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SECTION 6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

6.1 General (Cont.)

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

and the manner in which an end user accesses them in originating a call, e.g., with or without an access code. Following is a brief description of each Feature Group arrangement. (S)(Y)

(A) Feature Group A (FGA)

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 Interstate Service or a customer-provided interstate communications capability. The customer must specify the Interexchange Carrier to which the FGA service is connected or, in the alternative, specify the means by which the FGA access communications is transported to another state. 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 that 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, which is available to all customers at suitably equipped telephone company end offices and access tandems, provides trunk side access to telephone company end office switches with an (S)(Y)
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6.1.1 Feature Group Arrangements and Manner of Provision (Cont.)

(B) Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont.)

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associated uniform access code (generally 950-1XXX or 950-0XXX) for the customer's use in originating communications from and terminating communications to an Interexchange Carrier's interstate service or a customer provided interstate communications capability. The customer must specify the Interexchange Carrier to which the FGB service is connected or, in the alternative, specify the means by which the FGB access communications is transported to another state. Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGB at telephone company designated WATS Serving Offices as set forth in 7. following may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGB Switched Access Service for the provision of WATS-type services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in 5.2 preceding.

The Telephone Company provides FGB service only as a Secondary Exchange Carrier at this time.

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(C) Feature Group C (FGC)

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FGC Access, which is available to providers of

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6.1 General (Cont.)

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

(C) Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont.)

Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGC at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices as set forth in Section 7 following may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGC Switched Access Service (i.e., a provider of MTS and WATS) for the provision of WATS Services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in 5.2 preceding.

A more detailed description of FGC Access is provided in 6.2.3 following.

(D) Feature Group D (FGD)

FGD Access, which is available to all customers, provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an associated uniform 10XXX access code for the customer's use in originating and terminating communications. Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGD at Telephone Company designated WATS serving offices may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGD Switched Access Service. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in 5.2 ("Access Order") preceding. A more detailed description of FGD Access is provided in 6.2.4 following.

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

(E) Manner of Provision (Cont.)

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 Access or FGD Access, the customer must at a minimum specify such access capacity in terms of Originating BHMCs and/or Terminating BHMCs.

Because some customers will wish to further segregate their originating traffic into separate trunk groups, Originating BHMCs are further categorized into Domestic, Toll Free, 900, Operator and International DDD (IDDD). Domestic BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying only domestic traffic other than Toll Free, 900 and Operator traffic; IDDD BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying only international traffic; and, Toll Free, 900 and Operator BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying, respectively, only Toll Free, 900 or Operator traffic. When ordering such types of access capacity, the customer must specify Domestic, Toll Free, 900, Operator or IDDD BHMCs.

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6.1.2 Rate Categories

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

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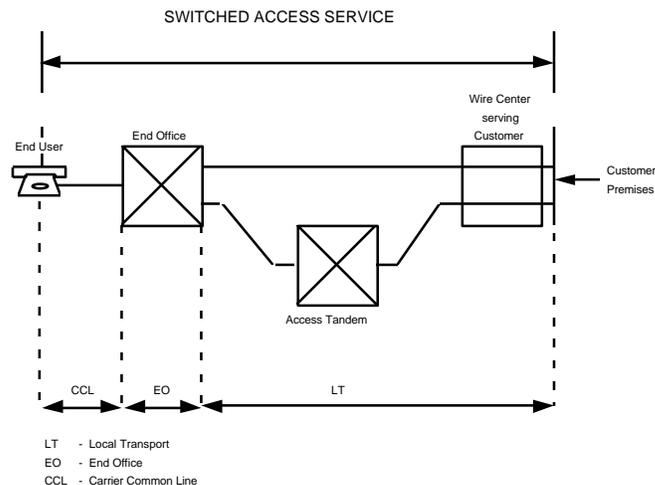
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6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont.)

- Local Transport (described in 6.1.2(B) following)
- End Office (described in 6.1.2(C) following)
- Common Line (described in Sections 3 and 4 preceding)

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



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SECTION 6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont.)

(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 within 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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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.

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6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont.)

(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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SECTION 6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont.)

(C) End Office (Cont.)

(1) Local Switching (Cont.) (T)

The Local Switching rate element also provides (C)
the terminations for the end user lines
terminating in the local end office.

There are two types of line terminations, i.e., (T)
Common Line terminations and Special Access |
Service terminations utilized in the provision (T)
of WATS or WATS-type services at Telephone
Company designated WATS Serving Offices.

