

**ACCESS SERVICE**

Title Page

Regulations, Rates and Charges applying to the provision of Access Service within a Local Access Transport Area (LATA) or equivalent Market Area for connection to interstate communications facilities for Interstate Customers.

All material contained herein is new.

The name, title and street address of this tariff's Issuing Officer are located on the bottom of the title page and the check sheet.

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

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TARIFF USERS GUIDE

General

The tariff users guide is provided to assist users of this tariff in determining regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of interstate services by Windstream Communications, Inc. issuing carriers.

Issuing carriers in Windstream Communications, Inc. F.C.C. No. 3, participate in this tariff for all access services.

Any questions concerning the matrix or tariff references contained in the matrix, should be directed to this tariff's issuing officer at the address indicated below.

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

NO CONCURRING CARRIERS

CONNECTING CARRIERS

NO CONNECTING CARRIERS

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

NO OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

REGISTERED SERVICE MARKS

NONE

REGISTERED TRADEMARKS

NONE

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## EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

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

## EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

AML - Actual Measured Loss  
 ANI - Automatic Number Identification  
 AP - Program Audio  
 AT&T - American Telephone and Telegraph Company  
 BNA - Billing Name and Address  
 BHMC - Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity  
 CCC - Clear Channel Capability  
 CCS - Common Channel Signalling  
 CDP - Customer Designated Premises  
 CI - Channel Interface  
 CNP - Charge Number Parameter  
 CO - Central Office  
 Cont'd - Continued  
 CPE - Customer Provided Equipment  
 CPN - Calling Party Number  
 CSP - Carrier Selection Parameter  
 DA - Directory Assistance  
 dB - decibel  
 dBrnC - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting  
 dBrnC0 - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighted 0  
 dc - direct current  
 DDD - Direct Distance Dialing  
 EAS - Extended Area Service  
 EDD - Envelope Delay Distortion  
 EML - Expected Measured Loss  
 EPL - Echo Path Loss  
 ERL - Echo Return Loss  
 ESS - Electronic Switching System  
 ESSX - Electronic Switching System Exchange  
 f - frequency  
 F.C.C. - Federal Communications Commission



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## EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS (Cont'd)

HC - High Capacity  
Hz - Hertz  
IC - Interexchange Carrier  
ICB - Individual Case Basis  
ICL - Inserted Connection Loss  
ITP - Interstate Telecommunications Service Provider  
kbps - kilobits per second  
Khz - kilohertz  
LATA - Local Access and Transport Area  
ma - milliamperes  
Mbps - Megabits per second  
mcs - Microsecond  
MF - Multifrequency Address  
Mhz - Megahertz  
MRC - Monthly Recurring Charge  
MT - Metallic  
MTS - Message Telecommunications Service(s)  
MTSO - Mobile Telephone Switching Office  
NPA - Numbering Plan Area  
NRC - Nonrecurring Charge  
NXX - Three-Digit Central Office Prefix  
PBX - Private Branch Exchange  
POT - Point of Termination  
SAC - Service Access Code  
SP - Signalling Point  
SPOI - Signalling Point of Interface  
SRL - Singing Return Loss  
SSP - Service Switching Point  
SS7 - Signalling System 7  
STP - Signalling Transfer Point  
SWC - Serving Wire Center  
TG - Telegraph Grade  
TLP - Transmission Level Point  
TV - Television  
VG - Voice Grade  
V & H - Vertical & Horizontal  
WATS - Wide Area Telecommunications Service(s)  
WSO - WATS Serving Office

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REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

There are no references made in this tariff to other tariffs.

REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

There are no references made in this tariff to technical publications.

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Section 1 General Regulations

1. Application of Tariff

This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Switched Access and other miscellaneous services, hereinafter referred to collectively as service(s). The provision of such services by the Company as set forth in this tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the customer for the furnishing of any service.

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1.1 Undertaking of the Company

1.1.1 Scope

- (A) The Company will provide switched access services and other miscellaneous services at rates listed in Section 3 of this tariff.
- (B) The Company shall be responsible only for the installation, operation and maintenance of the services it provides.
- (C) The Company will, for maintenance purposes, test its service only to the extent necessary to detect and/or clear troubles.
- (D) The Company will provide services with a minimum period of one month and are available on a 24 hour daily, seven day per week basis, except as set forth in other applicable sections of this tariff.
- (E) The Company does not warrant that its facilities and services meet standards other than those set forth in this tariff.

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1.1.2 Limitations

(A) Assignment or Transfer of Services

Neither the Company nor the Customer may assign or transfer its rights or duties in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company without written consent of the other party, except that the Company may assign its rights and duties:

- (1) to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company,
- (2) pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company; or
- (3) pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)1.1.2 Limitations (Cont'd)(A) Assignment or Transfer of Services (Cont'd)

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

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 furnishing of service under this tariff is subject to the availability on a continuing basis of all the necessary facilities and is limited to the capacity of the Company's facilities to furnish service as required at the sole discretion of the Company.

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.

1.1.3 Liability(A) Limits of Liability

The 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 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 and is the sole remedy for the Customer and the sole liability of the Company.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

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1.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

1.1.3 Liability (Cont'd)

(B) Acts or Omissions

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

(C) Damages to Customer Premises

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

(D) Indemnification of Company

(1) By the End User

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

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

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

1.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

1.1.3 Liability (Cont'd)

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

- (a) Claims for libel, slander invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from the customer's own communications;
- (b) Claims for patent infringement arising from the customer's acts combining or using the service furnished by the Company in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by the 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.

(E) Explosive Atmospheres

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

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)1.1.3 Liability (Cont'd)(F) No License Granted

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

(G) Circumstances Beyond the Company's Control

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

1.1.4 Provision of Services

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

1.1.5 Facility Terminations

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

1.1.6 Service Maintenance

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

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)1.1.7 Changes and Substitutions

Except as provided for equipment and systems subject to FCC Part 68 Regulations at 47 C.F.R. Section 68.110(b), the Company may, where such action is reasonably required in the operation of its business, substitute, change or rearrange any facilities used in providing service under this tariff.

The 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 Company will provide reasonable notification to the customer in writing. Reasonable time will be allowed for any redesign and implementation required by the change in operating characteristics. The Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine reasonable notification procedures.

