

ACCESS SERVICE

Regulations, Rates and Charges  
applying to the provision of Access Services  
within a Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) or  
equivalent Market Area for connection to interstate  
communications facilities for Interstate Customers within  
the operating territories of the Issuing Carriers  
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CENTURYTEL MIDWEST-MICHIGAN, INC.  
CENTURYTEL OF MICHIGAN, INC.

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(N)

CONCURRING CARRIERS

NO CONCURRING CARRIERS

CONNECTING CARRIERS

NO CONNECTING CARRIERS

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

NO OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

REGISTERED SERVICE MARKS

NONE

REGISTERED TRADEMARKS

NONE

## ACCESS SERVICE

D - to signify discontinued rate or regulation.

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

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

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADA	-	Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement	
ADM	-	Add/Drop Multiplexing	
ADSL	-	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line	
AML	-	Actual Measured Loss	
ANI	-	Automatic Number Identification	
AP	-	Program Audio	
AT&T	-	American Telephone and Telegraph Company	
ATM	-	Asynchronous Transfer Mode	(N)
ATM-CRS	-	Asynchronous Transfer Mode Cell Relay Access Service	(N)
BHMC	-	Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity	
CBR	-	Constant Bit Rate	(N)
CDP	-	Customer Designated Premises	
CI	-	Channel Interface	
CO	-	Central Office	
Cont'd	-	Continued	
CPE	-	Customer Provided Equipment	
DA	-	Directory Assistance	
dB	-	decibel	
dBrnC	-	Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting	
dBrnCO	-	Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighted O	
dc	-	direct current	
DDD	-	Direct Distance Dialing	
DSL	-	Digital Subscriber Line	
EAS	-	Extended Area Service	
EDD	-	Envelope Delay Distortion	
EML	-	Expected Measured Loss	
EPL	-	Echo Path Loss	
ERL	-	Echo Return Loss	
ESS	-	Electronic Switching System	
ESSX	-	Electronic Switching System Exchange	
f	-	frequency	
F.C.C.	-	Federal Communications Commission	
FRAS	-	Frame Relay Access Service	(N)

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HC	-	High Capacity	
Hz	-	Hertz	
C	-	Interexchange Carrier	
ICB	-	Individual Case Basis	
ICL	-	Inserted Connection Loss	
ILP	-	Initial Liability Period	
kbps	-	kilobits per second	
kHz	-	kilohertz	
LATA	-	Local Access and Transport Area	
ma	-	milliamperes	
Mbps	-	Megabits per second	
mcs	-	Microsecond	
MHz	-	Megahertz	
MRC	-	Monthly Recurring Charge	
MT	-	Metallic	
MTS	-	Message Telecommunications Service(s)	
TSO	-	Mobile Telephone Switching Office	
NNI	-	Network to Network Interface	(N)
NPA	-	Numbering Plan Area	
NRC	-	Nonrecurring Charge	
NXX	-	Three-Digit Central Office Prefix	
OLT	-	Optical Line Termination	
PBX	-	Private Branch Exchange	
PIC	-	Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier	
POT	-	Point of Termination	
SAC	-	Service Access Code	
SRL	-	Singing Return Loss	
SSRIT	-	Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport	
SWC	-	Serving Wire Center	
TG	-	Telegraph Grade	
TLP	-	Transmission Level Point	
TV	-	Television	
UBR	-	Unspecified Bit Rate	(N)
VBR-nrt	-	Variable Bit Rate- non-real time	
VBR-rt	-	Variable Bit Rate- real time	(N)
VCC	-	Virtual Circuit Channel	(N)
VG	-	Voice Grade	
V & H	-	Vertical & Horizontal	
VP	-	Virtual Path	(N)
WATS	-	Wide Area Telecommunications Service(s)	
WSO	-	WATS Serving Office	

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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.

The following tariffs are referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the Federal Communications Commission's commercial contractor:

National Exchange Carrier  
Association, Inc.  
Special Construction  
Tariff F.C.C. No. 3

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

REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

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

## Technical Reference:

Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) Guidelines  
Issued: December, 1990

Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) Guidelines  
Issued: September 10, 1990

PUB 41004 Data Communications Using Voiceband Private Line Channels  
Issued: October 1973

PUB 62310 Digital Data System Channel Interface Specification  
Issued: September 1983

PUB 62411 High Capacity Digital Service Channel Interface  
Specification  
Issued: September 1983, Addendum October 1984

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

TR-NWT-000334 Issue 2 Voice Grade Switched Access Service -  
Transmission Parameter Limits and Interface Combinations  
Issued: September 1990

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REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS (Cont'd)

TR-TSY-000335, Issue 2 Voice Grade Special Access Service - Transmission  
Parameter Limits and Interface Combinations  
Issued: April 3, 2002 May 1990

TR-NPL-000336 Metallic and Telegraph Grade Special Access Service -  
Transmission Parameter Limits and Interface Combinations  
Issued: April 3, 2002 October 1987

TR-NPL-000337 Program Audio Special Access Service and Local Channel Services  
Issued: April 3, 2002 July 1987

TR-NPL-000338 Television Special Access and Local Channel Services -  
Transmission Parameter Limits and Interface Combinations  
Issued: April 3, 2002 December 1986

TR-NPL-000341 Digital Data Special Access Service - Transmission Parameter and  
Interface Combinations  
Issued: April 3, 2002 March 1989

TR-INS-000342 High Capacity Digital Special Access Service  
Issued: April 3, 2002 February 1991

TR-TSV-001370 Generic Requirements for Exchange Access Frame Relay PVC  
Service Issued: April 3, 2002 Issue 1, May 1993

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SR-STDS-000307 NC/NCI Code Dictionary  
Issued: April 3, 2002 December 1990

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

Telecommunications Transmission Engineering  
Volume 3 - Networks and Services (Chapters 6 and 7)  
Second Edition, 1980 Issued: April 3, 2002 June 1980

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

PUB AS No. 1, Issue II Access Service  
Issued: April 3, 2002 May, 1984 Addendum: March 1987

TR-TSY-000506 LATA Switching Systems Generic Requirements (LSSGR)  
Section 6  
Issued: April 3, 2002 October 1987, Revised December 1988, Revised June 1990

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

ANSI T1.413-1998, Network and Customer Installation Interfaces – Asymmetric  
Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) Metallic Interface.

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

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

Issued July, 1990  
Available August, 1990

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

Issued July, 1990  
Available August, 1990

The following technical publication is referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE), 445 Hoes Lane, P.O. Box 1331, Piscataway, NJ 08855-1331 ([www.ieee.org](http://www.ieee.org)).

IEEE Std. 802.3-2000, Part 3, Clauses 14, 15, 21, 26, 29- and 34 through 38- Information Technology- Telecommunications and Information Exchange Between Systems- Local and Metropolitan Area Networks- Specific Requirements

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The following technical publications are referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the ATM Forum, Presidio of San Francisco, P.O. Box 29920, 572 Rugar Street, San Francisco, CA 94129-0920 ([www.atmforum.com](http://www.atmforum.com)).

