

ACCESS SERVICE

REGULATIONS, RATES AND CHARGES

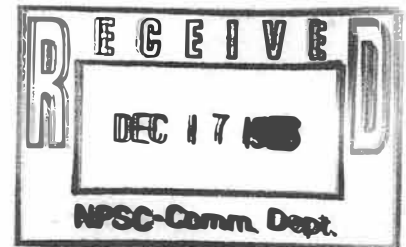
Applying to the provision of Access Services  
within a Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) for  
Connection to Intrastate Communications Facilities  
for customers within the operating  
territory of

GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

in the following rate centers located  
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Arnold	Culbertson	North Bend	Stratton	
Bancroft	Deshler	Oakdale	Sutherland	
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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

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

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

- ac - Alternating Current
- AML - Actual Measured Loss
- ANI - Automatic Number Identification
- AT&T - American Telephone and Telegraph Company
- BHMC - Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity
- CCS - Hundred Call Seconds
- CO - Central Office
- Cont. - Continued
- CPE - Customer Premises Equipment
- DA - Directory Assistance
- dB - Decibel
- dBrnC - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting
- dBrnC0 - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighted 0
- dBv - Decibel(s) Relative to 1 Volt (Reference)
- dBv1 - Decibel(s) Relating to 1 Volt (Reference)
- dc - Direct Current
- EDD - Envelope Delay Distortion
- ELEPL - Equal Level Echo Path Loss
- EML - Expected Measured Loss
- EPL - Echo Path Loss
- ERL - Echo Return Loss

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EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS (Cont.)

ETV	-	Educational Television
F.C.C.	-	Federal Communications Commission
FX	-	Foreign Exchange
IC	-	Interstate Customer
ICL	-	Inserted Connection Loss
Kbps	-	Kilobits Per Second
kHz	-	Kilohertz
LATA	-	Local Access and Transport Area
ma	-	Milliamperes
Mbps	-	Megabits Per Second
MHz	-	Megahertz
MTS	-	Message Telecommunications Service(s)
NPA	-	Numbering Plan Area
NTS	-	Non-Traffic Sensitive
NXX	-	Three-Digit Central Office Code
OTPL	-	Zero Transmission Level Point
PBX	-	Private Branch Exchange
PCM	-	Pulse Code Modulation
PL	-	Private Line
POT	-	Point of Termination
rms	-	Root-Mean-Square
SRL	-	Singing Return Loss
SWC	-	Serving Wire Center
TES	-	Telephone Exchange Service(s)
TLP	-	Transmission Level Point
VG	-	Voice Grade
V & H	-	Vertical and Horizontal
WATS	-	Wide Area Telecommunications Service(s)

REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

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

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SECTION 1. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

- 1.1 This Tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of End User Access, Switched Access Services, Special Access Services, and other miscellaneous services, hereinafter referred to collectively as service(s), provided by Great Plains Communications, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Telephone Company, to customers.
- 1.2 The provision of such services by the Telephone Company as set forth in this Tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the customer for the furnishing of any service.

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SECTION 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

2.1.1 Scope

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

2.1.2 Limitations

- (A) The customer may not assign or transfer the use of services provided under this Tariff except where there is no interruption of use or relocation of the services. In such cases, such assignment or transfer may be made to:
  - (1) Another customer, whether an individual, partnership, association, or corporation, provided the assignee or transferee assumes all outstanding indebtedness for such services, and the unexpired portion of the

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2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont.)

2.1.2 Limitations (Cont.)

minimum period and the termination liability applicable to such services, if any; or

- (2) A court-appointed receiver, trustee or other person acting pursuant to law in bankruptcy, receivership, reorganization, insolvency, liquidation or other similar proceedings, provided the assignee or transferee assumes the unexpired portion of the minimum period and the termination liability applicable to such services, if any.

In all cases of assignment or transfer, the written acknowledgment of the Telephone Company is required prior to such assignment or transfer which 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 transfer or from remaining jointly or severally liable with the assignee or transferee for any obligations existing at the time of the assignment or transfer.

- (B) Where a shortage of facilities or equipment exists at any time, either for temporary or protracted periods, the services offered herein will be provided to customers on a first come, first served basis.

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SECTION 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont.)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont.)

2.1.3 Liability

- (A) The Telephone Company's liability, if any, for its willful misconduct is not limited by this Tariff. With respect to any other claim or suit by a customer, or by any others, for damages associated with the installation, provision, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of service, and subject to the provisions of (B) through (G) following, the Telephone Company's liability, if any, shall not exceed an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the service for the period during which the service was affected. This liability for damages shall be in addition to any amounts that may otherwise be due the customer under this Tariff as a Credit Allowance for a Service Interruption.
- (B) The Telephone Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any other carrier or customer providing a portion of a service, nor shall the Telephone Company for its own act or omission hold liable any other carrier or customer providing a portion of a service.
- (C) The Telephone Company is not liable for damages to the customer premises resulting from the furnishing of a service, including the installation and removal of equipment and associated wiring, unless the damage is caused by the Telephone Company's negligence.
- (D) The Telephone Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the customer against

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2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont.)

2.1.3 Liability (Cont.)

any claim, loss or damage arising from the customer's use of services offered under this Tariff, involving:

- (1) Claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from the customer's own communications;
  - (2) Claims for patent infringement arising from the customer's acts combining or using the service furnished by the Telephone Company in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by the customer or;
  - (3) All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in the course of using services provided pursuant to this Tariff.
- (E) The Telephone Company does not guarantee or make any warranty with respect to its services when used in an explosive atmosphere. The Telephone Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the customer from any and all claims by any person relating to such customer's use of the services so provided.
- (F) No license under patents (other than the limited license to use) is granted by the Telephone Company or shall be implied or arise by estoppel, with respect to any service offered under this Tariff. The Telephone Company will defend the customer

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2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont.)

2.1.3 Liability (Cont.)

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) The Telephone Company's failure to provide or maintain services under this Tariff shall be excused by labor difficulties, governmental orders, civil commotions, acts of God and other circumstances beyond the Telephone Company's reasonable control, subject to the Credit Allowance for a Service Interruption as set forth in 2.4.3 following.

2.1.4 Provision of Services

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

2.1.5 Installation and Termination of Services

The services provided under this Tariff (A) will include any entrance cable or drop wiring and wire or intra-building network cable to that point where provision is made for termination of the Telephone Company's outside distribution network facilities at a suitable location

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2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont.)

2.1.5 Installation and Termination of Services (Cont.)

inside a customer-designated premises and (B) will be installed by the Telephone Company to such Point of Termination.

2.1.6 Maintenance of Services

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

2.1.7 Changes and Substitutions

The Telephone Company may, where such action is lawful and reasonably required in the operation of its business, (A) substitute, change or rearrange any facilities used in providing service under this Tariff, (B) change minimum protection criteria, (C) change operating or maintenance characteristics of facilities or (D) change operations or procedures of the Telephone Company. The Telephone Company shall not be responsible if any such substitution, change or rearrangement renders any customer furnished services obsolete or requires modification or alteration thereof or otherwise affects their use or performance. If such substitution, change or rearrangement materially affects the operating characteristics of the facility, the Telephone Company will provide reasonable notification to the customer. Reasonable time will be allowed for any redesign and

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2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont.)

2.1.7 Changes and Substitutions (Cont.)

implementation required by the change in operating characteristics. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine notification requirements.

2.1.8 Discontinuance and Refusal of Services

- (A) Unless the provisions of 2.2.1(B) or 2.5 following apply, if a customer fails to comply with 2.1.6 preceding or 2.2.2, 2.3.1, 2.3.4, 2.3.5 or 2.4 following, including any payments to be made by it on the dates and times herein specified, the Telephone Company may, on thirty (30) days written notice by certified U.S. Mail to the person designated by that customer to receive such notices of noncompliance, refuse additional applications for service and/or refuse to complete any pending orders for service by the non-complying customer at any time thereafter.

If the Telephone Company does not refuse additional applications for service on the date specified in the thirty (30) days' notice, and the customer's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the Telephone Company's right to refuse additional applications for service to the non-complying customer without further notice.

- (B) Unless the provisions of 2.2.1(B) or 2.5 following apply, if a customer fails to comply with 2.1.6 preceding or 2.2.2, 2.3.1, 2.3.4, 2.3.5, or 2.4 following, including any payments to be made by it

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2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont.)

2.1.8 Discontinuance and Refusal of Services (Cont.)

on the dates and times herein specified, the Telephone Company may, on thirty (30) days' written notice by Certified U.S. Mail to the person designated by that customer to receive such notices of noncompliance, discontinue the provision of the services to the non-complying customer at any time thereafter. In the case of such discontinuance, all applicable charges, including termination charges, shall become due. If the Telephone Company does not discontinue the provision of the services involved on the date specified in the thirty (30) days' notice, and the customer's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the Telephone Company's right to discontinue the provision of the services to the non-complying customer without further notice.

2.1.9 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities

The Telephone Company will provide the customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to 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; rather, they affect many customer services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service activities. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine the notification requirements.

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SECTION 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont.)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont.)

2.1.10 Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies

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

2.1.11 Provision and Ownership of Telephone Numbers

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

2.2 Use

2.2.1 Interference or Impairment

(A) The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment provided by other than the Telephone Company and associated with the facilities utilized to provide services under this Tariff shall not interfere with or impair service over any facilities of the Telephone Company, its affiliated companies, or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its services, cause damage to their plant, impair

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SECTION 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont.)

2.2 Use (Cont.)

2.2.1 Interference or Impairment (Cont.)

the privacy of any communications carried over their facilities or create hazards to the employees of any of them or the public.

- (B) If such characteristics or methods of operation are not in accordance with (A) preceding, the Telephone Company will, where practicable, notify the customer that temporary discontinuance of the use of a service may be required; however, where prior notice is not practicable, nothing contained herein shall be deemed to preclude the Telephone Company's right to temporarily discontinue forthwith the use of a service if such action is reasonable under the circumstances. In case of such temporary discontinuance, the customer will be promptly notified and afforded the opportunity to correct the condition which gave rise to the temporary discontinuance. During such period of temporary discontinuance, credit allowance for service interruptions as set forth in 2.4.3 following is not applicable.

2.2.2 Unlawful Use

The services provided under this Tariff shall not be used for an unlawful purpose.

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SECTION 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont.)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer

2.3.1 Damages

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

2.3.2 Ownership of Facilities and Theft

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

2.3.3 Equipment Space and Power

The customer shall furnish or arrange to have furnished to the Telephone Company, at no charge, equipment space and electrical power required by the Telephone Company to provide services under this Tariff at the points of

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SECTION 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont.)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont.)

2.3.3 Equipment Space and Power (Cont.)

termination of such services. The selection of AC or DC power shall be mutually agreed to by the customer and the Telephone Company. The customer shall also make necessary arrangements in order that the Telephone Company will have access to such spaces at reasonable times for installing, testing, repairing or removing Telephone Company services.

2.3.4 Availability for Testing

The services provided under this Tariff shall be available to the Telephone Company at times mutually agreed upon in order to permit the Telephone Company to make tests and adjustments appropriate for maintaining the services in satisfactory operating condition. Such tests and adjustments shall be completed within a reasonable time. No credit will be allowed for any interruptions involved during such tests and adjustments.

2.3.5 Balance

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

2.3.6 Design of Customer Services

Subject to the provisions of 2.1.7 preceding, the customer shall be solely responsible, at its own expense, for the overall design of its services and for

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SECTION 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont.)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont.)

2.3.8 Claims and Demands for Damages (Cont.)

Company's services provided under this Tariff, including, without limitation, Workmen's Compensation claims, actions for infringement of copyright and/or unauthorized use of program material, libel and slander actions based on the content of communications transmitted over the customer's circuits, facilities or equipment, and proceedings to recover taxes, fines, or penalties for failure of the customer to obtain or maintain in effect any necessary certificates, permits, licenses, or other authority to acquire or operate the services provided under this Tariff; provided, however, the foregoing indemnification shall not apply to suits, claims, and demands to recover damages for damage to property, death, or personal injury unless such suits, claims or demands are based on the tortuous conduct of the customer, its officers, agents or employees.

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

2.3.9 Coordination With Respect to Network Contingencies

The customer shall, in cooperation with the Telephone Company, coordinate in planning the actions to be taken to maintain maximum network capability following

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont.)

2.3.9 Coordination With Respect to Network Contingencies  
(Cont.)

natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications services.

2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report Requirements

(A) Jurisdictional Reports

(1) a) When a customer orders Feature Group A Switched Access Service, the customer shall, in its order, state the projected percentage of intrastate usage for each Feature Group A Switched Access Service group ordered. If the customer discontinues some, but not all, of the Feature Group A Switched Access Services in a group, it shall provide the projected intrastate percentage for such services which are discontinued. A customer ordering Feature Group B Switched Access Service to an access tandem that has subtending Telephone Company end offices shall also provide such usage estimates to the Telephone Company.

b) Intrastate 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

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont.)

2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Cont.)

(A) Jurisdictional Reports (Cont.)

designated by the called station telephone number) is situated is an intrastate communication and every call for which the point of entry is in a state other than that where the called station (as designated by the called station telephone number) is situated is an interstate communication.

- c) The projected intrastate percentages will be used by the Telephone Company to apportion the usage between interstate and intrastate until a revised report is received as set forth in (6) following.
- (2) All single-line Feature Group A and B Switched Access Service usage and charges will be apportioned by the Telephone Company between interstate and intrastate. The projected intrastate percentage reported as set forth in 1(a) and 1(b) preceding will be used to make such apportionment.
- (3) For multi-line hunt group or trunk group arrangements where either the interstate or the intrastate charges are based on measured usage, the interstate Feature Group A and/or Feature Group B, Switched Access Service(s) information reported as set forth in (1) preceding will be used to determine the charges as follows:

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont.)

2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Cont.)

(A) Jurisdictional Reports (Cont.)

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

- (4) When a customer orders Feature Group C or D Switched Access Service(s), if the jurisdiction can be determined from the call detail and the customer cannot provide the projected percentage of intrastate usage for each end office group in its order, the Telephone Company will determine the projected intrastate percentage as follows. For originating access minutes, the projected intrastate percentage will be developed on a monthly basis by end office when the Feature Group C or D Switched Access Service access minutes are measured by dividing the measured intrastate originating access minutes by the total originating access minutes when the call detail is adequate to determine the appropriate jurisdiction. For terminating access minutes, the data used by the Telephone Company to develop the projected intrastate percentage for originating access
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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont.)

2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Cont.)

(A) Jurisdictional Reports (Cont.)

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

- (5) Except where Telephone Company measured access minutes are used as set forth in (4) preceding, the customer reported number of intrastate services or intrastate percentage of use as set forth in (1) or (4) preceding will be used until the customer reports a different projected intrastate percentage for an in service end office group. When the customer adds BHMC lines or trunks to an existing end office group, the customer shall

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(A) Jurisdictional Reports (Cont.)

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

- (6) Effective on the first of January, April, July and October of each year the customer shall update the intrastate jurisdictional report. The customer shall forward to the Telephone Company, to be received no later than 15 days after the first of each such month, a revised report showing the interstate and intrastate percentage of use for the past three months ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively, for each service arranged for intrastate use. These revised reports must be provided not only by customers that order access service from the Telephone Company but also customers that order FGA or FGB Switched Access Service from an exchange carrier that routes any portion of that traffic to a Telephone Company end office for

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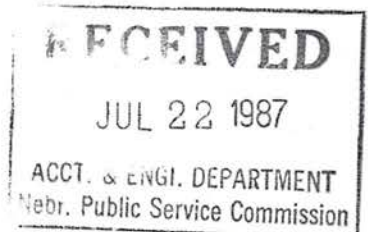
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(A) Jurisdictional Reports (Cont.)

termination. The revised report will serve as the basis for the next three months billing and will be effective on the bill date for that service. No prorating or back billing will be done for that service. No prorating or back billing will be done based on the report.

If the customer does not supply the reports, the Telephone Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the last quarterly report. For those cases in which a quarterly report has never been received from the customer, the Telephone Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the order for services as set forth in (1) preceding.