1.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service

(A) If a customer fails to comply with 1.1.6 preceding (Service Maintenance) or 1.3.1, 1.3.4, 1.3.5, 1.3.10, 1.4.1 or 1.5 following (respectively, Damages, Availability for Testing, Balance, Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements, Payment Arrangements, Connections) including any customer's failure to make payments on the date and times therein specified, the Company may, on thirty (30) days written notice to the customer by Certified U.S. Mail or electronic mail (email) with delivery receipt

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



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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)1.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

## (B) (Cont'd)

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

## (C)

Except as provided for equipment or systems subject to the FCC Part 68 Rules in 47 C.F.R. Section 68.108, if the customer fails to comply with 1.2.1 following (Interference or Impairment), the Company will, where practicable, notify the customer that temporary discontinuance of the use of a service may be required; however, where prior notice is not practicable, the Company may temporarily discontinue service forthwith if such action is reasonable in the circumstances. In case of such temporary discontinuance, the customer will be notified promptly and afforded the opportunity to correct the condition which gave rise to the temporary discontinuance. During such period of temporary discontinuance, credit allowance for service interruptions as set forth in 2.4.4 following is not applicable.

## (D)

When access service is provided by more than one Company, the companies involved in providing the joint service may individually or collectively deny service to a customer for nonpayment. Where the 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 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 Company shall apply for joint service discontinuance.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)1.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

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

1.1.9 Notification of SERVICE-Affecting Activities

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

- equipment or facilities 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 Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine reasonable notification requirements.

1.1.10 Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies

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

1.1.11 Provision and Ownership of Telephone Numbers

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

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

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1.2 Use

1.2.1 Interference or Impairment

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

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

1.2.2 Unlawful and Abusive Use

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

Abusive use includes:

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

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

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1.3 Obligations of the Customer1.3.1 Damages

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

1.3.2 Ownership of Facilities and Theft

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

1.3.3 Equipment Space and Power

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

1.3.4 Availability for Testing

Access to facilities used to provide services under this tariff shall be available to the Company at times mutually agreed upon in order to permit the Company to make tests and adjustments appropriate for maintaining the services in satisfactory operating condition. Such tests and adjustments shall be completed within a reasonable time. As set forth in 1.4.4(C)(4) following, (Credit Allowances for Service Interruptions) no credit will be allowed for any interruptions involved during such tests and adjustments.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

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1.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

1.3.5 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.

1.3.6 Design of Customer Services

Subject to the provisions of 1.1.7 preceding (Changes and Substitutions), the customer shall be solely responsible, at its own expense, for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangement of its services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations or procedures of the Company, minimum protection criteria or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

1.3.7 References to the Company

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

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

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1.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

1.3.8 Claims and Demands for Damages

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



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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)1.3.10 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)(C) Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access

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

(1) General

When a customer initially orders Switched Access Service, the customer shall state in its order the Percent Interstate Usage (PIU), Percent Intrastate InterLATA Usage (PIIU) and Percent Local 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
- Switched Entrance Facilities
- Direct Trunk Transport
- Switched Transport Multiplexing Equipment

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



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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)1.3.10 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)(C) Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access (Cont'd)(1) General (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 telephone number) is situated is an intrastate communication and every call for which the point of entry is a state other than that where the called station (as designated by the called station telephone number) is situated is an interstate communication\*.

The customer shall furnish to the Company annually a report of the actual factors on a statewide, LATA or billing account number level (at the option of the customer) on a local exchange company specific basis, separately for each of the services listed previously in 1.3.10 (C)(1). The customer, at its own option, may report revised factors more frequently if a change warrants an update before the annual period. These updates should be made to the Company on the first day of the next available quarter (January, July or October). The annual report of revised factors should be received by the first of March of each year. The report should include usage utilized to develop the factors being submitted.

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.

\* A PIU factor of 100% is not allowed for any service.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

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1.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

1.3.10 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)

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

(2) Feature Groups A and B

- (a) When a customer orders Feature Group A and/or Feature Group B Switched Access Service the customer shall, in its order, state the projected factors to be used for each Feature Group A and/or Feature Group B Switched Access Service group ordered. The term group shall be construed to mean single lines or trunks as well. 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 revised factors for the overall services provided. The revised report will serve as the basis for future billing and will be effective on the next bill date.
- (b) For multiline hunt group or trunk group arrangements where either the interstate or the intrastate charges are based on measured usage, the Feature Group A and/or Feature Group B Switched Access Service(s) information reported as set forth in (a) and (b) preceding will be used to determine the charges.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

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1.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

1.3.10 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)

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

(3) Feature Group C and D

(a) When a customer orders Feature Group C or Feature Group D Switched Access Service(s) the customer may provide the projected factors for each end office in its order. The Company, where the jurisdiction can be determined from the call detail, will bill the customer at the rates approved for that jurisdiction.

(b) The Company, where the jurisdiction can not be determined from the call detail, will determine the projected factors as follows:

(1) 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 factors.

(2) For terminating access minutes, the customer may supply the factors. If the customer does not supply terminating factors, the Company will use the originating access minute percentages to develop the projected factors for such terminating access minutes.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)1.3.10 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)(C) Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access (Cont'd)(3) Feature Groups C and D (Cont'd)

(c) For Switched Entrance Facilities, Switched Direct Trunk Transport, and Switched Transport Multiplexing, the company will develop factors based on originating plus terminating usage utilizing those facilities if the customer fails to provide updated factors.

(d) 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 factors for the 700 or 900 calls made.

(D) Billing Disputes Involving Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access

For Switched Access, if a billing dispute arises concerning the factors, the Company will ask the customer to provide the data the customer uses to determine the projected factors. The Company will not request such data more than once a year. The customer shall supply the data within thirty (30) days of the Company request. The customer shall keep, for a minimum of 12 months, records of call detail from which the factors were developed and upon request of the Company make the records available for inspection as reasonably necessary for purposes of verification of the factors. At a minimum for annual factor revisions, the information used by the Customer to support the revised factors must reflect usage (either actual or a representative sample) for each quarter of the prior calendar year. If the Customer refuses to provide supporting information, a default PIU of 50%, a default PIU of 50% and a default PLU of 0% will be used.