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The ATM Forum Technical Committee, ATM User-Network Interface (UNI) Signaling Specification, Version 4.0, af-sig-0061.000, July, 1996.

The ATM Forum Technical Committee, BISDN Inter Carrier Interface (B-ICI) Specification, Version 2.0 (Integrated), af-bici-0013.003, December, 1995.

The ATM Forum Technical Committee, Private Network- Network Interface Specification, Version 1.0 (PNNI 1.0) af-pnni-0055.000, March 1996.

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1. Application of Tariff

- 1.1 This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Carrier Common Line, End User Access, Switched Access, Special Access Digital Subscriber Line Access, Lifeline Assistance, Universal Service Fund and other miscellaneous services, hereinafter referred to collectively as service(s). These services are provided to customers by each issuing carrier of this tariff (hereinafter the Telephone Company). This tariff also contains Access Ordering regulations and charges that are applicable when these services are ordered or modified by the customer. Pursuant to the Commission's Rules at Sections 69.4(c), 69.5(d), 69.104(1), 69.116, 69.117, 69.603(c) and 69.603(d), regulations concerning administration and billing of Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund, rates and charges for these carrier's carrier elements are contained in Section 8 herein. The National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., will bill and collect all Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund Charges on behalf of the Telephone Company. (C)  
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- 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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## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company2.1.1 Scope

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

2.1.2 Limitations(A) Assignment or Transfer of Services

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

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.1.2 Limitations (Cont'd)(A) Assignment or Transfer of Services (Cont'd)

- (2) services, if any; or 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 acknowledgement of the Telephone Company is required prior to such assignment or transfer. This acknowledgement shall be made within 15 days from the receipt of notification. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to such assignee or transferee.

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

(B) Use and Restoration of Services

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.1.2 Limitations (Cont'd)(C) Sequence of Provisioning

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

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

2.1.3 Liability(A) Limits of Liability

The Telephone Company's liability, if any, for its willful misconduct is not limited by this tariff. With respect to any other claim or suit, by a customer or by any others, for damages associated with the installation, provision, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of service, and subject to the provisions of (B) through (G) following, the Telephone Company's liability if any, shall not exceed an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the service for the period during which the service was affected. This liability for damages shall be in addition to any amounts that may otherwise be due the customer under this tariff as a Credit Allowance for a Service Interruption.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.1.3 Liability (Cont'd)(B) Acts or Omissions

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

(C) Damages to Customer Premises

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

(D) Indemnification of Telephone Company(1) By the End User

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

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

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

(B) Claims for patent infringement arising from the end user's acts combining or using the service furnished by the Telephone Company in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by the end users or customer or;

(C) All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the end user in the course of using services provided pursuant to this tariff.

(2) By the Customer

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

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

(B) Claims for patent infringement arising from the customer's acts combining or using the service furnished by the Telephone Company in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by the end user or customer or;

(C) All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in the course of using services provided pursuant to this tariff.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.1.3 Liability (Cont'd)(E) Explosive Atmospheres

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

(F) No License Granted

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

(G) Circumstances Beyond the Telephone Company's Control

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.1.4 Provision of Services

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

2.1.5 Facility Terminations

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

2.1.6 Service Maintenance

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.1.7 Changes and Substitutions

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

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- substitution of different metallic facilities,
- substitution of carrier or derived facilities for metallic facilities used to provide other than metallic facilities,
- change of minimum protection criteria,
- change of operating or maintenance characteristics of facilities, or
- change of operations or procedures of the Telephone Company.

In case of any such substitution, change or rearrangement, the transmission parameters will be within the range as set forth in Section 15. following. The Telephone Company shall not be responsible if any such substitution, change or rearrangement renders any customer furnished services obsolete or requires modification or alteration thereof or otherwise affects their use or performance. If such substitution, change or rearrangement materially affects the operating characteristics of the facility, the Telephone Company will provide reasonable notification to the customer in writing. Reasonable time will be allowed for any redesign and implementation required by the change in operating characteristics. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine reasonable notification procedures.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service

(A) If a customer fails to comply with 2.1.6 preceding (Service Maintenance) or 2.3.1, 2.3.4, 2.3.6, 2.4.1 or 2.5 following (respectively, Damages, Availability for Testing, Balance, Payment Arrangements, Connections) including any customers failure to make payments on the date and times therein specified, the Telephone Company may, on thirty (30) days written notice to the customer by Certified U.S. Mail, take the following actions:

- refuse additional applications for service and/or refuse to complete any pending orders for service, and/or
- discontinue the provision of service to the customer.

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

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

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.1.9 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities

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

- equipment or facilities additions,
- removals or rearrangements,
- routine preventative maintenance, and
- major switching machine change-out.

Generally, such activities are not individual customer service specific, but may affect many customer services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service activities. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine reasonable notification requirements.

2.1.10 Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies

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

2.1.11 Provision and Ownership of Telephone Numbers

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.2 Use2.2.1 Interference or Impairment

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

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

2.2.2 Unlawful and Abusive Use

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

Abusive use includes:

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer2.3.1 Damages

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

2.3.2 Ownership of Facilities and Theft

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.3 Equipment Space and Power

The customer shall furnish or arrange to have furnished to the Telephone Company, at no charge, equipment space and electrical power required by the Telephone Company to provide services under this tariff at the points of termination of such services. The selection of ac or dc power shall be mutually agreed to by the customer and the Telephone Company.

The customer shall also make necessary arrangements in order that the Telephone Company will have access to such spaces at reasonable times for installing, testing, repairing or removing Telephone Company facilities used to provide services.

2.3.4 Availability for Testing

Access to facilities used to provide services under this tariff shall be available to the Telephone Company at times mutually agreed upon in order to permit the Telephone Company to make tests and adjustments appropriate for maintaining the services in satisfactory operating condition.

Such tests and adjustments shall be completed within a reasonable time.

As set forth in 2.4.4(C)(4) following, no credit will be allowed for any interruptions involved during such tests and adjustments.

2.3.5 Limitation of Use of Metallic Facilities

Signals applied to a metallic facility shall conform to the limitations set forth in Technical Reference Publication AS No. 1. In the case of application of dc telegraph signaling systems, the customer shall be responsible, at its expense, for the provision of current limiting devices to protect the Telephone Company facilities from excessive current due to abnormal conditions and for the provision of noise mitigation networks when required to reduce excessive noise.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.6 Balance

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

2.3.7 Design of Customer Services

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

2.3.8 References to the Telephone Company

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.9 Claims and Demands for Damages

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.10 Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies

The customer shall, in cooperation with the Telephone Company, coordinate in planning the actions to be taken to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters, which affect telecommunications services.

