCO
201 to 400	40 dBrnCO
401 to 1000	42 dBrnCO

(4) C-Notch Noise

The maximum C-Notch Noise, utilizing a -16 dBmO holding tone, is less than or equal to 45 dBrnCO.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (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	Singing
	Return Loss	Return Loss
POT to Access		
Tandem	21 dB	14 dB
POT to End Office	ZI QD	T4 QD
- Direct	N/A	N/A
- Via Access Tandem	n 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	Si	nging	Ret	urn	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</u> Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(F) Type B Transmission Specifications

Type B Transmission Specifications are provided with the following parameters:

(1) Loss Deviation

The maximum Loss Deviation of the 1004 Hz loss relative to the Expected Measured Loss (EML) is + 2.5 dB.

(2) Attenuation Distortion

The maximum Attenuation Distortion in the 404 to 2804 Hz frequency band relative to loss at 1004 Hz is -2.0 dB to +4.0 dB.

(3) <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 Type B1	Noise* 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) <u>C-Notch Noise</u>

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 TR-NPL-000334.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(F) Type B Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(5) Echo Control

Echo Control, identified as Impedance Balance for FGA and FGB and Equal Level Echo Path Loss for FGC and FGD, and expressed as Echo Return Loss (ERL) and Singing Return Loss (SRL), is dependent on the routing, i.e., whether the service is routed directly from the customer's point of termination (POT) to the end office or via an access tandem. The ERL and SRL also differ by Feature Group, type of termination, and type of transmission path. They are greater than or equal to the following:

	Echo Return			inging n Loss
POT to Access Tander - Terminated in	n			
4-Wire trunk - Terminated in	21 dI	3	14	dB
2-Wire trunk	16 dI	3	11	dB
POT to End Office - Direct - Via Access Tandem	16 dI	3	11	dB
. For FGB access	8 dI	3	4	dB
(Effective 4-Wire trans- mission path at end office) For FGC access (Effective 2-Wire trans-	16 dI	3	11	dB
mission path at end office)	13 dI	3	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 (Cont'd)</u>

(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 + 3.0 dB.

(2) <u>Attenuation Distortion</u>

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 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(G) Type C Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(3) C-Message Noise

The maximum C-Message Noise for the transmission path at the route miles listed is less than or equal to:

	C-Message	e 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.

^{*} 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 TR-NWT-000334.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

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

15.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(G) Type C Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(5) Echo Control

Echo Control, identified as Return Loss and expressed as Echo Return Loss and Singing Return Loss is dependent on the routing, i.e., whether the service is routed directly from the customer's point of termination (POT) to the end office or via an access tandem. It is equal to or greater than the following:

	Echo	Singing
	Return Loss	Return Loss
POT to Access Tander POT to End Office	m 13 dB	6 dB
- Direct	13 dB	6 dB
- Via Access Tandem (for FGB only)	8 dB	4 dB

15.1.3 Data Transmission Parameters

Two types of Data Transmission Parameters, i.e., Type DA and Type DB, are provided for the Feature Group arrangements. Type DB is provided with Feature Groups A, B and C and also with Feature Group D when Feature Group D is directly routed to the end office. Type DA is only provided with Feature Group D and only when routed via an access tandem. Following are descriptions of each.

(A) Data Transmission Parameters Type DA

(1) Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio

The Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio is equal to or greater than 33 dB.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.3 Data Transmission Parameters (Cont'd)

(A) Data Transmission Parameters Type DA (Cont'd)

(2) Envelope Delay Distortion

The maximum Envelope Delay Distortion for the frequency bands and route miles specified is:

	604	to	2804	Hz
microseconds	less than 50 route miles	500		
	equal to or greater than 50 route miles microseconds	900		
	1004	to	2404	Hz
microseconds	less than 50 route miles	200		
microseconds	equal to or greater than 50 route miles	400		

(3) Impulse Noise Counts

The Impulse Noise Counts exceeding a 65 dBrnCO threshold in 15 minutes is no more than 15 counts.

(4) Intermodulation Distortion

The Second Order (R2) and Third Order (R3) Intermodulation Distortion products are equal to or greater than:

Second Order (R2) 33 dB Third Order (R3) 37 dB

microseconds

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.3 Data Transmission Parameters (Cont'd)

Data Transmission Parameters Type DA (Cont'd)

(5) Phase Jitter

The Phase Jitter over the 4-300 Hz frequency band is less than or equal to 5° peak-to-peak.

(6) Frequency Shift

The maximum Frequency Shift does not exceed -2 to +2 Hz.

(B) Data Transmission Parameters Type DB

(1)Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio

The signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio is equal to or greater than 30 dB.

(2) Envelope Delay Distortion

The maximum Envelope Delay Distortion for the frequency bands and route miles specified is:

		604	to	2804	Hz
microseconds	less than 50 route	miles	800		
microseconds	equal to or greater 50 route miles	than	1000		
		1004 to	2404 Hz	<u>z</u>	
microseconds	less than 50 route	miles	320		
	equal to or greater 50 route miles	than	500		

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.3 Data Transmission Parameters (Cont'd)

Data Transmission Parameters Type DB (Cont'd)

(3) Impulse Noise Counts

The Impulse Noise Counts exceeding a 67 dBrnCO threshold in 15 minutes is no more than 15 counts.

Intermodulation <u>Distortion</u> (4)

The Second Order (R2) and Third Order (R3) Intermodulation Distortion products are equal to or greater than:

> Second Order (R2) Third Order (R3) 31 dB 34 dB

(5) Phase Jitter

The Phase Jitter over the 4-300 Hz frequency band is less than or equal to 7° peak-to-peak.

Frequency Shift (6)

The maximum Frequency Shift does not exceed -2to +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-ISD-000307. However, not all services contained in this Special Report may be offered by the Telephone Company at this time.