- (B) If a billing dispute arises concerning the projected intrastate percentage, the Telephone Company will ask the customer to provide the data the customer uses to determine the projected intrastate percentage. The Telephone Company will not request such data more than once a year. The customer shall supply the data within 30 days of the Telephone Company request.



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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont.)

2.3.11 Determination of Intrastate Charges for Mixed Intra-  
state and Interstate Access Service

In some cases, Access Service may be provided to a customer without a means of directly identifying usage by jurisdiction, i.e., mixed Access Service. When mixed intrastate and interstate Access Service is provided, all charges (i.e., nonrecurring, monthly and/or usage) including optional features charges, will be prorated between intrastate and interstate in a manner mutually agreed upon by the Telephone Company and the customer.

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, and Charges and Deposits

- (A) The Telephone Company will, in order to safeguard its interests, require a customer which has a proven history of late payments to the Telephone Company or does not have established credit to make a deposit prior to or at any time after the provision of a service to the customer to be held by the Telephone Company as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges. No such deposit will be required of a customer which is a successor of a company which has established



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2.4.1 Payment of Rates, and Charges and Deposits (Cont.)

credit and has no history of late payments to the Telephone Company. Such deposit may not exceed the actual or estimated rates and charges for the service for a two-month period. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves the customer from complying with the Telephone Companies 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 after the customer has established a one-year prompt payment record at any time prior to the termination of the provision of the service to the customer.

In case of a cash deposit, for the period the deposit is held by the Telephone Company, the customer will receive interest at the same percentage rate as that set forth in 2.4.1 (B)(3)(b)(I) or in 2.4.1(B)(3)(b)(II), whichever is lower. The rate will be compounded daily for the number of days from the date the customer deposit is received by the Telephone Company to and including the date such deposit is credited to the customer's account or the date the deposit is refunded by the Telephone Company. Should a deposit be credited to the customer's account, as indicated above, no interest will accrue on the deposit from the date such deposit is credited to the customer's account.

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont.)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, and Charges and Deposits (Cont.)

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

- (1) The Telephone Company will establish a bill day each month for each customer account, except as specified in (2) below. The bill will cover non-usage sensitive service charges for the ensuing billing period for which the bill is rendered, any known unbilled non-usage 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 as set forth in (3) following. If payment is not received by the payment date, as set forth in (3) following in immediately available funds, a late payment penalty will apply as set forth in (3) following.

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont.)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, and Charges and Deposits (Cont.)

- (2) Customers will be billed quarterly or semiannually if their total bill, if furnished on a monthly basis, is forecasted by the Telephone Company not to exceed \$250.00 per month. Customers whose monthly bill is forecasted to be less than \$250.00 but greater than or equal to \$100.00 will be billed quarterly. Customers whose monthly bill is forecasted not to exceed \$100.00 will be billed semiannually. Customers will be advised of the billing interval at the time that their order is placed. The billing interval may be changed, upon thirty days' advance notice in writing, if the Telephone Company forecast proves inaccurate due to higher or lower than expected usage or changes in rates.

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont.)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, and Charges and Deposits (Cont.)

- (3) (a) All bills dated as set forth in  
(1) preceding for access service provided to the customer by the Telephone Company are due 31 days (payment date) after the bill day or by the next bill date (i.e., same date in the following month as the bill date), whichever is the shorter interval, except as provided herein, and are payable in immediately available funds. If such payment date would cause payment to be due on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday (i.e., New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, the second Tuesday in November and a day when Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day or Columbus Day is legally observed), payment for such bills will be due from the customer as follows:

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

- (3) (b) Further, if any portion of the payment is received by the Telephone Company after

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont.)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont.)

the payment date as set forth in (a) preceding, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Telephone Company in funds which are not immediately available to the Telephone Company, then a late payment penalty shall be due to the Telephone Company. The late payment penalty shall be the portion of the payment not received by the payment date times a late factor. The late factor shall be the lesser of:

- (I) the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that the customer actually makes the payment to the Telephone Company, or
  - (II) 0.000590 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that the customer actually makes the payment to the Telephone Company.
- (3) (c) In the event that a billing dispute concerning any charges billed to the customer by the Telephone Company is resolved in favor of the Telephone

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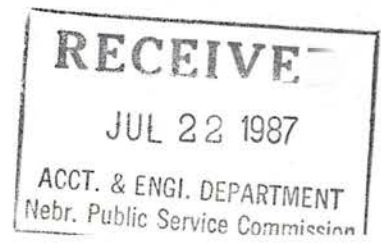
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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont.)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont.)

Company, any payments withheld pending settlement of the dispute shall be subject to the late payment penalty set forth in (b) preceding. If the customer disputes the bill on or before the payment date, any late payment charge for the disputed amount will not start until 10 days after the payment date. If the billing dispute is resolved in favor of the customer, no late payment penalty will apply to the disputed amount. In addition, if the customer disputes the billed amount and pays the total amount (i.e., the non-disputed amount and the disputed amount) on or before the payment date and the billing dispute is resolved in the favor of the customer, the customer will receive a credit for a disputed amount penalty from the Telephone Company if the billing dispute is not resolved within 10 working days following the payment date or the date the customer furnishes to the Telephone Company documentation to support its claim plus 10 working days, whichever date is the later date. The disputed amount penalty shall be the disputed amount resolved in the customer's favor times a penalty factor. The penalty factor is as set forth in 2.4.1 (B)(3)(b) preceding.

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2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont.)

- (C) When a payment for Access Service charges billed under this Tariff is due to the Telephone Company from the customer as set forth in 2.4.1(B)(3) preceding on the same payment date that a Purchase of Accounts Receivable net purchase amount is due to the customer from the Telephone Company, the Telephone Company may, with at least 31 days' notice to the customer, net the payment for customer Access Service Charges with the net purchase amount. The Telephone Company will pay the net amount to the customer on the payment date when such net amount is due to the customer or require the customer to pay to the Telephone Company the net amount when such net amount is due to the Telephone Company. If either party does not make the payment on the payment date, a late payment penalty calculated as set forth in 2.4.1(B)(3)(b) preceding, shall be due the customer or the Telephone Company, whichever is appropriate.
- (D) Adjustments for the quantities of services established or discontinued in any billing period beyond the minimum period set forth for services in other sections of this Tariff will be prorated to the number of days or major fraction of days based on a 30-day month. The Telephone Company will, upon request and if available, furnish such detailed information as may reasonably be required for verification of any bill.
- (E) When a rate as set forth in the Exhibits to this Tariff is shown to more than two decimal places,

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont.)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont.)

the charges will be determined using the rate shown. The resulting amount will then be rounded to the nearest penny (i.e., rounded to two decimal places).

2.4.2 Minimum Periods

The minimum period for which services are provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is one month except as otherwise noted in the applicable sections of this Tariff.

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

- (A) When a service with a one-month minimum period is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, a one-month charge will apply at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued.
- (B) When a service with a minimum period greater than one month is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, the applicable charge will be the lesser of (1) the Telephone Company's total non-recoverable costs less the net salvage value

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont.)

2.4.2 Minimum Periods (Cont.)

for the discontinued service or (2) the total monthly charges, at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued, for the remainder of the minimum period.

2.4.3 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. An interruption period starts when an inoperative service is reported to the Telephone Company, and ends when the service is operative.

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies

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

- (1) No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than 24 hours. The customer shall be credited for an interruption of 24 hours or more at the rate of 1/30 of the average monthly rates for each period of 24 hours or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont.)

2.4.3 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont.)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont.)

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

(C) When Credit Allowance Does Not Apply

No credit allowance will be made for:

- (1) Interruptions caused by the negligence of the customer.
- (2) Interruptions of a service due to the failure of equipment or systems provided by the customer or others.
- (3) Interruptions of a service during any period in which the Telephone Company is not afforded access to the premises where the service is terminated.
- (4) Interruptions of a service when the customer has released that service to the Telephone Company for maintenance purposes, to make rearrangements, or for the implementation of an order for a change in the service during the time that was negotiated with the customer prior to the release of that service. Thereafter, a credit allowance as set forth in (B) preceding applies.

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont.)

2.4.3 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont.)

(C) When Credit Allowance Does Not Apply (Cont.)

- (5) Interruptions of a service which continue because of the failure of the customer to authorize replacement of any element of special construction, as set forth in Section 9 of this Tariff. The period for which no credit allowance is made begins on the seventh day after the customer receives the Telephone Company's written notification of the need for such replacement and ends on the day after receipt by the Telephone Company of the customer's written authorization for such replacement.
- (6) Periods when the customer elects not to release the service for testing and/or repair and continues to use it on an impaired basis.
- (7) An interruption or a group of interruptions, resulting from a common cause, for amounts less than one dollar.

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

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

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont.)

2.4.3 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont.)

(E) Temporary Surrender of a Service

In certain instances, the customer may be requested 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 major fraction thereof that the service is surrendered. In no case will the credit allowance exceed the monthly rate for the service surrendered in any one monthly billing period.

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

(A) Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply

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

- (1) The service is of the same type as was provided prior to the fire, flood or other occurrence.
- (2) The service is for the same customer.
- (3) The service is at the same location on the same premises.

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont.)

2.4.4 Re-establishment of Service following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence (Cont.)

(A) Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply (Cont.)

(4) The re-establishment of service begins within 60 days after Telephone Company service is available. (The 60-day period may be extended for a reasonable period if the renovation of the original location on the premises affected is not practical within the allotted time period.) (T)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges Apply

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

2.4.5 Title or Ownership Rights

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

2.4.6 Ordering, Rating and Billing of Access Services Where More Than One Exchange Telephone Company Is Involved

When Feature Group A, B, C, or D Access Service is ordered by a customer where one end of the Transport element is in one Exchange Telephone Company operating territory and the other end is in another Exchange (N)

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2.4.6 Ordering, Rating and Billing of Access Services Where  
More Than One Exchange Telephone Company Is Involved  
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Telephone Company operating territory, the ordering procedures described in Section 5.2.8 will apply. Each Exchange Telephone Company will provide its portion of the Transport element in its operating territory to an interconnection point with another Exchange Telephone Company. Each Exchange Telephone Company will determine the charges involved for its portion of the Access Service ordered and will bill such charges in accordance with its Access Service tariff. Where the premises of the ordering customer and at least one other customer premises involved in the order is in a different operating territory, the mileage used to determine the Transport element will be the mileage measured from the Telephone Company premises for one end of the Transport element in the Exchange Telephone Company operating territory to the Telephone Company premises for the other end of the Transport element in the other Exchange Telephone Company operating territory. The rate for the Transport element will be the rate in each Exchange Telephone Company's tariff for the mileage measured as set forth in the preceding sentence. Each Exchange Telephone Company's charge for the Transport element will be the product of the Exchange Telephone Company's rate for the mileage measured between the two Telephone Company premises for the two ends of the Transport element and the mileage from the Exchange Telephone Company's premises to the interconnection point and divided by the sum of the mileage from the rating Exchange Telephone Company premises to the interconnection point and the mileage

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2.4.6 Ordering, Rating and Billing of Access Services Where  
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from the other involved Exchange Telephone Company premises to the interconnection point(s). All other appropriate charges in each Exchange Telephone Company's tariff are applicable.

The interconnection point will be determined by the Exchange Telephone Companies involved.

2.5 Connections

Equipment and Systems (i.e., terminal equipment, multi-line terminating systems and communications systems) may be connected with Switched and Special Access Service furnished by the Telephone Company where such connection is made in accordance with the provisions specified in 2.1 and 2.2 preceding.

2.6 Definitions

Certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

Access Minutes

The term "Access Minutes" denotes that usage of exchange facilities in intrastate service for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage. On the originating end of an intrastate call, usage is measured from the time the originating End User's call is delivered by the Telephone Company to and acknowledged as received by the customer's facilities connected with the originating exchange. On the terminating end of an

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

Access Minutes (Cont.)

intrastate call, usage is measured from the time the call is received by the End User in the terminating exchange. Timing of usage at both originating and terminating ends of an intrastate call shall terminate when the calling or called party disconnects, whichever event is recognized first in the originating and terminating end exchanges, as applicable.

Actual Cost

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

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 for terminating calls to the exchange as an indication that the called party has answered or disconnected.

Attenuation Distortion

(Z)

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

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Business Day

The term "Business Day" denotes the times of day that a company is open for business. These are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with an hour for lunch, Monday through Friday, resulting in a standard forty (40) hour work week.

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

Call

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

Carrier or Common Carrier

See Interexchange Carrier.

Central Office

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

Central Office Prefix

The term "Central Office Prefix" denotes the first three digits (NXX) of the 7-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,

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

Channel Service Unit (Cont.)

detection and/or correction of signal format error, and remote loop back.

Coin Station

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

Common Line

A common line-residence is a line or trunk provided under the resident 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 service tariffs.

Communications System

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

Customer(s)

The term "Customer(s)" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, corporation, governmental entity or other entity which subscribes to the services offered under this Tariff, subject to regulatory approval.

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

Detail Billing

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

Directory Assistance

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

Effective 4-Wire

The term "Effective 4-Wire" denotes a condition which permits the simultaneous independent transmission of information in both directions over a facility. The method of implementing effective 4-wire transmission is at the discretion of the Telephone Company (physical, time domain, frequency-domain separation or echo cancellation techniques). Effective 4-wire facilities 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 2-wire interface combines the transmission paths into a single path.

Effective 2-Wire

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

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

End Office Switch

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

End User

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

Entry Switch

See First Point of Switching.

Envelope Delay Distortion (EDD)

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

Estimated Cost

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

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

Exchange

The term "Exchange" denotes a unit, generally smaller than a local access and transport area (LATA), established by the Telephone Company for the administration of communications service in a specified area which usually embraces a city, town or village and its environs. It consists of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area. One or more designated exchanges comprise a given LATA.

Facilities

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

First Point of Switching

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

Host Office

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

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

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.

Installed Cost

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

Interexchange Carrier or Interexchange Common Carrier (IC)

The terms "Interexchange Carrier" or "Interexchange Common Carrier" denote any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged for hire in intrastate communication by wire or radio, between two or more exchanges, as authorized by the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

Intrastate Communications

The term "Intrastate Communications" denotes any communications service within Nebraska subject to oversight by the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

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.

Message

See "Call."

Net Salvage

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

Network Control Signaling

The term "Network Control Signaling" denotes the transmission of signals used in the telecommunications system which perform functions such as supervision (control, status, and charge signals), address signaling (e.g., dialing), calling and called

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

Network Control Signaling (Cont.)

number identification, rate of flow, service selection error control and audible tone signals (call progress signals indicating re-order or busy conditions, alerting, coin denominations, coin collect and coin return tones) to control the operation of the telecommunications system.

Nonrecoverable Cost

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

Normal Construction

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

Normal Cost

The term "Normal Cost" denotes the estimated cost to provide services using normal construction.

North American Numbering Plan

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

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

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.

Pay Telephone

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

Permanent Facilities

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

Point of Termination

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

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

Premises

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

Primary Exchange Carrier

The term "Primary Exchange Carrier" denotes the Local Exchange Telephone Company in whose exchange is located (1) the dial tone office serving the FGA access customer, or (2) the access tandem serving the FGB access customer.

Recoverable Cost

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

Remote Switching Modules and/or Remote Switching Systems

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

Secondary Exchange Carrier

The term "Secondary Exchange Carrier" denotes the Local Exchange Telephone Company in whose exchange is located an end user's end office which subtends an access customer's FGB access tandem or FGA dial tone office in a Primary Exchange Carrier's exchange.

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

Shortage of Facilities or Equipment

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

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.

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2.6 Definitions (Cont.)

Two-Wire to Four-Wire Conversion (Cont.)

two-wire transmission path to allow a four-wire facility to terminate in a two-wire entity (e.g., a central office switch).

V and H Coordinates Methods

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 (V) and horizontal (H) coordinates of the two points.

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.

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SECTION 3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (T)

The Telephone Company will provide Carrier Common Line Access Service to customers. (T)

3.1 General Description

The Carrier Common Line Access provides for the use of Telephone Company common lines by customers for access to end users to furnish Intrastate Communications. (T)

Access is provided where the customer obtains Telephone Company Switched Access Service under this Tariff.