2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements(A) Certification Requirements - Special Access, Digital Subscriber Line Access

When the customer orders Special Access Service or Digital Subscriber Line Access Service or Public Packet Data Network Service, and the customer certifies to the Telephone Company in writing that more than ten percent of the traffic is interstate, the service is considered to be interstate and is provided under this Tariff. (C)

For those customers who were provided Special Access Service under this tariff prior to May 15, 1990, or who have pending Special Access Service orders as of May 15, 1990, the Telephone Company will by July 15, 1990, request the customer to certify their existing Special Access Service and advise the telephone company in writing of any jurisdictional change. The customer will be requested to reply to the Telephone Company within 90 days. When a Special Access Service is certified to be jurisdictionally changed, the effective date of the change will be the date the Telephone Company receives the customer's certification. There is no charge when the customer's reply results in a jurisdictional change in the Special Access Service.

Following initial certification, should the jurisdictional nature of the customer's Special Access or Digital Subscriber Line Access Service change, the customer should inform the Telephone Company in writing of the change. The effective date of the change will be the date the Telephone Company receives the customer's notice of change. No charge applies for the jurisdictional change. (C)

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)Disputes Involving Jurisdictional Certification - Special Access Public Packet Data Network and Digital Subscriber Line Access

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If a dispute arises concerning the certification of projected interstate traffic as described in (A) above, the Telephone Company will ask the customer to provide the data the customer used to determine that more than 10% of the traffic is interstate. The customer shall supply the data within thirty (30) days of the Telephone Company request. If the reply results in a jurisdictional change of a Special Access, Public Packet Data Network or Digital Subscriber Line Access Service, the effective date of the change will be the date the Telephone Company receives the customer's reply. There is no charge when the customer's reply results in a jurisdictional change in the Special Access or Digital Subscriber Line Access Service.

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(C) Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access

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

(1) General

Except where Telephone Company measured access minutes are used as set forth following, the customer shall report the percentage of interstate use as set forth in (2) or (3), following and such report will be used for billing purposes until the customer reports a different projected interstate 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 furnish a revised projected interstate percentage that applies to the total BHMC, lines or trunks.

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When the customer discontinues BHMC, lines or trunks from an existing group, the customer shall furnish a revised projected interstate percentage for the remaining 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.

Effective on the first of January, April, July and October of each year the customer shall update the interstate and intrastate jurisdictional report. The customer shall forward to the Telephone Company, to be received no later than fifteen (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 interstate use.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Cont'd)(C) Jurisdictional Report-Switched Access (Cont'd)(1) General (Cont'd)

Except where the Telephone Company is billing according to actuals by jurisdiction, 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 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 service as set forth in (2) following.

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

In addition to the requirement specified below, separate PIU's are required by Entrance Facility, for Direct Trunked Transport, and for Tandem Switched Transport. The PIU to be applied to Multiplexers will be the same as the PIU that is applied to the high capacity facility that is being multiplexed to a lower speed.

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

- (a) When a customer orders Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Service the customer shall, in its order, state the projected interstate percentage for interstate usage for each Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Service group ordered. The term group shall be construed to mean single lines or trunks as well. If the customer discontinues some but not all of the Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Services in a group, it shall provide the projected interstate percentage for such services which are remaining.
- (b) For multiline hunt group or trunk group arrangements where either the interstate or the intrastate charges are based on measured usage, the interstate Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Service(s) information will be used to determine the charges.

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Cont'd)(C) Jurisdictional Reports-Switched Access (Cont'd)(3) Feature Groups C and D

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Cont'd)(C) Jurisdictional Reports-Switched Access (Cont'd)(3) Feature Groups C and D (Cont'd)

- For originating access minutes, the projected interstate percentage will be developed on a monthly basis by end office where the Feature Group C or Feature Group D Switched Access Service access minutes are measured by dividing the measured interstate originating access minutes (the access minutes where the calling number is in one state and the called number is in another state) by the 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 interstate percentage for originating access minutes will be used to develop the projected interstate 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 interstate percentage or authorize the Telephone Company to use the Telephone Company developed percentage. This percentage shall be used by the Telephone Company as the projected interstate percentage for originating and terminating access minutes. The projected intrastate percentage of use will be obtained by subtracting the projected interstate percentage for originating and terminating minutes from 100 (intrastate percentage = 100 - interstate percentage).

When the customer has both interstate and intrastate Operator Services traffic, the percentage interstate usage determined for the customer's FGC or FGD service will be applied to the customer's Operator Services charges.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Cont'd)(C) Jurisdictional Reports-Switched Access (Cont'd)(4) Directory Assistance Service

When a customer orders Directory Assistance Service, the customer shall in its order, provide the projected interstate percentage for terminating use in a whole number (a number of 0 through 100) for each Directory Access Service group ordered. (A method the customer may wish to adopt could be to use its terminating traffic from its premises to the involved Directory Assistance Location and calculate the projected interstate percentage as set forth in (3) preceding.) The projected intrastate percentage of use will be obtained by subtracting the projected interstate percentage furnished by the customer from 100 (intrastate percentage = 100 - customer percentage).

(D) Billing Disputes Involving Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.12 Determination of Interstate Charges for Mixed Interstate and Intrastate Switched Access Service

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

(A) Monthly and Nonrecurring Charges

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

(B) Usage Sensitive Charges

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

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits(A) Deposits

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

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

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

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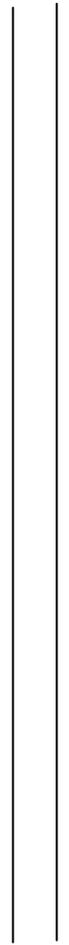
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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)(B) Bill Dates

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

- (1) End User Access Service, Federal Universal Service, Digital Subscriber Line Access Service and Presubscription (T)  
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For End User Access Service, Federal Universal Service Charge, Digital Subscriber Line Access Service and Presubscription Service, the Telephone Company will establish a bill day each month for each end user account or advise the customer in writing of an alternate billing schedule. Alternate billing schedules shall not be established on less than 60 days notice or initiated by the Telephone Company more than twice in any consecutive 12 month period. The bill will cover End User Access Service, Federal Universal Service Charge and Digital Subscriber Line Access Service charges for the ensuing billing period except for End User Access Service, Federal Universal Service Charge and Digital Subscriber Line Access Service for the Federal Government which will be billed in arrears. Any applicable Presubscription Charges, any known unbilled charges for prior periods and any known unbilled adjustments for prior periods for End User Access Service, Digital Subscriber Line Access Service and Presubscription Service will be applied to this bill. Such bills are due when rendered. (C)  
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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)(B) Bill Dates (Cont'd)(A) Access Services Other Than End User, Federal Universal Service Charge, Digital Subscriber Line and Presubscription (T)  
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For Service other than End User Access Service, Federal Universal Service Charge, Digital Subscriber Line Access Service and Presubscription Service, the Telephone Company will establish a bill day each month for each customer account or advise the customer in writing of an alternate billing schedule. Alternate billing schedules shall not be established on less than 60 days notice or initiated by the Telephone Company more than twice in any consecutive 12 month period. (C)  
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The bill will cover nonusage sensitive service charges for the ensuing billing period for which the bill is rendered, any known unbilled nonusage sensitive charges for prior periods and unbilled usage charges for the period after the last bill day through the current bill day. Any known unbilled usage charges for prior periods and any known unbilled adjustments will be applied to this bill. Payment for such bills is due in immediately available funds by the payment date, as set forth in (C) following. If payment is not received by the payment date, a late payment penalty will apply as set forth in (C) following.