Lastly, 15.2.2(C) following provides a list of compatible Network Channel Interfaces inasmuch as the Network Channel Interfaces associated with a given service need not always be the same, but all must be compatible.

Example No. 1: If the customer wishes to order a 4-wire voice grade circuit with 600 Ohms impedance, capable of data transmission, and with improved return loss, the customer might specify the following:

NC	NCI	SECNCI
LG-R	04DB2	04DA2-S

NC Code:

LG = Voice Grade Channel Service, VG6

-R = Improved Return Loss

NCI Code:

04 = Number of physical wires at CDP

DB = Data stream in VF frequency band at the customer designated main terminal location

2 = 600 Ohms impedance

SECNCI (Secondary NCI Code):

04 = Number of physical wires at CDP

 ${\sf DA} = {\sf Data}$ 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. 3: 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:

NCI SECNCI LC--04L02 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:

NCI SECNCI 04DS9-15 04DS9-15 HC--

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-ISD-000307.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.1 Network Channel (NC) Codes

In order to determine the NC code appropriate for the service to be ordered, the type of Special Access Service the customer wishes must be identified. This identification is accomplished by a Service Designator (SD) code. The broad categories of Service Designator codes (e.g., VG, MT, TG, etc.) are set forth in Section 7. preceding. Variations within service type (e.g., VG1, MTC, TG2, etc.) are described in the various Technical Publications cited in (A) through (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) <u>Technical Specifications Packages Metallic Service</u>

	-	kage		
SD Code NC Code	MTC*	MT1 NT	MT2 NU	MT3 NV
Parameter				
DC Resistance Between Conductors Loop Resistance Shunt Capacitance	X X X	X	Х	X X
Optional Features and Functions				
Three Premises Bridging Series Bridging	X X	X	Х	Х

The technical specifications are described in Technical Reference $\mbox{TR-NPL-000336}$.

^{*} 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)
 - Technical Specifications Packages Telegraph Grade Service

	Package						
SD Code	TGC*	TG1	TG2				
NC Code	NQ	NW	NY				
<u>Parameter</u>							
Telegraph Distortion	X	X	X				
Optional Features							
and Functions							
Telegraph Bridging	X	X	X				

The technical specifications are described in Technical Reference TR-NPL-000336.

All parameters are available within ranges selected by the customer where technically feasible.

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

							Pa	ackaç	ge VO	<u> </u>				
SD Code NC Code	<u>C</u> * <u>L</u> Q	$\frac{1}{\text{LB}}$	<u>2</u> <u>L</u> C	<u>3</u> LD	$\frac{4}{\text{LE}}$	<u>5</u> LF	<u>6</u> LG	7 LH	<u>8</u> <u>L</u> J	9 LK	10 LN			
<u>Parameter</u>														
Attenuation														
Distortion	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
C-Message Noise	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X
Echo Control	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ		Χ	Χ			Χ	Χ	Χ
Envelope Delay														
Distortion	Χ						Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Frequency Shift	Χ						Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Impulse Noise	X					Χ	Χ	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X
Intermodulation														
Distortion	X						Χ	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ
Loss Deviation	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X
Phase Hits, Gain														
Hits, and Dropouts	Χ													
Phase Jitter	X						Χ	X	Χ	X	Χ	Χ		Χ
Signal-to-C														
Message Noise						Χ								
Signal-to-C														
Notch Noise	Χ					Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X

The technical specifications for these parameters (except for dropouts, phase hits, and gain hits) are described in Technical References TR-NPL-000334 and TR-NPL-000335. The technical specifications for dropouts, phase hits, and gain hits are described in Technical Reference PUB 41004, Table 4.

 $^{^{\}star}$ 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)
 - Technical Specifications Packages Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

							Pack	aσe '	VG-					
SD Code	<u>C</u> *	1	2	3 LD	4	<u>5</u> LF	6	7	8	<u>9</u> LK	10	11	12	M
NC Code	<u>C</u> * <u>LQ</u>	$\frac{1}{\text{LB}}$	<u>2</u> LC	LD	$\frac{4}{\text{LE}}$	LF	LG	LH	LJ	LK	LN	LP	LR	W SE
Optional Features and Functions														
Central Office														
Bridging														
Capability	X		X			X	Χ				X	Χ	X	
Central Office														
Multiplexing	X						X							
Conditioning:														
. C-Type	X					Χ	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ			
. Improved														
Attenuation														
Distortion	X					Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ			
. Improved Envelope														
Delay Distortion	X					X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X			
. Sealing Current	X						Χ							
. Data Capability	X						Χ	Χ				Χ		
. Telephoto														
Capability	X											Χ		
Customer Specified														
Premises Receive														
Level	X		Χ	Χ				Χ	Χ	Χ				
Improved Return Loss														
for Effective														
Four-Wire														
Transmission	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Χ	Χ	X	Χ	X	Χ	
For Effective														
Two-Wire														
Transmission	X		X	X				Χ						
Improved Two-Wire														
Voice														X
PPSN Interface														
Arrangement	X									X				
Selective Signaling														
Arrangement	X		X			X	X					X	Χ	Χ
Signaling Capability	X	X	X	X				X	Χ	X				
Transfer Arrangement	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Χ	X		X	Χ	Χ
Improved Termination	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	X	Χ	X	Χ	X	X	Χ

- 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)
 - Technical Specifications Packages Program Audio Service

		Package						
	SD Code	APC*	AP1	AP2	AP3	AP4		
	NC Code	PQ	PE	PF	PJ	<u>PK</u>		
<u>Parameter</u>								
Actual Measured Los	S	X	X	X	X	Х		
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	Χ		
Phrase Tracking		X						
Short-Term Gain								
Stability		X						
Short-Term Loss		X						
Total Distortion		X	Χ	X	X	Χ		
Optional Features								
and Functions								
Central Office Brid	ging							
Capability		X	X	Χ	Χ	X		
Gain Conditioning		X	X	Χ	Χ	Χ		
Stereo		X				Χ		