3.2 Limitations

(A) A telephone number is not provided with Carrier Common Line Access. (T)

(B) Detail billing is not provided for Carrier Common Line Access. (T)

(C) Directory listings are not included in the rates and charges for Carrier Common Line Access. (T)

(D) Intercept arrangements are not included in the rates and charges for Carrier Common Line Access. (T)

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

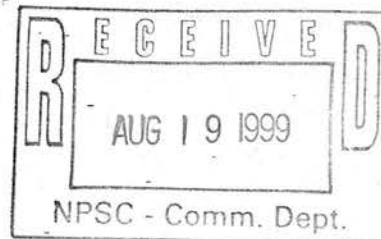
3.3 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

(A) Where the customer is provided with Switched Access Service under other sections of this Tariff, the Telephone Company will provide the use of Telephone Company common

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3.3 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont.)

lines by a customer for access to end users at rates and charges as set forth in 3.7 following.

- (B) When the customer is provided sent-paid pay telephone access, the Telephone Company will collect sent-paid monies from pay telephone stations and will remit monies to the customer. The Telephone Company will provide message call detail format and bill periods used to determine the monies upon request from the customer.

3.4 Obligations of the Customer

- (A) The customer facilities at the premises of the ordering customer shall provide the necessary on-hook and off-hook supervision.
- (B) Where sent-paid pay telephone access is provided to the customer and the customer wishes to receive the monies it is due for the monies collected by the Telephone Company from coin pay telephone stations, the customer shall furnish to the Telephone Company, at a location specified by the Telephone Company, the customer message call detail for the customer sent-paid (coin) pay telephone calls in accordance with the Telephone Company collection schedule. The customer message call detail furnished shall be in a standard format established by the Telephone Company. If no customer message call detail is received from the customer for each bill period established by the Telephone Company, the Telephone Company will assume there were no customer sent-paid (coin) pay telephone calls for the period. In addition, the customer shall furnish a schedule of its charges for sent-paid (coin) calls to the Telephone at a location and date as specified by the Telephone Company.

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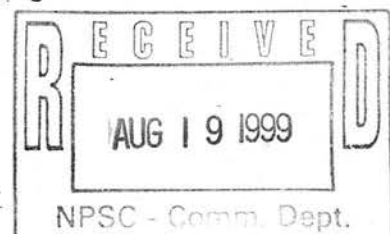
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SECTION 3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

3.5 Payment Arrangements

The Telephone Company will bill Carrier Common Line Access charges in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.4 of this Tariff.

3.6 Rate Regulations

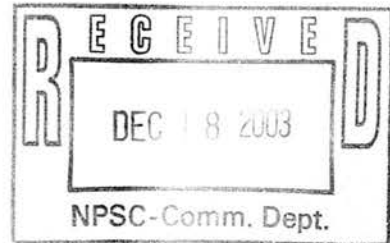
(A) Carrier Common Line charges will be billed to ICs on a minutes-of-use basis.

3.7 Rates and Charges

Carrier Common Line

Premium Rates

Originating Per Access Minute	\$ .0000	(R)
Terminating Per Access Minute	\$ .0000	(R)



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SECTION 3. ACCESS CHARGE RESIDUAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

3.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

(3) The Non-Traffic Sensitive (NTS) cost reduction is the lower of 25 percent of the NTS portion of the forecasted intrastate toll revenue requirement as defined in (B)(1) above or \$1.35 per access line per month. For example, a company with 2,000 lines and a forecasted intrastate toll revenue requirement of \$300,000 would have an NTS cost reduction calculated as follows:

1. Forecasted Intrastate NTS Revenue Requirement at 10.5% Rate of Return	\$300,000
2. Less 10% NTS reduction (see (B)(1)) (.1 x Ln.1)	<u>-30,000</u>
3. Modified NTS Revenue Requirement (Ln. 1 - Ln. 2)	270,000
4. NTS Cost Reduction (the lesser of 25% of line 3 or \$1.35 per line per month)	<u>\$ 32,400</u>

(4) The residual cost of intrastate access service is determined by subtracting from the forecasted intrastate toll revenue requirement as described in (B)(1) above the following: (1) forecasted Traffic Sensitive access revenue and forecasted revenue from separate contracts as described in (B)(2) above and (2) the NTS cost reduction as described in (B)(3) above.

(5) The annual residual revenue requirement as described in (B)(4) preceding is divided by 12 to determine the monthly intrastate Access Charge Residual cost.

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3.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

(6) The monthly intrastate Access Charge Residual cost determined in (B)(5) above is multiplied by the ratio of the intrastate toll access minutes associated with each IC to total intrastate toll access minutes to determine the monthly flat rate charge to be billed to each IC. For intraLATA billing, Northwestern Bell is considered an IC. For example, assume a telephone company had 3,500 intraLATA and 600 interLATA intrastate toll access minutes for the access period and a monthly residual revenue requirement of \$10,000. The monthly flat rate intraLATA Access Charge Residual charge for the access period would be  $(3,500/3,500 + 600) \times \$10,000$ , or \$8,537. The interLATA Access Charge Residual charge would be \$1,463.

(C) Access minute ratios will be developed at the Telephone Company service area level of detail.

3.7 Rates and Charges

The Access Charge Residual Access rate is \$210,654.00 per month.

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ACCESS SERVICE

SECTION 4. END USER ACCESS SERVICE

4.1 General

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

4.2 Rates and Charges

Rates and Charges for End User Access Service are not applicable.

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SECTION 5. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR SWITCHED AND SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE

5.1 General

This section sets forth the regulations for Access Orders for Switched and Special Access Services.

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

5.1.1 Ordering Conditions

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

The customer shall provide all information necessary for the Telephone Company to provide and bill for the requested service. In addition to the order information required in 5.2 following, the customer must also provide:

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

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

Orders for Feature Group B Switched Access Service shall be placed with the Exchange Telephone Company in whose service area the access tandem is located. The

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5.1 General

5.1.1 Ordering Conditions (Cont.)

customer shall furnish a copy of the order to the Telephone Company, which acts as a Secondary Exchange Carrier.

5.1.2 Special Construction

The regulations, rates and charges for special construction are set forth in Section 9.

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5.2 Access Order

An Access Order is used by the Telephone Company to provide to a customer Access Service as follows:

- Switched Access Services as set forth in Section 6 following, and
- Special Access Service as described in Section 7 following.

When a placing an order for Access Service, the customer shall provide, at a minimum, the following information:

- For Feature Group A Switched Access Service, the customer shall specify the number of lines and the first point of switching (i.e., dial tone office), the local Transport options and Local Switching options desired. In addition, the customer shall specify whether the ordered line(s) is(are) for FX service or MTS/WATS-type service. If the customer specifies MTS/WATS-type service, it shall also specify which lines are to be arranged in multi-line hunt group arrangements and which lines are to be provided as single lines.
- For Feature Groups C and D Switched Access Service, the customer shall specify the number of busy hour minutes of capacity (BHMC) from the customer's premises to the end office.
- Feature Groups C and D may also be ordered for use in conjunction with 800 Data Base Access Services. (N)  
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-For all Special Access Services, the customer must specify the customer premises involved, the type of service (e.g., Voice Grade), the channel interface(s), technical specification package, and options desired. (T)  
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-All part-time Video and Program Audio services are subject to a service inquiry. A service inquiry is a request to the Telephone Company to determine if facilities exist to provide the service ordered and to determine the service date on which service can be provided to the customer. (N)

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

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

5.2.1 Access Order Service Date Intervals

Access Service is provided with one of the following Service Date Intervals:

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5.2 Access Order (Cont.)

5.2.1 Access Order Service Date Intervals (Cont.)

- Standard Interval
- Negotiated Interval

To the extent the Access Service can be made available with reasonable effort, the Telephone Company will provide the Access Service in accordance with the customer's requested interval, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Standard Interval

The Telephone Company schedule of Standard Intervals applicable for Switched and Special Access Services is available in the business office of the Telephone Company. This schedule specifies which services and the quantities of services that can be provided within the standard intervals.

Access Services provided in a Standard Interval will be installed during Telephone Company business days. If a customer requests that installation be done outside of scheduled work hours, and the Telephone Company agrees to this request, the customer will be subject to applicable additional labor charges, to be determined by the Telephone Company according to the specific circumstances involved.

(B) Negotiated Interval

The Telephone Company will negotiate a service date interval with the customer when:

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5.2 Access Order (Cont.)

5.2.3 Cancellation of an Access Order

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

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

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

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

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

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5.2 Access Order (Cont.)

5.2.3 Cancellation of an Access Order (Cont.)

- (2) Where the customer cancels an Access Order prior to the start of installation of access facilities, no charges shall apply.
  - (3) Where installation of access facilities has been started prior to the cancellation, the charges specified in (a) or (b) following, whichever is lower, shall apply.
    - (a) A charge equal to the cost incurred in such installation, less estimated net salvage. Such charge is determined as detailed in (4) following.
    - (b) The charge for the minimum period of Switched or Special Access Service ordered by the customer.
  - (4) Charges applicable as specified in (3)(a) preceding include the non-recoverable cost of equipment and material ordered, provided or used, plus the non-recoverable cost of installation and removal including the costs of engineering, labor, supervision, transportation, rights-of-way and other associated costs.
- (C) When a customer cancels an order for the discontinuance of service, no charges apply for the cancellation.

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5.2 Access Order (Cont.)

5.2.3 Cancellation of an Access Order (Cont.)

- (D) If the Telephone Company misses a service date by more than 30 days due to circumstances over which it has direct control (excluding, e.g., acts of God, governmental requirements, work stoppages and civil commotions), the customer may cancel the Access Order without incurring cancellation charges.

5.2.4 Selection of Facilities for Access Orders

- (A) When there are analog or digital high capacity facilities to a Hub on order or in service for a customer's use, the customer may request a specific facility or transmission path be used to provide the Switched or Special Access Service requested in an Access Order. The Telephone Company will make a reasonable effort to accommodate the customer request.
- (B) For all other Access Orders, the option to request a specific transmission path or facility is not provided.

5.2.5 Minimum Period

Except as specifically set forth in other sections of this Tariff, the minimum period for which charges are applicable is one month.

5.2.6 Minimum Period Charges

When Access Service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable

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5.2.6 Minimum Period Charges (Cont.)

for the balance of the minimum period. A disconnect constitutes facilities being returned to inventory.

The Minimum Period Monthly Charge for a month or fraction thereof is the applicable monthly rate for the service as set forth in Section 6 (for Switched Access) or Section 7 (for Special Access) following.

5.2.7 Shared Use Facilities

Shared Use (i.e., Switched and Special Access Services provided over the same analog or digital high capacity facilities) is allowed. While shared use is allowed, individual services utilizing these facilities must be ordered either as Switched Access Service or Special Access Service. When placing the order for the individual service(s), Switched Access Service or Special Access Service, the customer must specify a channel assignment for each service ordered.

5.2.8 Access Orders for Services Provided by More than One Telephone Company

Access Services provided by more than one Telephone Company are services where one end of the Local Transport or Channel Mileage element is in the operating territory of one Telephone Company and the other end of the element is in the operating territory of a different Telephone Company or where the end office and the office providing 800 Data Base queries are in the operating territories of different Telephone Companies.

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5.2.8 Access Orders for Services Provided by More than One Telephone Company (Cont.)

The ordering procedure for this service is dependent upon the billing arrangement, as set forth in 2.4.6 preceding, to be used by the Telephone Companies involved in providing the Access Service. All access services provided by the Telephone Company are provided on a Multiple Company Billing basis.

Multiple Company (Interconnection Point) Billing

Each Telephone Company will provide its portion of the Access Service within its operating territory to an interconnection point (IP) with the other Telephone Company. The interconnection points and Billing Percentages will be determined by the Telephone Companies involved in providing the Access Service and listed in Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 4. Each Telephone Company will bill the customer for its portion of the service as set forth in 2.4.6 preceding. All other appropriate charges in each Telephone Company tariff are applicable.

- (A) For Feature Group A and B Switched Access Services, the access customer must place an order with the Telephone Company in whose territory the customer's first point of switching is located, (i.e., FGA - dial tone office, FGB - access tandem or end office).

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5.2.8 Access Orders for Services Provided by More than One Telephone Company (Cont.)

- (B) For Feature Groups C and D Switched Access Service, the customer must place an order with the Telephone Company in whose territory the end office is located.
- (C) Customers ordering Special Access Service to be interconnected with Switched Access Services at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices for the provision of WATS or WATS-type Services must place an order with each Telephone Company in whose territory the end office and the WATS Serving Office are located, if they are not collocated.
- (D) Except for Special Access Service as set forth in (c) above or as set forth in (e) below, the customer may place the order for a Special Access Service with either Exchange Telephone Company.
- (E) For initiation, additions, changes or deletions to 800 Data Base Access Services, the customer must place an order with the Telephone Company that performs the 800 Data Base queries. The customer must also provide a copy of the order to the Telephone Companies subtending the office that launches the queries.

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5.2 Access Order (Cont.)

5.2.8 Access Orders for Services Provided by More than One Telephone Company (Cont.)

- (F) For the service(s) ordered as set forth preceding, the customer must also supply a copy of the order to the Telephone Company in whose operating territory a customer designated premises is located and any other Telephone Company(s) involved in providing the service, including Secondary Exchange Carriers.

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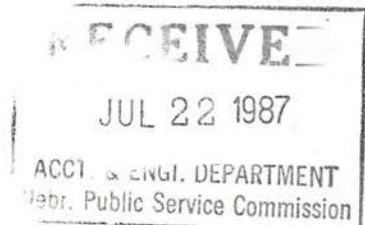
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SECTION 6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.1 General

Switched Access Service, which is available to customers for their use in furnishing their services to end users, provides a two-point electrical communications path between a customer's premises and an end user's premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching and trunking facilities, and common subscriber plant of the Telephone Company. Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate calls from an end user's premises to a customer's premises, and to terminate calls from a customer's premises to an end user's premises in the LATA where it is provided.

Rates and charges for Switched Access Service depend generally on its use by the customer, i.e., for MTS or WATS services, MTS-WATS equivalent services, or other services (e.g., foreign exchange service). Rates and charges for Switched Access Service are set forth in 6.7 following. The application of rates for Switched Access Service is described in 6.6 following. Rates and charges for services other than Switched Access Service, e.g., a customer's toll message service, may also be applicable when Switched Access Service is used in conjunction with these other services.

6.1.1 Feature Group Arrangements and Manner of Provision

Switched Access Service is provided in four service categories of standard and optional features called Feature Groups. These are differentiated by their technical characteristics, e.g., line side vs. trunk side connection at the Telephone Company entry switch. The provision of each Feature Group requires Local Transport facilities and the appropriate End Office Functions. Following is a brief description of each

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6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.1 Feature Group Arrangements and Manner of Provision  
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(A) Feature Group A (FGA)

Feature Group arrangement. FGA Access, which is available to all customers, provides line side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an associated seven digit local telephone number for originating communications from and terminating communications to an interexchange carrier's intrastate service or a customer-provided intrastate communications capability. The rates applicable to FGA Access Service, as set forth in 6.7 following, also apply to traffic that makes use of FGA facilities of another exchange carrier but originates or terminates over the Telephone Company's toll trunks or Extended Area Service trunks. A more detailed description of FGA Access is provided in 6.2.1 following.

(B) Feature Group B (FGB)

FGB Access provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches. FGB rates, as set forth in 6.7 below, apply to traffic that makes use of another exchange carrier's FGB facilities (in conjunction with an access tandem) and terminates over the Telephone Company's toll trunks. FGB rates also apply to any traffic that may originate over the Telephone Company's toll trunks and subsequently make use of FGB facilities ordered to another exchange carrier's access tandem. The Telephone Company does not offer originating FGB Access Service.

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6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.1 Feature Group Arrangements and Manner of Provision  
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(E) Manner of Provision

Switched Access is furnished in either quantities of lines or trunks, or in busy hour minutes of capacity (BHMCs). FGA Access is furnished on a per-line basis. FGC and FGD Access is furnished on a BHMC basis.

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

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

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6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.1 Feature Group Arrangements and Manner of Provision (Cont.)