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2. General Regulations(Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)(C) Payment Dates and Late Payment Penalties

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)(C) Payment Dates and Late Payment Penalties (Cont'd)

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

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)(C) Payment Dates and Late Payment Penalties (Cont'd)

(2) Further, if no payment is received by the payment date or if a payment or any portion of a payment is received by the Telephone Company after the payment date as set forth in (1) preceding, or if a payment or any portion of a payment is received by the Telephone Company in funds which are not immediately available to the Telephone Company, then a late payment penalty shall be due to the Telephone Company. The late payment penalty shall be the payment or the portion of the payment not received by the payment date times a late factor. The late factor shall be the lesser of:

- (a) the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that the customer actually makes the payment to the Telephone Company, or
- (b) 0.000590 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that the customer actually makes the payment to the Telephone Company.

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

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)(E) Billing Disputes Resolved in Favor of the Customer

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

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

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

(F) Proration of Charges

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)(G) Rounding of Charges

When a rate as set forth in this tariff is shown to more than two decimal places, the charges will be determined using the rate shown. The resulting amount will then be rounded to the nearest penny (i.e., rounded to two decimal places).

2.4.2 Minimum Periods

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

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

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

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.3 Cancellation of an Order for Service

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

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions(A) General

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

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies

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

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

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

Credit allowances are computed as follows:

(1) Special Access Service other than Program Audio and Video and Digital Subscriber Line Access and flat rated Switched Access Service rate elements

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

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

(a) Two-point Services

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

(b) Multipoint Services

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

(c) Synchronous Optical Channel Service

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)(1) Special Access Service other than Program Audio and Video, Digital Subscriber Line Access and flat rated Switched Access Service rate elements (Cont'd)(c) Multiplexed Services

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

(d) Flat rated Switched Access Service and Digital Subscriber Line Service rate elements

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

(e) Public Packet Data Network Services

For Public Packet Data Network Services rate elements, the monthly charge shall be the total of all monthly rate element charges associated with the services.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)(2) Program Audio and Video Special Access Services

For Program Audio and Video Special Access Services, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than 30 seconds. The customer shall be credited for an interruption of 30 seconds or more as follows:

- (a) For two-point services, when monthly rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the rate of 1/8640 of the monthly charges for the service for each period of 5 minutes or fraction thereof that the interruption continues.
- (b) For two-point services, when daily rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the rate of 1/288 of the daily charges for the service for each period of 5 minutes or fraction thereof that the interruption continues.
- (c) For multipoint services, when monthly rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the rate of 1/8640 of the monthly charges for each channel termination, channel mileage and optional features and functions that are inoperative for each period of 5 minutes or fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)(2) Program Audio and Video Special Access Services (Cont'd)

(d) For multipoint services, when daily rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the daily rate of 1/288 of the daily charges for channel termination, channel mileage and optional features and functions that are inoperative for each period of 5 minutes or fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

(e) For multipoint services, the credit for the monthly or daily charges includes the charges for the distribution amplifier only when the distribution amplifier is inoperative.

(f) When two or more interruptions occur during a period of 5 consecutive minutes, such multiple interruptions shall be considered as one interruption.

(3) Switched Access and Directory Assistance Service Usage Rated Elements

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)(4) Credit Allowances Cannot Exceed Monthly Rate

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

(C) When a Credit Allowance Does Not Apply

No credit allowance will be made for:

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)(C) When a Credit Allowance Does Not Apply (Cont'd)

- (5) Interruptions of a service which continue because of the failure of the customer to authorize replacement of any element of special construction, as set forth in Section 12. The period for which no credit allowance is made begins on the seventh day after the customer receives the Telephone Company's written notification of the need for such replacement and ends on the day after receipt by the Telephone Company of the customer's written authorization for such replacement.
- (6) Periods when the customer elects not to release the service for testing and/or repair and continues to use it on an impaired basis.
- (7) An interruption or a group of interruptions, resulting from a common cause, that would result in credit in an amount less than one dollar.

(D) 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. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)(E) Temporary Surrender of a Service (Cont'd)

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

2.4.5 Re-establishment of Service Following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence(A) Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply

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

- (1) The service is of the same type as was provided prior to the fire, flood or other occurrence.
- (2) The service is for the same customer.
- (3) The service is at the same location on the same premises.
- (4) The re-establishment of service begins within 60 days after Telephone Company service is available. (The 60 day period may be extended a reasonable period if the renovation of the original location on the premises affected is not practical within the allotted time period).

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.5 Re-establishment of Service Following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence (Cont'd)(B) Nonrecurring Charges Apply

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

2.4.6 Title or Ownership Rights

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

2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company

(A) When an Access Service is provided by more than one Telephone Company, the Telephone Companies involved will mutually agree upon one of the billing methods as set forth in (1) and (2) following based upon the interconnection arrangements between the Telephone Companies and the availability of measurement capability. The Telephone Company will notify the customer which of the billing methods will be used. The customer will place the order for the service as set forth in 5.3 following dependent upon the billing method.

## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

## (A) (Cont'd)

(1) Non Meet Point Billing

At the option of the Telephone Company, the Non Meet Point Billing options may be applied to Feature Group A Switched Access Service.

(a) Single Company Billing/Single Bill Option

The Telephone Company receiving the order from the customer, as specified in 5.3.1(A)(1) following, will arrange to provide the service, determine the applicable charges and bill the customer for the entire service in accordance with its Access Services tariff as provided for under a Feature Group A Revenue Sharing Agreement.

## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)(2) Meet Point Billing

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

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

For usage rated access services the access minutes of use will be determined by the Initial Billing Company and used by the Initial Billing Company and any Subsequent Billing Company(s) for the development of access charges.

## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

## (A) (Cont'd)

(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

- The Initial Billing Company for Feature Groups B, C and D Switched Access Services is normally the end user's end office, for WATS usage the Initial Billing Company is normally the WATS serving office, for Directory Assistance the Initial Billing company is normally the Directory Assistance location. When the Initial Billing Company is other than the normally designated Telephone Company office, the Telephone Company will notify the customer.
- The Subsequent Billing Company(s) is any Telephone Company(s) in whose territory a segment of Local Transport is provided and/or where the customer's Point of Termination is located.