## ACCESS SERVICE

Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances1.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits(A) Deposits

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

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

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

## ACCESS SERVICE

Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)1.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)(B) Bill Dates

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

(1) End User Access Service and Presubscription

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

As a telecommunications company, the Company must make various payments to local, state, and federal departments and agencies, including, but not limited to, administration fees, inspection and supervision fees, and general public utility commission assessments. The Regulatory Assessment Surcharge ("RAS") is designed to help recover the cost of these payments. The Company assesses RAS on end-user customers based on the individual customer's respective interstate and international services invoiced multiplied by the applicable percentage as reflected at:

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)1.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)(B) Bill Dates (Cont'd)(2) Access Services Other Than End User and Presubscription

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

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

(C) Payment Dates and Late Payment Penalties

- (1) All bills dated as set forth in (B) (2) preceding for service, other than End User Service, provided to the customer by the 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.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

1.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

1.4.1 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**

JANUARY (31 DAYS)							FEBRUARY (28 DAYS)					MARCH (31 DAYS)					
1	6	11	16	21	26	31	5	10	15	20	25	2	7	12	17	22	27
1st BILL							1st PAYMENT					2nd PAYMENT					
DATE							DATE **					DATE					
(JAN 5)							2nd BILL					3rd BILL DATE					
CUSTOMER							DATE (FEB 5)					(MAR 5)					
CUSTOMER							CUSTOMER					CUSTOMER					



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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.4.1 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 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 Company in funds which are not immediately available to the Company, then a late payment penalty shall be due to the Company. The late payment penalty shall be the payment or the portion of the payment not received by the payment date times a late factor. The late factor shall be the lesser of:

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

(b) 0.000292 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 Company.

(D) Valid Billing Dispute

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

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

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

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

(D) Valid Billing Disputes (Cont'd)

If a customer does not dispute any charges and pays the bill, the bill period is considered closed and can not be changed in future periods without commission order or consent by both parties.

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

Late payment charges will apply to all amounts withheld by the customer pending settlement of the dispute. Late payment charges are calculated as set forth in (C)(2) preceding except when the customer disputes the bill on or before the payment date and pays the undisputed amount on or before the payment date. Corrections to billing, absent a formal contractual agreement regarding such, can be made for no more than 24 months from the date the correction was made known to the customer.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)1.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)(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 Company will refund any overpayment. In addition, the Company will pay to the customer penalty interest on the overpayment. When a claim is filed within 90 days of the due date, the penalty interest period shall begin on the payment date. When a claim is filed more than 90 days after the due date, the penalty interest period shall begin from the date of the claim or the date of overpayment, whichever is later.

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

- (1) the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved, or
- (2) 0.000292 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved.

(G) Proration of Charges

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

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)1.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)(H) 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).

1.4.2 Minimum Periods

The minimum period for which services are provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is one month except for usage rated services.

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

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

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

1.4.3 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions(A) General

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

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)1.4.3 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions(B) 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 Company is not afforded access to the premises where the service is terminated.
- (4) Interruptions of a service when the customer has released that service to the Company for maintenance purposes, to make rearrangements, or for the implementation of an order for a change in the service during the time that was negotiated with the customer prior to the release of that service. Thereafter, a credit allowance as set forth in (B) preceding applies.
- (5) Interruptions of a service which 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 Company's written notification of the need for such replacement and ends on the day after receipt by the Company of the customer's written authorization for such replacement.
- (6) Periods when the customer elects not to release the service for testing and/or repair and continues to use it on an impaired basis.
- (7) An interruption or a group of interruptions, resulting from a common cause, for amounts less than one dollar.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)1.4.3 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)(D) Use of an Alternative Service Provided by the Company

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

(E) Temporary Surrender of a Service

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

1.4.4 Title or Ownership Rights

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

1.4.5 Access Services Provided by More Than One Company

When an Access Service is provided by more than one Company, the Telephone Companies involved will mutually agree upon the use of either the Single Bill-Single Tariff or Multiple Bill-Multiple Tariff billing method. The Company will notify the customer in writing of the billing method being used.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)1.4.5 Access Services Provided by More Than One Company (Cont'd)(1) Single Bill-Single Tariff Option

The Single Bill-Single Tariff option allows the customer to receive one bill for access services that are provided by more than one company. The Single Bill-Single Tariff bill provides a meet point bill that is billed completely at the Bill Rendering Company's tariff rates and regulations. The Bill Rendering Company will determine and include on the access bill all usage data and all other recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges per its access tariff and forward the bill to the customer. The customer will remit the payment to the Bill Rendering Company.

(2) Multiple Bill-Multiple Tariff Option

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





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1.7 Access Services Billing

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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 Company.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.7 Access Services Billing (Cont'd)Billing Mediums (Cont'd)(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 Company of an order for electronic data transfer, the 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 Company will accept a request for change from one form of primary billing medium to another at no charge to the customer.

(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 3.3.3(F) following.

Additional copies of a customer's previous monthly access service bills will be provided in paper format, or magnetic tape/data transmission if the original bill was generated in this format. Requests for additional copies of previous monthly bills must be submitted in writing and shall specify the bill dates requested. Such a request, when not the result of a Company error will be subject to charges as set forth in 3.3.3(F) 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.

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1.8 Billing Name and Address (BNA) Service1.8.1 General Description

(A) Billing Name and Address (BNA) Service is the provision to an interstate telecommunications service provider (ITP) by the 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 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 1.8.1(B) (1) preceding will be provided, upon request, for

- listed/published telephone numbers
- unlisted/nonpublished telephone numbers where the Company has not been directed by the unlisted/nonpublished customer to restrict release of BNA information.

BNA information used in connection with 1.8.1(B) (2) and (3) preceding will be provided, upon request, for all telephone numbers assigned by the Company.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.8 Billing Name and Address (BNA) Service (Cont'd)1.8.2 Undertaking of the Company

- (A) A standard format for the receipt of BNA requests and the provision of BNA information will be established by the 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 Company makes no warranties, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of this information.
- (E) The Company will not disclose BNA information, as defined in 1.8.1 preceding, to parties other than ITPs and their authorized billing agents. BNA disclosure is limited to the activities detailed in 1.8.1(B) preceding.
- (F) The 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 Company will not process the order until such time as the ITP provides the requested information, where applicable.)

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1.8 Billing Name and Address (BNA) Service (Cont'd)1.8.3 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 1.8.1 preceding.
- (C) The customer shall not publicize or represent to others that the 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 Company the reason BNA information is required. The Company will not process the order until such time as the customer provides the requested information.

1.8.4 Rate Regulations

- (A) For each order for BNA information received by the 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 3.3.3(E) following.
- (B) The customer may order the response from the Company formatted on magnetic tape or computer diskette. The Optional Electronic Format Charge, specified in 3.3.3(E) following, will apply in addition to the BNA Order Charge and the BNA Record Charge.