(F) Because some customers will wish to further segregate their originating traffic into separate trunk groups, Originating BHMCs are further categorized into MTS, 800 and 900. MTS BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying only intrastate traffic other than 800 and 900 traffic; and, 800 and 900 BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying, respectively, only 800 or 900 traffic. When ordering such types

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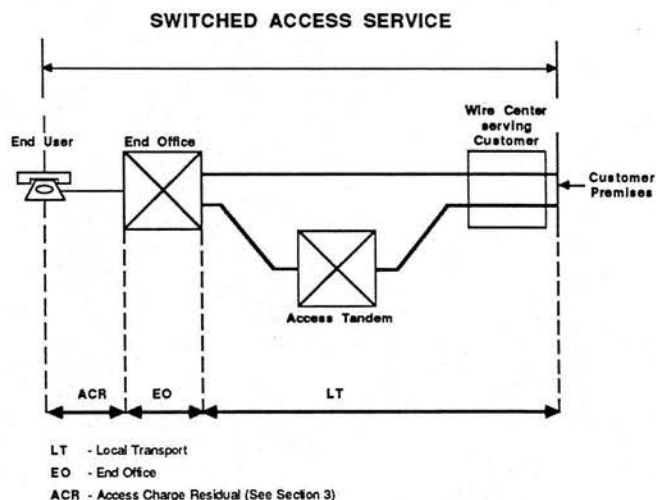
of access capacity, the customer must specify MTS, 800 or 900 BHMCS.

6.1.2 Rate Categories

(A) There are three rate categories which apply to Switched Access Service:

- Local Transport (described in 6.1.2(B) following)
- End Office (described in 6.1.2(C) following)
- Access Charge Residual (described in Section 3 preceding)

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



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6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.2 Rate Categories

(B) 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).

Local Transport is a two-way voice frequency transmission path composed of facilities that permit the transport of calls in the originating direction and in the terminating direction, but not simultaneously. The voice frequency transmission path may be comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of and typically used in the telecommunications industry for the transmission of voice and associated telephone signals with the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300-3000 Hz.

The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine whether the service is to be directly routed or routed through an access tandem switch.

When ordering service, customers must specify the directionality of the service, and when multiplexing is required, the hub(s) at which multiplexing will be provided. When service is directly routed, the customer must specify whether the Direct Trunked Transport will overflow to Tandem Switched Transport.

Local Transport is provided at the rates and charges set forth in Section 6.7.1 following. When more than one Telephone Company is involved in providing the Switched Access Service, the Local Transport rates will be applied as set forth in Section 2.4.6.

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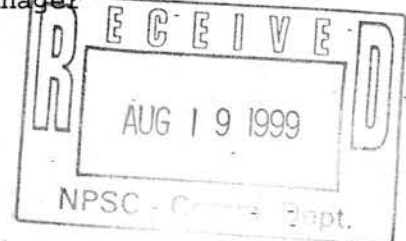
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6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont.)

(B) Local Transport

The Local Transport rate category includes the following classifications of rate elements: Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport, Transport Interconnection Charge, and Multiplexing.

(1) Direct Trunked Transport

Direct Trunked Transport provides a transmission path between a serving wire center and an end office or serving wire center and a tandem on dedicated circuits, without utilizing tandem switching functions.

Two types of Direct Trunked Transport are available: (1) Voice Grade, and (2) High Capacity DS1. Direct Trunked Transport rates, specified in Section 6.7.1 following, consist of a Direct Trunked Facility rate which is applied on a per mile basis and a Direct Trunked Termination rate which is applied at each end of each measured segment of the Direct Trunked Facility. When the Direct Trunked Facility mileage is zero, neither the Direct Trunked Facility rate nor the Direct Trunked Termination will apply.

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6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont.)

(B) Local Transport (Cont.)

(2) Tandem Switched Transport

Tandem Switched Transport provides a communications path between an access tandem and an end office on circuits that utilize tandem switching functions. Tandem Switched Transport rates consist of a Tandem Switched Facility rate and a Tandem Switched Termination rate, found in Section 6.7.1 following.

The Tandem Switched Facility rate applies on a per access minute per mile basis for all originating and terminating MOU routed over the facility. The Tandem Switched Termination rate applies on a per access MOU basis at each end of each measured segment of Tandem Switched Facility. When the Tandem Switched Facility mileage is zero, neither the Tandem Switched Facility rate nor the Tandem Switched Termination rate will apply.

The Tandem Switching rate recovers a portion of the costs of switching traffic through an access tandem. The Tandem Switching rate specified in 6.7.1 following is applied on a per access minute per tandem basis for all originating and all terminating minutes of use switched at the tandem. Tandem locations are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION.

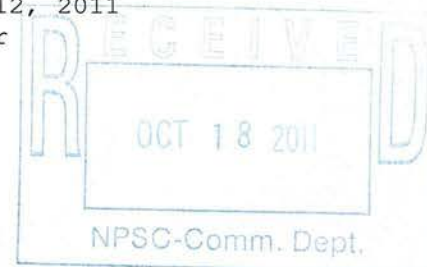
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(B) Local Transport (Cont.)

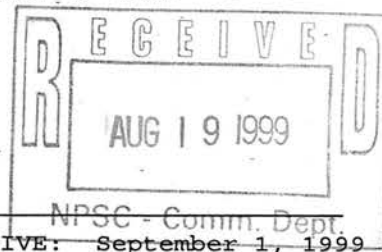
(3) Transport Interconnection Charge

The Transport Interconnection Charge recovers the costs associated with Local Transport that are not recovered by the Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport or Multiplexing rates. The Transport Interconnection Charge specified in Section 6.7.1 following applies to both Tandem Switched and Direct Trunked access MOU.

(4) Multiplexing

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

Multiplexing is available at wire centers identified in NECA TARIFF F.C.C. No. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION.



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6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont.)

(C) End Office

The End Office rate category provides the local end office switching and end user termination functions necessary to complete the transmission of Switched Access communications to and from the end users served by the local end office. The End Office rate category includes the Local Switching, Information, and 800 Data Base Query rate elements.

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(1) Local Switching

The Local Switching rate element provides for the use of end office switching equipment. This rate element also provides for the terminations for the end user lines terminating in the local end office.

Rates for Local Switching are set forth in 6.7.2(A) following. The application of these rates with respect to individual Feature Groups is as set forth in 6.6.1(D) following.

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6.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont.)

(C) End Office (Cont.)

(2) Information

The Information rate element is designed to recover the costs associated with the publication of directories. Information rates are set forth in 6.7.2(B) following. The application of these rates with respect to individual Feature Groups is as set forth in 6.6.1 following.

(3) 800 Data Base Query

800 Data Base Query charges are set forth in 6.7.2(C) following. 800 Data Base Access Services are offered in conjunction with 800 Access Service, which is offered to Feature Group C and D access customers and is described in 6.2.5.

In providing originating access for 1-800-NXX-XXXX calls, the Telephone Company will identify the appropriate carrier for each 800 number call by querying, via its common channel signaling system (SS7) network, a data base that stores the carriers selected by 800 service customers. The Telephone Company performing the query will forward the call to the appropriate carrier and will also provide such vertical features as POTS translation and specialized call handling and verification.

The 800 Data Base Query charges for basic and vertical services will be assessed on a per query basis.

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6.1.3 Special Facilities Routing

Any customer may request that the facilities used to provide Switched Access Service be specially routed.

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6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.3 Special Facilities Routing (Cont.)

The regulations, rates and charges will be in accordance with the Telephone Company's Special Construction provisions (see Section 9 of this Tariff).

6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups

Following are detailed descriptions of each of the available Feature Groups. Each Feature Group is described in terms of its specific physical characteristics and calling patterns.

6.2.1 Feature Group A (FGA)

(A) Description

- (1) FGA is provided in connection with Telephone Company electronic and electromechanical end offices. At the option of the customer, FGA is provided on a single or multiple line group basis and is arranged for originating calling only, terminating calling only, or two-way calling. FGA is arranged for use by the customer in the provision of its FX service or MTS/WATS-type service.
- (2) FGA provides a line side termination at the first point of switching.
- (3) The Telephone Company shall select the first point of switching, within the selected LATA, at which the line side termination is to be provided unless the customer requests a

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6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups (Cont.)

6.2.1 Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont.)

(A) Description (Cont.)

different first point of switching and Telephone Company facilities and measurement capabilities, where necessary, are available to accommodate such a request.

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

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

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

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6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups (Cont.)

6.2.1 Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont.)

(A) Description (Cont.)

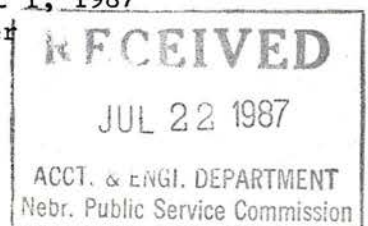
FGA switching will be arranged for the same type of address signaling.

- (6) No address signaling is provided by the Telephone Company when FGA Switching is used in the originating direction. Address signaling in such cases, if required by the customer, must be provided by the customer's and user using inband tone signaling techniques. Such inband tone address signals will not be regenerated by the Telephone Company and will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.
- (7) FGA switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, local operator service (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 where available and 555-1212), emergency reporting service (911 where available), exchange telephone repair (611 where available), time or weather announcement services of the Telephone Company, community information services of an information service provider, and other customers' services (by dialing the appropriate digits). Only

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6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups (Cont.)

6.2.1 Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont.)

(A) Description (Cont.)

those valid NXX codes which make up that office's local calling area may be accessed, without incurring non-access charges for toll calling. Additional non-access charges will also be billed on a separate account for (1) an operator surcharge, as set forth in the local exchange tariffs, for local operator assistance (0- and 0+) calls, (2) calls to certain community information services, for which rates are applicable under Telephone Company exchange service tariffs, e.g., 976 (DIAL-IT) Network Services, and, (3) calls from a FGA line to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Telephone Company performs the billing function for that customer.

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

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6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups (Cont.)

6.2.2 Feature Group B (FGB)

(A) Description

When offered by an exchange carrier, FGB is provided as trunk side switching through the use of end office or access tandem switch trunk equipment. The Telephone Company does not currently have available FGB Access Service facilities. However, FGB rates, as set forth in 6.7 following, will be applied to any traffic that originates or terminates over the Telephone Company toll trunks and that also makes use of FGB facilities ordered to another exchange carrier's access tandem.

6.2.3 Feature Group C (FGC)

(A) Description

- (1) FGC is provided at all Telephone Company end office switches not converted to equal access and is furnished to providers of MTS and WATS. Additionally, originating Feature Group C Access Service is available to all customers when used to transport traffic to an office which performs the 800 Data Base Query optional feature. (C)
- (2) FGC is provided as trunk side switching through the use of end office or access tandem switch trunk equipment.
- (3) No access code is required for FGC switching. The telephone number dialed by the customer's end user shall be a seven or ten digit number

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6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups (Cont.)

6.2.3 Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont.)

(A) Description (Cont.)

for calls in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). For international calls outside the NANP, a seven to twelve digit number may be dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by the customer's end user is NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NXX-XXXX, NPA + NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NPA + NXX-XXXX, and, when the end office is equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD), 01 + CC + NN or 011 + CC + NN.

- (4) FGC switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, time or weather announcement services of the Telephone Company, community information services of an information provider, and other customers' services (by dialing the appropriate codes) when the services can be reached using valid NXX codes. When directly routed to an end office, only those valid NXX codes served by that

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6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups (Cont.)

6.2.3 Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont.)

(A) Description (Cont.)

office may be accessed. When routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX codes served by offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed. Where measurement capabilities exist, the customer will also be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services, for which rates are applicable under Telephone Company exchange service tariffs, e.g., 976 (DIAL-IT) Network Services. Additionally, non-access charges will also be billed for calls from a FGC trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Telephone Company performs the billing function for that customer. Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-10XX access codes, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), service codes (611 and 911 where available) and 10XXX access codes.

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

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6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups (Cont.)

6.2.3 Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont.)

(A) Description (Cont.)

may be combined in a single trunk group at the option of the Telephone Company.

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

6.2.4 Feature Group D (FGD)

(A) Description

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

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6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups (Cont.)

6.2.4 Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont.)

(A) Description (Cont.)

- (5) FGD switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, time or weather announcement services of the Telephone Company, community information services of an information service provider, and other customers' services (by dialing the appropriate codes) when such services can be reached using valid NXX codes. When directly routed to an end office, only those valid NXX codes served by that office may be accessed. When routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX codes served by end offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed. The customer will also be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services, for which rates are applicable under Telephone Company exchange service tariffs, e.g., 976 (DIAL-IT) Network Service. Additionally, non-access charges will also be billed for calls from a FGD trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Telephone Company performs the billing function for that customer. Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-1XXX or 950-0XXX access codes, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 and 555-1212), service codes 611 and 911 and 10XXX access codes. Calls will be completed to Directory Assistance (NPA-555-1212 or 555-1212) when FGD switching is combined with Directory Assistance switching. FGD may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to Switched Access Service Feature Groups B, C, or D.

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6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups (Cont.)

6.2.4 Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont.)

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(A) Description (Cont.)

- (9) When the 10XXX access code is used, FGD switching also provides for dialing the digit 0 for access to the customer's operator or the end-of-dialing digit (#) for cut-through access to the customer designated premises.
- (10) FGD switching will be arranged to accept calls from telephone exchange service locations without the need for dialing the 10XXX uniform access code. Each telephone exchange service line may be marked with a code to identify which 10XXX code its calls will be directed to for interLATA service.

(B) Nonchargeable Options

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

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6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups (Cont.)

6.2.5 800 Data Base Access Service (Cont.)

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(A) General Description (Cont.)

The customer's 800 traffic may be combined in the same trunk group arrangement with the customer's non-800 Access Service traffic or provisioned on a separate trunk group, unless prohibited by technical limitations.

Application of rates for 800 DB Service shall be as set forth in 6.6.7, following.

(B) Vertical Features

In addition to the basic carrier identification function, 800 service subscribers may request vertical features through a Responsible Organization. The POTS Translation feature is described in (1), and the Call Handling and Destination Features are described in (2), following.

(1) POTS Translation

The POTS Translation vertical feature provides the option of having the ten-digit POTS number (i.e., NPA-NXX-XXXX) delivered instead of the 800 dialed number (i.e., 800-NXX-XXXX) delivered to the service provider. Due to technical limitations, POTS Translation may not be available from all end offices.

A POTS Translation Charge as described in 6.6.7, following, is assessed to the service provider for each 800 DB call delivered.

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6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups (Cont.)

6.2.5 800 Data Base Access Service (Cont.)

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(B) Vertical Features (Cont.)

(2) Call Handling and Destination Features

Call Handling and Destination Features allow service subscribers variable routing options by specifying a single carrier, multiple carriers (Exchange and/or Interexchange Carriers), single terminations or multiple terminations. Multiple terminations require the POTS Translation feature described in (1), preceding. The following variable routing options are available.

- Routing by Origination NPA-NXX-XXXX
- Time of Day
- Day of Week
- Specific Date
- Allocation by Percentage

Routing by originating NPA-NXX-XXXX, where technically feasible, allows a service subscriber to specify one or more multiple terminations with a single carrier and/or multiple carriers (Exchange and/or Interexchange Carriers) based on where a call originates.

Time of Day/Day of Week allows a service subscriber to specify one or more multiple terminations with a single carrier and/or multiple carriers (Exchange and/or Interexchange Carriers) based on time of day or day of week the call originates.

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6.4 Obligations of the Telephone Company (Cont.)

6.4.2 Design and Traffic Routing of Switched Access Service  
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including the selection of the first point of switching and the selection of facilities from the interface to any switching point and to the end offices where busy hour minutes of capacity are ordered. The Telephone Company shall also decide if capacity is to be provided by originating only, terminating only, or two-way trunk groups. Finally, the Telephone Company will decide whether trunk side access will be provided through the use of 2-wire or 4-wire trunk terminating equipment. Selection of facilities and equipment and traffic routing of the service are based on standard engineering methods, available facilities and equipment, and the Telephone Company traffic routing plans. If the customer desires routing or directionality different from that determined by the Telephone Company, the Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer in determining (1) whether the service is to be routed directly to an end office or through an access tandem switch and (2) the directionality of the service.