There are two Meet Point Billing Options -- Single Bill and Multiple Bill. The Single Bill option is the preferred method.

The Telephone Company must notify the customer of:

- the Meet Point Billing Option that will be used,
- the Telephone Company(s) that will render the bill(s)

## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

## (A) (Cont'd)

(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

- the Telephone Company(s) to whom payment(s) should be remitted, and
- the Telephone Company(s) that will provide the bill inquiry function.

The Telephone Company shall provide such notification at the time that orders are placed for access service. Additionally, the Telephone Company shall provide this notice in writing 30 days in advance of any changes.

The Telephone Company that renders the bill the Bill Rendering Telephone Company will include on the access service bill, based upon Industry Standards as described in the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access

Billing Guidelines and the Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design Guidelines, cross reference(s) to the other Telephone Company(s) service and the common circuit identifiers. Should a billing dispute arise, the terms and conditions of the Bill Rendering Telephone Company will apply.

(a) Single Bill Option

The Single Bill option provides the following two billing alternatives: (S)(X)

-Single Bill/Multiple Tariff, and (S)(X)

-Single Bill/Single Tariff (S)(X)

These options are described following in i, and ii respectively. (S)(X)

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Cont'd)

(A) (Cont'd)

(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(a) Single Bill Option (Cont'd)(i) Single Bill/Multiple Tariff

Each Telephone Company will receive an order or a copy of the order from the customer as specified in 5.3.2 following and arrange to provide the service. The Bill Rendering Telephone Company will:

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Cont'd)

(A) (Cont'd)

(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

(a) Single Bill Option (Cont'd)

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Cont'd)

(A) (Cont'd)

(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

(a) Single Bill Option (Cont'd)

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Cont'd)

(A) (Cont'd)

(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(a) Single Bill Option (Cont'd)(ii) Single Bill/Single Tariff (S)(X)

Each Telephone Company will receive an order or a copy of the order from the customer as specified in 5.3.2 following and arrange to provide the service. The Bill Rendering Telephone Company will:

- determine and include all other recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges of its access tariff; and
- forward the bill to the customer.

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

(b) Multiple Bill Option

Each Telephone Company will receive an order or a copy of the order from the customer as specified in 5.3.2 following. Each Telephone Company will be the Bill Rendering Telephone Company and will:

- prepare its own bill;

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Cont'd)

## (A) (Cont'd)

(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(b) Multiple Bill Option (Cont'd)

- determine its charge(s) for Local Transport, Directory Transport and/or Channel Mileage as set forth in (c) following;
- determine and include all other recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges of its access tariff;
- bill in accordance with its access tariff; and
- forward its bill to the customer.

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

(c) Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges

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

## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

## (A) (Cont'd)

(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(c) Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges (Cont'd)

- (i) Determine the appropriate Local Transport or Channel Mileage by computing the number of airline miles between the Telephone Company premises (end office, access tandem or serving wire centers for Switched Access or serving wire centers for Special Access) using the V&H method set forth respectively in 6.4.6 and 7.2.5 following.
- (ii) Determine the billing percentage (BP), as set forth in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, which represents the portion of the service provided by each Telephone Company.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(A) (Cont'd)

(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(c) Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges (Cont'd)

(iii) For Feature Groups A, B, C and D Tandem Switched Transport,

(a) multiply the number of originating and terminating access minutes of use routed over the facility times the number of airline miles, as set forth in (i) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (ii) preceding, times the Tandem Switched Facility rate;

(b) multiply the Tandem Switched Termination rate times the number originating and terminating access minutes routed over the facility.

When a tandem office is located within the operating territory of a Telephone Company participating in NECA's Traffic Sensitive Pool, multiply the Tandem Switching rate times the number of originating and terminating access minutes that are switched at the tandem.

The Tandem Switched Termination rate is applied as set forth in 6.1.3(A) following. The Switched Access Nonrecurring Charges are applied as set forth in 6.4.1(B) following. (Note: The BP is not applied to the Switched Access Tandem Switched Termination rate or any Nonrecurring Charge.)

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

## (A) (Cont'd)

## (2)

Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(c) Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges (Cont'd)

## (iv) For Feature Groups A, B, C and D Direct Trunked Transport:

multiply the number of airline miles, as set forth in (i) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (iii) preceding, times the Direct Trunked Facility rate.

The Direct Trunked Termination rate is applied as set forth in 6.1.3(A) following. The Switched Access Nonrecurring Charges are applied as set forth in 6.4.1(B) following. (Note: The BP is not applied to either the Switched Access Direct Trunked Termination rate or any Nonrecurring Charge).

## (v) For Feature Groups A, B, C and D

- When the end office (which may be a Remote Switching Module or WATS Serving Office) is located within the operating territory of a Telephone Company participating in NECA's Traffic Sensitive Pool, multiply the Residual Interconnection Charge rate times the number of originating and terminating access minutes that are switched at the end office.

- When the Entrance Facility and/or Multiplexing equipment is located within the operating territory of a Telephone Company participating in NECA's Traffic Sensitive Pool, multiplexing charge will apply

The Billing Percentage (BP) is not applicable to the Transport Interconnection charge, Entrance Facility or Multiplexer.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(c) Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges (Cont'd)

- (vi) For Special Access, multiply the number of airline miles, as set forth in (i) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (ii) preceding, times the Channel Mileage Facility rate and add the Channel Mileage Termination rate.

The Special Access Channel Mileage Termination rate and nonrecurring charges are applied as set forth in 7.2.1(B)(2) and 7.2.2(C) following. (Note: The BP is not applied to either the Channel Mileage Termination Recurring Rate or any Nonrecurring Charge.)

## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(c) Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges (Cont'd)

- (vii) When three or more Telephone Companies are involved in providing an Access Service, the Intermediate Telephone Company(s) will determine the charges as set forth in (iii) through (vi) preceding. Additionally, when a segment of the Tandem Switched Facility, Direct Trunked Facility or Channel Mileage Facility is measured to the intermediate office(s), the Tandem Switched Termination, Direct Trunked Termination or Channel Mileage Termination rates are also applied at the Intermediate Telephone Company(s) office(s).

## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(c) Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges (Cont'd)(ix) Example-Switched Access

## Layout

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company(2) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(C) Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges (Cont'd)(ix) Example-Switched Access (Cont'd)

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

-Assume:

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

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

Access Minutes (AM) = 9000

Tandem Switched Facility Rate = TSF  
Tandem Switched Termination Rate = TST  
Tandem Switching Rate = TS  
Transport Interconnection Charge = TIC  
Carrier Common Line Charge = CCL  
End Office Charges = EO

- (ix) Example - Switched Access (Cont'd)  
Telephone Company A charges are:  
Tandem Switched Facility charge  
= 9,000 min. x 23 mi. x 80% x TSF rate  
Tandem Switched Termination charge  
= 9,000 min. x TST rate  
Tandem Switching charge  
= 9,000 min. x TS rate  
Transport Interconnection Charge  
= 9,000 min. x TIC rate  
Carrier Common Line charge  
= 9,000 min. x CCL rate  
End Office Charges  
= 9,000 min. x EO rates

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2.5 Connections

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

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## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions

Certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

Access Code

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

Access Minutes

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

Access Tandem

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

Add/Drop Multiplexing

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

Aggregator

The term "Aggregator" denotes any person that, in the ordinary course of its operations, makes telephones available to the public or to transient users of its premises, for interstate telephone calls using a provider of operator services.