## ACCESS SERVICE

Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.9 Rate Regulations1.9.1 Terminating Access Minutes

Terminating Premium Access or Non-Premium Access, per minute charge(s) apply to:

- 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.

1.9.2 Originating Access Minutes

The originating Premium Access or Non-Premium Access, per minute charge(s) apply to:

- all originating access minutes of use;
- 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 1.9.1 preceding.

## ACCESS SERVICE

Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.10 Presubscription

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, interstate 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 interstate MTS/WATS. No later than 85 days prior to conversion to Feature Group D in a serving end office, the Telephone Company will notify end users of the availability of equal access in their particular area. The notification will include the names of all ICs wishing to participate in the presubscription process. This notification will be sent via U.S. Mail to each end user of record served by the end office to be converted.
- (C) End users may select one of the following options at no charge:
- indicate a primary IC for all of its lines,
  - indicate a different IC for each of its lines.

Only one IC may be selected for each line or lines terminating in the same hunt group.

End users may designate that they do not want to presubscribe to any IC. The end user must arrange this designation by directly notifying the Telephone Company's business office. This choice will require the end user to dial an access code (10XXX or 101XXX) for all interstate 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 3.3.3(C) following applies.

- (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.



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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.10 Presubscription (Cont'd)

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 3.3.3(C) following, applies.

- (E) 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.

- (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 3.3.3(C) following, applies.

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Section 1 General Regulations (Cont'd)1.10 Presubscription (Cont'd)

- (G) If the new end user fails to designate an IC as its predesignated IC prior to the date of installation of Telephone Exchange Service, the Telephone Company will (1) allocate the end user to an IC based upon current IC presubscription ratios, (2) require the end user to dial an access code (10XXX or 101XXXX) for all interstate calls, or (3) block the end user from interstate calling. The end user will be notified which option will be applied if they fail to presubscribe to an IC. An allocated or blocked end user may designate another, 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 3.3.3(C) following applies.

- (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 canceling 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 canceling IC will then be billed by the Telephone Company the appropriate charge for each end user for a period of two years from the discontinuance of Feature Group D service.
- (I) The standard format for Letter of Authorization (LOA) processing of PIC changes requested by IC's is electronic (i.e., Magnetic Tape or Network Data Movers). The specifications for the standard format of information is identified in the procedures for Customer Account Record Exchange (CARE), industry support interface, maintained by BELLCORE as part of the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF) workgroup. A nonrecurring charge as set forth in 3.3.3(G) following will apply to IC's submitting paper LOA's.

1.11 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 3.3.3(D) will apply to the IC that requested the unauthorized PIC change. This charge is applied in addition to the PIC change charge set forth in 3.3.3(C).

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## ACCESS SERVICE

Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions

Certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

Access Code

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

Access Minutes

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

Access Order Charge

The Access Order Charge is applied to all customer requests for new, additions, changes or rearrangements to existing Special and Switched Access Service.

Access Service Request (ASR)

The term "Access Service Request" denotes the industry service order format used by Access Service Customers and Access Providers as agreed to by the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF).

Access Tandem

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

Additional Engineering

Additional Engineering will be undertaken only after the Telephone Company has notified the customer that additional engineering charges apply and the customer agrees to such charges.

Additional Labor

Additional Labor is that labor requested by the customer on a given service and agreed to by the Telephone Company.

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Section 2 Definitions2. 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.

Billing Name and Address (BNA) Service

"BNA Service" denotes the provision to an interstate 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.

Billed Number Screening Service

Billed Number Screening (BNS) provides automatic blocking of third number billing, collect billing or both.

Bridging

"Bridging" denotes two or more circuits from a location(s) with another circuit to a different location. The bridging functionality results in the termination of two or more circuits and the creation of a new circuit.

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 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.

C-Type Conditioning

C-Type Conditioning is provided for the additional control of attenuation distortion and envelope delay distortion on data services.

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 Common Line Access Service

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

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)Carrier or Common Carrier

See Interexchange Carrier.

CCS

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

Central Office

See End Office.

Central Office Maintenance Technician

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

Central Office Prefix

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

Channel(s)

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

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.

Channel Mileage

The Channel Mileage rate 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 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).

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)Channel Mileage Termination

The Channel Mileage Termination rate recovers the cost for end office equipment associated with terminating the facility.

Channel Termination

The Channel Termination rate recovers the costs associated with the communications path between a customer designated premises and the serving wire center of that premises.

Channelize

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

Coin Station

See Pay Telephone.

Coin Supervision Additive Services

Coin Supervision Additive Service provides the capability of central office line equipment to pass signals and/or tones from an exchange service line to a trunk terminating at the PSP's operator service provider.

Common Line

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

Common Channel Signaling

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

Company

The term "Company" is in reference to Windstream Communications, Inc..

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Conditioning

Conditioning provides more specific transmission characteristics for Voice Grade services.

Controller Arrangement

This arrangement enables the customer to control up to 48 transfer functions at a Telephone Company central officer via a remote keyboard terminal capable of either 300 or 1200 bps operation.

Customer(s)

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

Customer Specified Receive Level

This option allows the customer to specify the receive level at the Point of Termination.

Customer Designated Premises

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

D-Type (Data Capability) Conditioning

D-Type provides transmission characteristics suitable for data communications.

Design Change Charge

"Design Change Charge" denotes the charge incurred when a customer requests design change, which requires engineering review, to the service order or to the requested service date.

Detail Billing

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

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)Digital Switched 56 Service

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

Direct Trunked Facility

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.

Direct Trunked Termination

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.

Direct Trunked Transport

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

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.

Effective 2-Wire

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

Effective 4-Wire

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

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)End Office

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

End User

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

Enhanced Service

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

Entrance Facility

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

Entry Switch

See First Point of Switching.

Exchange Carrier

The term "Exchange Carrier" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, or corporation engaged in the provision of local exchange telephone service.

Exit Message

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



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2. Definitions (Cont'd)

Feature Group A

Feature Group A Access, which is available to all customers, provides line side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an associated seven digit local telephone number for the customer's use in originating communications from and terminating communications to an Interexchange Carrier's Interstate Service.

Feature Group B

Feature Group B Access, which is available to all customers, provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an associated uniform 950-XXXX access code.

Feature Group C

Feature Group C provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches for the customer's use in originating and terminating communications.

Feature Group D

Feature Group D, which is available to all customers, provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches.

Firm Order Confirmation (FOC)

The term "Firm Order Confirmation" denotes acknowledgment by the Company of receipt of an Access Service Request from the Customer and commitment by the Company of a service installation date.