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

6.4.3 Determination of Number of Transmission Paths

For Feature Group A, which is ordered on a per line basis, the customer specifies the number of transmission paths in the order for service. The Telephone Company will determine the number of Switched Access Service

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges

There are three types of rates and charges that apply to Switched Access Service. These are monthly recurring rates, usage rates and non-recurring charges. These rates and charges are applied differently to the various rate elements as set forth in (D) following.

(A) Monthly Rates

Monthly rates are flat recurring rates that apply each month or fraction thereof that a specific rate element is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.

(B) Usage Rates

Usage rates are rates that apply only when a specific rate element is used. These are applied on a per access minute or per 800 Data Base Query basis. Access minute charges are accumulated over a monthly period.

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(C) Non-recurring Charges

Non-recurring charges are one-time charges that apply for a specific work activity (i.e., installation or change to an existing service). The types of non-recurring charges that apply for Switched Access Service are: installation of service and service rearrangements.

(1) Installation of Service

Non-recurring charges apply to each Switched Access Service installed. For FGA, which is

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont.)

(C) Non-recurring Charges (Cont.)

(1) Installation of Service (Cont.)

ordered on a per line basis, the charge is applied per line. For FGC and FGD, ordered on a busy hour minutes of capacity basis, the charge is applied on a per trunk basis but the charge applies only when the capacity ordered requires the installation of an additional trunk(s).

(2) Service Rearrangements

All changes to existing services other than changes involving administrative activities will be treated as a discontinuance of the existing service and an installation of a new service. The non-recurring charge described in (1) preceding will apply for this work activity. Moves that change the physical location of the point of termination are described and charged for as set forth in 6.6.4 following.

If, due to technical limitations of the Telephone Company, a customer cannot combine its 800 Data Base traffic with its other trunk side Switched Access Services, no charge shall apply to combine those trunk groups when it becomes technically possible.

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont.)

(C) Non-recurring Charges (Cont.)

(2) Service Rearrangements (Cont.)

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

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(C) Non-recurring Charges (Cont.)

(2) Service Rearrangements (Cont.)

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

(D) Application of Rates

Rates are applied either as premium rates or transitional rates. Transitional rates are discounted access minute rates for measured or assumed access minutes.

The specific application of these rates for a specific customer is dependent upon the Feature Group.

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont.)

(D) Application of Rates (Cont.)

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

(1) Premium rates apply to:

- All FGC access minutes when the service is provided to customers which furnish intrastate MTS/WATS and to all access minutes that originate or terminate at end offices equipped with Equal Access (i.e., FGD capabilities).
- All FGB access minutes when utilized in the provision of MTS/WATS service.

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(2) Transitional rates (i.e., discounted access minutes rates) apply to:

- All FGA and FGB access minutes (measured or assumed) originating or terminating in an end office which is not equipped with equal access capabilities, except as specified in (1) preceding.
- FGC access minutes originating in an end office which is not equipped with equal access capabilities when the FGC service is used in conjunction with the

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont.)

(D) Application of Rates (Cont.)

800 Data Base Query optional feature and is ordered by customers who do not furnish interstate MTS/WATS.

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- (3) Where originating and/or terminating measurement capability does not exist for Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Services provided to an entry switch, the number of access minutes that will be assumed are as set forth in Section 6.6.5 following. Rates and regulations regarding equal access (FGD) Service will be added to this Tariff upon availability in the Telephone Company's service area.
- (4) Where Feature Group A switched access usage is between a Primary Exchange Carrier and a Secondary Exchange Carrier within the same Extended Area Service calling area, the Secondary Exchange Carrier will apply Switched Access Service Local Transport rates for its portion of the Local

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6.6.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont.)

(D) Application of Rates (Cont.)

Transport facilities and end office rates to both originating and terminating access minutes, as set forth in 6.7.1 and 6.7.2 following. This is in addition to those rates charged by the Primary Exchange Carrier. Such usage will be determined as set forth following:

- (a) Where end office specific usage data are available, such data will be used to determine the charges.
- (b) Where end office specific usage data are not available, the following method will be used to determine the applicable access minutes of use. The total originating and/or terminating usage will be the measured usage at the entry switch (i.e., dial tone office) or the assumed usage as set forth in 6.6.5 following.

Originating and/or terminating usage will then be apportioned between the Primary and Secondary Exchange Carriers in the following manner:

- For originating usage, develop ratios of the total number of subscriber lines in each secondary exchange to

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6.6.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont.)

(D) Application of Rates (Cont.)

the total number of subscriber lines in the Primary Exchange Carrier's Extended Area Service area served by the access customer's dial tone office. Then apply these ratios to the total number of originating access minutes to determine access minutes for each secondary exchange.

- For terminating usage, develop ratios of the total number of subscriber lines in each secondary exchange to the total number of subscriber lines in the Primary Exchange Carrier's Extended Area Service area served by the dial tone office. Then apply these ratios to the total number of terminating access minutes to determine access minutes for each secondary exchange.
- In those instances where a Secondary Exchange Carrier's exchange is part of two or more Primary Exchange Carriers' Extended Area Service areas, the Secondary Exchange Carrier's subscriber line count described above must be apportioned between each Primary Exchange

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont.)

(D) Application of Rates (Cont.)

Carrier's Extended Area Service area. This apportionment will be based upon ratios of the subscriber line count of all exchanges other than the Secondary Exchange Carrier's in a Primary Exchange Carrier's Extended Area Service area, of which the Secondary Exchange Carrier's Exchange is part divided by the subscriber line count of all exchanges other than the Secondary Exchange Carriers' in all Primary Exchange Carrier Extended Area Service areas of which the Secondary Exchange Carrier's exchange is a part.

For purposes of administering this regulation, subscriber lines are defined as exchange service lines, Centrex Lines and Centrex-type lines provided by the telephone companies under local and/or general exchange service tariffs.

6.6.2 Minimum Periods

Switched Access Service is provided for a minimum period of one month.

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.4 Moves

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

- The point of termination at the customer's premises
- The customer's premises

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

(A) Moves Within the Same Building

When the move is to a new location within the same building, the charge for the move will be an amount equal to one half of the non-recurring charge for the capacity affected. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements.

(B) Moves to a Different Building

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

6.6.5 Measuring Access Minutes

Customer traffic to end offices will be measured (i.e., recorded or assumed) by the Telephone Company at end

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6.6.5 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont.)

offices switches or access tandem switches. Originating and terminating calls will be measured (i.e., recorded or assumed) by the Telephone Company to determine the basis for computing chargeable access minutes. In the event the customer message detail is not available because the Telephone Company lost or damaged tapes or incurred recording systems outages the Telephone Company will utilize the same data used to estimate the volume of lost customer message detail as the basis for estimating access minutes of use. For terminating calls over FGA and FGB, and for originating calls over FGA (when the off-hook supervisory signal is provided by the customer's equipment before the called party answered), and FGB, the measured minutes are the chargeable access minutes. For originating calls over FGA, FGA-EAS, FGB-Access Tandem, (when the off-hook supervisory signal is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers), and FGC, chargeable originating access minutes are derived from recorded minutes in the following manner:

- Step 1: Obtain recorded originating minutes and messages (measured as set forth in (A) and (B) following for FGA, FGA-EAS, FGB-Access Tandem, and FGC respectively) from the appropriate recording data.
- Step 2: Obtain the total attempts by dividing the originating measured messages by the completion ratio. Completion ratios are obtained from a sample study which analyzes the ultimate completion status of the total attempts which receive acknowledgment from

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6.6.5 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont.)

attempts. The total NCTA is the time on a completed attempt from customer acknowledgment of receipt of call to called party answer (set up and ringing) plus the time on an incomplete attempt from customer acknowledgment of call until the access tandem or end office receives a disconnect signal (ring - no answer, busy or network blockage). That is, Total Attempts times Non-Conversation Time per Attempt Ratio equals Total NCTA.

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

When assumed minutes are used, the assumed minutes are the chargeable access minutes.

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

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.5 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont.)

Assumed minutes are used for FX FGA and MTS/WATS-like services which originate or terminate in end offices not equipped with measurement capabilities. The assumed average access minutes used for FX FGA service are 4,000 access minutes per line per month. The assumed average access minutes for FGA MTS/WATS-like lines are 12,000 minutes per line per month.

(A) Feature Group A Usage Measurement

For originating calls over FGA, usage measurement begins when the originating FGA entry switch receives an off-hook supervisory signal forwarded from the customer's point of termination. (Where FGA is used for MTS/WATS-type services, this off-hook signal is generally provided by the customer's equipment prior to its provision of second dial tone to the originating end user. Where FGA is used for FX services, the off-hook signal is generally forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers.)

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

For terminating calls over FGA, usage measurement begins when the terminating FGA entry switch receives an off-hook supervisory signal from the

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.5 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont.)

(A) Feature Group A Usage Measurement (Cont.)

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

(B) Feature Group B Usage Measurement

For originating calls over FGB, usage measurement begins when the originating FGB entry switch receives another answer supervision forwarded from the customer's point of termination indicating the customer's equipment has answered.

The measurement of originating call usage over FGB ends when the originating FGB entry switch receives disconnect supervision from either the originating end user's end office, indicating the originating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of terminating, whichever is recognized first by the entry switch.

For terminating calls over FGB, usage measurement begins when the terminating FGB entry switch receives answer supervision from the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has answered.

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6.6.5 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont.)

(B) Feature Group B Usage Measurement (Cont.)

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

(C) Feature Group C Usage Measurement

For originating calls over FGC, usage measurement begins when the originating FGC entry switch receives answer supervision from the customer's point of termination, indicating the called party has answered.

The measurement of originating call usage over FGC ends when the originating FGC entry switch receives disconnect supervision from either the originating end user's end office, indicating the originating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the entry switch. For terminating calls over FGC terminating FGC usage is not directly measured at the terminating entry switch, but is imputed from originating usage.

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.5 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont.)

(D) Feature Group D Usage Measurement

For originating calls over FGD, usage measurement begins when the originating FGD entry switch receives the first wink supervisory signal forwarded from the customer's point of termination.

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

For terminating calls over FGD, the measurement of access minutes begins when the terminating FGD entry switch receives answer supervision from the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has answered.

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.5 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont.)

(D) Feature Group D Usage Measurement (Cont.)

The measurement of terminating call usage over FGD ends when the terminating FGD entry switch receives disconnect supervision from either the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the entry switch.

6.6.5.1 Network Blocking Charge for Feature Group D

The customer will be notified by the Telephone Company to increase its capacity (busy hour minutes of capacity or quantities of trunks) when excessive trunk group blocking occurs on groups carrying Feature Group D traffic and the measured access minutes for that hour exceed the capacity purchased. Excessive trunk group blocking occurs when the blocking thresholds stated below are exceeded. They are predicated on time-consistent, hourly measurements over a 30-day period excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays. If the order for additional capacity has not been received by the Telephone Company within 15 days of the notification, the Telephone Company will bill the customer, at the rate set forth in 6.7.1(D) following, for each overflow in excess of the blocking threshold when (1) the average "30-day period" overflow exceeds the threshold level for any particular hour and (2) the "30-day period" measured average originating or two-way usage for the same clock hour exceeds the capacity purchased.

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.5.1 Network Blocking Charge for Feature Group D (Cont.)

Blocking Thresholds

<u>Trunks in Service</u>	<u>1%</u>	<u>1/2%</u>
1-2	.070	.045
3-4	.050	.035
5-6	.040	.025
7 or greater	.030	.020

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

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.6 Mileage Measurement

The mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for the Local Transport of usage rated services is calculated on the airline distance between the end office switch where the call carried by Local Transport originates or terminates and the customer's serving wire center. Where applicable, the V&H coordinates method is used to determine mileage.

Charges are shown in 6.7.1 following in terms of Access Minute Miles. To determine the rate per access minute to be billed, first compute the mileage using the V&H coordinates method, and then multiply the mileage by the rate shown in 6.7.1.

6.6.7 800 Data Base Access Service

An 800 Carrier Identification Charge is assessed per call to the service provider the call is delivered to in accordance with SMS/800 information residing in the Telephone Company's or other Exchange Carrier's SCP.

A POTS Translation Charge is assessed per call, in addition to the 800 Carrier Identification Charge, when the POTS number is delivered to the service provider instead of the 800 number. The POTS Translation feature is described in 6.2.5, preceding.

A Call Handling and Destination Feature Charge is assessed on a per-query basis, in addition to the Carrier Identification Charge and the POTS Translation Charge, to the service provider the call is delivered to for each 800 query that utilizes a Call Handling and Destination feature as described in 6.2.5, preceding. The query rate is assessed for all complete queries whether or not the actual 800 call is delivered to the service provider.

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6.7 Rate and Charges

6.7.1 Local Transport

(A)	<u>Direct Trunked Transport</u>	<u>Rates</u>	
(1)	<u>Direct Trunked Facility</u>		
	Per Mile		
	-Voice Grade	\$ 2.00	
	-High Capacity DS1	\$ 18.00	
(2)	<u>Direct Trunked Termination</u>		
	Per Termination		
	-Voice Grade	\$ 25.00	
	-High Capacity DS1	\$120.00	
(B)	<u>Multiplexing</u>		
	Per Arrangement		
	DS1 to Voice	\$250.00	
(C)	<u>Tandem Switched Transport</u>		
(1)	<u>Tandem Switched Facility</u>		
	Per Originating Access MOU		
	Per Mile	\$.000399	
	Per Terminating Access MOU		
	Per Mile	\$.000424	(R)
(2)	<u>Tandem Switched Termination</u>		
	Per Originating Access MOU		
	Per Termination	\$.005296	
	Per Terminating Access MOU		
	Per Termination	\$.002202	(R)
(3)	<u>Tandem Switching</u>		
	Per Originating Access MOU		
	Per Tandem	\$.005272	
	Per Terminating Access MOU		
	Per Tandem	\$.005554	(R)

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6.7 Rate and Charges (Cont.)

6.7.2 End Office

(A) Local Switching

(1) <u>Premium Rate</u>	<u>Rates</u>	
Per Originating Access Minute	\$.021000	
Per Terminating Access Minute	\$.000000	(R)

(2) Transitional Rate

Per Originating Access Minute	\$.015800	
Per Terminating Access Minute	\$.000000	(R)

(B) Information

(1) Premium Rate

Per Originating Access Minute	\$.000400	
Per Terminating Access Minute	\$.000000	

(2) Transitional Rate

Per Originating Access Minute	\$.000300	
Per Terminating Access Minute	\$.000000	

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6.7 Rate and Charges (Cont.)

6.7.2 End Office

(A) Local Switching

(1) <u>Premium Rate</u>	<u>Rates</u>	
Per Originating Access Minute	\$.021000	
Per Terminating Access Minute	\$.002133	(R)

(2) Transitional Rate

Per Originating Access Minute	\$.015800	
Per Terminating Access Minute	\$.001599	(R)

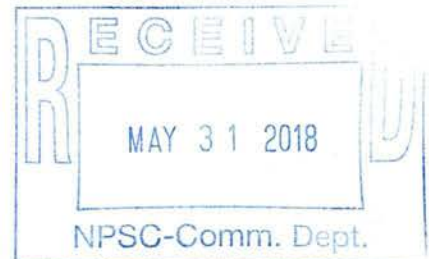
(B) Information

(1) Premium Rate

Per Originating Access Minute	\$.000400
Per Terminating Access Minute	\$.000000

(2) Transitional Rate

Per Originating Access Minute	\$.000300
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SECTION 7 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE

7.1 GENERAL

Special Access Service provides a transmission path to connect customer designated premises. Special Access Service includes all exchange access service not utilizing end office switches.

7.1.1 Channel Types

There are several types of channels used to provide a customer with Special Access Services. Each type of channel is identified separately for purposes of ordering; however, such identification is not intended to limit a customer's use of the channel nor to imply that the channel is limited to a particular use. Each type of channel is described below:

Voice Grade - a channel for the transmission of analog signals within an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz. Voice grade service includes among other point to point services, the provisions of WATS access lines.

Program Audio - a channel for the transmission of audio signals. The nominal frequency bandwidths are from 200 to 3500 Hz, from 100 to 5000 Hz, from 50 to 8000 Hz, or from 50 to 15000 Hz.

Video - a channel for the transmission of standard 525 line 60 field monochrome or National Television Systems Committee color video signal and one or two associated 5 or 15 kHz audio signals. The bandwidth is either 30 Hz to 4.5 MHz or 30 Hz to 6.6 MHz.