The above Special Access Service terminations (T)
are differentiated by line side vs. trunk
side terminations. In addition, there are
various types of originating and terminating
line side terminations depending on the type
of signaling associated with the Special
Access Service. Line side terminations are
available with either dial pulse or dual tone
multifrequency address signaling.

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

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SECTION 6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

6.1 General (Cont.)

6.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont.)

(C) End Office (Cont.)

(2) Information

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) Toll Free Number Data Base Query

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

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In providing originating access for toll free (i.e., 1-800-NXX-XXXX, 1-888-NXX-XXXX) calls, the Telephone Company will identify the appropriate carrier for each Toll Free Number call by querying, via its common channel signaling system (SS7) network, a data base that stores the carriers selected by Toll Free Number 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.

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

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SECTION 6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

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

6.2.1 Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont.)

(A) Description (Cont.)

distribution arrangement, all FGA switching will be arranged for the same type of address signaling. (N)

(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 end user using inband tone signaling techniques. Such inband tone address signals will not be regenerated by the Telephone Company and will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.

(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). Charges for FGA terminating calls requiring operator assistance or calls to 611 or 911 will only apply where sufficient call details are available. Additional non-access charges will also be billed on a separate account for (1) an (N)

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

6.2.1 Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont.)

(A) Description (Cont.)

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. (N)

- (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. (N)

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SECTION 6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

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

6.2.2 Feature Group B (FGB)

(A) Description

signaling in the originating direction, if required by the customer, must be provided by the customer's end user using inband tone signaling techniques. Such inband tone address signals will not be regenerated by the telephone company and will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.

(5) The access code for FGB switching is generally a uniform access code of the form 950-0XXX or 950-1XXX. One uniform access code will be assigned to the customer for the customer's domestic communications and another will be assigned to the customer for its international communications, if required. These uniform access codes will be the assigned access numbers of all FGB Switched Access Service provided to the customer by the telephone company.

(6) When used in the terminating direction, FGB switching may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, time or weather announcement services of the telephone company, community information services of an information service provider and other customers' services (by dialing the appropriate digits). When directly routed to an end office, only those valid NXX codes served by that end office may be accessed. When routed through an access tandem, only those (N)(X)

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

6.2.2 Feature Group B (FGB)

(A) Description

valid NXX codes served by end offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed.

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

Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-0XXX or 950-1XXX access codes, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), service codes (611 and 911) or 10XXX access codes. FGB may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to Switched Access Service Feature Groups B, C, and D.

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

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

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6.2.2 Feature Group B (FGB)

(A) Description (Cont.)

may be combined in a single trunk group at the option of the telephone company.

- (8) When all FGB switching arrangements are discontinued at an end office and/or in a LATA, an intercept announcement is provided. This arrangement provides, for a limited period of time, an announcement that the service associated with the number dialed has been disconnected.

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SECTION 6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont.)

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.)

- (2) FGD is provided at Telephone Company designated end office switches whether routed directly or via Telephone Company designated electronic access tandem switches.
- (3) FGD is provided as trunk side switching through the use of end office or access tandem switch trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment is provided with wink start start-pulsing signals and answer and disconnect supervisory signaling.
- (4) FGD switching is provided with multifrequency address signaling. Up to 12 digits of the called party number dialed by the customer's end user using dual tone multifrequency or dial pulse address signals will be provided by Telephone Company equipment to the customer's premises where the Switched Access Service terminates. Such address signals will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.
- (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.

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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.)

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.

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

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

6.2.4 Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont.)

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(A) Description (Cont.)

- (7) The access code for FGD switching is a uniform access code of the form 10XXX. A uniform access code(s) will be the assigned number of all FGD access provided to the customer by the Telephone Company. No access code is required for calls to a customer over FGD Switched Access Service if the end user's telephone exchange service is arranged for presubscription to that customer, as set forth in Section 9 following.
- (8) Where no access code is required, the number dialed by the customer's end user shall be a seven or ten digit number for calls in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). For international calls outside the NANP, a seven to twelve digit number may be dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by the customer's end user is NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NXX-XXXX, NPA + NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NPA + NXX-XXXX, and, when the end office is equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD), 01 + CC + NN or 011 + CC + NN.
- (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.

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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.)

(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 Toll Free Number Data Base Access Service

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(A) General Description

Toll Free Number Data Base (Toll Free Number DB) Access Service is an originating service utilizing Trunk Side Access which provides for the forwarding of end user dialed toll free (i.e., 800-NXX-XXXX, 888-NXX-XXXX) calls to a customer based on the dialed Toll Free Number. The provision of Toll Free Number DB Service requires the customer's direct access to the Service Management System/Toll Free (SMS/SAC), or as an alternative, the provision of such service by a Responsible Organization.