First Point of Switching

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

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.

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)Host Central Office

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

Hub

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

Immediately Available Funds

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

Improved Return Loss for Effective Four-Wire Transmission

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.

Improved Return Loss for Effective Two-Wire Transmission

Provides for more stringent Echo Control specifications.

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.

Information Surcharge

Information surcharge rates are assessed to a customer based on the total number of access minutes.

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.

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)Installation and Repair Technician

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

Interconnection Charge

The Interconnection Charge recovers the costs associated with Local Transport that are not recovered by the Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport, Multiplexing, or dedicated signaling rates.

Interexchange Carrier (IC) or Interexchange Common Carrier

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

Intermodulation Distortion

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

Interstate Communications

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

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.

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)Legal Holiday

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

Line Side Connection

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

Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)

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

Local Switching

The Local Switching rate element established 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.

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.

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.

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)Miscellaneous Service Order Charge

A Miscellaneous Service Order Charge will apply to Telecommunications Service Priority requests that are ordered subsequent to the initial installation of the associated access service.

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.

Multiplexing (DS1 to DS0)

An arrangement that converts a 1.544 Mbps channel to 23 64.0 Kbps channels utilizing digital time division multiplexing.

Multiplexing (DS1 to Voice)

An arrangement that converts a 3.152 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.

Multiplexing (DS3 to DS1)

An arrangement that converts a 44.736 Mbps channel to 28 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

Multiplexing (DS4 to DS1)

An arrangement that converts a 274.176 Mbps channel to 168 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

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.

Non-Recurring Charges

The term "Non-Recurring Charges" denotes a one time initial charge for service or facilities, including but not limited to charges for construction, installation, customer service or special fees, for which the Customer becomes liable at the time the Service Order has been placed with the Company.

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)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.

On-hook

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

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.

Originating Line Screening (OLS)

OLS service enables customers to determine whether there are billing restrictions on lines from which a call is placed.

Out of Band Signaling

The term "Out of Band Signaling" denotes an exchange access signaling feature which allows customers to exchange call control and signaling information over a communications path which is separate from the message path.

Payphone Service Provider

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

Pay Telephone

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

Point of Presence (POP)

The term "Point of Presence" denotes a location where the Customer maintains a facility for purposes of interconnecting to the Company's network. Access charges will apply from the end office to the Customers designated POP.

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)Point of Termination

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

Premises

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

Presubscription

The term "Presubscription" denotes an arrangement whereby an end user may select and designate to the Company an Interexchange Carrier it wishes to access, without an access code, for completing interLATA and intraLATA calls. The selected IXC(s) are referred to as the end user's Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC).

Recurring Charges

The term "Recurring Charges" denotes the monthly charges to the Customer from the Company for services, facilities, and equipment which continue until the Customer places an order to terminate the specific application.

Release Message

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

Selective Signaling Arrangement per Arrangement

An arrangement that permits code selective ringing for up to ten codes on a multipoint service.

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 Date Change Charge

"Service Date Change Charge" denotes the charge incurred when a customer requests a change of service date to either an earlier or later date which does not exceed 30 calendar days from the original service date on a pending Access Order.

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Section 2 Definitions

2. Definitions (Cont'd)

Service Order

The term "Service Order" denotes the written request for services by the Customer to the Company, in an Access Services Request (ASR) format.

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

Signaling Capability

Signaling Capability provides for the ability to transmit signals from one customer premises to another customer premises on the same service.

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 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.

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Section 2 Definitions

2. Definitions (Cont'd)

Subscriber Line Charge

Subscriber Line Charges are recurring monthly rates charged to residence and business lines, used to recover a portion of the NTS local loop costs.

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.

Switched Access Service

The term "Switched Access Service" denotes the provision of a two-point communications path between a customer designated premises and an end users premises that is switched in the central office. It provides for the use of common line plant, switching, trunking facilities and transport facilities. Switched Access service is provided as Feature Group D, trunk side service.

Tandem Switched Facility

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.

Tandem Switched Termination

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

Tandem Switched Transport

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

Tandem Switching

The Tandem Switching rate recovers a portion of the costs of switching traffic through an access tandem.

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)Telecommunications Service Priority

A Telecommunications Service Priority charge applies 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.

Telephoto Capability

Telephoto Capability provides transmission characteristics suitable for telephotographic communications.

Terminating Direction

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

Transmission Path

The term "Transmission Path" denotes an electrical path capable of transmitting signals within the range of the service offering. 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.

Unauthorized PIC Changes

An "Unauthorized PIC Change" denotes if an IC requests a Primary Interchange Carrier (PIC) change on behalf of a billed party 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. The charge will apply to the IC that requested the unauthorized PIC change.

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Section 2 Definitions

2. 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 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 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.

Zone

Zone pricing is the application of rates and charges on a zoned or a nonzoned basis. Zoned rates and charges apply when these services, features and functions are provided in a pricing zone. Nonzoned rates and charges apply when these services, features and functions are provided outside of a pricing zone. Zone one prices apply to exchanges less than 5,001 access lines. Zone two prices apply to exchanges greater than 5,000 access lines but less than 15,001 access lines. Zone three prices are for exchanges in excess of 15,000 access lines.

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Section 3 Rates and Charges

3.1 Switched Access Service

3.1.1 Nonrecurring Charges

(A) Local Transport - Installation

- Per Entrance Facility

Voice Grade Two Wire

Arkansas	\$166.00 initial/\$116.00 additional
North Carolina	\$293.50 initial/\$113.52 additional
Pennsylvania	\$755.25 initial/\$256.50 additional

Voice Grade Four Wire

Arkansas	\$201.00 initial/\$149.00 additional
North Carolina	\$298.96 initial/\$118.93 additional
Pennsylvania	\$755.52 initial/\$256.50 additional

High Capacity DS1

Arkansas	\$600.00 initial/\$456.00 additional
North Carolina	\$823.62 initial/\$462.49 additional
Pennsylvania	\$883.50 initial/\$285.00 additional

High Capacity DS3

Arkansas	\$605.00 initial/\$496.00 additional
North Carolina	\$826.98 initial/\$406.49 additional
Pennsylvania	\$1,710.00 initial/\$1,710.00 additional

(B) Interim NXX Translation

- Per Order

Non Recurring Charge

Arkansas	\$78.65
North Carolina	\$40.00
Pennsylvania	\$40.00

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Section 3 Rates and Charges3.1 Switched Access Service3.1.1 Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)(C) Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI)