Digital Data - a channel for the digital transmission of synchronous serial data at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, or 56 Kbps.

High Capacity - a channel for the transmission of isochronous serial digital data at rates of 384 Kbps, 768 Kbps, or 1.544 Mbps.

7.1.2 Service Configurations

There are two types of service configurations over which Special Access Services are provided: two-point service and multipoint service.

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7.1.2 Service Configurations (Cont.)

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(A) Two-Point Service

A two point service connects two customer designated premises, either on a directly connected basis or through a hub where multiplexing functions are performed, or a customer designated premises and a WATS Serving Office (WSO).

Applicable rate elements are:

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

-A Special Access Surcharge may be applicable.

(B) Multipoint Service

Multipoint service connects three or more customer designated premises through one or more Telephone Company hubs.

When ordering, the customer will specify the desired bridging hub(s). EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4 identifies serving wire centers, hub locations and the type of bridging functions available.

Applicable Rate Elements are:

- Channel Terminations (one per customer designated premises)
- Channel Mileage (as applicable between the serving wire center for each customer designated premises and the hub between hubs).
- Bridging
- Additional Optional Features and Functions (when applicable)

-A Special Access Surcharge may be applicable.

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7.2 RATE REGULATIONS

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

7.2.1 Rate Categories

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

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

(A) Channel Termination

The Channel Termination rate category recovers the costs associated with the communications path between a customer designated premises and the serving wire center of that premises. One Channel Termination charge applies per channel to the customer designated premises at which the channel is terminated.

(B) Channel Mileage

The Channel Mileage rate category recovers the costs associated with the end office equipment and the transmission facilities between the serving wire centers. Channel Mileage rates are made up of the Channel Mileage Facility rate and the Channel Mileage Termination rate.

(1) Channel Mileage Facility

The Channel Mileage Facility rate recovers the per mile cost for the transmission path which extends between the Telephone Company Serving Wire Centers and/or Hubs.

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7.2 RATE REGULATIONS (Cont.)

7.2.1 Rate Categories (Cont.)

(B) Channel Mileage (Cont.)

(2) Channel Mileage Termination

The Channel Mileage Termination rate recovers the cost for end office equipment associated with terminating the facility (i.e., basic circuit equipment and terminations at serving wire centers and hubs). The Channel Mileage Termination rate will apply at the serving wire center(s) for each customer designated permises and Telephone Company hub where the channel is terminated.

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(C) Optional Features and Functions

The optional features and functions rate category recovers the costs associated with optional features and functions which may be added to a Special Access Service to improve its quality or utility to meet specific communications requirements. These are not necessarily identifiable with specific facilities, but rather represent the end result in terms of performance characteristics which may be obtained by using various combinations of facilities. Although the facilities necessary to perform a specified function may be installed at various locations along the path of the service, they will be charged for as a single rate element.

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7.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges

(A) Monthly Rates

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

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7.2 RATE REGULATIONS (Cont.)

7.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont.)

(B) Daily Rates

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

Part-time Program Audio Service or Video Service provided within a consecutive 30 day period will be charged the daily rate, not to exceed the monthly rate. For each day or partial day after a consecutive 30 day period of service, a charge equal to 1/30th of the monthly rate shall apply.

(C) Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activity.

(1) Installation of Service

Nonrecurring charges apply to each service installed.

(2) Installation of Optional Features and Functions

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

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7.2 RATE REGULATIONS (Cont.)

7.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont.)

(C) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont.)

(3) Service Rearrangements

Changes in the physical location of the point of termination or customer designated premises are moves as set forth in 7.2.3 following.

Changes in the type of Service will be treated as a discontinuance of the service and an installation of a new service.

Changes in ownership or transfer of responsibility from one customer to another will be treated as a discontinuance of the service and an installation of a new service.

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

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

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7.2 RATE REGULATIONS (Cont.)

7.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont.)

(C) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont.)

(3) Service Rearrangements

All other service rearrangements will be charged as follows:

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

-If the change involves the addition of an optional feature or function, or if the change involves changing the type of signaling, the Access Order Charge will apply.

7.2.3 Moves

A move involves a change in the physical location of either a customer's premises or a point of termination at a customer premises.

(A) Moves Within the Same Building

When the move is to a new location within the same building, the charge for the move will be an amount equal to one half of the nonrecurring charge for the service termination affected. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements. This charge is in addition to the Access Order Charge.

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

7.2 RATE REGULATIONS (Cont.)

7.2.3 Moves (Cont.)

(B) Moves to a Different Building

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

7.2.4 Minimum Periods

Special Access Services, except for Program Audio and Video, are provided for a minimum period of one month. Program Audio and Video are provided for a minimum period of 24 hours.

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7.2.5 Mileage Measurement

The mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for the Channel Mileage Facility is calculated on the airline distance between the locations involved. To determine the rate to be billed, first compute the mileage using the V&H coordinates method, as set forth in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. When the calculation results in a fraction of a mile, always round up to the next whole mile. Multiply this mileage by the Billing Percentage for each Telephone Company to derive apportioned airline mileage. The apportioned airline mileage should then be multiplied by the Channel Mileage Facility per mile rate.

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When hubs are involved, mileage is computed and rates applied separately for each section of the Channel Mileage, i.e.,

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- customer designated premises serving wire center to hub,
- hub to hub and/or
- hub to customer designated premises serving wire center.

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7.2 RATE REGULATIONS (Cont.)

7.2.6 Facility Hubs

A customer has the option of service to a facility hub. A hub is a Telephone Company designated serving wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed. The bridging functions performed are to connect three or more customer designated premises in a multipoint arrangement. The multiplexing functions are to channelize analog or digital facilities to individual services requiring a lower capacity or bandwidth.

NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4 identifies serving wire centers, hub locations, hub level and type of multiplexing functions available. Additionally, subtending wire centers are identified for Intermediate and Super-Intermediate Hubs.

7.2.7 Frame Relay Services for State of Nebraska Use

The charges for Digital Data Services and High Capacity Services will be discounted by 50% when sold to the State of Nebraska for use in the State's Frame Relay Network.

7.2.8 Educational Interactive Video Services

The charges for Digital Data Services and High Capacity Services will be discounted by 50% when sold to the State of Nebraska, any Nebraska Public School District, any Educational Service Unit, or any Nebraska Post Secondary School for provision of Two-way Interactive Video Services. Educational Interactive Video Services that use transmission methods other than Digital Data or High Capacity Service will be priced on an individual case basis.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.9 Optional Rate Plans

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan

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The High Capacity Optional Rate Plan offers a Term Discount. The Term Discount plan applies to Special Access DS1 and DS3 High Capacity Service Channel Termination, Channel Mileage Facility and Channel Mileage Termination monthly rates, as set forth following. The current monthly rates for such services are reduced by a fixed percentage. The amount of the discount percentage differs based on the length of the service commitment period selected by the customer. The Term Discount percentages for High Capacity Service are as set forth in Section 7.6.5(C), following.

Discounts for the Term Discount plan are only applied to High Capacity Service provided to a customer by Great Plains Communications, Inc.

The minimum service period on a monthly rate basis is one month for DS1 service and twelve months for DS3 service.

(1) Term Discounts

DS1 and DS3 High Capacity Special Access Service may be ordered at the customer's option on a monthly rate basis or for Term Discount periods of 36 months (3 years) or 60 months (5 years).

The minimum service period for all Term Discount plans is twelve months. The customer must specify the length of the service commitment period at the time the service is ordered.

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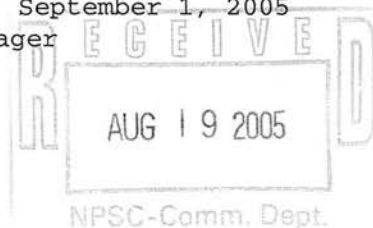
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7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.9 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)

1) Term Discounts (Cont'd)

For customers that subscribe to the Term Discount plan for 36 or 60 months, the Term Discount percentage as set forth in Section 7.6.5(C), following, will be frozen from Company initiated decreases, for the entire discount period at the percent in effect at the beginning of the Term Discount period.

If a Term Discount percentage increase occurs during the term of an existing Term Discount plan, the increased percentage will be applied automatically to the remainder of the current Term Discount period.

At the end of the Term Discount period, the customer may convert to month-to-month service or subscribe to a new Term Discount plan. If the customer does not make a choice by the end of the discount period, the rates will automatically convert to month-to month service rates.

To be included in a Term Discount plan, all eligible High Capacity rate elements must be ordered for the same commitment term (i.e., all 36 months or all 60 months) and with the same service date. When additional capacity is subsequently added, it will be available only on a month-to-month basis unless the discount period of the entire service is upgraded.

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7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.9 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)

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(1) Term Discounts (Cont'd)

Eligible DS1 or DS3 High Capacity rate elements are those Channel Terminations, Channel Mileage Facility and Channel Mileage Terminations provided to a customer by Great Plains Communications, Inc. As long as the number of DS1s or DS3s included in a Term Discount plan remains constant, customer requests to install and disconnect DS1 or DS3 services, including changes affecting different wire centers and/or customer designated premises, will not change this current Term Discount period or the minimum service period, and Discontinuance of Service charges as set forth in (C), following, will not apply.

(a) Upgrades In Term Discounts

Services provided under monthly rates or Term Discount rates may be upgraded to a Term Discount plan at any time without incurring Channel Termination nonrecurring charges or discontinuance charges for existing services. The new Term Discount plan must meet or exceed the service term of the plan being upgraded. For example, a service with a 36 month commitment period may be upgraded to a new 36 month, or 60 month service period. The monthly rates will be those that are in effect at the time the service is upgraded. A new minimum service period applies to all High Capacity Service that is upgraded.

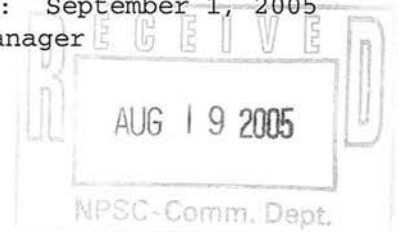
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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.9 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)

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(1) Term Discounts (Cont'd)

(b) Upgrades in Capacity (DS1 to DS3)

If the customer chooses to upgrade a service under the Term Discount rate plan to a higher capacity (i.e., DS1 to DS3), discontinuance charges will not apply, provided all the following conditions are met:

- the customer's order for the disconnect of the existing DS1 Service and the installation of the new DS3 Service are received at the same time and specifically reference the application of upgrade in capacity,
- the customer's disconnect order for the existing DS1 Service must reference the DS3 Service installation order,
- The new service has a total voice equivalent channel capacity greater than the total voice equivalent channel capacity of the service discontinued and,
- The new Term Discount period meets or exceeds the Term Discount period being discontinued.

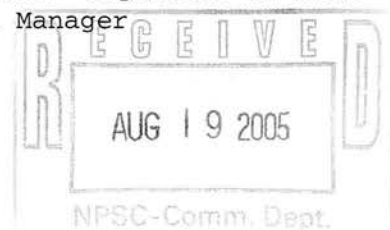
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7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.9 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)

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(1) Term Discounts (Cont'd)

(b) Upgrades In Capacity (DS1 to DS3) (Cont'd)

A new minimum service period applies to all upgrades. Channel Termination nonrecurring charges for an equivalent channel capacity of the existing services being upgraded to the higher speed service will not be assessed. For example, 30 existing DS1 Services are being upgraded to DS3 Service at the customer's request. A total of 2 DS3 Services will be installed without Channel Termination nonrecurring charges being assessed, as it will require 2 DS3 Services to provide the equivalent channel capacity of the existing services. Channel Termination nonrecurring charges will not apply to the upgraded lower speed services placed on the higher speed service if requested at the same time as the upgrade request. Channel Termination nonrecurring charges will apply for capacity that exceeds the existing equivalent channel capacity.

Should the customer choose to upgrade either a portion of, or the entire DS1 Service under the Term Discount plan to a DS3 Service and move the service to a new customer location(s) within the same state and LATA, and when service is provided by Great Plains Communications, Inc., discontinuance charges will not apply.

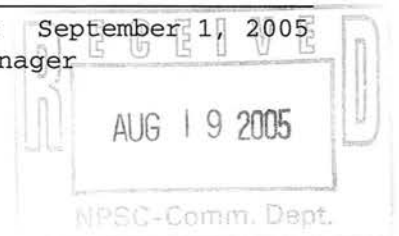
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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.9 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)

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(1) Term Discounts (Cont'd)

(c) Discontinuance of Service

If the customer chooses to disconnect all or a portion of the service prior to the expiration of the Term Discount period, discontinuance charges will apply to the portion of the service being discontinued.

Should the customer choose to discontinue a Term Discount plan prior to the completion of the minimum service period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges equal to one hundred percent of the total undiscounted monthly rates, less any amounts previously paid, will apply for the minimum service period. Additionally, discontinuance charges of fifteen percent for DS1 service, and fifty percent for DS3 service, of the total undiscounted monthly charges will apply to the remaining portion of the discount service term.

Should the customer choose to discontinue service ordered under a Term Discount plan after the minimum service period but before the completion of the discount period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges of fifteen percent for DS1 service, and fifty percent for DS3 Service, of the total undiscounted monthly charges will apply to the remaining portion of the discount period. For example, a customer has a DS1 Service which it chooses to discontinue after 33 months into a 60-month service term. The discontinuance charge would be 0.15 times 27 months times the undiscounted monthly rates for that service.

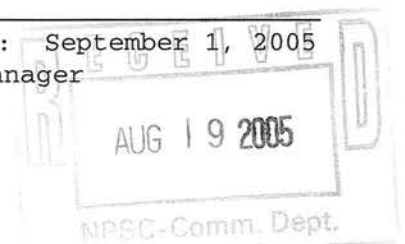
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7.3 SURCHARGE FOR SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE

7.3.1 General

Special access services provided under this tariff may be subject to the monthly Special Access Surcharge.

7.3.2 Application

- (A) The Special Access Surcharge will apply to each intrastate Special Access Service that terminates on an end user's PBX or other device where, through a function of the device, the Special Access Service interconnects to the local exchange network. Interconnection functions include but are not limited to wiring and software functions, bridging, switching or patching of calls or stations.
- (B) Special Access Service will be exempted from the Surcharge Telephone Company upon receipt of the customer's written certification for the following Special Access Service terminations:
  - (1) an open-end termination in a Telephone Company switch of an FX line, including CCSA and CCSA-equivalent ONALS; or
  - (2) an analog channel termination that is used for radio or television program transmission; or
  - (3) a termination used for TELEX service; or
  - (4) a termination that by the nature of its operating characteristics could not make use of Telephone Company common lines such as, terminations which are restricted through hardware or software; or
  - (5) a termination that interconnects either directly or indirectly to the local exchange network where the usage is subject to Carrier Common Line charges such as, where the Special Access Service accesses only FGA and no local exchange lines, or Special Access Service between customer points of termination, or Special Access Service connecting CCSA or CCSA-type equipment (inter-machine trunks); or

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

7.3 SURCHARGE FOR SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

7.3.2 Application (Cont.)

- (6) a termination that the customer certifies to the Telephone Company is not connected to a PBX or other device capable of interconnecting the Special Access Service to a local exchange subscriber line.

7.3.3 Exemption of Special Access Service

- (A) Special Access Services which are terminated as set forth in 7.3.2(B) preceding will be exempted from the Special Access Surcharge if the customer provides the Telephone Company with written exemption certification. The certification may be provided to the Telephone Company as follows:
  - (1) at the time the Special Access Service is ordered or installed;
  - (2) at such time as the service is reterminated to a device incapable of interconnection to local exchange facilities, or
  - (3) at such time as the service becomes associated with a Switched Access Service that is subject to Carrier Common Line Charges
- (B) The exemption certification is to be provided by the customer ordering the service. The certification must be signed by the customer or authorized representative and include the category of exemption, as set forth in 7.3.2(B) preceding, for each termination, and the date which the exemption is effective.
- (C) The customer shall also notify the Telephone Company when an exempted Special Access Service is changed or reterminated such that the exemption is no longer applicable.