The technical specifications are described in Technical Reference PUB 62503 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)

Technical Specifications Packages Video Service

_ SD Coc NC Coc		Package TV1 TV	TV2 TW
<u>Video Parameters</u>			
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 Characterist	ic X	X	X
Luminance Non-Linear Distortion	X	X	X
Chrominance Non-Linear Gain			
Distortion	X	X	X
Chrominance Non-Linear Phase			
Distortion	X	X	X
Transient Synchronizing Signal			
Non-Linearty	X	X	X
Dynamic Gain Distortion			
- Picture Signal	X	X	X
- Synchronizing Signal	X	X	X
Differential Gain	X	X	X
Differential Phase	X	X	X
Chrominance-Luminance Intermodul	ation 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)
 - Technical Specifications Packages Video Service (Cont'd)

		Pa	ckage
SD Code	TVC*	TV1	TV2
NC Code	TQ	TV	WT
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)
 - $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{(F)} & & \underline{\text{Technical Specifications Packages Digital Data}} \\ & \underline{\text{Service}} \end{array}$

		Package							
	SD Code NC Code	D1 XA	D2 XB	D3 XG	D4 XH	D5 XE	D6 YN		
<u>Parameter</u>									
Error-Free Seconds		X	X	Χ	Χ	X	Х		
Optional Features and Functions									
Central Office Bridging Capabili	ty	X	X	X	X	Х	Х		
PPSN Interface Tran Arrangement	sfer	X	X	X	X	Х	Х		
Transfer Arrangemen	t	Χ	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х		

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.

Voltages which are compatible with Digital Data Service are delineated in Technical Reference PUB 62507.

- 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)
 - $(G) \qquad \frac{\text{Technical Specifications Packages High Capacity}}{\text{Service}}$

			Pā	ckage	<u> </u>	
SD Code	HC0		HC1C			
NC Code	HS	HC	HD	HE	HF	<u>HG</u>
<u>Parameters</u>						
Error-Free Seconds		Χ				
Optional Features and Functions						
Automatic Loop Transfer		X				
Central Office						
Multiplexing: DS4 to DS1						37
DS4 to DS1 DS3 to DS1					Х	Χ
DS2 to DS1				Χ		
DS1C to DS1			X			
DS1 to Voice DS1 to DS0		X X				
DSO to Subrate*	X	Λ				
Transfer Arrangement		Χ				
Clear Channel Capability		Х				

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.

- 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)

Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd) 15.2.2

(A) Parameter Codes and Options

Parameter

Code	Option	<u>Definition</u>
AB -		accepts 20 Hz ringing signal at customer's point of termination
AC -		accepts 20 Hz ringing signal at customer's end user's point of termination
AH -		analog high capacity interface
_	В	60 kHz to 108 kHz (12 channels)
_	С	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
-	15	1.544 Mbps (DS1) Superframe (SF) format
_	15B	1.544 Mbps (DS1) Superframe (SF) format and B8ZS Clear Channel Capability
-	15K	1.544 Mbps (DS1) Extended Superframe (ESF)
DA -		data stream in VF frequency band at customer's end user's point of termination
DB -		data stream in VF frequency band at customer's point of termination
-	10	VF for TG1 and TG2
_	43	VF for 43 Telegraph Carrier type signals, TG1 and TG2
DC -		direct current or voltage
_	1	<pre>monitoring interface with series RC combination (McCulloh format)</pre>
-	2	Telephone Company energized alarm channel
-	3	Metallic facilities (DC continuity) for direct current/low frequency control signals or slow speed data (30 baud)
DD -		DATAPHONE Select-A-Station (and TABS) interface at customer's point of termination
DE -		DATAPHONE Select-A-Station (and TABS) interface at the customer's end user's point of termination

- 15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)
 - 15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)
 - (A) <u>Parameter Codes and Options</u> (Cont'd)

Parameter (Cont'd)

Code	Option	<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 S1 signal
_	15J	1.544 Mbps format per PUB 41451
_	15K	1.544 Mbps format per PUB 41451 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

- 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) <u>Parameter Codes and Options</u> (Cont'd)

Parameter (Cont'd)

DU -	-		digital access interface
	- :	19	19.2 kbps
	- :	24	2.4 kbps
		48	4.8 kbps
	- :	56	56.0 kbps
-	- !	96	9.6 kbps
-	-	64	64.0 kbps
-	_	A	1.544 Mbps format per PUB 41451
-	_	В	1.544 Mbps format per PUB 41451 plus D4
-	_	C	1.544 Mbps format per PUB 41451 plus extended farming
			format
	- 1	LKN	1.544 Mbps ANSI Extended Superframe (ESF)
			Format without line power
	- 1	LSN	1.544 Mbps ANSI Extended Superframe (ESF)
			Format with B8ZS CCC and without line power
	-	AN	1.544 Mbps free-framing format w/o line power (only
			avail. to U.S. Govt. agencies)
-	-	BN	1.544 Mbps Superframe (SF) Format w/o line power
	-	DN	1.544 Mbps Superframe (SF) Format with B8ZS
			Clear Channel Capabiltiy 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 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(A) <u>Parameter Codes and Options</u> (Cont'd)

Parameter (Cont'd)