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When a Toll Free Number call is originated by an end user, the Telephone Company or a connecting Exchange Carrier will perform the customer identification function based on the dialed digits to determine the customer location to which the call is to be routed in accordance with SMS/Toll Free SAC information residing in the Telephone Company's or other Exchange Carrier's Service Control Point (SCP).

The customer has the option of having the dialed Toll Free Number (i.e., 800-NXX-XXXX, 888-NXX-XXX) or the translated Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS) number (i.e., NPA-NXX-XXXX) delivered. If the translated POTS number is delivered, the customer must request the POTS Translation vertical feature through the Responsible Organization as described in (B), following.

Toll Free Number DB Service provided from an equal access end office will be provisioned from the SSP switch as Feature Group D. Calls originating from end offices not equipped with equal access capabilities will be converted at the SSP switch to standard Feature Group D format.

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

6.2.5 Toll Free Number Data Base Access Service (Cont.) (T)

(A) General Description (Cont.)

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

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Application of rates for Toll Free Number DB Service shall be as set forth in 6.6.8, following.

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(B) Vertical Features

In addition to the basic carrier identification function, Toll Free Number 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.

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(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 toll free dialed number (i.e., 800-NXX-XXXX, 888-NXX-XXXX) delivered to the service provider. Due to technical limitations, POTS Translation may not be available from all end offices.

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A POTS Translation Charge as described in 6.6.8, following, is assessed to the service provider for each Toll Free Number DB call delivered.

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

6.2.5 Toll Free Number 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 Originating 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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6.2 Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups (Cont.)

6.2.5 Toll Free Number Data Base Access Service (Cont.)

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(B) Vertical Features (Cont.)

(2) Call Handling and Destination Features (Cont.)

Specific Date allows the service subscriber to specify alternate service routes with the date the call originates. These calls can be routed to one of multiple terminations, with a single carrier and/or multiple carriers (Exchange and/or Interexchange Carriers).

Allocation by Percentage allows the service subscriber to specify by percentage the calls to be allocated to multiple terminations and/or multiple carriers (Exchange and/or Interexchange Carriers).

A Call Handling and Destination Feature Query Charge as described in 6.6.8, following, is assessed to the service provider for each Toll Free Number query to the SCP which utilizes one or more of the Call Handling and Destination Features.

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6.3 Transmission Specifications

Transmission Specifications for the Feature Groups are as set forth in Section 15 of the Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 1.

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6.4 Obligations of the Telephone Company

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

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6.4.1 Network Management

The Telephone Company will administer its network to ensure the provision of acceptable service levels to all telecommunications users of the Telephone Company's network services. Generally, service levels are considered acceptable only when both end users and customers are able to establish connections with little or no delay encountered within the Telephone Company network. The Telephone Company maintains the right to apply protective controls, i.e., those actions, such as call gapping, which selectively cancel the completion of traffic, over any traffic carried over its network, including that associated with a customer's Switched Access Service. Generally, such protective measures would only be taken as a result of occurrences such as failure or overload of Telephone Company or customer facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national

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6.4 Obligations of the Telephone Company (Cont.)

6.4.1 Network Management (Cont.)

security demands. In the event that the protective controls applied by the Telephone Company result in the complete loss of service by the customer, the customer will be granted a Credit Allowance for Service Interruption as set forth in 2.4.3 preceding.

6.4.2 Design and Traffic Routing of Switched Access Service

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

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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 (C) following.

(A) 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 Toll Free Number Data Base Query basis. Access minute charges are accumulated over a monthly period.

(B) 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.

Until January 1, 1999, the Telephone Company will not assess the customer any non-recurring charges for service connection when the customer converts existing trunks from tandem-switched transport to direct-trunked transport or when the customer orders the disconnection of existing overprovisioned trunks.

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

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

(B) Non-recurring Charges (Cont.)

(1) Installation of Service

Non-recurring charges apply to each Switched Access Service installed. For FGA and FGB, the charge is applied per line or trunk, respectively. 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 and the off-hook supervisory signaling of FGA Access Services, will be treated as a discontinuance of the existing service and an installation of a new service. The 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 could not combine its Toll Free Number Data Base traffic with its other trunk side Switched Access Services, no charge shall apply to combine these trunk groups when it becomes technically possible.

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

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

(C) Application of Rates (Cont.)