- Per CIC Per End Office

Non Recurring Charge

Arkansas	\$525.00
North Carolina	\$525.00
Pennsylvania	\$525.00

(D) Trunk Activation Charge- Per 24 Trunks activated or fraction  
on a per order basisNon Recurring Charge

Arkansas	\$100.00
North Carolina	\$100.00
Pennsylvania	\$100.00

(E) FGC and FGD SS7\MF Signalling Trunk Group Conversion Charge

- Per 24 Trunks or fraction converted

Non Recurring Charge

Arkansas	\$100.00
North Carolina	\$100.00
Pennsylvania	\$100.00

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Section 3 Rates and Charges3.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)3.1.2 Local Transport

(A) Filing Entity : Arkansas

<u>Entrance Facility Per Termination</u>		<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	<u>Zone 3</u>
Voice Grade Two Wire	- per month	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Voice Grade Four Wire	- per month	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
High Capacity DS1	- per month	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00
High Capacity DS3	- per month	\$1,755.00	\$1,755.00	\$1,755.00

Direct Trunked Transport

- Direct Trunked Facility per Mile per month

Voice Grade Two Wire	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.12
Voice Grade Four Wire	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.12
High Capacity DS1	\$ 16.80	\$ 16.80	\$ 16.80
High Capacity DS3	\$118.00	\$118.00	\$118.00

- Direct Trunked Termination per month

Voice Grade Two Wire	\$ 17.46	\$ 17.46	\$ 17.46
Voice Grade Four Wire	\$ 17.46	\$ 17.46	\$ 17.46
High Capacity DS1	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
High Capacity DS3	\$815.00	\$815.00	\$815.00

Multiplexing per Arrangement

DS3 to DS1 per Month DS3	\$455.00	\$455.00	\$455.00
DS1 to Voice per Month	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00

Tandem Switched Transport\*

- Tandem Switched Facility

per Originating Access Minute per Mile

Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.000000 (R) #	\$0.000000 (R) #	\$0.000000 (R) #	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.000000 (R) #	\$0.000000 (R) #	\$0.000000 (R) #	(C)
per Terminating Access Minute per Mile	\$0.000003	\$0.000003	\$0.000003	

- Tandem Switched Termination

per Originating Access Minute  
per Termination

Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.000000 (R) #	\$0.000000 (R) #	\$0.000000 (R) #	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.000000 (R) #	\$0.000000 (R) #	\$0.000000 (R) #	(C)
per Terminating Access Minute per Termination	\$0.000053	\$0.000053	\$0.000053	

- Tandem Switching

per Originating Access Minute

Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.000358 (I)	\$0.000358 (I)	\$0.000358 (I)	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.000358 (I)	\$0.000358 (I)	\$0.000358 (I)	(C)
per Terminating Access Minute	\$0.000288	\$0.000288	\$0.000288	

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(A) Filing Entity: North Carolina

<u>Entrance Facility Per Termination</u>		<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	<u>Zone 3</u>
Voice Grade Two Wire	- per month	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00
Voice Grade Four Wire	- per month	\$ 52.25	\$ 52.25	\$ 52.25
High Capacity DS1	- per month	\$ 127.12	\$ 127.12	\$ 127.12
High Capacity DS3	- per month	\$1,995.00	\$1,995.00	\$1,995.00

Direct Trunked Transport

- Direct Trunked Facility per Mile per month

Voice Grade Two Wire	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.90
Voice Grade Four Wire	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.90
High Capacity DS1	\$ 21.85	\$ 21.85	\$ 21.85
High Capacity DS3	\$166.25	\$166.25	\$166.25

- Direct Trunked Termination per month

Voice Grade Two Wire	\$ 27.55	\$ 27.55	\$ 27.55
Voice Grade Four Wire	\$ 27.55	\$ 27.55	\$ 27.55
High Capacity DS1	\$ 85.50	\$ 85.50	\$ 85.50
High Capacity DS3	\$1,140.00	\$1,140.00	\$1,140.00

Multiplexing per Arrangement

DS3 to DS1 per Month DS3	\$455.00	\$455.00	\$455.00
DS1 to Voice per Month	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00

Tandem Switched Transport\*

AT&amp;T Territory

- Tandem Switched Facility

per Originating Access Minute per Mile

Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.00000 (R) #	\$0.00000 (R) #	\$0.00000 (R) #	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.00000 (R) #	\$0.00000 (R) #	\$0.00000 (R) #	(C)
Per Terminating Access minute per Mile	\$0.000020	\$0.000020	\$0.000020	

- Tandem Switched Termination

per Originating Access Minute per Termination

Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.00000 (R) #	\$0.00000 (R) #	\$0.00000 (R) #	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.00000 (R) #	\$0.00000 (R) #	\$0.00000 (R) #	(C)
Per Terminating Access minute per Termination	\$0.000168	\$0.000168	\$0.000168	

- Tandem Switching

per Originating Access Minute

Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.001000 (R)	\$0.001000 (R)	\$0.001000 (R)	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.001000 (R)	\$0.001000 (R)	\$0.001000 (R)	(C)
Per Terminating Access Minute	\$0.001145	\$0.001145	\$0.001145	

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(A) Filing Entity: North Carolina (Cont'd)

Tandem Switched Transport\* (Cont'd)

	<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	
CenturyLink Territory			
- Tandem Switched Facility			
per Originating Access Minute per Mile			
Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.000026	\$0.000026	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.00000 (R) **	\$0.00000 (R) **	(C)
per Terminating Access Minute per Mile	\$0.000026	\$0.000026	
- Tandem Switched Termination			
per Originating Access Minute per Termination			
Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.000226	\$0.000226	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.00000 (R) **	\$0.00000 (R) **	(C)
per Terminating Access Minute per Termination	\$0.000226	\$0.000226	
- Tandem Switching			
per Originating Access Minute			
Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.000639	\$0.000639	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.001000 (I)	\$0.001000 (I)	(C)
per Terminating Access Minute	\$0.000639	\$0.000639	

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3.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

3.1.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)



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3.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

3.1.2 Local Transport (Cont'd.)

(A) Filing Entity: Pennsylvania (Cont'd.)