Code	Option	<u>Definition</u>
EA -	E	Type I E&M Lead Signaling. Customer at POT or customer's end user at POT originates on E Lead.
EA -	М	Type I E&M Lead Signaling. Customer at POT or customer's end user at POT originates on M Lead.
EB -	E	Type II E&M Lead Signaling. Customer at POT or customer's end user at POT originates on E Lead.
EB -	М	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	Option	<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
PR	8	nominal frequency from 50 to 8000 Hz protective relaying*
RV -	. 0	
KV -	U	reverse battery signaling, one way operation, originate by customer
-	Т	reverse battery signaling, one way operation, terminate unction 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:

<u>Value (ohms)</u>	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. 30099 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)

Compatible Network Channel Interfaces

The following tables show the Network Channel Interface codes (NCIs) which are compatible:

(1) <u>Metallic</u>

Compatible	CIs
2DC8-1	2DC8-2
2DC8-3	2DC8-3
4DS8- 4DS8-	2DC8-1 2DC8-2

(2) Telegraph Grade

Compatible	CIs	Compatible	CIs
2DB2-10	10IA8 2TT2-2 4TT2-2	4DB2-10	10IA8 2TT2-2 4TT2-2
2DB2-43*	101A8 2TT2-2 2TT2-6 4TT2-2	4DB2-43*	10IA8 2TT2-6 4TT2-2
2TT2-2	2TT2-2	4DS8-	10IA8 2TT2-2 2TT2-6
2TT2-3	2TT2-2 4TT2-2		4TT2-2 4TT2-6
2TT2-6	2TT2-6 4TT2-6	4TT2-2	4TT2-2
		4TT2-6	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 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

(3) Voice Grade

Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs	
2AB2	2AC2	2DB2	2DA2	2LR2	2LR2
2AB3	2AC2	2DB3	2DA2	2LR3	2LR2
2CT3	2DY2 4DS8 4DX2 4DX3 4DY2	2DX3	2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO3 2LS2	2LS	2GS 2LS 4GS 4LS
	4EA2-E 4EA2-M 4SF2	2G02	2LS3 2GS2	2LS2	2LA2 2LB2 2LC2
	4SF3 6DX2	2002	2GS3	2LS3	2LA2
	6DY2 6DY3 6EA2-E	2GO3	2GS2 2GS3		2LB2 2LC2
	6EA2-M 6EB2-E 6EB2-M	2GS	2GS 2LS 4GS	2NO2	2DA2 2NO2
	6EB3-E 8EB2-E	0-00	4LS	2NO3	2NO2 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 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)
 - Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)
 - (3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatible CIs		Compati	ble 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	2G03 2GS2		4PR2 4RV2-T
	4DB2	2DA2 2NO2 2PR2 4DA2 4DB2 4NO2 4PR2 6DA2	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 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)
 - Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)
 - (3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatible CIs		Compat	ible CIs	Compatible CIs	
4DX2	2DY2 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO3 2LS2	4DX2	8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 9EA2 9EA3	4DX3	6DY2 6DY3 6EA2-E 6EA2-M 6EB2-E 6EB2-M
	2LS3 2RV2-T 4DX2 4DY2 4EA2-E 4EA2-M 4LS2 4RV2-T 4SF2 4SF3 6DY2	4DX3	2DY2 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO3 2LS2 2LS3 2RV2-T 4DX2 4DX3	4DY2	6LS2 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 9EA2 9EA3 2DY2 4DY2
	6DY3 6EA2-E 6EA2-M 6EB2-E 6EB2-M 6LS2		4DY2 4EA2-E 4EA2-M 4LS2 4RV2-T 4SF2 4SF3		

- 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)
 - Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)
 - (3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatible CIs		Compat	Compatible CIs		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	4G02	2G02 2G03 2GS2 2GS3 4GS2 4SF2 6GS2	
4EA2-M	6EB2-M 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 2DY2 4DY2		6EA2-E 6EA2-M 6EB2-E 6EB2-M 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 9EA2	4GO3	2GO2 2GS2 2GS3 4GS2 4SF2 6GS2	
	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 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

(3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatibl	e CIs	Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs	
4LO2	2LS2 2LS3 4LS2 4SF2 6LS2	4LS3	2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 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	4RV2-0	4NO2 6DA2 2RV2-T		6GS2 9DY2 9DY3
4LR3	2LR2 4LR2 4SF2	41V2 U	4RV2-T 4SF2	4SF3	2DY2 2GO3 2GS2 2GS3
4LS	2GS 2LS 4GS 4LS	4SF2	2AC2 2DY2 2GS2 2GS3 2LA2		2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO3 2LR2
4LS2	2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO2 2LO3		2LB2 2LC2		

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)

Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

(3) Voice Grade (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		4EA2-M		2DY2
	4LS2		4SF2		2LA2
	4RV2-T		6DY2		2LB2
	4SF2		6DY3		2LC2
	4SF3		6EA2-E		2LO3
	6DY2		6EA2-M		2LS2
	6DY3		6EB2-E		2LS3
	6EB2-E		6EB2-M		2RV2-T
	6EB2-M		8EB2-E		4AC2
	6GS2		8EB2-M		4DY2
	6LS2		9DY2		4EA2-E
	9DY2		9DY3		4EA2-M
	9DY3		9EA2		4LS2
	9EA2		9EA3		4RV2-T
	9EA3				4SF2
		6DY2	2DY2		4SF3
4TF2	2TF2		4DY2		6DY2
	4TF2		6DY2		6DY3
					6EA2-E
					6EA2-M