(3) Transitional Billing Arrangement (Cont.)

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

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

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

(ii) Where end office specific usage data is not available for originating and/or terminating FGA or FGB, the total originating and/or terminating usage will be measured or assumed usage at the entry switch as set forth respectively in 6.6.5 and 6.6.6 following. Originating and/or terminating usage will then be apportioned between premium and non-premium access minutes.

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

(C) Application of Rates (Cont.)

(3) Transitional Billing Arrangement (Cont.)

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(iii) Where FGD Switched Access Service is provided to a customer in an end office(s) where that customer's FGA or FGB premium access minutes have been determined in accordance with (ii) preceding, such premium access minutes will be adjusted in the following manner. For each FGD access minute originating from or terminating at that end office, the originating or terminating FGA or FGB premium access minutes determined as set forth in (ii) preceding will be reduced on a one for one basis, but in no event shall the reduction exceed the total number of FGA or FGB premium access minutes originating from or terminating at that end office. For each FGA or FGB premium minute of use reduction in either the originating or terminating direction, a corresponding originating or terminating non-premium

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

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

(C) Application of Rates (Cont.)

(3) Transitional Billing Arrangement (Cont.)

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minute of use will be apportioned to those end offices in the access area that are non-equal. Such apportionment will be based upon a ratio of the number of subscriber lines in each non-equal end office to the total subscriber lines that are served by all non-equal end offices in the access area. The customer will be billed for the revised number of premium or non-premium access minutes.

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- (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, and where the criteria specified in 2.4.6(B) are satisfied, the Secondary Exchange Carrier will apply switched Access Service Local Transport rates for its portion of the Local 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:

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.3 Change of Feature Group Type

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Changes from one type of Feature Group to another will be treated as a discontinuance of one type of service and a start of another. Nonrecurring charges will apply, and new minimum period obligations will be established.

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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 designated premise
- The customer designated premise

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.

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

(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 - Overview

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Customer traffic to end offices will be measured (i.e., recorded or assumed) by the Telephone Company at end 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 system outages, the Telephone Company will estimate the volume of lost customer access minutes of use based on previously known values. For terminating

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

calls over FGA, FGB, FGD, and FGC to Toll Free Number Service, and for originating calls over FGA (when the off-hook supervisory signal is provided by the customer's equipment before the called party answers), FGB, and FGD, the measured minutes are the chargeable access minutes. For originating calls over FGA, (when the off-hook supervisory signal is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers), and FGC, chargeable originating access minutes are derived from recorded minutes in the following manner:

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6.6.6 Measuring Access Minutes

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

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

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.6 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont.)

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

$$(1) \text{ Total Attempts} = \frac{1,000 \text{ (M. Mes.)}}{.75 \text{ (CR)}} = 1,333.33$$

$$(2) \text{ Total NCTA} = .4 \text{ (NCTA per Attempt)} \times 1,333.33 = 533.33$$

$$(3) \text{ Total Chargeable Originating Access Minutes} = 7,000 \text{ (M. Min.)} + 533.33 \text{ (NCTA)} = 7,533.33$$

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, FGC, and (N)
FGD access minutes or fractions thereof, the exact value (N)
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.)

6.6.6 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont.)

(B) Feature Group B Usage Measurement

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

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(C) Feature Group C Usage Measurement

(T)(X)

(S)(Y)

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.

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.

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6.6 Rate Regulations (Cont.)

6.6.6 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont.)

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

For terminating calls over FGC to services other than 900 or Directory Assistance, terminating FGC usage is not directly measured at the terminating entry switch, but is imputed from originating usage, excluding usage from calls to 900 or Directory Assistance Services.

(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.)

6.6.6 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont.)

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

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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.

6.6.6.1 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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6.6.6.1 Network Blocking Charge for Feature Group D (Cont.)

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<u>Blocking Thresholds</u>		
<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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6.7 Rates and Charges (Cont.)

6.7.1 Local Transport (Cont.)

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(D)	<u>Installation</u>	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>	(T)
	Per Line or Trunk		
	Voice Grade	\$140.00	
	High Capacity DS1	\$560.00	
(E)	<u>Network Blocking Charge</u>	<u>Rate Per Call Blocked</u>	(T)
	(Applies to FGD)	\$.0250	

6.7.2 End Office

(A)	<u>Local Switching</u>		
	(1) <u>Premium</u>		
	Per Access Minute	\$.0113	(R)
	(2) <u>Transitional (Non-Premium)</u>		
	Per Access Minute	\$.0051	(R)

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