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7.3 SURCHARGE FOR SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

7.3.3 Exemption of Special Access Service (Cont.)

(D) The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to resolve any question regarding the exemption certification. However, the Telephone Company reserves the right to request additional information from the customer, when necessary, to assure qualifications for exemption of the Surcharge are met. In addition, the Telephone Company may withhold exemption of the service until the dispute is resolved.

7.3.4 Rate Regulations

(A) The surcharge applies to each channel of a Special Access Service and per voice grade equivalent service derived from a Special Access Service. If the customer claims exemption(s) as set forth in 7.3.3 preceding or, is not utilizing all available voice grade equivalents and has spare capacity, the number of surcharges would be reduced accordingly. One Surcharge will apply for each termination of a multipoint Special Access Service at a customer's designated premises.

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(B) The Telephone Company will bill the appropriate Special Access Surcharge to the ordering customer for each intrastate Special Access Service installed unless exemption certification is provided as set forth in 7.3.3 preceding.

(C) If a written certification is not received at the time the Special Access Service is obtained, the Surcharge will be applied. Exempt status will become effective on the certification date indicated by the customer, subject to the regulations set forth in (D) following.

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

7.3 SURCHARGE FOR SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

7.3.4 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

(D) Crediting the Surcharge

The Telephone Company will cease billing the Special Access Surcharge when certification, as set forth in 7.3.3 preceding, is received. If the status of the Special Access Service was changed prior to receipt of the exemption certification, the Telephone Company will credit the customer's account, not to exceed ninety (90) days, based on the effective date of the change as specified by the customer in the letter of certification.

7.3.5 Message Station Equipment Recovery Charge

The Message Station Equipment Recovery Charge is a charge to recover that portion of the message station equipment that is assigned to Special Access Service. This charge is assessed to those customers to which the Special Access Surcharge, as set forth in 7.3 preceding, applies.

7.4 SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS

7.4.1 Voice Grade Service

(A) Basic Channel Description

A Voice Grade channel is a channel which provides voice frequency transmission capability in the nominal frequency range of 300 to 3000 Hz and may be terminated 2-wire or 4-wire. Voice Grade channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer premises and a Telephone Company Hub, which may be located in another exchange carrier's territory.

(B) Technical Specifications

Technical Specifications for Voice Grade Service will be in accordance with standard industry procedures.

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7.4 SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

7.4.1 Voice Grade Service (Cont.)

(C) Optional Features and Functions

(1) Central Office Bridging Capability

- a. Voice Bridging (two-wire and four-wire)
- b. Data Bridging (two-wire and four-wire)
- c. Telemetry and Alarm Bridging

(2) Conditioning

Conditioning provides more specific transmission characteristics for Voice Grade services.

a. C-Type Conditioning

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

b. Data Capability (D Conditioning)

Data Capability provides transmission characteristics suitable for data communications. Specifically, Data Capability provides for the control of Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio and intermodulation distortion.

(3) Customer Specified Premises Receive Level

This option allows the customer to specify the receive level at the Point of Termination. The level must be within a specific range on effective four-wire transmission.

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7.4 SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

7.4.1 Voice Grade Service (Cont.)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont.)

(4) Improved Return Loss

- a. On Effective Four-Wire Transmission at Four-Wire Point of Termination (applicable to each two-wire port) improved return loss provides for a fixed 600 ohm impedance, variable level range and simplex reversal.
- b. On Effective Two-Wire Transmission at Two-Wire Point of Termination improved return loss provides for more stringent Echo Control specifications.

(5) Signaling Capability

Signaling Capability provides for the ability to transmit signals from one customer premises to another customer premises on the same service. The signaling capability charge will not apply when used in the provision of WATS access service.

(6) Selective Signaling Arrangement.

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

(7) Transfer Agreement

An arrangement that affords the customer an additional measure of flexibility in the use of an access channel(s). The arrangement can be utilized to transfer a leg of a Special Access Service to another channel that terminates in either the same or a different customer premises.

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7.4 SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

7.4.1 Voice Grade Service (Cont.)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont.)

(8) Public Packet Switching Network (PPSN) Interface Arrangement

An arrangement that provides the interface requirements that permit a Voice Grade service to interface with a Public Packet Switching Network packet switch located in a Telephone Company premises.

(9) Four-Wire/Two-Wire Conversions

When a customer requests that an effective four-wire channel be terminated with a two-wire channel interface at the customer designated premises, a four-wire to two-wire conversion is required.

7.4.2 Program Audio

(A) Basic Channel Description

A Program Audio Channel is a channel with bandwidth measured in Hz for the transmission of a complex signal voltage. The actual bandwidth is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. Only one-way transmission is provided.

(B) Technical Specifications

Technical Specifications for Program Audio Service will be in accordance with standard industry procedures.

(C) Optional Features and Functions

(1) Central Office Bridging Capability

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7.4 SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

7.4.2 Program Audio (Cont.)

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(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont.)

(2) Gain Conditioning

Control of 1004 Hz AML at initiation of service to 0 dB + 0.5 dB.

(3) Stereo

Provision of a pair of gain/phase equalized channels for stereo applications.  
(An additional Program Audio channel must be ordered separately.)

7.4.3 Video Service

(A) Basic Channel Description

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

Rates and charges for Special Access Video Service are as set forth in 7.6.3 following.

(B) Technical Specifications and Network Channel Interfaces

The following network channel interfaces (NCIs) define the

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7.4 SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

7.4.3 Video Service (Cont.)

(B) Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces (Cont.)

bandwidth and the provision of the audio signal(s) associated with a Video channel:

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

7.4.4 Digital Data Service

(A) Basic Channel Description

A Digital Data channel is a channel for duplex four-wire transmission of synchronous serial data at the rate of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, or 56 Kbps. The actual bit rate is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. The channel provides a synchronous service with timing provided by the Telephone Company through the Telephone Company's facilities to the customer in the received bit stream. Digital Data channels are only available from wire centers equipped for digital transmission. This service is subject to the technical limitations of the Central office equipment used by the Company.

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7.4 SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

7.4.4 Digital Data Service (Cont.)

(B) Technical Specifications and Network Channel Interfaces

Technical Specifications for Digital Data Service will be in accordance with standard industry procedures.

The following network channel interfaces (NCIs) define the bit rates that are available for a Digital Data channel:

<u>NCI</u>	<u>Bit Rate</u>
DU-24	2.4 Kbps
DU-48	4.8 Kbps
DU-96	9.6 Kbps
DU-56	56.0 Kbps

(C) Optional Features and Functions

(1) Central Office Bridging Capability

The bridging functions performed are to connect three or more customer designated premises in a multipoint arrangement.

(2) DSO to Subrate

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

(3) Secondary Channel Capability

The secondary channel option provides the customer with the capability to derive an independent, slower speed auxiliary (secondary) channel that operates in parallel with a primary Digital Data Channel. It is available for all speeds of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, and 56 kbps channels. For 56 kbps channels, the option may be used only in two-point configurations which do not require the

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7.4 SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

7.4.4 Digital Data Service (Cont.)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont.)

(3) Secondary Channel Capability (Cont.)

installation of loop repeater equipment. The technical parameters for the channels with a secondary channel option are set forth in Technical Publication - PUB 62310. The speeds of the secondary channels are as follows:

- 133 bps with a primary 2.4 kbps channel
- 266 bps with a primary 4.8 kbps channel
- 533 bps with a primary 9.6 kbps channel
- 2,666 bps with a primary 56 kbps channel

This optional feature is subject to availability.

(4) Transfer Arrangement

An arrangement that affords the customer an additional measure of protection and/or flexibility in the use of their access channel(s). The arrangement can be utilized to transfer a leg of a Special Access Service to either a spare or working channel that terminates in either the same or a different customer designated premises. This arrangement is only available at a Telephone Company designated hub. A key activated or dial-up control service is required to operate the transfer arrangement. A spare channel, if required, is not included as a part of the option.

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7.4 SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

7.4.5 High Capacity Service

(A) Basic Channel Description

A High Capacity Channel is a channel for the transmission of nominal 64 Kbps or 384 Kbps, 768 Kbps, or 1.544 Mbps isochronous serial data. The actual bit rate is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer.

(B) Technical Specifications and Network Channel Interfaces

Technical Specifications for High Capacity Service will be in accordance with standard industry procedures.

The following network channel interfaces (NCIs) define the bit rates that are available for a High Capacity channel:

<u>NCI</u>	<u>Bit Rate</u>
DS-15	1.544 Mbps (DS1)
DS-44	44.736 Mbps (DS3)

(C) Optional Features and Functions

(1) Automatic Loop Transfer

The Automatic Loop Transfer provides protection against failure of the facilities between a customer designated premises and the wire center serving that premises. Protection is furnished through the use of a switching arrangement that automatically switches to a spare channel line when a working line fails.

(2) Transfer Arrangement

An arrangement that affords the customer an additional measure of

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7.4 SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

7.4.5 High Capacity Service (Cont.)

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(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont.)

(2) Transfer Agreement (Cont.)

flexibility in the use of their access channel(s). The arrangement can be utilized to transfer a leg of a Special Access Service to either a spare or working channel that terminates in either the same or a different customer designated premises.

(3) Central Office Multiplexing

(a) DS1 to Voice

An arrangement that converts a 1.544 Mbps channel to 24 channels for use with Voice Grade Services.

(b) DS1 to DSO

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

(c) DS0 to Subrate

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

7.5 INDIVIDUAL CASE FILINGS

Certain services set forth in Special Access Service, Section 7, are provided on an Individual Case Basis.

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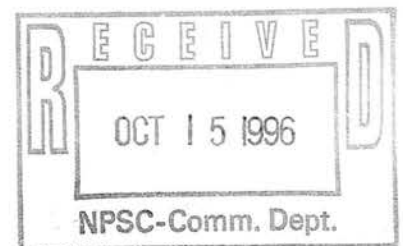
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7.6 RATES AND CHARGES

7.6.1. Voice Grade Service

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
(A) Channel Termination		
-2-Wire	\$20.00 (R)	\$140.00
-4-Wire	\$35.00 (R)	\$140.00
(B) Channel Mileage		
(1) Channel Mileage Facility		
-Per channel mile	\$2.00 (R)	
(2) Channel Mileage Termination		
-Per channel mile	\$25.00 (R)	
(C) Optional Features and Functions		
(1) C-Type Channel Conditioning		
-Per Channel Termination	\$7.32	
(2) 2-Wire to 4-Wire Conversion		
-Per Conversion	\$1.51	
(3) Bridging		
-Per Port	\$7.00	
(4) Improved Return Loss		
for Effective Two Wire or		
Four Wire Transmission		
per termination		
-Two Wire	\$7.15	
-Four Wire	\$7.15	



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7.6 RATE AND CHARGES

7.6.1 Voice Grade Service

The Channel Mileage Rates listed under 7.6.1 (B) on Original Sheet 23 will be deferred for end users whose total monthly channel mileage charges, using the revised rates, increase by more than 10 percent. The Channel Mileage Rates for these customers will be phased-in based on the following schedule:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>----Channel Mileage----</u>	
	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Termination</u>
January 1, 1993	\$4.82	\$15.00
January 1, 1994	\$2.56	\$30.00

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7.6 RATES AND CHARGES (Cont.)

7.6.1 Voice Grade Service (Cont.)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont.)

	Monthly Rate	
(5) Customer Specified Received Level -per two wire termination	\$3.44	(N)
(6) Signaling Capability	\$11.73	
(7) Selective Signaling Arrangement -per arrangement	\$ 6.38	
(8) Transfer Arrangement -per four port arrangement	\$ 3.01	
-per five port arrangement	\$ 6.85	
(9) Public Packet Switching Network (PPSN) Interface Arrangement -per arrangement	ICB	(N)
(D) Surcharge for Special Access Service -Per voice grade equivalent	\$25.00	(M)
(E) Message Station Equipment Recovery Charge -Per Special Access Line to which the Special Access Surcharge Applies	\$ 1.77	(M)

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7.6.2 Program Audio Service

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	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Daily</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring</u> <u>Charge</u>
(A) Channel Termination			
-per termination			
-200 to 3500 Hz	ICB	ICB	ICB
-100 to 5000 Hz	ICB	ICB	ICB
- 50 to 8000 Hz	ICB	ICB	ICB
- 50 to 15000 Hz	ICB	ICB	ICB
(B) Channel Mileage			
(1) Channel Mileage Facility			
-per mile			
-200 to 3500 Hz	ICB	ICB	
-100 to 5000 Hz	ICB	ICB	
- 50 to 8000 Hz	ICB	ICB	
- 50 to 15000 Hz	ICB	ICB	
(2) Channel Mileage Termination			
-per termination			
-200 to 3500 Hz	ICB	ICB	
-100 to 5000 Hz	ICB	ICB	
- 50 to 8000 Hz	ICB	ICB	
- 50 to 15000 Hz	ICB	ICB	
(C) Optional Features and Functions			
(1) Bridging, Distribution amplifier per port			
	ICB	ICB	
(2) Gain Conditioning per service			
	ICB	ICB	
(3) Stereo per service			
	ICB	ICB	(N)

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE. (Cont)

7.6 RATES AND CHARGES (Cont.)

7.6.3 Video Service

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>	
			<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Daily</u>
(A) Channel Termination Per Termination				
-TV-1 or 2	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
-4TV-5	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
-6TV-5	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
-TV-15	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB

(B) Channel Mileage	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
(1) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile		
-All	ICB	ICB
(2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination		
-All	ICB	ICB

7.6.4 Digital Data Service

(A) Channel Termination	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
-Per termination		
-2.4 kbps	\$37.50 (R)	\$210.00
-4.8 kbps	\$40.00 (R)	\$210.00
-9.6 kbps	\$42.50 (R)	\$210.00
-19.2 kbps	\$45.00 (N)	\$210.00 (N)
-56.0 kbps	\$50.00 (R)	\$210.00



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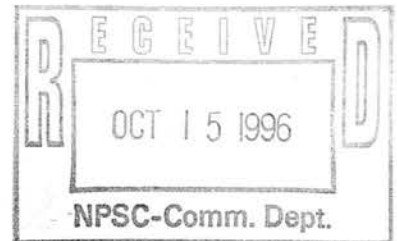
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7.6 RATES AND CHARGES (Cont.)

7.6.4 Digital Data Service (Cont.)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
<b>(B) <u>Channel Mileage</u></b>	
<b>(1) Channel Mileage Facility</b>	
-Per Mile	
-2.4 kbps	\$2.30 (R)
-4.8 kbps	\$2.30 (R)
-9.6 kbps	\$2.40 (R)
-19.2 kbps	\$2.40 (N)
-56 kbps	\$2.50 (R)
<b>(2) Channel Mileage Termination</b>	
-Per Termination	
-2.4 kbps	\$27.00 (R)
-4.8 kbps	\$27.00 (R)
-9.6 kbps	\$28.00 (R)
-19.2 kbps	\$28.00 (N)
-56 kbps	\$30.00
<b>(C) <u>Optional Features and Functions</u></b>	
	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
<b>(1) Bridging</b>	
-Per port	\$15.00
<b>(2) DSO to Subrate Multiplexing-</b>	
-Per arrangement	
-up to 20 2.4 kpbs	
-up to 10 4.8 kpbs	
-up to 5 9.6 kpbs	
All subrates	\$200.00 (R)



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7.6 RATES AND CHARGES (Cont.)

7.6.4 Digital Data Service (Cont.)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont.)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
(3) Secondary Channel Capability	ICB	ICB
(4) Loop Transfer Arrangement -Per four port arrangement	ICB	ICB

7.6.5 High Capacity Service

(A) Channel Termination

-Per Termination		
-384 kbps	\$65.00 (R)	\$360.00 (R)
-768 kbps	\$97.50 (R)	\$360.00 (R)
-1.544 mbps	\$130.00 (R)	\$360.00 (R)
-44.736 mbps	\$1,350.00	\$840.00

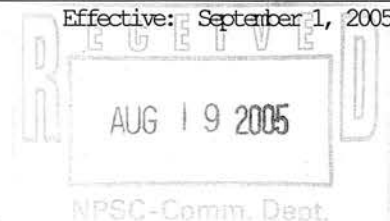
(B) Channel Mileage

(1) Channel Mileage Facility		
-Per Mile		
-384 kbps	\$9.00 (R)	
-768 kbps	\$13.50 (R)	
-1.544 mbps	\$18.00 (R)	
-44.736 mbps	\$80.00	

(2) Channel Mileage Termination

-Per termination		
-384 kbps	\$60.00 (R)	
-768 kbps	\$90.00 (R)	
-1.544 mbps	\$120.00 (R)	
-44.736 mbps	\$600.00	

(C) Term Discounts - DS1 and DS3 Services	<u>Percentage</u>	(N)
36 Months	10%	
60 Months	20%	(N)



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7.6 RATES AND CHARGES (Cont.)