- 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)
 - Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)
 - (3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatible CIs		Compatib	Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs	
6EA2-E	6EB2-E	6EA2-M	6DY2	6EB3-E	2DY2	
	6EB2-M		6DY3		4DY2	
	6LS2		6EA2-M		4EA2-E	
	8EB2-E		6EB2-E		4EA2-M	
	8EB2-M		6EB2-M		4SF2	
	9DY2		6LS2		6DY2	
	9DY3		8EB2-E		6DY3	
			8EB2-M		6EA2-E	
6EA2-M	2AC2		9DY2		6EA2-M	
	2DY2		9DY3		8EB2-E	
	2LA2				8EB2-M	
	2LB2	6EB2-E	2DY2		9DY2	
	2LC2		4DY2		9DY3	
	2LO3		4SF2		9EA2	
	2LS2		6DY2		6EA3	
	2LS3		6DY3			
	2RV2-T		6EB2-E	6EX2-A	2GS2	
	4AC2		6EB2-M		2GS3	
	4DY2		9DY2		2LS2	
	4EA2-E		9DY3		2LS3	
	4EA2-M				4GS2	
	4LS2	6EB2-M	2DY2		4LS2	
	4RV2-T		4DY2		4SF2	
	4SF2		4SF2		6GS2	
	4SF3		6DY2		6LS2	
			6DY3			
			6EB2-M			
			9DY2			
			9DY3			

- 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)
 - Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)
 - (3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatib	ole CIs	Compat	cible CIs	Compat	ible 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	2G02 2GS2 2GS3 4GS2 4SF2 6GS2		4DY2 4LS2 4RV2-T 4SF2 4SF3 6DY2 6DY3		4DY2 4LS2 4RV2-T 4SF2 4SF3 6DY2 6DY3
6LO2	2LS2 2LS3 4LS2 4SF2 6LS2		6EB2-E 6EB2-M 6LS2 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2		6EB2-E 6EB2-M 6LS2 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3
6LS2	2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO2 2LO3 4SF2		9DY3		

- 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)
 - Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)
 - (3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatib	le CIs	Compati	ble CIs	Compati	ble 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 9EA3
			9DY3 9EA2 9EA3		

- 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)
 - Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)
 - (4) Program Audio

Compatible CIs		Compatible	CIs
2PG2-1	2PG1-1 2PG2-1	4DS8-15E	2PG1-3 2PG2-3
2PG2-3	2PG1-3 2PG2-3	4DS8-15F	2PG1-5 2PG2-5
2PG2-5	2PG1-5 2PG2-5	4DS8-15G	2PG1-8 2PG2-8
2PG2-8	2PG1-8	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 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)
 - Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)
 - (5) Video

Compatible	CIs	Compatible C	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 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)
 - Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)
 - (6) Digital Data

Compatible	e CIs	Compatibl	e CIs	Compatible	e CIs
4DS8-15	4DS8-15+ 4DU5-19 4DU5-24 4DU5-48	4DU5-19 4DU5-24	4DU5-19 4DU5-24	6DU5-19 6DU5-24	6DU5-19 6DU5-24
	4DU5-56 4DU5-96	4DU5-48	4DU5-48	6DU5-48	6DU5-48
	6DU5-24 6DU5-48	4DU5-96	4DU5-96	6DU5-56	6DU5-56
	6DU5-96	4DU8-56	4DU5-56	6DU5-96	6DU5-96

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 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)
 - Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)
 - (7) High Capacity

Compatible C	<u>[s</u>	Compatible C	<u>[s</u>
4DS0-63	4DS0-63 4DU8-A,B or C 6DU8-A,B or C	4DS8-15J	4DU8-A 6DU8-A
4DS6-27	4DS6-27 4DU8-A,B or C 6DU8-A,B or C	4DS8-15K	4DU8-B 4DU8-C 6DU8-B 6DU8-C
4DS6-44	4DS6-44 4DU8-A,B or C 6DU8-A,B or C	4DS8-31	4DS8-31 4DU8-A,B or C 6DU8-A,B or C
4DS8-15	4DS8-15+ 4DU8-B 6DU8-8	4DU8-A,B	4DU8-A,B or C

Available only as a cross connect of two individual channels of 1.544 Mbps facilities at a Telephone Company hub.

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16. Reserved for Future Use

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ACCESS SERVICE

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

prec	eding.	Originating <u>Rate</u>		Terminating <u>Rate</u>
(A)	Interlata - Applied Per Access Minute Non-8YY Traffic 8YY Traffic	\$0.039916 \$0.000000	(R)	\$0.000000
(B)	Intralata - Applied Per Access Minute Non-8YY Traffic 8YY Traffic	\$0.016521 \$0.000000	(R)	\$0.000000

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- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
- 17.1 <u>Common Line Access Service</u> (Cont'd)
- 17.1.2 Reserved for Future Use

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17.2 Switched Access Service

17.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges

(A) Local Transport

Regulations concerning Local Transport are set forth in 6.4.1(B)(1) preceding.

> Nonrecurring Charge

- Installation Per Line or Trunk Connected \$112.00 (R)

(B) Interim NXX Installation

Regulations concerning Local Transport are set forth in 6.4.1(B)(2)preceding.

Charge

- Per Order N/A

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17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.2 Local Transport

(A) Local Transport

Regulations concerning Local Transport are set forth in 6.1.3(A)preceding.

Rate

(1) Per minute \$0.00000 (R)

(B) Network Blocking Per Blocked Call

Regulations concerning Network Blocking are set forth in 6.8.6 preceding. Network Blocking applies to FGD only.

> Monthly Charge N/A

(C) Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP)

Per	Trunk	Rate
_	Voice Grade	\$2.94
-	DS1	\$70.56
-	DS3	\$1,975.68

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- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
- 17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
- 17.2.2 Local Transport (Con't)
 - (C) FGC and FGD SS7\MF Signaling Trunk Group Conversion Charge

Regulations concerning SS7\MF Signaling Trunk Group Conversion are set forth in 6.4.1(B)(4) preceding. Charges are applied per 24 trunks converted or fraction thereof.