Tandem Switched Transport\*

Verizon PA and Verizon North Territory

- Tandem Switched Facility				(M)
per Originating Access Minute per Mile				
Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.000002	\$0.000002	\$0.000002	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.000000 (R) **	\$0.000000 (R) **	\$0.000000 (R) **	(C)
per Terminating Access Minute per Mile	\$0.000002	\$0.000002	\$0.000002	
- Tandem Switched Termination				
per Access Minute per Termination	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	
- Tandem Switching				
per Originating Access Minute				
Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.001574	\$0.001574	\$0.001574	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.001000 (R)	\$0.001000 (R)	\$0.001000 (R)	(C)
per Terminating Access Minute	\$0.001574	\$0.001574	\$0.001574	

CenturyLink

- Tandem Switched Facility				
per Originating Access Minute per Mile				
Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.000022	\$0.000022	\$0.000022	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.000000 (R) **	\$0.000000 (R) **	\$0.000000 (R) **	(C)
per Terminating Access Minute per Mile	\$0.000022	\$0.000022	\$0.000022	
- Tandem Switched Termination				
per Access Minute per Termination				
Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.000449	\$0.000449	\$0.000449	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.000000 (R) **	\$0.000000 (R) **	\$0.000000 (R) **	(C)
per Access Minute per Termination	\$0.000449	\$0.000449	\$0.000449	
- Tandem Switching				
per Originating Access Minute				
Non-8YY Traffic	\$0.001438	\$0.001438	\$0.001438	(C)
8YY Traffic	\$0.001000 (R)	\$0.001000 (R)	\$0.001000 (R)	(C)
per Terminating Access Minute	\$0.001438	\$0.001438	\$0.001438	

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3.1.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

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(D) 800/888 Data Base Access Service Queries

800/888 Data Base Query charges apply on a per completed query basis.

Basic Query and Enhanced Query

	<u>July 1, 2021 -</u> <u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>July 1, 2022 -</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>On and After</u> <u>July 1, 2023</u>	(C)
Arkansas	\$0.0025310 (R)	\$0.0013655 (R)	\$0.0002000 (R)	
North Carolina				
CenturyLink	\$ .003000	\$0.0016000 (R)	\$0.0002000 (R)	
Pennsylvania				
Verizon	\$ .003000	\$0.0016000 (R)	\$0.0002000 (R)	
Version North	\$ .003000	\$0.0016000 (R)	\$0.0002000 (R)	
CenturyLink	\$ .003000	\$0.0016000 (R)	\$0.0002000 (R)	(C)

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Non-8YY Originating Rate per Access Minute

<u>Filing Entity</u>	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Arkansas (SW Bell)			
August 2, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$0.012815 (R)	\$0.012815 (R)	\$0.012815 (R) (C)
On and after July 1, 2023	\$0.000000 (R)	\$0.000000 (R)	\$0.000000 (R) (C)
North Carolina			
BellSouth			
August 2, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$0.001063 (R)	\$0.001063 (R)	\$0.001063 (R) (C)
On and after July 1, 2023	\$0.000000 (R)	\$0.000000 (R)	\$0.000000 (R) (C)
CenturyLink	\$0.003735	\$0.003735	N/A
Pennsylvania			
Verizon	\$0.002406	\$0.002406	\$0.002406
CenturyLink	\$0.003892	\$0.003892	\$0.003892

8YY Originating Rate per Access Minute

<u>Filing Entity</u>	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Arkansas (SW Bell)			
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$0.0012815	\$0.0012815	\$0.0012815
On and after July 1, 2023	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000
North Carolina			
BellSouth			
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$0.001063	\$0.001063	\$0.001063
On and after July 1, 2023	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000
CenturyLink	\$0.003735	\$0.003735	N/A
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$0.0018675	\$0.0018675	N/A
On and after July 1, 2023	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000	N/A
Pennsylvania			
Verizon	\$0.002406	\$0.002406	\$0.002406
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$0.001203	\$0.001203	\$0.001203
On and after July 1, 2023	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000
CenturyLink	\$0.003892	\$0.003892	\$0.003892
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$0.001946	\$0.001946	\$0.001946
On and after July 1, 2023	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000

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3.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

3.1.3 End Office (Cont'd)

(A) Local Switching (Cont'd)

(1) Premium Rates (Cont'd)

Terminating Rate per Access Minute

<u>Filing Entity</u>	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Arkansas	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000
North Carolina	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000
Pennsylvania	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000

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(B) Terminating End Office Charge

Terminating Rate per Access Minute

<u>Filing Entity</u>	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Pennsylvania	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000

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3.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

3.1.4 Assumed Minutes of Use

	<u>Assumed Minutes Per Month</u>
(A) Feature Group A, Two Way Calling (1,510 Originating, 2,685 Terminating)	4,195
(B) Feature Group A, Originating Only	1,510
(C) Feature Group A, Terminating Only	2,685
(D) Feature Group B, Two Way Calling (3,132 Originating, 5,568 Terminating)	8,700
(E) Feature Group B, Originating Only	3,132
(F) Feature Group B, Terminating Only	5,568



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- Per Order

	<u>Rate</u>
Arkansas	\$17.00
North Carolina	\$17.00
Pennsylvania	\$17.00

(B) Service Date Change Charge

A Service Date Change Charge will apply, on a per order per occurrence basis, for each service date changed. The Access Order Charge as specified in 3.4.1(A) preceding does not apply. The applicable charge is:

- Per Order

	<u>Rate</u>
Arkansas	\$30.00
North Carolina	\$30.00
Pennsylvania	\$30.00

(C) Design Change Charge

The Design Change Charge will apply on a per order per occurrence basis, for each order requiring design change. The applicable charge is:

- Per Order

	<u>Rate</u>
Arkansas	\$30.00
North Carolina	\$30.00
Pennsylvania	\$30.00

(D) Miscellaneous Service Order Charge

- Per Order

	<u>Rate</u>
Arkansas	\$30.00
North Carolina	\$30.00
Pennsylvania	\$30.00



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- Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof

<u>Filing Entity</u>	<u>Basic Time Rate</u>
Arkansas	\$26.24
North Carolina	\$26.24
Pennsylvania	\$26.24

  

<u>Filing Entity</u>	<u>Over Time* Rate</u>
Arkansas	\$31.65
North Carolina	\$31.65
Pennsylvania	\$31.65

  

<u>Filing Entity</u>	<u>Premium Time* Rate</u>
Arkansas	\$36.67
North Carolina	\$36.67
Pennsylvania	\$36.67

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

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3.3 Other Services (Cont'd)

3.3.3 Miscellaneous Services

(A) Telecommunications Service Priority

- Per service arranged	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
Arkansas	\$50.00
North Carolina	\$50.00
Pennsylvania	\$50.00

(B) Controller Arrangement

- Per arrangement	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Arkansas	\$100.00
North Carolina	\$100.00
Pennsylvania	\$100.00