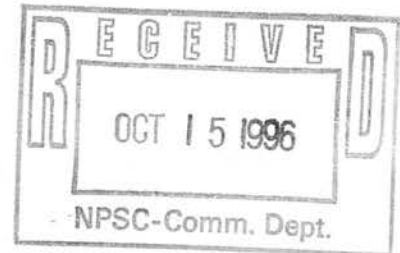
7.6.5 High Capacity Service (Cont.)

(C) Optional Features and Functions

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
(1) Multiplexing, per arrangement	
DS1 to Voice*	\$250.00 (R)
DS1 to DSO	\$250.00 (R)
(2) Automatic Loop Transfer -Per arrangement	ICB
(3) Transfer Arrangement -Per four port arrangement including control channel termination	ICB

7.6.6 Special Access Order Charge

	<u>Nonrecurring</u>
(A) Access Order Charge -Per order	\$105.00



\*A channel of this DS1 to the Hub can be used for Digital Data Service.

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SECTION 8. BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES

8.1 General

The Telephone Company will provide Billing and Collection Services under special contract.

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SECTION 9. SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

9.1 General

This section contains regulations, rates, charges and liabilities applicable for the special construction of facilities provided by the Telephone Company which are used to provide intrastate access services.

When special construction of facilities is required, the provisions of this section apply.

9.2 Regulations

9.2.1 Ownership of Facilities

The Telephone Company retains ownership of all specially constructed facilities which it provides.

9.2.2 Interval to Provide Facilities

Based on available information and the type of service ordered, the Telephone Company will establish a completion date for the specially constructed facilities. If circumstances beyond the Telephone Company's control force the completion date to be rescheduled, a new completion date will be established by the Telephone Company.

9.2.3 Special Construction Involving Both Intrastate and Interstate Facilities

When special construction involves facilities to be used to provide both intrastate and interstate services, charges for the portion of the construction used to provide intrastate service shall be in accordance with this Tariff. Charges for the portion of the construction used to provide interstate service shall be in accordance with the appropriate interstate tariff.

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SECTION 9. SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION (Cont.)

9.2 Regulations (Cont.)

9.2.4 Payments for Special Construction

9.2.4.1 Payment of Charges

All bills are due 30 days after the bill date.

- (A) If the entire amount billed, excluding any disputed amount is received by the Telephone Company later than 30 days after the bill date, an additional charge equal to 24.0 percent annually shall apply. Such annual rate will be compounded daily and applied to any undisputed past due balance.
- (B) In the event that a billing dispute is resolved in favor of the Telephone Company, any payments withheld pending settlement of the dispute shall be subject to the charge set forth in (A) preceding.

9.2.4.2 Partial Payments

For special construction projects requiring a construction period longer than one month, the Telephone Company will require partial payments. The partial payment amounts will be determined by dividing the estimated total nonrecurring charge for the special construction project by the number of months between the time when the special construction is begun and the completion date. Partial payments may not exceed the total nonrecurring

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9.2 Regulations (Cont.)

9.2.4 Payments for Special Construction (Cont.)

9.2.4.2 Partial Payments (Cont.)

charge for the special construction. Partial payments will be billed monthly, and payment will be due 30 days after the bill date. If any partial payment is not received by the due date, the Telephone Company will immediately cease all work on the special construction case and cancellation charges will apply as set forth in 9.2.5.4(E).

9.2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction

9.2.5.1 General

This section describes the various charges and liabilities that may apply when the Telephone Company provides special construction of facilities in accordance with an order for service. Written approval of all liabilities and charges must be provided to the Telephone Company prior to the start of construction.

9.2.5.2 Conditions Requiring Special Construction

Special construction is required when (1) facilities suitable to the customer are not available to meet an order for service, (2) the Telephone Company constructs facilities, or (3) one or more of the following conditions exists:

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9.2 Regulations (Cont.)

9.2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction  
(Cont.)

9.2.5.2 Conditions Requiring Special Construction  
(Cont.)

- The Telephone Company has no other requirement for the facilities constructed.
- It is requested that service be furnished using a type of facility, or via a route, other than that which the Telephone Company would normally utilize in furnishing the requested service.
- More facilities are requested than would normally be required to satisfy an order.
- It is requested that construction be expedited, resulting in added cost to the Telephone Company.

9.2.5.3 Development of Liabilities and Charges

Special construction charges and liabilities will be developed based on estimated costs. These estimates will be adjusted, and an appropriate IC charge or credit determined, upon project completion.

9.2.5.4 Types of Liabilities and Charges

Depending on the specifics associated with each individual case, one or more of the

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9.2 Regulations (Cont.)

9.2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction  
(Cont.)

9.2.5.4 Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont.)

following special construction charges and/or liabilities may be applicable:

A. Nonrecurring Charge

A nonrecurring charge always applies and includes one or more of the following components:

(1) Case Preparation Charge

A nonrecurring charge always includes a case preparation charge component to cover the administrative expenses associated with preparing a special construction case.

(2) Construction Charge

A construction charge will be applied to recover all direct labor and material costs required to complete the Special Construction project, along with overhead loadings which are developed according to standard Telephone Company policies.

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9.2 Regulations (Cont.)

9.2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction  
(Cont.)

9.2.5.4 Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont.)

A. Nonrecurring Charge (Cont.)

(3) Replacement Charge

If any portion of specially constructed facilities requires replacement involving capital investment, a replacement charge will apply. This charge will be the installed cost of the replaced specially constructed facilities. If any portion of the specially constructed facilities fails, service will not be restored until notification is provided in writing that replacement is required and such replacement is ordered.

(4) Rearrangement Charge

If the Telephone Company is requested to rearrange existing specially constructed facilities, a non-recurring charge equal to the cost of any additional special construction will apply.

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9.2 Regulations (Cont.)

9.2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction  
(Cont.)

9.2.5.4 Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont.)

B. Lease Charge

This charge applies when the Telephone Company leases equipment in order to meet service requirements. The amount of the charge is equal to the net added cost to the Telephone Company caused by the lease.

C. Cancellation Charge

If a service order with which special construction is associated is cancelled prior to the start of service, a cancellation charge will apply. The charge will include all costs incurred by the Telephone Company in association with the special construction up to and including the time of cancellation.

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SECTION 10. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

10.2 Unauthorized PIC Change (Cont.)

- The billed party will be reassigned to their previously selected IC. No charge will apply to the billed party for this reassignment.
- The Unauthorized Presubscription Change Charge as set forth in 10.3(B) will apply to the IC that requested the unauthorized PIC change. This charge is applied in addition to the Presubscription Charge set forth in 10.3(A).

10.3 Other Services

<u>(A) Presubscription</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>	
PIC Change Charges per Telephone Exchange Line or Trunk		(T)
Manually Processed-IntraLATA Only	\$5.50	(I)
Manually Processed-IntraLATA in Conjunction with InterLATA	\$2.75	(N)
Electronically Processed-IntraLATA Only	\$1.25	
Electronically Processed-IntraLATA in Conjunction with InterLATA	\$0.63	(N)
As used above, manual methods are (i) personal interaction between a customer, or a person acting on behalf of a customer, and a Telephone Company employee; and (ii) 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.		(N)
		(N)

(B) Unauthorized PIC Change

- Residence/Business Per Telephone Exchange Service line or trunk \$32.88
- Public and/or Semi-public pay telephone Per Telephone Exchange Service line or trunk \$55.99

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Description	Amount
Local Switching Rate Per Minute	\$0.0387
Ratio of Set-up to Holding Time (1)	0.1124
Set-up Portion of Local Switching Rate	\$0.0043
Ratio to Convert to a Per Call Charge (2)	5.8050
Network Blocking Rate Per Call	\$0.0250
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(1) Average Set-up Time Per Call	1.47
Average Holding Time Per Call	13.08
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Ratio of Set-up to Holding Time	0.1124
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(2) Average Holding Time Per Call	13.08
Less: Average Set-up Time Per Call	1.47
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Holding Time Less Set-up Time	11.61
Factor to Convert to Conversation Time	2
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Conversation Time	5.8050
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Residence or Business:  
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Description	Time (Minutes)	Labor Cost Per Hour	Total Cost	---Intrastate--- Percent	Cost
Receipt of Initial Call	20.0000	\$35.31	\$11.77	50.00%	\$5.89
Transfer Customer to EASC	0.1667	\$35.31	\$0.10	50.00%	\$0.05
EASC Initial Call	25.0000	\$35.31	\$14.71	50.00%	\$7.36
Other EASC Activity	20.0000	\$35.31	\$11.77	50.00%	\$5.89
Follow-up Calls	25.0000	\$35.31	\$14.71	50.00%	\$7.36
Billing Implementation	15.0000	\$35.31	\$8.83	50.00%	\$4.42
Other Data Clerk Functions	5.0000	\$35.31	\$2.94	50.00%	\$1.47
Mailing Costs Per Line	N/A	N/A	\$0.87	50.00%	\$0.44
Cost Per Line			\$65.70		\$32.88
			=====		=====

Public or Semi-Public Pay Telephone:  
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Description	Time (Minutes)	Labor Cost Per Hour	Total Cost	---Intrastate--- Percent	Cost
Receipt of Initial Call	20.0000	\$35.31	\$11.77	50.00%	\$5.89
Transfer Customer to EASC	0.1667	\$35.31	\$0.10	50.00%	\$0.05
EASC Initial Call	25.0000	\$35.31	\$14.71	50.00%	\$7.36
Other EASC Activity	20.0000	\$35.31	\$11.77	50.00%	\$5.89
Follow-up Calls	25.0000	\$35.31	\$14.71	50.00%	\$7.36
Billing Implementation	15.0000	\$35.31	\$8.83	50.00%	\$4.42
Dispatching Technician	60.0000	\$36.97	\$36.97	50.00%	\$18.49
Pay Telephone Card Replacement	15.0000	\$36.97	\$9.24	50.00%	\$4.62
Other Data Clerk Functions	5.0000	\$35.31	\$2.94	50.00%	\$1.47
Mailing Costs Per Line	N/A	N/A	\$0.87	50.00%	\$0.44
Cost Per Line			\$111.91		\$55.99
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SECTION 11. VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL - PUBLIC SWITCHED TELEPHONE  
NETWORK FACTOR

11.1 General

11.1.a The following prospective Intercarrier Compensation ("ICC") framework shall apply to Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") - Public Switched Telephone Network ("PSTN") traffic that would otherwise be subject to the Company's terminating intrastate toll access charges. This framework is being established solely as a result of the Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161, released November 18, 2011 (the "Report and Order") by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the FCC's Order, DA 12-147, released February 3, 2012. (N)  
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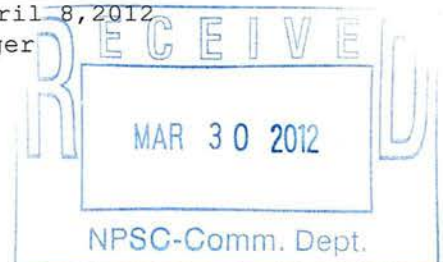
11.1.b The filing of this Section 11 by the Company is not and may not be used as an admission that the prior ICC frameworks applicable to the assessment of access charges to intrastate traffic originated on or terminated to the Company's network do not apply.

11.1.c The Company retains the right to alter the terms and conditions of this Section 11 in order to conform to the requirements of the Report and Order, including any and all changes that may be made to the ICC structure adopted by the FCC in the Report and Order.

11.2 Scope of Section 11

11.2.a The terms of this Section 11 shall only apply to traffic that a Customer, in good faith, demonstrates to be within the definition of "Intrastate Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic."

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NETWORK FACTOR (Cont.)

11.2 Scope of Section 11(Cont.)

11.2.b For purposes of applying the definition of Intrastate  
Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic the following shall apply:

11.2.b.i The term "Intrastate Toll" means traffic involving  
calling and called end users, both of which are  
identified as being located in the State of Nebraska  
one of which is identified as being located outside  
of the local calling area of the Company, and the  
other of which is a Company end user identified as  
being located within the local calling area. The  
determination of Intrastate Toll shall be made  
through the application of the traffic identification  
provisions of this Tariff and those that may exist in  
the Company's then effective interstate tariff  
(including provisions related to Percent Interstate  
Use) or through some other negotiated traffic  
identification arrangements included in an  
interconnection agreement between the Customer and  
the Company.

11.2.b.ii The term "VoIP" means traffic that is originated by  
or terminated to an end user in Internet Protocol  
format, *i.e.*, calls that utilize Internet protocol-  
compatible customer premises equipment.

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NETWORK FACTOR (Cont.)

11.2 Scope of Section (Cont.)

11.2.b For purposes of applying the definition of Intrastate Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic the following shall apply:  
(Cont.)

11.2.b.iii The term "PSTN" means traffic that, regardless of the originating or terminating format used by the Customer and the Company, is exchanged between the Customer and the Company in Time Division Multiplexing format.

11.3 Establishment of the Percent VoIP Usage Factor

11.3.a Should the Customer desire to avail itself of the provisions of this Section 11, the Customer shall first provide to the Company a factor for Intrastate Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic identified through the application of Section XX.2, above (the "Percent VoIP Usage" or "PVU" factor).

11.3.b No Customer shall provide a PVU factor without the ability to promptly supply traffic studies or other reasonable analyses prepared in good faith to demonstrate the accuracy of the PVU factor.

11.3.c Timing of and procedures applicable to the update of a PVU factor by a Customer shall be governed by the provisions applicable to updating of a Percent Interstate Usage as contained in this Tariff or in the Company's interstate exchange access tariff.

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NETWORK FACTOR (Cont.)

11.3 Establishment of the Percent VoIP Usage Factor (Cont.)

11.3.d Timing of and procedures applicable to an audit by the Company of a Customer's PVU factor shall be governed by the audit provisions applicable to the Percent Interstate Usage as contained in this Tariff or in the Company's interstate exchange access tariff. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, upon reasonable request by the Company, a Customer shall promptly provide the Company with the Customer's traffic studies or other reasonable analyses that demonstrate the accuracy of the PVU factor.

11.3.e Provided that the Customer has not already included such traffic in its PVU factor calculation, in the event that the Company provides service to its end users via Internet Protocol-capable customer premises equipment, the Company shall report to the Customer the percentage of its end users that utilize such an arrangement and shall apply such percentage to the total Intrastate Toll traffic and rate such traffic in a manner consistent with Section 11.4, below.

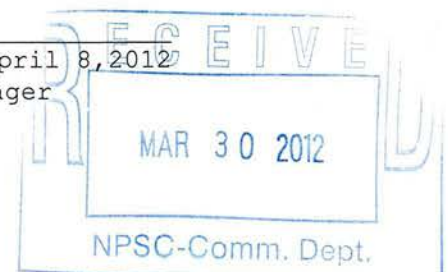
11.4 Application of PVU Factor

11.4.a Although subject to the dispute provisions of this Tariff and treated as intrastate jurisdictional traffic by the Company, traffic delivered to the Customer or received from the Customer for termination on the Company's network that is determined to be Intrastate Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic by application of the PVU factor shall be subject to the lower of then applicable interstate access rates and rate structure established by the Company or the Company's corresponding then existing intrastate access rates. (C) (N)

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NETWORK FACTOR (Cont.)

11.4 Application of PVU Factor (Cont.)

11.4.b Any dispute arising from the provisions of this Section XX shall be subject to the dispute provisions of this Tariff. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, should a dispute arise under this Section 11 regarding the level of the reported PVU factor, until such time as such dispute is resolved, the Customer shall pay the Company the applicable interstate access rate for the Intrastate Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic that is subject to the dispute based on the Customer's reported PVU factor. True-ups of charges by the Company shall be based on the resolution of the dispute along with applicable interest as provided for in the dispute provisions of this Tariff.

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