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## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Answer/Disconnect Supervision

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

Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL)

The term "Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL)" denotes an access technology that allows voice and high speed data to be sent simultaneously over local exchange service facilities. ADSL supports data rates of up to 1.544 Mbps when receiving data (downstream rate) and up to 512 Kbps when sending data (upstream rate).

Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM)

The term "Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM)" denotes a high speed networking technology that utilizes fixed-length cells. ATM is connection-oriented and provides traffic routing prioritization parameters which enable different types of traffic such as voice, data and video to be carried over the same network.

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Attenuation Distortion

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

Balance (100 Type) Test Line

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

Bit

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

Business Day

The term "Business Day" denotes the times of day that a company is open for business. Generally, in the business community, these are 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 or 6:00 p.m., respectively, with an hour for lunch, Monday through Friday, resulting in a standard forty (40) hour work week. However, Business Day hours for the Telephone Company may vary based on company policy, union contract and location. To determine such hours for an individual company, or company location, that company should be contacted at the address shown under the Issuing Carrier's name listed on Title Pages 2 through 68 preceding.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)

The term "Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)" denotes the customer specified maximum amount of Switched Access Service and/or Directory Assistance Service access minutes the customer expects to be handled in an end office switch during any hour in an 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. period for the Feature Group and/or Directory Assistance Service ordered. This customer specified BHMC quantity is the input data the Telephone Company uses to determine the number of transmission paths for the Feature Group and/or Directory Assistance Service ordered.

Call

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

Carrier or Common Carrier

See Interexchange Carrier.

CCS

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

Cell

The term "Cell" denotes the fixed-length packet used to carry data across an Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Network. A "Cell" consists of 53 bytes, five of which carry header information.

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(N)Central Office

See End Office.

Committed Information Rate

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

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## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Central Office Maintenance Technician

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

Central Office Prefix

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

Channel(s)

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

Channel Service Unit

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

Channelize

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

C-Message Noise

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)C-Notched Noise

The term "C-Notched Noise" denotes the C-message frequency weighted noise on a voice channel with a holding tone, which is removed at the measuring end through a notch (very narrow band) filter.

Coin Station

See Pay Telephone.

Common Line

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

Communications System

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

Customer(s)

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

## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)  
2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Customer Designated Premises

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

Customer Node

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

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Data Transmission (107 Type) Test Line

The term "Data Transmission (107 Type) Test Line" denotes an arrangement which provides for a connection to a signal source which provides test signals for one-way testing of data and voice transmission parameters.

Decibel

The term "Decibel" denotes a unit used to express relative difference in power, usually between acoustic or electric signals, equal to ten (10) times the common logarithm of the ratio of two signal powers.

Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting

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

Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Referenced to O

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

Detail Billing

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

Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)

The term "Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)" denotes an access technology that allows simultaneous voice and high-speed data to be sent over local exchange service Facilities.

Digital Switched 56 Service

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

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## ACCESS SERVICE

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

Directory Assistance (Interstate)

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

Directory Assistance Location (Interstate)

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

Dual Tone Multifrequency Address Signaling

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

Echo Control

The term "Echo Control" denotes the control of reflected signals in a telephone transmission path.

Echo Path Loss

The term "Echo Path Loss" denotes the measure of reflected signal at a 4-wire point of interface without regard to the send and receive Transmission Level Point.

Echo Return Loss

The term "Echo Return Loss" denotes a frequency weighted measure of return loss over the middle of the voiceband (approximately 500 to 2500 Hz), where talker echo is most annoying.

## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Effective 2-Wire

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

Effective 4-Wire

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

End Office

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

End User

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

## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Enhanced Service

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

Entrance Facility

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

Entry Switch

See First Point of Switching.

Envelope Delay Distortion

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

Equal Level Echo Path Loss

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

Exchange

The term "Exchange" denotes a unit generally smaller than a local access and transport area, established by the Telephone Company for the administration of communications service in a specified area which usually embraces a city, town or village and its environs. It consists of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area. The exchange includes any Extended Area Service area that is an enlargement of a Telephone Company's exchange area to include nearby exchanges. One or more designated exchanges comprise a given local access and transport area.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)  
2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Expected Measured Loss

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

Extended Area Service

See Exchange.

Extended PVC

The term "Extended PVC" denotes the interconnection of a port on the Telephone Company's frame relay switch with a port on another interconnected Telephone Company's frame relay switch.

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First Point of Switching

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

Frame

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

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Frame Relay Access Customer Port

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

Frame Relay Access Service

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

Frame Relay End User Port

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)  
2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Frequency Shift

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

Grandfathered

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

Host Central Office

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

Hub

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

Immediately Available Funds

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

Impedance Balance

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

Impulse Noise

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

Individual Case Basis

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

Inserted Connection Loss

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Installation and Repair Technician

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

Interexchange Carrier (IC) or Interexchange Common Carrier

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

Intermediate Hub

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

Intermodulation Distortion

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

Interstate Communications

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

Intrastate Communications

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Legal Holiday

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

Line Side Connection

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

Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)

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

Loss Deviation

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

Major Fraction Thereof

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

Message

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)  
2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Milliwatt (102 Type) Test Line

The term "Milliwatt (102 Type) Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides a 1004 Hz tone at 0 dBm0 for one-way transmission measurements towards the customer's premises from the Telephone Company end office.

Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO)

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

Network Control Signaling

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

Nonsynchronous Test Line

The term "Nonsynchronous Test Line" denotes an arrangement in step-by-step end offices which provides operational tests which are not as complete as those provided by the synchronous test lines, but can be made more rapidly.

North American Numbering Plan

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

Off-hook

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

On-hook

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

Open Circuit Test Line

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

Optical Carrier Channel

The term "Optical Carrier Channel" denotes the high speed optical communication path for transporting information utilizing a Synchronous Optical Channel Platform. The channel is provided at transmission rates of 155.52 Mbps (OC3), 622.08 Mbps (OC12), and 2.4 Gbts (OC48).

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Optical Carrier Rate (OC-N)

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

Optical Line Termination

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

Originating Direction

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

Pay Telephone

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

Payphone Service Provider

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

Permanent Virtual Connection (PVC)

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

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Phase Jitter

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

Point of Termination

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Premises

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

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(M)Remote Switching Modules/Systems

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

Return Loss

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

Registered Equipment

The term "Registered Equipment" denotes the customer's premises equipment which complies with and has been approved within the Registration Provisions of Part 68 of the F.C.C.'s Rules and Regulations.