Rate

N/A

(D) 800/888/877 Data Base Access Service Queries

Regulations concerning 800/888/877 Data Base Access Service are set forth in6.10.2 preceding. 800/888/877 Data Base Query charges apply on a per completed query basis.

> Basic Enhanced Query Query

\$0.003713 \$0.00000 (R)

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17.	Rate	es and Charges (Cont'd)				
17.2	Swit	ched Access Service (Cont'd)				
17.2.2	Loca	al Transport (Con't)				
	(E)	Entrance Facility Per Termination	Monthly Charge	Nonrecur Charc	_	
		Voice Grade 2 Wire Voice Grade 4 Wire DS1 DS3	\$ 13.96 22.34 110.97 1149.55	\$215.00 215.00 303.00 333.00	<u>,</u>	
	(F)	Direct Trunk Transport	Facility Per Mile	Termir Per Term		
		Voice Grade DS1 DS3	\$ 0.63 9.38 84.99	\$ 8.28 11.36 908.66		
	(G)	Multiplexing Per Arrangement	Monthly Charge			
		DS1 - Voice DS3 - DS1	\$149.70 302.10			
	(H)	<u>Tandem Switched Transport</u>	Originati Non-8YY	<u>.ng</u> 8YY	<u>Terminating</u>	
		Tandem Switched Facility Tandem Switched Termination per Minute Tandem Switching per Minute Tandem Switched Multiplexing per Minute, per Multiplexer	\$0.0073192 \$0.0001980 \$0.0092560 \$0.0000500	* *	* * *	(C) (C)
	(I)	Tandem Direct Trunk Port	Monthly			
		Voice Grade	Charge \$14.62			

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Rate per Access Minute

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- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
- 17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
- 17.2.3 End Office
 - (A) Local Switching

Regulations concerning Local Switching are contained in $6.1.3\,(\mathrm{B})\,(1)$ preceding.

(1)	Rates	<u>Originat</u>		<u>Terminating</u>	
(a)	LS1 - Originating and Terminating access minutes for Feature Groups A & B except:	Non-8YY \$0.026651	<u>*</u>	*	(C)
	Feature Group B utilized for the provision of MTS/WATS service.				
	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.				
(b)	LS2 - Originating and Terminating Access minutes for Feature Groups C & D including:	\$0.026651	*	*	(C)
	Feature Group B utilized for the provision of MTS/WATS service.				
	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.				

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17.	Rate	es and Charges (Cont'd)		
17.2	Swit	cched Access Service (Cont'd)		
17.2.3	End	Office		
	(B)	End Office Common Trunk Port	Rate	
		Per Terminating Access Minute and Originating 8YY Access Minute	*	(C)
	(C)	Directory Assistance Information Surcharge		
		Regulations concerning Information Surcharge are contained in 6.1.3(B)(3) preceding.	Rate per 100 Access Minutes	
		The Information Surcharge is applied per 100 Access Minutes.	\$0.0000	
	(E)	End Office Direct Trunk Port		
			Monthly Charge	
		Voice Grade	*	
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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.4 Assumed Minutes of Use

Assumed minutes of use are applicable to all issuing carriers referencing Section 6 of this tariff. $\,$

			Assumed Minutes Per Month	Tariff Section <u>Reference</u>	
	(A)	Feature Group A, Two Way Calling	N/A	6.5.4	
	(B)	Feature Group A, Originating Only	N/A	6.5.4	
	(C)	Feature Group A, Terminating Only	N/A	6.5.4	
	(D)	Feature Group B, Two Way Calling	N/A	6.6.4	
	(E)	Feature Group B, Originating Only	N/A	6.6.4	
	(F)	Feature Group B, Terminating Only	N/A	6.6.4	
17.2.5	Toll	L VoIP-PSTN Traffic		<u>Rate</u>	
	(A)	Tandem Switched Facility - per access minute per mile		*	(C)
	(B)	Tandem Switched Termination - per access minute per Termination		*	(C)
	(C)	Tandem Switching - per access minute per Tandem		*	(C)
	(D)	Tandem Switched Multiplexing - per access minute per Multiplexer		*	(C)
	(E)	Local Switching - per access minute		*	(C)
	(F)	End Office Common Trunk Port - per access minute		*	(C)

17.3 Special Access Service

17.3.1 Surcharge for Special Access Service

The Special Access Surcharge is applicable to all issuing carriers referencing Section 7 of this tariff.

		Tariff
	Monthly	Section
	<u>Rate</u>	Reference
- Per Voice Grade Equivalent	\$25.00	7.3

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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.

(A)	Chann	el Termination Per Termination		
			Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u>
	(1)	Two-Wire	\$15.99	\$80.02
			Facility Per Mile	Termination Per Termination
(B)	Chann	el Mileage	\$1.70	\$31.54

17.3.3 <u>Telegraph Grade Service</u>

Regulations concerning Telegraph Grade Service are set forth in 7.5 preceding.

(A) Channel Termination Per Termination

			Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
	(1) (2)	Two-Wire Four-Wire	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
(B)	Channe	el Mileage	Facility Per Mile N/A	Termination Per Termination N/A
(C)	Option	nal Features and Functions		
	(1)	Telegraph Bridging Per Port	Monthly <u>Rate</u>	
		- Two Wire/Four Wire	N/A	

(D)

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

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17.3	Spec	cial Access Service (Cont'd)		
17.3.4	Voic	ce Grade Service (Cont'd)		
	Regu	alations concerning Voice Grade Service are set	forth in 7.6	preceding.
	(A)	Channel Termination Per Termination	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u>
		(1) Two-Wire (2) Four-Wire	\$23.40 \$37.45	\$82.40 \$82.40
			Facility Per Mile	Termination Per Termination
	(B)	Channel Mileage	\$1.70	\$31.54
	(C)	Optional Features and Functions	Month	-
		(1) Bridging Per Port	<u>Rate</u>	
		- Two-Wire/Four-Wire	\$4.0	03