(C) Presubscription

- Per Telephone Exchange Service Line or Trunk*	<u>Simultaneous</u>	
	<u>InterLATA Only</u> PIC Change	<u>InterLATA and IntraLATA</u> PIC Change**
<u>Filing Entity</u>	<u>Electronic/Manual#</u>	<u>Electronic/Manual#</u>
Arkansas	\$1.25/\$5.50	\$0.63/\$2.75
North Carolina	\$1.25/\$5.50	\$0.63/\$2.75
Pennsylvania	\$1.25/\$5.50	\$0.63/\$2.75

\* This charge is billed to the end user who is the subscriber to the Telephone Exchange Service. In the event an end user is incorrectly presubscribed due to misassignment on the on the part of the Telephone company, no charge shall apply. In the event an end user is incorrectly presubscribed to misassignment on the part of the IC, and the IC is unable to document such an assignment, the Telephone Company will apply the charge to the IC responsible for the misassignment of the end user and assign the end user to an IC of the end user's choice.

\*\* This charge applies only to the interLATA PIC. The intraLATA PIC will be billed out of the appropriate Intrastate Access Tariff.

# As used above, manual methods are (1) personal interaction between a customer, or a person acting on behalf of a customer, and a Telephone Company employee; and (2) any facsimile or written submissions from a customer, or a person acting on behalf of a customer, to a Telephone Company service center. Electronic methods shall include all other methods. If a request utilizing an electronic method results in manual processing, the electronic nonrecurring charge shall apply upon completion of the request.

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3.3 Other Services (Cont'd)

3.3.3 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(D) Unauthorized PIC Changes

- Per Telephone Exchange Service Line or Trunk\*

Nonrecurring Charge

Arkansas	\$42.50
North Carolina	\$42.50
Pennsylvania	\$42.50

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3.3 Other Services (Cont'd)

3.3.3 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(E) Billing Name and Address Service

Regulations concerning Billing Name and Address (BNA) Service are set forth in 1.8 preceding.

<u>Filing Entity</u>	<u>Non Recurring Charge*</u>	<u>Record Charge**</u>
Arkansas	\$50.00	\$1.00
North Carolina	\$50.00	\$1.00
Pennsylvania	\$50.00	\$1.00

BNA Electronic Format Charges

<u>Filing Entity</u>	<u>Magnetic Tape</u>
Arkansas	\$25.00
North Carolina	\$25.00
Pennsylvania	\$25.00

(F) Access Services Billing

Regulations concerning Access Services Billing are set forth in 1.7 preceding.

- All States

(1) <u>Secondary Bill</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Standard Paper (per page)	\$0.03
Magnetic Tape (per tape)	\$39.50
Data Transmission (per transmission)	\$20.25
(2) <u>Additional Copies</u>	<u>Non Recurring Charge</u>
Standard Paper (per page)	\$0.06
Magnetic Tape (per tape)	\$48.00
Data Transmission (per transmission)	\$28.00

(G) Letter of Authorization (LOA) Processing

Regulations concerning LOA Processing are set forth in 1.10(I) preceding.

- All States	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
- per telephone number	\$0.75

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## 3.4 End User Access Service

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## 3.4.1 Description

The Company will provide End User Access Service (End User Access) to end users who obtain from the Company any communications services (voice, data or other functionally equivalent service), including all TDM and IP based communications services, on a stand alone or integrated product basis, under the Company's local exchange tariff or under the terms of a service agreement. An End User subscribing to any Company communications service, regardless of technology, who has the ability to access the public switched telephone network via this access service shall be subject to a monthly recurring charges for the Network Access Charge (NAC) / Federal Subscriber Line Charge (FSLC) and the Access Recovery Charge (ARC). NAC / FLSC and ARC shall be billed to customers purchasing any service that is subject to NAC and ARC under the provisions of this tariff even if NAC or ARC had not been previously applied to a particular service. A telephone number is not provided with End User Access. Detail billing is not provided with End User Access. Directory listings are not included with End User Access. Intercept arrangements are not included with End User Access.

## 3.4.2 Payment Arrangements

## A. Minimum Period

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

## B. Cancellation of Application

End User Access is canceled when the order for the associated local telephone exchange service is canceled.

## C. Changes to Orders

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

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- 3.4 End User Access Service (Cont'd.) (N)
- 3.4.3 Rate Regulations |
- The applicable End User Access Services including the Network Access Charge (NAC) / Federal Subscriber Line Charge (FSLC) or Access Recovery Charge (ARC) shall be billed to the End User of the associated local telephone exchange or functionally equivalent services, including, but not limited to VoIP or any integrated product that includes or permits access to VoIP services. The NAC / FSLC and ARC shall be assessed at one per access line (SLC), 5 per Primary Rate Interface (PRI) or PRI like services, and 24, per T1 for customers subscribing to local exchange and long distance services unless otherwise specified in the Customer's agreement. For other communications services the NAC / FSLC rate shall be assessed as a multiple of the base rate as set forth below. Some Windstream services that provide an End User with more than 1.5Mbps bandwidth are provided by aggregating multiple DSL facilities to serve the End User's premise. |
- 3.4.4 Rates and Charges |
- A. Network Access Charge / Federal Subscriber Line Charge |
- |              |        |  |
|--------------|--------|--|
| Arkansas     | \$9.20 |  |
| Nebraska     | \$9.20 |  |
| Pennsylvania | \$9.20 |  |
- B. Access Recovery Charge - In All Service Territories |
- |                      |        |  |
|----------------------|--------|--|
| Residential          | \$2.50 |  |
| Single-Line Business | \$2.50 |  |
| Multi-Line Business  | \$5.00 |  |
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3.5 Universal Service Fund Surcharge

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In addition to all other rates, taxes and surcharges in this tariff, all end users will be assessed a Universal Service Charge on all interstate and international charges. All products offered under this tariff are subject to this surcharge including, but not limited to, commercial and residential 1+ and 800/888/877 direct dial products, TRS, calling card and Operator Services. This surcharge will be applied to all charges including recurring, non-recurring, minimum usage and surcharges or special charges for service. This surcharge will appear as a separate line item on each customer's bill and is subject to change as mandated by the FCC and by the independent organization (USAC) that administers this federal program.

Universal Service - The applicable percentage rate is determined by the Federal Communications Commission and may vary by calendar quarter. For the most current rate in effect please refer to:

<https://www.windstream.com/About-Us/Tariffs/>

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