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## ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Service Access Code

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

Serving Wire Center

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

Seven Digit Manual Test Line

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

Shortage of Facilities or Equipment

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

Short Circuit Test Line

The term "Short Circuit Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides for an ac short circuit termination of a trunk or line by means of a capacitor of at least four microfarads.

Signal-to-C-Notched Noise Ratio

The term "Signal-to-C-Notched Noise Ratio" denotes the ratio in dB of a test signal to the corresponding C-Notched Noise.

Signaling Point (SP)

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

Service Switching Point (SSP)

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

Signaling System 7 (SS7)

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Signal Transfer Point (STP)

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

Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port

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

Singing Return Loss

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

Special Order

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

Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem

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

Super-Intermediate Hub

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

Synchronous Optical Network (SONET)

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

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(N)Synchronous Test Line

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

Synchronous Transport Signal

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Tandem Switched Transport

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

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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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Terminus Hub

A wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed only for Customers served directly by the same wire center.

Transmission Measuring (105 Type) Test Line/Responder

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

Transmission Path

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

Trunk

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

Trunk Group

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

Trunk Side Connection

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

Two-Wire to Four-Wire Conversion

The term "Two-Wire to Four-Wire Conversion" denotes an arrangement which converts a four-wire transmission path to a two-wire transmission path to allow a four-wire facility to terminate in a two-wire entity (e.g., a central office switch).

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)V and H Coordinates Method

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

WATS Serving Office

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

Wire Center

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

## ACCESS SERVICE

3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (T)

The Telephone Company will provide Carrier Common Line Access Service (Carrier Common Line Access) to customers in conjunction with Switched Access Service provided in Section 6. of this tariff.

3.1 General Description

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

Premium Access is (1) Switched Access Service provided to customers under this tariff which furnish interstate MTS/WATS, and (2) Switched Access Service in an end office converted to equal access.

Non Premium Access is Switched Access Service provided in an end office not yet converted to equal access to customers that do not furnish interstate MTS/WATS.

A Special Access Surcharge, as set forth in rate sections following, will apply to interstate special access service provided by the Telephone Company to a customer, in accordance with regulations as set forth in 7.3 following.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd) (T)3.2 Limitations3.2.1 Exclusions

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

3.2.2 Access Groups

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

3.2.3 WATS Access Lines

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

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## ACCESS SERVICE

3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd) (T)3.3 Undertaking of the Telephone Company3.3.1 Provision of Service

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

3.3.2 Interstate and Intrastate Use

The Switched Access Service provided by the Telephone Company includes the Switched Access Service provided for both interstate and intrastate communications. The Carrier Common Line Access rates and charges as set forth in rate sections following apply to interstate Switched Access Service access minutes in accordance with the rate regulations as set forth in 3.8.4 following (Percent Interstate Use - PIU).

3.4 Obligations of the Customer3.4.1 Switched Access Service Requirement

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

3.4.2 Supervision

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

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd) (T)3.5 Determination of Usage Subject to Carrier Common Line Access Charges

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

3.5.1 Determination of Jurisdiction

When the customer reports interstate and intrastate use of Switched Access Service, the associated Carrier Common Line Access used by the customer for interstate will be determined as set forth in 3.8.4 following (Percent Interstate Use-PIU).

3.5.2 Cases Involving Usage Recording By the Customer

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

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## ACCESS SERVICE

3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd) (T)3.5 Determination of Usage Subject to Carrier Common Line Access Charges  
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When access to the local exchange is required to provide a customer service (e.g., MTS/WATS-type, telex, Data, etc.) that uses a resold private line service, Switched Access Service Rates and Regulations, as set forth in Section 6. following will apply, except when such access to the local exchange is required for the provision of an enhanced service. Carrier Common Line Access rates and charges as set forth in rate sections following apply in accordance with the resale rate regulations as set forth in 3.6.4 following.

3.6 Resold Services3.6.1 Scope

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

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

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

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd) (T)3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.6.2 Customer Obligations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services

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

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

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd) (T)3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.6.3 Resale Documentation Provided By the Customer

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

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd) (T)3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services

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

(A) Apportionment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use

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

(1) Originating Services

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

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd) (T)3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS- type Services  
(Cont'd)(A) Apportionment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use (Cont'd)(1) Originating Services (Cont'd)

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

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

(2) Terminating Services

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

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

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

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(Cont'd)(B) Same State/Telephone Company/Exchange Limitation

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

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(Cont'd)(C) Direct and Indirect Connections

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

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

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

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(Cont'd)(D) Access Groups - Non Equal Access Offices Only

The adjustments as set forth here and in (E) and (F) following will be computed separately for each access group.

When all the usage on an access group originates from and/or terminates at end offices that have not been converted to equal access the Non Premium Access Charge per minute as set forth in rate sections following will apply. The Access Minutes which will be subject to Carrier Common Line Access charges will be the adjusted originating interstate access minutes plus the adjusted terminating interstate access minutes for such access groups.

The adjusted originating access minutes will be the originating interstate access minutes less the reported resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth (A)(1) preceding; but not less than zero. The adjusted terminating access minutes will be the terminating interstate access minutes less the reported resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in (A)(2) preceding; but not less than zero.

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(Cont'd)(E) Access Groups - Equal Access Offices Only

When all the usage on an access group originates from and/or terminates at end offices that have been converted to equal access the Premium Access Charge per minute as set forth in rate sections following will apply. The minutes billed Carrier Common Line Access Service charges will be the adjusted originating interstate access minutes and the adjusted terminating interstate access minutes for such access groups.

The adjusted originating access minutes will be the originating interstate access minutes less the reported resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in (A)(1) preceding; but not less than zero. The adjusted terminating access minutes will be the terminating interstate access minutes less the reported resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in (A)(2) preceding; but not less than zero.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd) (T)3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.6.4 Rate Regulations for the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Cont'd)(F) Access Groups - Non-Equal Access and Equal Access Offices

When an access group has usage that originates from and/or terminates at both end offices that have been converted to equal access and end offices that have not been converted, both premium and non premium per minute charges as set forth in rate sections following will apply respectively. The minutes billed Carrier Common Line Access Service charges will be the adjusted originating interstate access minutes plus the adjusted terminating interstate access minutes for such access groups.

The adjusted originating access minutes will be the originating interstate access minutes less the reported resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in (A)(1) preceding; but not less than zero. The adjusted terminating access minutes will be the terminating interstate access minutes less the reported resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in (A)(2) preceding; but not less than zero.

The adjusted originating access minutes and the adjusted terminating access minutes will be apportioned between premium and non premium access minutes using end-office specific usage data when available, or when usage data are not available, the premium and non premium ratios developed as set forth in 6.4.1(C)(4) following. The Premium and Non Premium per minute charges set forth in rate sections following will apply to the respective premium and non premium access minutes determined in this manner.