(2) Conditioning Per Termination

	- C-Type	\$6.01
(3)	Conditioning Per Termination	
	- D-Type (Data Capability)	\$1.34
(4)	Conditioning Per Termination	
	- Telephoto Capability	N/A
(5)	Improved Return Loss for Effective Two-Wire or Four-Wire Transmission.	
	Rate applied per Channel Termination.	\$1.78
(6)	Customer Specified Receive Level per Two-Wire Termination.	N/A
(7)	Multiplexing per Arrangement Voice to Telegraph grade per Channel Termination.	N/A

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17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.4 <u>Voice Grade Service</u> (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

		Monthly Rate
(8)	Signaling Capability per Termination	\$13.87
(9)	Selective Signaling Arrangement per Arrangement.	\$14.83
(10)	Transfer Arrangement per four port Arrangement.	N/A
(11)	Public Packet Switching Network (PPSN) Interface Arrangement. Rate applied per Arrangement.	N/A
(12)	Improved Termination Option for Termination.	N/A

17.3.5 Program Audio Service

Regulations concerning Program Audio Service are set forth in 7.7 preceding.

(A) Channel Termination Per Termination

(1)	50	+0	15.	000	H 7

Monthly	Daily	Nonrecurring
Rate	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
\$44.82	\$4.48	

(B) Channel Mileage

(1) 50 to 15,000

Facili Per Mi	-	Termination Per Termination		
Monthly Rate	Daily <u>Rate</u>	Monthly Rate	Daily Rate	
\$13.84	\$1.38	\$125.80	\$12.51	

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- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
- 17.3 <u>Special Access Service</u> (Cont'd)
- 17.3.5 Program Audio Service (Cont'd)
 - (C) Optional Features and Functions

		Monthly Rate	Daily Rate
(1)	Bridging, Distribution Amplifier - Per Port	N/A	N/A
(2)	Gain Conditioning. Rate applied per Channel Termination.	\$11.23	\$1.12
(3)	Stereo per Service.	\$18.24	\$1.82

17.3.6 <u>Video Service</u>

Regulations concerning Video Service are set forth in 7.8 preceding.

Video Service rates and charges for issuing carriers referencing ALLTEL MISSOURI, INC. INTRASTATE ACCESS TARIFF for Special Access Service will be determined on an individual case basis and filed in Section 17.3.9 following.

17.	Rate	es and	Charges (Cont'd)				
17.3	Spec	Special Access Service (Cont'd)					
17.3.7	Digi	Digital Data Service					
	Regu	Regulations concerning Digital Data Service are set forth in 7.9 preceding.					
	(A)	Channe	el Termination Per Termination	Monthly Rate	NonrecurringCharge		
		(1)	56 Kbps	\$171.35	\$355.00		
	(B)	Channe	el Mileage	Facility Per Mile	Termination Per Termination		
		(1)	56 Kbps	\$3.60	\$80.33		
	(C)	Option	nal Features and Functions	Monthly <u>Rate</u>			
		(1)	Bridging per port	N/A			
		(2)	Loop Transfer Arrangement Per four port arrangement Key activated or Dial-Up	N/A			
	(D)	Channe	el Service Unit				

- Per Termination

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

17.3.8 High Capacity Service

Regulations concerning High Capacity Service are set forth in 7.10 preceding.

(A)	Chann	el Termination Per Termination		
			Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
	(1)	1.544 Mbps	\$225.00	\$685.00
(B)	Chann	el Mileage	Facility <u>Per Mile</u>	Termination Per Termination
	(1)	1.544 Kbps	\$60.00	\$40.00

(C) Optional Features and Functions

Optio	nal Fea	atures a	and Functions				
						Monthly	
						Rate	
(1)	Multi	plexing	, per arrange	ement			
	(a)	DS4 t	o DS1			N/A	
	(b)	DS3 t	o DS1			N/A	
	(c)	DS1 t	o Voice			N/A	
	(d)	DS1 t	o DSO			N/A	
	(e)	DS0 t	o Subrates	Up to 20	Up to 10	Up to 5	Up to 2
				2.4	4.8	9.6	19.2
				Kbps	Kbps	Kbps	Kbps

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17.	Rate	s and C	Charges (Cont'd)		
17.3	Spec	ial Acc	ess Service (Cont'd)		
17.3.8	High	Capaci	ty Service (Cont'd)		
	(C)	Option	al Features and Functions (Cont'd)	Monthly	
		(2)	Automatic Loop Transfer Per arrangement	Rate N/A	
		(3)	<pre>Transfer Arrangement (key activated or dial up) - Per four port arrangement including control channel termination</pre>	N/A	
	(D)		k Channel Terminating Equipment Per Termination	Monthly 1.544 Mbps	Rate Automatic Loop Transfer
				N/A	N/A

- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
- 17.3 <u>Special Access Service</u> (Cont'd)
- 17.3.9 <u>Individual Case Filings</u>

Rate and charges for Special Access Service provided on an individual case basis are filed following:

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

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

17.3.10 Service Discount Plans

a) High Capacity 1.544 Mbps (DS1)

Plan LengthDiscount %36 MonthsN/A60 MonthsN/A

b) High Capacity 44.736 Mbps (DS3)

 $\begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{Plan Length}} \\ 36 \ \text{Months} \\ \hline \text{60 Months} \\ \end{array} \qquad \qquad \frac{\underline{\text{Discount \$}}}{\text{N/A}}$

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Billing and Collection Service

Regulations concerning Billing and Collection Service are set for in Section 8preceding.