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(Cont'd)(G) When the Adjustment Will Be Applied to Customer Bills

The adjustment as set forth in (D), (E) and (F) preceding will be made to the involved customer account no later than either the next bill date, or the one subsequent to that, depending on when the usage report is obtained.

(H) Conversion of Billed Usage to Minutes

When the MTS and/or MTS-type usage is shown in hours, the number of hours shall be multiplied by 60 to develop the associated MTS and/or MTS-type minutes of use. If the MTS and/or MTS-type usage is shown in a unit that does not show hours or minutes, the customer shall provide a factor to convert the shown units to minutes.

(I) Percent Interstate Use (PIU)

The adjustment as set forth in (D), (E) and (F) preceding will be made to the involved customer account after making the adjustments to the customer account as set forth in 3.8.4 following (PIU).

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd) (T)3.8 Rate Regulations3.8.1 Billing of Charges

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

3.8.2 Measuring and Recording of Call Detail

When access minutes are used to determine Carrier Common Line charges, they will be accumulated using call detail recorded by Telephone Company equipment except as set forth in 3.8.3 following (Unmeasured FGA and B Usage) and Feature Group C operator and automated operator services systems call detail such as pay telephone sent-paid, operator-DDD, operator-person, collect, credit-card, third number and/or other like calls recorded by the customer. The Telephone Company measuring and recording equipment, except as set forth in 3.8.3 following (Unmeasured FGA and B Usage), will be associated with end office or local tandem switching equipment and will record each originating and terminating access minute where answer supervision is received. The accumulated access minutes will be summed on a line by line basis, by line group or by end office, whichever type of account is used by the Telephone Company, for each customer and then rounded to the nearest minute.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd) (T)3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)3.8.3 Unmeasured Feature Group A and B Usage

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

3.8.4 Percent Interstate Use (PIU)

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

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

- (A) Access minutes for all premium rated Switched Access Service subject to Carrier Common Line charges will be multiplied by the Premium Access per minute rate as set forth in rate sections following.
- (B) Access minutes for all non-premium rated Switched Access Service subject to Carrier Common Line charges will be multiplied by the Non-Premium Access per minute rate as set forth in rate sections following.
- (C) Carrier Common Line charges shall not be reduced as set forth in 3.6.1 preceding unless Switched Access Charges, as set forth in Section 6. following, are applied to the customer's Switched Access Services.
- (D) Terminating Premium Access or Non-Premium Access, per minute charge(s) apply to:
  - all terminating access minutes of use;
  - less those terminating access minutes of use associated with Mobile Telephone Switching Offices (MTSOs) directly interconnected to a Telephone Company access tandem office.
  - all originating access minutes of use associated with FGA Access Services where the off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers;

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## (E) (Cont'd)

- all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, Toll Free Service Access Codes (e.g. 800, 888, etc.), 900 numbers, less those originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, Toll Free Service Access Code (e.g. 800, 888, etc.), 900 numbers for which the customer furnishes for each month a report of either the number of calls or minutes or a report of the percent of calls or minutes that terminate in a Switched Access Service that is assessed Carrier Common Line charges.

When the customer makes this report available to the Telephone Company in advance of billing, these minutes of use will be charged on the current bill as originating minutes of use as set forth in (F) following. If a billing dispute arises concerning the customer provided report, the Telephone Company will request the customer to provide the data the customer used to develop the report. The Telephone Company will not request such data more than once a year. The customer shall supply the data within 30 days of the Telephone Company request.

When this report is not available to the Telephone Company until after billing, it shall be used by the Telephone Company to calculate and post a credit to the customer's account. The credit shall be posted to the customer's account within 30 days of receipt of the report. The credit shall be calculated by multiplying the number of access minutes of use, for which a credit is determined to be applicable, times the difference between the terminating and originating Carrier Common Line charges in effect when the calls were completed.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd) (T)3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)3.8.5 Determination of Premium and Non-Premium Charges (Cont'd)

- (F) The originating Premium Access or Non-Premium Access, per minute charge(s) apply to:
- all originating access minutes of use;
  - less those originating access minutes of use associated with FGA Access Services where the off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers;
  - less all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, Toll Free Service Access Codes (e.g. 800, 888, etc.), 900 numbers;
  - less those originating access minutes of use associated with Mobile Telephone Switching Offices (MTSOs) directly interconnected to a Telephone Company access tandem office.
  - plus all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, Toll Free Service Access Codes (e.g. 800, 888, etc.), 900 numbers for which the customer furnishes for each month a report of either the number of calls or minutes or a report of the percent of calls or minutes that terminate in a Switched Access Service that is assessed Carrier Common Line charges, and for which a corresponding reduction in the number of terminating access minutes of use has been made as set forth in (E) preceding.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd)3.9 Federal Universal Service Charge

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) recovers the Telephone Company's contribution to various federal universal service funds. The Telephone Company will apply the FUSC through flat-rated, monthly line charges assessed to end users that are billed End User Common Line charges and through a surcharge on monthly billed charges to end users that order interstate special access services.

The FUSC for CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. is set forth in Section 17.1.3, following. Rates, Regulations and Charges for FUSC for CenturyTel of Wisconsin, Inc., Century Tel of Michigan, Inc. and CenturyTel of Midwest-Michigan, Inc. are the same as those set forth in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 5.

3.9.1 Rate Application

The monthly per line charges apply to each local exchange service line or trunk ordered from the Telephone Company's general or local tariff, as described below.

- The Business Centrex rate applies to each business Centrex CO and Centrex CO-like line.
- The Integrated Services Digital Network Primary Rate Interface (ISDN PRI) rate applies to each ISDN PRI arrangement.
- The Basic rate applies to each ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) arrangement.
- The Basic rate applies per line or trunk to all other local exchange services classified as business or residential service, including Dormitory/Residence Centrex services.

The FUSC Special Access Services Revenue Surcharge will be determined by multiplying the surcharge factor by the end user's monthly interstate special access services charges at the billing account level.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd)3.10 ISDN Line Ports

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When an end user is provided Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Basic Rate Interface (BRI) and/or ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) local exchange service by the Telephone Company under the general or local exchange tariff ISDN Line Port rates apply. ISDN Line Port rates recover the costs of ISDN line ports to the extent these costs exceed the cost of a line port used for basic, analog service.

When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service that is associated with ISDN BRI and/or ISDN PRI, one half of the ISDN Line Port rate per month will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.

## 3.10.1 Rate Application

Rates for ISDN Line Ports are set forth in Section 17.1.4 , following.

The monthly rate applies to each ISDN service arrangement ordered from the Telephone Company's general or local exchange tariff, as describer below.

- The ISDN BRI Line Port rate applies to each ISDN BRI Arrangement.
- The ISDN PRI Line Port rate applies to each ISDN PRI arrangement.

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