1		Rates	Tariff Section Reference
(A)	Recording , per customer message	\$0.0483	8.1.1(A)
(B)	Provision of Message Detail, per message	ICB	8.1.1(C)
(C)	Magnetic Tape, per tape	\$17.48	8.1.1(C) and 8.2.1(E)
(D)	Rating Service, per message	\$0.0134	8.2.1(A)
(E)	Bill Processing Svc., per message	\$0.0459	8.2.1(B)
(F)	Special Billing Service, per bill	\$0.82	8.2.1.(C)
(G)	Data Transmission, per message	\$0.0084	8.2.1(D)
(H)	Provision of Sample Message Data, per record processed	\$0.0163	8.2.1(E)
(I)	Program Developement Basic per hour Premium per hour	\$57.74 \$80.07	8.2.1(F) 8.2.1(F)
(J)	Message Billed Service, in which one or more messages or message service related rate elements are billed, per bill rendered to a customer end user account per month	\$0.82	8.2.1 (G)
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17.	Rates	and	Charges

17.5 Other Services

17.5.1 Access Ordering

(D)

(A)	Access Order Charge		Tariff
			Section
		Charge	Reference
	- Per Order	N/A	N/A

(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 17.5.1(A) prededing does not apply. The applicable charge is:

The applicable charge is: N/A N/A

(C) <u>Design Change Charge</u>

- Per Occurrence

The Design Change Charge will apply on a per order per occurrence basis, for each order requiring design change. Tariff:

Tariff:	Charge	Section Reference
	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous Service Order Charge		

N/A N/A

17.	Rates	and	Charges	(Cont'd)

17.5 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.5.2 Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services

Regulations regarding Additional Engineering, Labor and Miscellaneous Services are set forth in 13 preceding.

(A) Additional Engineering

Regulations regarding Additional Engineering are set forth in 13.1 preceding.

	Basic Time	Over <u>Time</u>
- Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof	\$17.32	\$20.55

(B) Additional Labor

Regulations regarding Additional Labor are set forth in 13.2 preceding.

	Basic <u>Time</u>	Over <u>Time</u>
- Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof	\$14.15	\$19.05

(C) Programming Services

Regulations regarding Additional Programming are set forth in 13.3 preceding.

							Basic <u>Time</u>	Over <u>Time</u>
_	Each	Half	Hour	or	Fraction	Thereof	\$28.87	\$40.04

- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
- 17.5 Other Services (Cont'd)
- 17.5.2 Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Con't)
 - (D) Testing and Maintenance of Service

Regulations concerning Testing and Maintenance of Service are set forth in 13.4.1 and 13.4.2 preceding.

Basic	Over
<u>Time</u>	<u>Time</u>
\$14.15	\$19.05

(E) Telecommunications Service Priority

Regulations concerning Telecommunications Service Priority are set forth in 13.4.3 preceding.

	Nonrecurring
	Charge
Per service arranged	N/A

(F) Miscellaneous Equipment

Regulations concerning Controller Arrangements are set forth in 13.4.4 preceding.

(1) Controller Arrangement

	Monthly
	Rate
Per arrangement	N/A

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- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
- 17.5 Other Services (Cont'd)
- 17.5.2 Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)
 - (G) InterLATA Presubscription

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Regulations concerning InterLATA Presubscription are set forth in 13.5

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preceding. Charge is applied per Telephone Exchange Service Line or Trunk.

Nonrecurring Charge

Charges will be billed based on the Company's interstate tariff and assigned to the interstate jurisdiction.

(C) (C)

(H) Unauthorized PIC Changes

Regulations concerning unauthorized PIC changes are set forth in 13.7 preceding. Charge is applied per Telephone Exchange Service Line or

Trunk.

Nonrecurring Charge

\$30.00 (N)

(I) Billing Name and Address Service

Regulations concerning Billing Name and Address Service are set forth in 13.9 preceding.

Record NRC Charge

N/A N/A

 $\frac{{\tt BNA Electronic}}{{\tt Format Charges}}$

MagneticComputerTapeDiskette

N/A N/A

- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
- 17.5 Other Services (Cont'd)
- 17.5.2 Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)
 - (J) Access Services Billing

Regulations concerning Access Services Billing are set forth in $13.10 \ \mathrm{preceding}$.

(1) Secondary Bill

	Monthly <u>Rate</u>
Standard Paper(per page) Magnetic Tape(per tape) Data Transmission(per transmission)	\$0.03 \$39.50 \$20.25

(2) Additional Copies

	Non Recurring Charge
Standard Paper(per page) Magnetic Tape(per tape)	\$0.06 \$48.00
Data Transmission(per transmission)	\$28.00

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(L) <u>IntraLATA Presubscription</u>

Regulations concerning IntraLATA Presubscription are set forth in 13.11 preceding. Charge is applied per Telephone Exchange Service Line or Trunk.

Non Recurring Charge \$5.00

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17.5 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.5.3 Special Federal Government Access Services

(A) Voice Grade Special Access Service

Voice Grade Secure Communications	Monthly Nonrecurring Termination Rates Charges Charges
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 Communications	Monthly Rates	Nonrecurri Charges	ng Termination Charges
Type I, each	ICB	rates and c	harges apply
Type II, each	ICB	rates and c	harges apply
Type III, each	ICB	rates and c	harges apply

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.5 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.5.4 Special Facilities Routing of Access Services

(A) Diversity

For each service provided in accordance with 11.1.1 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

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(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.

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(C) Diversity and Avoidance Combined

For each service provided in accordance with 11.1.3 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

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(D) Cable-Only Facilities

For each service provided in accordance with 11.1.4 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

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- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
- 17.5 Other Services (Cont'd)
- 17.5.5 Specialized Service or Arrangements

Specialized Service or Arrangements are provided in accordance with 12.1 preceding on an individual case basis as set forth following: