

FACILITIES FOR INTERSTATE ACCESS

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BHMC - Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity
BP - Billing Percentage
BSA - Basic Serving Arrangement
BSE - Basic Service Element
CAC - Carrier Access Code
CCS - Centum Call-Seconds
CCSA - Common Control Switching Arrangement(s)
CDL - Customer Designated Location
CDM - Call Days in Month
CFA - Connecting Facility Assignment
CIC - Carrier Identification Code
CIP - Carrier Identification Parameter
CMF - Chargeable Minimum Factor
COMPS - Central Office Maintenance Planning System
Cont'd - Continued
CST - Cooperative Scheduled Testing
CSU - Circuit Switching Unit
CTOC - CenturyTel Operating Company
DA - Digital Data Access
DAM - Distance in Airline Miles
dB - Decibel
dBm - Decibels below one milliwatt
dBmO - Transmission Level Referred to the Zero Transmission Level Point
dBnCO - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighted O
dBv - Decibels Referred to One Volt
dc - direct current
DDS - Digital Data Service
DTMF - Dual Tone Multifrequency
DX - Duplex

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ECCKT - Exchange Carrier Circuit ID
 ELEPL - Equal Level Echo Path Loss
 E&M - The Receive and Transmit Leads of a Signaling System
 EML - Expected Measured Loss
 EPL - Echo Path Loss
 ERL - Echo Return Loss
 f - frequency
 FCC - Federal Communications Commission
 FCO - Foreign Central Office Service
 FIA - Facilities for Interstate Access
 FNPA - Foreign Numbering Plan Area
 GSEC - General Services and Equipment Code
 HC - High Capacity
 HNPA - Home Numbering Plan Area
 Hz - Hertz
 IA - Interface Arrangement
 IC - Interexchange Carrier
 ICB - Individual Case Basis
 IDDD - International Direct Distance Dialing
 ILP - Initial Liability Period
 IP - Interconnection Point
 kbps - kilobits per second
 kHz - kilohertz
 LATA - Local Access and Transport Area
 LEC - Local Exchange Carrier
 Ma - Milliampere
 Mbps - Megabits per second
 MHz - Megahertz
 MJU - Multi-Junction Unit
 MRC - Monthly Recurring Charge
 MST - Manual Scheduled Testing
 MTL - Maximum Termination Liability
 NA - Not Available
 NANP - North American Numbering Plan
 NECA - National Exchange Carrier Association
 NPA - Numbering Plan Area
 NRC - Nonrecurring Charge
 NST - Nonscheduled Testing
 NXX - Three Digit Central Office Code
 OC-n - Optical Carrier Rate
 OPS - Off-Premises Station
 PBX - Private Branch Exchange
 PCM - Pulse Code Modulation
 POT - Point of Termination
 RMC - Recurring Monthly Charge
 rms - root-mean-square
 SCFA - Secondary Connecting Facility Assignment
 SF - Single Frequency
 SONET - Synchronous Optical Network
 SRL - Singing Return Loss
 STR - Switched Transport Rate
 TDCF - Total Day Conversion Factor
 TLP - Transmission Level Point
 TV - Television
 UL - Under Utilization Liability
 VG - Voice Grade
 V&H - Vertical & Horizontal
 WA - Wideband Analog
 WATS - Wide Area Telecommunications Service

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STATE ABBREVIATIONS

AL - Alabama	MT - Montana
AK - Alaska	MTC - The Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation
AR - Arkansas	NE - Nebraska
AZ - Arizona	NC - North Carolina
CA - California	ND - North Dakota
CO - Colorado	NH - New Hampshire
CT - Connecticut	NJ - New Jersey
DE - Delaware	NM - New Mexico
FL - Florida	NV - Nevada
GA - Georgia	NY - New York
HI - Hawaii	OH - Ohio
IA - Iowa	OK - Oklahoma
ID - Idaho	OR - Oregon
IL - Illinois	PA - Pennsylvania
IN - Indiana	RI - Rhode Island
KS - Kansas	SC - South Carolina
KY - Kentucky	SD - South Dakota
LA - Louisiana	TN - Tennessee
MA - Massachusetts	TX - Texas
MD - Maryland	UT - Utah
ME - Maine	VA - Virginia
MI - Michigan	VT - Vermont
MN - Minnesota	WA - Washington
MO - Missouri	WI - Wisconsin
MS - Mississippi	WV - West Virginia
	WY - Wyoming

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REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

Whenever reference is made in this tariff to other tariffs of CenturyTel, the reference is to the tariffs in force as of the effective date of this tariff, and to amendments thereto and successive issues thereof.

REFERENCE TO NECA TARIFFS

- (1) NECA Tariff FCC No. 4
- (1) NECA Tariff FCC No. 5

REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- (1) NECA Technical Reference Publication AS No. 1 - Issued March, 1984; entire issue
Addendum - Issued March, 1987
- (2) GTE Technical Interface Reference Manual, Issue 2 - Issued August, 1984, Revised December 1985, August 1986 and October 1988; Sections 3300, 5107, 6000, 6103 and 7000
- (5) American National Standards Institute Publication ANSI T1.102, Issued 1993
- (5) American National Standards Institute Publication ANSI T1.105, Issued 1995
- (3) Underwriters Laboratory Publication UL 94, Issued 1990
- (1) AT&T Technical Reference Publication 41014 - Issued February, 1978; entire issue
- (2) GTE Service Corporation Telephone Operations - Traffic Grade of Service Standards, Issued April, 1985; entire issue
- (4) Bellcore Technical Reference Publication

TR-TSV-000905, Issue 1, August, 1989	GR-253-CORE, Issue 2, April, 1996
TR-NWT-000499, Issue 4, November, 1991	GR-1400-CORE, Issue 1, March, 1994
TR-NWT-000063, Issue 4, July, 1991	GR-1374-CORE, Issue 1, March, 1994
TR-TSY-000191, Issue 1, May, 1986	GR-1149-CORE, Issue 1, October, 1995
TR-TSY-000487, Issue 1, July, 1989	Available February, 1997
TR-NPL-000320, Issue 1, April, 1988	
- (4) Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) Guidelines - Issued June, 1994.
- (4) Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) Guidelines - Issued May, 1994.
- (6) Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and Internet Architecture Board (IAB) documentation on Internet protocol standards.
 - (1) Available from the Federal Communications Commission's commercial contractor.
 - (2) Available from Testmark Labs, 3050 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, Kentucky 40503.
 - (3) Available from Underwriters Laboratory, Inc. Attention: Publications, 333 Pfingsten Rd., Northbrook, Illinois 60062.
 - (4) Available from Bellcore, Customer Service, 8 Corporate Place, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854-4196.
 - (5) Available from American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.
 - (6) Available from the IETF, Corporation for National Research Initiatives (CNRI), Suite 100, Preston White Drive, Reston, VA 22091 and in electronic form at Internet locations <http://www.isi.edu/iab/> and <http://www.ietf.cnri.reston.va.us/>

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- (1) Section 6.4(E)(8) NCS Manual 3-1-1 "Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System for National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Service User Manual", dated July 9, 1990.
- (1) Section 6.4(F)(4) NCS Handbook 3-1-2 "Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System for National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Service Vendor Handbook", dated July 9, 1990.
- (1) 47 C.F.R. FCC Rules and Regulations, Part 15.109
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- (2) Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE) 259M-1997 standards
Issued: April 17, 2001 09-25-97
- (3) Network Equipment – Building System (NEBS), SR-3580, Issue 1,
Issued: April 17, 2001 November 1995 Available: April 2000
- (3) GR-1089-CORE, Issue 2, Issued: April 17, 2001 December 1997, February 1999
Available: April 2000
- (1) Available from Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documentation, Document Control Branch, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20401.
- (2) Available from SMPTE, 595 W. Hartsdale Ave, White Plains, NY 10607.
- (3) Available from Telcordia Technologies, Inc., 8 Corporate Place, PYA 3A-184, Piscataway, NJ 08854-4156

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1. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

- 1.1 This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to Carrier Common Line, Switched Access, Special Access, End User Access, Lifeline Assistance, Universal Service Fund, Expanded Interconnection Service, Advanced Communications Networks, Optical Networking Access Service or, in combination, as Facilities for Interstate Access, hereinafter referred to as FIA, provided by the issuing carriers of this tariff, hereinafter referred to as the Telephone Company to customers. This tariff further provides for Ancillary and Miscellaneous Services. This tariff does not apply to other services offered by the Telephone Company.

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules at Section 69.4(c), 69.5(d), 69.104(1), 69.116, 69.117, 69.603(c), and 69.603(d), regulations concerning administration and billing of Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund, rates and charges for these carrier's carrier elements are contained in Section 8 of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Tariff FCC No. 5. The National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., will bill and collect all Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund charges on behalf of the Telephone Company.

- 1.2 Regulations, rates and charges as specified in this tariff apply to FIA and shall not serve as a substitute for IC tariff offerings of services to end users. The provision of such FIA by the Telephone Company as set forth in this tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with an IC for the furnishing of any service.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company2.1.1 Scope

- (A) The Telephone Company does not undertake to transmit calls or offer a telecommunications service under this tariff.
- (B) The Telephone Company shall be responsible only for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the services which it provides.
- (C) The Telephone Company will, for maintenance purposes, test its FIA only to the extent necessary to detect and/or clear troubles. Testing beyond normal parameters will be done as described in Section 6.
- (D) FIA are provided twenty-four hours daily, seven days per week.

2.1.2 Limitations

- (A) The customer may not assign or transfer the use of FIA provided under this tariff except that, where there is no interruption of use or relocation of the FIA, such assignment or transfer may be made to:
 - another customer, whether an individual, partnership, association or corporation, provided the assignee or transferee assumes all outstanding indebtedness for such FIA, and the unexpired portion of the minimum period and the termination liability applicable to such FIA, 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 FIA, if any.

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

The assignment or transfer of FIA 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) The emergency provisioning and restoration of FIA shall be in accordance with Part 64, Subpart D, Paragraph 64.401, of the FCC's Rules and Regulations, which specifies the priority system for such activities. Section 6.4 describes the service arrangement.

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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) The Telephone Company does not warrant that its facilities and services meet standards other than those in this tariff.

2.1.3 Liability

- (A) The Telephone Company's liability, if any, for willful misconduct is not limited by this tariff. With respect to any other claim or suit by a customer for damages associated with the installation, provision, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of FIA, and subject to the provisions of (B) and (C), the Telephone Company's liability, if any, shall not exceed an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the FIA for the period during which the provision of FIA 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 provision of FIA interruption.
- (B) The Telephone Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any other carrier or customer providing a portion of a service, nor shall the Telephone Company, for its own act or omission, hold liable any other carrier or customer providing a portion of a service.
- (C) The Telephone Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the customer against any claim, loss or damage arising from the use of FIA offered under this tariff. The foregoing indemnity shall issue on the customer separately, each being responsible for its own acts and omissions, involving:
- Claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from any communications;
 - Claims for patent infringement arising from combining or using the FIA furnished by the Telephone Company in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by the customer; or
 - All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in the course of using FIA provided pursuant to this tariff.
- (D) The Telephone Company does not guarantee or make any warranty with respect to its FIA 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 the FIA so provided. The foregoing indemnity shall issue on the customer separately, each being responsible for its own acts and omissions.
- (E) Except in the case of willful misconduct, under no circumstances whatever shall the Telephone Company be liable for indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages; and this disclaimer shall be effective notwithstanding any other provisions hereof.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.1.3 Liability (Cont'd)

- (F) No license under patents is granted by the Telephone Company to the customer or shall be implied or arise by estoppel in the customer's favor with respect to any circuit, apparatus, system or method used by the customer in connection with FIA provided under this tariff. With respect to claims of patent infringement made by third persons, the Telephone Company will defend, indemnify, protect and save harmless the customer from and against all claims arising out of the use by the customer of FIA provided under this tariff.
- (G) The Telephone Company's failure to provide or maintain FIA under this tariff shall be excused by labor difficulties, governmental orders, civil commotions, acts of God and other circumstances beyond the Telephone Company's reasonable control, subject to the interruption allowance provisions.
- (H) The Telephone Company shall reimburse the customer for damages to premises or equipment of the customer resulting from the provision of FIA by the Telephone Company on such premises, or by the installation or removal thereof, caused by the negligence or willful act of the Telephone Company.

2.1.4 Provision of FIA

- (A) The Telephone Company, to the extent that such FIA are or can be made available with reasonable effort, and after provisions have been made for the Telephone Company's local service, will provide to the customer, upon reasonable notice, FIA offered in other applicable sections of this tariff at rates and charges specified therein.
- (B) FIA provided to a customer under this tariff may be connected directly to customer facilities and/or may be connected to access facilities of another telephone company or companies in the joint provision of interstate access.

2.1.5 Installation and Termination of FIA

Except as provided for Expanded Interconnection Service specified in Section 17, the FIA provided under this tariff (A) 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 location, and (B) will be installed by the Telephone Company to such point of termination.

2.1.6 Maintenance of FIA

- (A) The FIA 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 FIA 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.
- (B) Customer provided transmission facilities and equipment terminating in the Telephone Company wire center, access tandem, manhole or similar location for purposes of virtual Expanded Interconnection Service (EIS), as set forth in Section 17, will be maintained by the Telephone Company. Customer provided transmission facilities and equipment terminating in the Telephone Company wire center or access tandem for purposes of physical EIS will not be maintained by 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 Part 68 of the FCC Rules and Regulations in 47 C.F.R. Paragraph 68.110 (b), the Telephone Company may, where such action is reasonably required in the operation of its business, substitute, change, or rearrange any telephone plant used in providing FIA under this tariff, change minimum network protection criteria, change operating or maintenance characteristics of facilities, or change operations or procedures of the Telephone Company. In case of any such substitution, change or rearrangement, the facility parameters will be within generally accepted standards. 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 or technical parameters of the FIA, as originally ordered by the customer, the Telephone Company will notify the customer in writing prior to making such substitution, change or rearrangement. Notification will be given as follows:

- Should a major change occur, the Telephone Company shall notify the customer at least one year in advance. A major change is described as any change in telephone plant which will affect the technical parameters of the interface (e.g., level, impedance, signaling, interface, bandwidth, two-wire, four-wire, etc.).
- Should a minor change occur, the Telephone Company shall notify the customer at least thirty days in advance. A minor change is described as any change in telephone plant which will not affect the technical parameters of the interface (e.g., level, impedance, signaling, interface, bandwidth, two-wire, four-wire, etc.).

The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer relative to the redesign and implementation required by the change in operating characteristics.

2.1.8 Discontinuance and Refusal of FIA

- (A) Unless the provisions of 2.2.1(B) or 2.5.1 apply, if the customer fails to comply with the provisions of 2.1.6, 2.3.1, and 2.4.1(D), or if applicable, 2.5.3, 2.5.4, 17.3.4 and 17.7.6(D) including any payments to be made by it on the dates or at the times herein specified, and fails within thirty (30) days after written notice, by certified mail, from the Telephone Company to a person designated by the customer to correct such noncompliance, the Telephone Company may discontinue the provision of the FIA to the noncomplying customer. In case of such discontinuance, all applicable charges shall become due.
- (B) If the customer repeatedly fails to comply with the provisions of this tariff in connection with the provision of a FIA or group of FIA, and fails to correct such course of action after notice as in (A), the Telephone Company may refuse applications for additional FIA to the noncomplying customer until the course of action is corrected.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.1.8 Discontinuance and Refusal of FIA (Cont'd)

(C) If the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., notifies the Telephone Company that the Customer has failed to comply with Section 8 of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Tariff FCC No. 5 (Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund charges) including any Customer's failure to make payments on the date and times specified therein, the Telephone Company, may on thirty days' written notice to the Customer by Certified U.S. Mail, take any of these actions:

- refuse additional applications for service,
- refuse to complete any pending orders for service,
- discontinue the provision of service to the Customer.

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

2.1.9 Preemption of FIA

In certain instances, i.e., when spare facilities and/or equipment are not available, it may be necessary to preempt existing services to provision or restore National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Services. If, in its best judgement, the Telephone Company deems it necessary to preempt, then the Telephone Company will ensure that:

- (A) A sufficient number of public switched services are available for public use if preemption of such services is necessary to provision or restore NSEP Service.
- (B) The service(s) preempted have a lower or do not contain NSEP assigned priority levels.
- (C) A reasonable effort is made to notify the preempted service customer of the action to be taken.
- (D) A credit allowance for any preempted service shall be made in accordance with the provisions in Section 2.4.4(A).

2.1.10 Limitation of Use of Metallic Facilities

Except for loop and duplex (DX) type signaling, metallic facilities shall not be used for ground return or split pair operation. Signals applied to the metallic facility shall conform to minimum protection criteria for direct electrical connections as in Part 68 of the FCC Rules and Regulations. In the case of applications of dc telegraph signaling systems, the customer shall be responsible, at its expense, for the provision of current limitation devices to protect the Telephone Company FIA from excessive current due to abnormal conditions and for the provision of noise mitigation networks when required to reduce excess noise.

Interoffice metallic facilities are limited and requests for metallic facilities will only be provided where available. DC (Metallic) and telegraph-grade facilities and services will be discontinued effective November 3, 1991. Interoffice metallic facilities (wire pairs) are in diminishing supply, and can be expected to become less available as optical fiber is deployed and wire cables are removed.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.2 Use2.2.1 Interference or Impairment

- (A) The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment provided by other than the Telephone Company, including customer transmission equipment and facilities used with EIS, and associated with the FIA provided under this tariff shall not interfere with or impair service over any facilities of the Telephone Company, its connecting and concurring carriers, or other telephone companies involved in its services, cause damage to their plant, impair the privacy of any communications carried over their facilities or create hazards to their employees or to the public.
- (B) Except as provided for equipment or systems subject to Part 68 of the FCC Rules and Regulations in 47 C.F.R. Paragraph 68.108, if such characteristics or methods of operation are not in accordance with (A), the Telephone Company will, where practicable, notify the customer, as appropriate, that temporary discontinuance of the use of FIA may be required; however, where prior notice is not practicable, nothing contained herein shall be deemed to preclude the Telephone Company's right to temporarily discontinue forthwith the use of FIA if such action is reasonable in the circumstances. In case of such temporary discontinuance the customer will be promptly notified and afforded the opportunity to correct the condition which gave rise to the temporary discontinuance. During such period of temporary discontinuance, allowance for interruption of FIA as in 2.4.4 is not applicable.

2.2.2 Unlawful Use of FIA

The FIA are furnished subject to the condition that they will not be used for an unlawful purpose. FIA will be discontinued if any law enforcement agency, acting within its apparent jurisdiction, advises in writing that such FIA are being used in violation of law. The Telephone Company will refuse to furnish FIA when it has reasonable grounds to believe that such FIA will be used in violation of law.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.3 Obligation of the Customer2.3.1 Damages

The customer shall reimburse the Telephone Company for damages to the Telephone Company facilities utilized to provide FIA 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. The amount of reimbursement shall be the actual cost of repair to the damaged facilities including labor costs as specified in 6.2(G).

2.3.2 Theft

The customer shall reimburse the Telephone Company for any loss through theft of facilities, apparatus, or equipment utilized to provide FIA under this tariff at the customer designated location or at the end user's premises. The amount of reimbursement shall be the actual cost for replacement of facilities, apparatus, or equipment lost, plus labor costs as specified in 6.2(G).

2.3.3 Equipment Space and Power

Except as specified in 2.3.4, 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 FIA under this tariff at the points of termination of such FIA. The equipment space provided shall meet industry standard environmental conditions. 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, repairing or removing facilities of the Telephone Company.

2.3.4 Space and Power for Expanded Interconnection Service

Where available, the Telephone Company shall make available wire center or access tandem floor space and electrical power required by the customer for the provision of Expanded Interconnection Service at charges set forth in Section 17.

2.3.5 Availability for Testing

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

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.3 Obligation of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.6 Balance

All signals for transmission over the FIA provided under this tariff shall be delivered by the customer balanced to ground except for ground start and duplex (DX), McCulloh-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, the customer shall be solely responsible at its expense for the overall design of its services. The customer shall be responsible at its own expense, for any redesigning or rearrangement of its services which may be required because of changes in FIA, operations or procedures of the Telephone Company, minimum network protection criteria or operating or maintenance characteristics of the FIA.

2.3.8 References to Telephone Company

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

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 FIA provided under this tariff, any circuit, apparatus, system or method provided by the customer, the IC or its end users.
- (B) The customer shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Telephone Company from and against suits, claims, and demands 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 FIA provided under this tariff including, without limitation, Workmen's Compensation claims, actions for infringement of copyright and/or unauthorized use of program material, libel and slander actions based on the content of communications transmitted over the customer's circuits, facilities or equipment, and proceedings to recover taxes, fines, or penalties for failure of the customer to obtain or maintain in effect any necessary certificates, permits, licenses or other authority to acquire or operate the FIA 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.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.3 Obligation 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.

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances2.4.1 Payment of Charges and Deposits

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

A deposit may not exceed the actual or estimated rates and charges for the FIA 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 FIA 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. After the customer has established a one year prompt payment record, such a deposit will be refunded or credited to the customer account at any time prior to the termination of the provision of the FIA to the customer.

In case of a cash deposit, for the period the deposit is held by the Telephone Company, the customer will receive simple annual interest at the percentage rate specified in the Telephone Company General and/or Local Tariff.

(B) Reserved for future use.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.1 Payment of Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)

- (C) The Telephone Company shall bill FIA services on a current basis for (a) all charges incurred, (b) applicable taxes, and (c) credits due the customer.
- Switched Access (except for the Entrance Facility, Direct-Trunked Transport and Multiplexing elements), Ancillary and Miscellaneous services shall be billed in arrears.
 - Special Access, monthly EIS elements, Switched Access Entrance Facility, Direct-Trunked Transport and Multiplexing elements shall be billed in advance except for the charges and credits associated with the initial or final bills. The initial bill will also include charges for the actual period of service up to, but not including, the bill date. The unused portion of the FIA already billed will be credited on the final bill.

The customer will receive its bill in; 1) a paper format, 2) a paper format bill summary with a magnetic tape to provide the detailed information of the bill, 3) magnetic tape only, or 4) via electronic transmission. Such bills are due when rendered regardless of the media utilized. Adjustments for the quantities of FIA established or discontinued in any billing period beyond the minimum period in 2.4.2 will be prorated to the number of days based on a 30 day month. The Telephone Company will, upon request and if available, furnish such detailed information as may reasonably be required for verification of any bill.

- (D) All bills to the customer are due 31 days (payment date) after the bill date or by the next bill date (i.e., same date in the following month as the bill date), whichever is the shortest interval. In the event the customer does not remit payment in immediately available funds by the payment date, the FIA may be discontinued as specified in 2.1.8.
- (1) If the entire amount billed is not received by the Telephone Company in immediately available funds by the payment date, an additional charge (late payment charge) equal to 1/365th of the percentage rate for deposit interest as that in 2.4.1(A) of the unpaid balance will be applied for each day or portion thereof that an outstanding balance remains.

If such payment date would cause payment to be due on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday (i.e., New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, the second Tuesday in November and a day when Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day or Columbus Day is legally observed), payment for such bills will be due from the customer as follows:

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

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(2) In the event of a billing dispute, the customer must submit a documented claim for the disputed amount.

- If the claim is received within 6 months of the payment due date, and the customer has paid the total billed amount, any interest credits due the customer upon resolution of the dispute shall be calculated from the date of overpayment.
- If the claim is received more than 6 months from the payment due date, any interest credits due the customer upon resolution of the dispute shall be calculated from the later of the date the claim was received or the date of overpayment.

A credit will be granted to the customer for both the disputed amount paid and an amount equal to the percentage rate in (1).

The Telephone Company will assess or credit late payment charges on disputed amounts to the customer as follows:

- If resolved in favor of the Telephone Company and the customer has paid the disputed amount on or before the payment due date, no late payment charges will apply.
- If resolved in favor of the Telephone Company and the customer has withheld the disputed amount, any payments withheld pending settlement of the dispute shall be subject to the late payment charge in (1).
- If resolved in favor of the customer and the customer has withheld the disputed amount, the customer shall be credited for each month or portion thereof that the late payment charge in (1) may have been applied. In the event the customer has paid the late payment charge, a credit will be granted to the customer for both the late payment charge paid on disputed amount and an amount equal to the percentage rate in (1).

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.1 Payment of Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)

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- (3) Late Payment Charges applicable to End User FIA, described in Section 13, are those in the Telephone Company General and/or Local Tariffs.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.2 Minimum Periods

- (A) The minimum periods for which FIA are provided and which rates and charges are applicable are in 3.2.4.
- (B) The minimum periods for which FIA are provided and which rates and charges are applicable for Specialized FIA or Arrangements provided on an Individual Case Basis, as in Section 7 are established with the individual case filing.
- (C) For discontinuance of FIA with a one month minimum period, all applicable charges for the one month period will apply. In instances where the minimum period is greater than one month, however, the charge will be the lesser of the Telephone Company's non-recoverable costs less the net salvage value for the discontinued service of the minimum period charges.
- (D) The minimum periods for which Expanded Interconnection Services are provided and which rates and charges are applicable are in Section 17.
- (E) The minimum periods for Optical Networking Services are provided and which rates and charges are applicable are in Section 20.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.3 Cancellation of an ASR

Provisions for the cancellation of an ASR are in 3.2.6.

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for FIA Interruptions(A) General

A FIA is interrupted when it becomes unusable to the customer because of a failure of a component used to furnish FIA under this tariff, or when the service is preempted as a result of invoking NSEP Treatment or when the application of protective controls interrupt all transmission paths as set forth in 4.2.9 following. An interruption period starts when Telephone Company personnel become aware that the FIA is inoperative.

The credit allowance(s) for an interruption or for a series of interruptions will be computed based upon the billing method which applies to the service being credited. In no case will the credit allowance for service interruptions exceed the applicable charges for the billing period during which the interruption occurred.

A credit allowance for any FIA service will apply for the period specified as follows:

- (1) For Special Access services other than Program Audio, Videoband and Expanded Interconnection, and for Switched Access Entrance Facilities, Direct-Trunked Transport and Multiplexing services a credit allowance will be made for an interruption period of 30 minutes or more. The allowance will be calculated at the rate of 1/1440 of the monthly charge for the portion of the FIA affected, for each 30 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. A major fraction is considered to be sixteen minutes or more beyond the 30 minute period.
- (2) For Program Audio and Videoband Special Access services, a credit allowance will be made for an interruption of 30 seconds or more. Two or more such interruptions occurring during a period of 5 consecutive minutes shall be considered as one interruption. The allowance will be calculated as follows:
 - (a) For Program Audio Service provided at monthly rates, the credit will be at the rate of 1/8640 of the monthly service rate.
 - (b) For Program Audio Service provided at daily rates, the credit will be at the rate of 1/288 of the daily rate.
 - (c) For Temporary Videoband Service provided at hourly rates, the credit will be at 1/12 of the hourly rate.
- (3) Except as noted, all Special Access Services will be eligible for a credit allowance for each occurrence of a service interruption period greater than 30 minutes. The maximum credit allowance will be \$200.00 for each out of service condition within the Telephone Company's facilities and will not exceed the monthly charge for the interrupted service. The credit allowance will not be applied more than once per calendar month. This credit allowance is applicable in all jurisdictions. The credit allowance is in addition to the credit allowance in 2.4.4(A)(1) and 2.4.4(A)(2). A credit allowance will not be extended in accordance with conditions in 2.1.3(G) and 2.4.4(B) for repair of Telephone Company owned facilities.

The exceptions to this credit allowance are, Part-time Program Audio Service in 5.2.3, Videoband I and II Services in 5.2.4, Miscellaneous Special Access Services in 5.8 and Individual Case Basis Services in 5.9.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.4 Credit Allowance for FIA Interruptions (Cont'd)(A) General (Cont'd)

(4) For Switched Access service, billed using assumed minutes of use, a credit allowance will be made for an interruption of 24 hours or more. The credit allowance will be calculated at 1/30 of the assumed minutes of use charge for each 24 hours or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. A major fraction is considered to be 13 hours. No credit will be given where Switched Access billing is based on actual usage.

(5) For Switched Access service interrupted by an NXX isolation a credit will be given the billed customer of record utilizing the following formula:

300 Minutes of Use X the appropriate switched access rate X the number of trunks out of service = the credit allowance

NXX isolation is defined as a situation whereby a customer in an NPA-NXX is unable to originate a call to the carrier network and/ or receive a call from the carrier network.

The credit will apply when an out of service condition of 30 minutes or more occurs within the Telephone Company's switched facilities. The credit allowance will not be applied more than once per calendar month. A credit allowance will not be extended in accordance with conditions in 2.1.3(G) and 2.4.4(B) for repair of Telephone Company owned facilities.

(6) Switched Access Service Entrance Facilities, Direct-Trunked Transport and Multiplexing will be eligible for a credit allowance for each occurrence of a service interruption period greater than 30 minutes. The maximum credit allowance will be \$200.00 for each out of service condition within the Telephone Company's facilities. The credit allowance will not exceed the monthly charge for the interrupted service and will not be applied more than once per calendar month. This credit allowance is applicable in all jurisdictions. A credit allowance will not be extended in accordance with conditions in 2.1.3(G) and 2.4.4(B) for repair of Telephone Company owned facilities.

(7) For Common Channel Signaling System 7 (CCS7) Access Service, described in 4.2.10, a credit allowance will be made for an interruption period of 30 minutes or more. The allowance will be calculated at the rate of 1/1440 of the monthly charge for the portion of the service affected, for each 30 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. A major fraction is considered to be 16 minutes or more beyond the 30-minute period.

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- (8) An out of service credit will apply for the following Optical Networking rate elements, where applicable, should the service be interrupted due to the Telephone Company's system's failure to switch to protected electronics and/or facilities within one (1) second in those locations connected to the Telephone Company surveillance system unless such interruptions are a result of conditions outside the Telephone Company's control:

- Shared Ring Connect
- Ring Connect
- LAN-wide Premium Transport
- Ring-per-mile Transport
- ON-net Banded Optical Transport provisioned via ring topology
- Custom Connect configured via a ring topology

Credit will be predicated on information provided by the Telephone Company's and the customer's network surveillance systems associated with this service arrangement. The Telephone Company and the customer shall each have the opportunity to perform an annual inspection of the other party's network surveillance system to confirm its accuracy. The out-of-service credit will be calculated based on the monthly rate element charges of that portion of the inter-office network rendered inoperative. A maximum limit of one month's recurring charge per rate element will be allotted for an interruption or series of interruptions within any one billing period.

The credit allowance for all other Optical Networking access services will be as shown in 2.4.4(1) and (3).

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No credit allowance will be made for:

- (1) Interruptions caused by the negligence of the customer.
- (2) Interruptions of a FIA due to the failure of equipment or systems provided by the customer or others.
- (3) Interruptions of a FIA during any period in which the Telephone Company is not afforded access to the premises where the FIA is terminated.
- (4) Interruptions of a FIA during an agreed upon period when the customer has released a FIA to the Telephone Company for maintenance purposes, to make rearrangements, or for the implementation of an ASR for a change in the FIA. Should the maintenance, rearrangement, or ASR implementation interruption period extend beyond the agreed upon period, credit allowance will apply.
- (5) Interruptions of a FIA which continue because of the failure of the customer to authorize replacement of any element of Special Construction, as set forth in Section 10 following. The period for which no credit allowance is made begins on the seventh day after the Telephone Company's written notification to the customer of the need for such replacement and ends on the day after receipt of the customer's written authorization for such replacement.
- (6) Periods when the customer elects not to release the FIA for testing and/or repair and continues to use it on an impaired basis.
- (7) Periods when the Telephone Company must temporarily interrupt an EIS, as defined in Section 17, in order to prevent damage or disruption of the Telephone Company's network due to the customer's equipment.
- (8) An interruption or a group of interruptions, resulting from a common cause, for amounts less than one dollar.
- (9) For EIS elements specified in Section 17, no credit allowance will be made.

(C) 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 FIA is interrupted, the customer must pay the tariffed rates and charges for the alternative service used.

(D) Temporary Surrender of a FIA

In certain instances, the customer may be requested to surrender a FIA for purposes other than maintenance, testing or activity relating to an ASR. If the customer consents, or in the instance of preemption under NSEP Treatment as set forth in Section 2.1.9 preceding, a credit allowance will be granted. The credit allowance will be determined in accordance with 2.4.4(A) preceding.

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.5 Performance Commitment Program

All refunds under the Performance Commitment Program will be provided as a credit adjustment to the customer's bill.

(A) Performance Commitment Program - Provisioning

The Telephone Company assures that orders for FIA will be installed and available for customer use no later than the Service Date as referenced in Section 3.2.1, Service Date Intervals. The failure of the Telephone Company to meet the service date of an order will result in the refund of all NRCs associated with that order. The Telephone Company's liability for failure to meet this commitment is limited to the refund of the NRCs for the order associated with the missed Service Date.

The Performance Commitment Program - Provisioning does not apply:

- 1) when failure to meet the Service Date occurs because of conditions listed in 2.1.3 (G) or due to actions of the customer.
- 2) to Special Construction as provided in Section 10.
- 3) when the Telephone Company is not the Access Service Coordination Exchange Carrier (ASC-EC) and the Service Date is not met by the LEC acting as ASC-EC for its portion of the service. See diagram below for indication of when the Telephone Company NRC refund will apply:

	CenturyTel ASC-EC	Another LEC ASC-EC
CenturyTel Misses Date	Refund applies	Refund applies
Another LEC Misses Date	Refund applies	Refund does not apply

- 4) to Expanded Interconnection Services as provided in Section 17.
- 5) to Optical Networking Access Services as provided in Section 20.
- 6) to the Expedited Due Date as provided in Section 3.2.2(E).
- 7) to LAN Extension Service as provided in Section 5.6.17.

(B) Performance Commitment Program - IC Desired Due Date for PIC Installation

The Telephone Company assures that the IC Desired Due Date (ICDDD) for PIC Installation, as set forth in 6.5(K), will be provided as negotiated. The failure of the Telephone Company to meet the ICDDD will result in the refund, to the IC's end user/agent customer, of the Nonrecurring Charge for Primary Interexchange Carrier, as set forth in 6.5(L).

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.5 Connections2.5.1 General

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

2.5.2 Standard Access Service Connections

Access services are provided by means of wire, fiber optics, radio or any other suitable technology or a combination thereof. Special Access service connections are made directly or through a Telephone Company hub where bridging or multiplexing functions are performed. These connections can either be analog or digital.

2.5.3 Expanded Interconnection Service (EIS) - Fiber Optic

Fiber Optic EIS provides a customer with space and associated requirements such as power and environmental conditioning within or near a Telephone Company wire center or access tandem to locate certain fiber optic facilities and equipment, and an interconnection with certain Telephone Company provided facilities.

EIS will be provided subject to the regulations and rates and charges set forth in Section 17.

2.5.4 Expanded Interconnection Service (EIS) - Microwave

Microwave EIS provides a customer with space and associated requirements such as power and environmental conditioning within a Telephone Company wire center or access tandem to locate certain microwave facilities and equipment, and a connection to certain Telephone Company provided facilities.

Customer-provided microwave facilities, equipment and support structures may be located in, on or above the exterior walls and roof of Telephone Company wire centers or access tandems. Such interconnection must be made in accordance with the provisions specified in 2.1. These interconnections will be provided subject to the regulations and rates and charges set forth in Section 17.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions

Certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

Access Area

The term "Access Area" denotes a specific calling area containing those customers served by one or more Central Offices associated with the various Switched Access provisions offered under this tariff. The size and configuration of the Access Area a customer obtains is dependent upon the Feature Group type and the specific characteristics of the Central Office or Access Tandem office to which the connection is made.

Access Code

The term "Access Code" applies to Switched Access Service. It denotes a uniform seven digit code dialed by an end user to access an Interexchange Carrier's facilities. The Carrier Access Code (CAC) has the form 101XXXX and the Carrier Identification Code (CIC) has the form 950-XXXX.

Access Group

The term "Access Group" denotes a grouping of lines or trunks used to establish a connection between switching systems. Each grouping of lines or trunks is traffic engineered as a unit with each of the individual members of the group having identical characteristics and being interchangeable with any other member of the group.

Access Minutes

The term "Access Minutes" denotes that usage of exchange facilities in interstate or foreign service for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage. 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 end exchanges, as applicable. For the calculation of total minutes, seconds are totaled and converted to minutes before rounding occurs. Remainder seconds greater than 29 are rounded to a minute.

Access Service Request

The term "Access Service Request" (ASR) denotes a document (i.e., order) used by the Telephone Company to process a customer's request for Access Services as offered throughout this tariff.

Access Tandem

The term "Access Tandem" denotes a telephone company switching system that provides a traffic concentration and distribution function for inter-LATA traffic originating from or terminating at end offices in the access area.

Add/Drop Multiplexing

The term "Add/Drop Multiplexing" denotes a multiplexing function that allows lower level signals to be added or dropped with the remaining traffic continuing through the network.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Agent

The term "Agent" as used in Section 6 of this tariff, is defined as that person or entity that the Telephone Company acknowledges as controlling decisions pertaining to Pay telephone Service or, that person or entity duly authorized to act in that capacity by the physical owner of the premises.

Aggregator

The term "Aggregator" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust or corporation 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.

Alternate Billing Service

The term "Alternate Billing Service (ABS)" denotes the ability of the end user to bill calls to an account not necessarily associated with the originating line, including calling card, collect and third number billing.

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 CDL for terminating calls to the Telephone Company end office as an indication that the called party has answered or disconnected.

Answer Message

The term "Answer Message" denotes an SS7 message sent in the backward direction to indicate that the call has been answered.

Attempt

The term "Attempt" denotes a call in the originating direction from an end user to the CDL which is completed (answered) or not completed (not answered) and a call in the terminating direction from the CDL to a customer which is completed (Answered) or not completed (not answered).

Attenuation Distortion

The term "Attenuation Distortion" denotes the difference in loss at specified Frequencies relative to the loss at 1004 Hz.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Balance (100-Type) Test Line

The term "Balance (100-Type) Test Line" denotes a standard feature of FGA, FGB, FGC, FGD, 800, 888 Access Service, BSA-A, BSA-B, BSA-C, and BSA-D and refers to the end office termination provided for balance and noise testing. The termination provides off-hook supervision to the calling end, and terminates the line or trunk in a resistive and capacitive arrangement which simulates the characteristic impedance of the end office.

Basic Service Element

The term "Basic Service Element (BSE)" denotes an unbundled service option available only with Basic Serving Arrangements.

Basic Serving Arrangement

The term "Basic Serving Arrangement (BSA)" denotes a category of Switched Access Service differentiated by technical characteristics, e.g., line side versus trunk side connection at the Telephone Company's first point of switching.

BHMC

See Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity.

Billed Number Screening

The term "Billed Number Screening (BNS)" denotes the process of utilizing a line information data base to determine billing number acceptance for collect and third number calls and to perform public telephone line number checks to prevent the alternate billing of calls to public coin telephone lines.

Bit

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

Bridging

The term "Bridging" denotes the connection of one or more circuits in parallel with another circuit without interrupting the continuity of the first circuit.

Bridging Wire Center

The term "Bridging Wire Center" denotes the telephone company designated wire center in which bridging is accomplished.

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.

Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity

The term "Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity" (BHMC) denotes the trunk group usage load consisting of the average usage load for the busy season.

Busy Season

The term "Busy Season" denotes the four consecutive weeks of the calendar year having the highest daily busiest hour traffic load based on a five day week. Normally the five-day week consists of Monday through Friday. Where weekend traffic is greater than weekday traffic, one or both weekend days may be used as a substitute for a weekday as long as a consistent five-day week is maintained for the four consecutive weeks.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Bit

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

Byte

The term "Byte" denotes a sequence or group of eight bits that represents one character.

Carrier Identification Code

The term "Carrier Identification Code" (CIC) denotes the uniform access code associated with a specific Interexchange Carrier.

Carrier Identification Parameter

The term "Carrier Identification Parameter" (CIP) denotes a field in the SS7 Initial Address Message (IAM) that identifies and transmits CIC information in a forward direction to an IC customer.

C-Conditioning

The term "C-Conditioning" denotes a telephone company special treatment of the transmission path in order to control attenuation and envelope delay distortion.

C-Message Noise

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

C-Notched Noise

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

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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 lines or trunks.

Call

The term "Call" denotes a communication including an off-hook signal and routing information initiated at the originating location and completed to a terminating location.

Call Branding

Call Branding is the act of providing customer identification, audibly and distinctly, to the caller at the beginning of a Preferred Directory Assistance call.

Cellular Mobile Carrier (CMC)

The term "Cellular Mobile Carrier (CMC)" denotes a Common Carrier authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to provide cellular mobile radio telecommunications services.

Central Office

The term "Central Office" denotes a telephone company local switching system where telephone company local service subscriber station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

Central Office Loop Around Test Line

The term "Central Office Loop Around Test Line" denotes equipment in the Telephone Company's end office which provides a means for making two-way transmission tests for Switched Access services. These transmission tests are normally for the measurement of level and noise tests. This arrangement has two terminations, each reached by means of a separate seven digit number.

Central Office Prefix

The term "Central Office Prefix" denotes the first three digits (NXX) of the telephone number assigned to a telephone company subscriber's local service.

Centralized Automatic Reporting on Trunks (CAROT) Testing

The term "Centralized Automatic Reporting on Trunks (CAROT) Testing" denotes a type of testing which includes the capacity for measuring the 1000 Hz loss, C-message weighted noise, C-notched noise, loss slope, and the provision of a balance termination.

Channelize

The term "Channelize" denotes the process of multiplexing demultiplexing circuits using analog or digital techniques.

Circuit

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

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Circuit Code

The term "Circuit Code" denotes the service class routing of an SS7 call that indicates the interexchange carrier trunk group to which the traffic will be routed (e.g., 0+, 0-, 500, 900, etc.).

Common Channel Signaling System 7 Network (CCS7)

The term "Common Channel Signaling System 7 Network (CCS7)" denotes a dedicated out-of-band signaling network which utilizes Signaling System 7 (SS7) protocol to provide call handling and data base access services.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Common Line

The term "Common Line" denotes a line, trunk, coin line or other facility provided under the Telephone Company General and/or Local Tariffs, terminated on a Central Office switch. A Common Line - Residence is a line or trunk provided under the residence regulations of the Telephone Company General and/or Local Tariffs. A Common Line - Business is a line or trunk provided under the business regulations of the Telephone Company General and/or Local Tariffs. A coin line is a line provided under the public and/or semi-public service regulations of the Telephone Company General and/or Local Tariffs.

Communications System

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

Concatenated

The term "Concatenated" denotes the Inking together of various data structures, e.g., two bandwidths joined to form a single bandwidth.

Confirmed ASR

The term "Confirmed ASR" denotes a customer's ASR for a) Switched Access FIA which the Telephone Company has processed with the Engineering Department to confirm for the customer and the Telephone Company the availability of facilities and/or equipment, and b) Special Access FIA for which the Telephone Company confirms to the customer that the established due date can be met. The date the ASR is confirmed, the standard service date interval commences.

Confirming Design Layout Report Date

The term "Confirming Design Layout Report (CDLR) Date" identifies the date that the Telephone Company is scheduled to receive confirmation that the Design Layout Report provided by the Telephone Company for a confirmed ASR is acceptable.

Conventional Signaling

The term "Conventional Signaling" denotes the inter-machine signaling system which has been traditionally used in North America for the purpose of transmitting the called number's address digits from the originating end office to the switching machine which will terminate the call. In this system, all of the dialed digits are received by the originating switching machine, a path is selected, and the sequence of supervisory signals and outpulsed digits is initiated. No overlap outpulsing, ten-digit ANI, ANI information digits, or acknowledgement wink are included in this signaling sequence.

Customer

The term "Customer" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity or any other entity which subscribes to the services offered under this tariff.

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The term "Customer Designated Location" (CDL) denotes a location specified by the customer for the purpose of terminating FIA services. The Telephone Company must have access to the location to perform installation, testing, and maintenance functions. The customer may or may not have access to the location. CDLs include locations such as customer premises, end user premises, customer repeater stations, customer microwave towers, a Telephone Company's first point of switching, some other point where Telephone Company testing can occur, etc. A CDL may be designated by the customer for Switched Access, Special Access, or both in combination. Customer transmission facilities and equipment may be terminated in Telephone Company wire centers or access tandems under EIS arrangements, as defined in Section 17. Telephone Company Switched and Special Access Services may be interconnected to such customer equipment using Cross Connect arrangements as described in Section 4.5.3 and Section 5.1.1(D), respectively.

D-Conditioning

The term "D-Conditioning" denotes a Telephone Company special treatment of the transmission path in order to control C-notched noise and intermodulation distortion.

Daily Busiest Hour

The term "Daily Busiest Hour" denotes the highest usage hour for each day with the reading taken on the clock hour or half hour. The clock hour or half hour selection varies from day to day, depending upon the usage measured. The Daily Busiest Hour is also known as the Bouncing Busy Hour.

Data Transmission (107-Type) Test Line

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

Drop Cable

A facility provided by the Telephone Company which connects the broadband feeder cable to the premises of the customer's subscribers for the purposes of Video Channel Services.

Dual Tone Multifrequency Address Signaling

The term "Dual Tone Multifrequency (DTMF) Address Signaling" denotes a type of signaling that is an optional feature of FGA and BSA-A. It may be utilized when FGA or BSA-A is being used in the terminating direction. An office arranged for signaling would expect to receive address signals from the IC in the form of DTMF format.

Echo Path Loss

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

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.

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The term "End Office Switch" denotes a Telephone Company local switching system located in a wire center where Telephone Company local service subscriber station loops are terminated for purposes of originating and terminating traffic to or from a customer.

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 the Telephone Company, shall be deemed to be an "end user" to the extent that such carrier uses a telecommunications service for administrative purposes, and a person or entity that offers telecommunications services 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 (e.g., hotels, motels and shared tenant services).

Engineering Review

The term "Engineering Review" denotes the examination of an ASR with a customer requested change to determine if a design change is required. It includes, but is not limited to, the review for possible change requirements in equipment, interfaces, circuit configurations, engineering records, and billing.

Entry Switch

See First Point of Switching.

Excess Capacity

The term "Excess Capacity" denotes a quantity of FIA requested by the customer which is greater than that which the Telephone Company would construct to fulfill the customer's ASR.

Exchange

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

Exchange Access Signaling

The term "Exchange Access Signaling" denotes the signaling system used by equal access end offices to transmit originating information and address digits to the customer's premises and includes the means of verifying the receipt of these address digits. Features of this system include overlap outpulsing (in suitably equipped end offices), identification of the type of call, identification of the ten-digit telephone number of the calling party, and acknowledgement wink supervisory signals.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Existing Suitable Space

The term "Existing Suitable Space" denotes a space in which ac/dc power, heat and air conditioning, battery and generator back-up power, and other requirements necessary for provision of wire center or access tandem equipment currently exists.

Exit Message

The term "Exit Message" denotes an SS7 message sent to an end office by the Telephone Company tandem switch to mark the connect time when the Telephone Company's tandem switch sends an Initial Address Message to a customer.

Extended Area Service

The term "Extended Area Service" (EAS) denotes an arrangement whereby a customer in one exchange can call a local number in another exchange that is part of the extended area without paying a toll charge.

Facility

The term facility denotes generically the various transmission media used for the transmission of telecommunication services. This includes, but is not limited to, cable (copper pair, coaxial, and fiber optic) and microwave radio equipment.

Firm Order Confirmation Date

The term "Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) Date" denotes the date that the Telephone Company will provide the schedule of dates for the provisioning activities associated with the customer's request for service.

First Point of Switching

The term "First Point of Switching" denotes either the first telephone company location at which switching occurs on the terminating path of a call proceeding from the CDL to the terminating end office or the last telephone company location at which switching occurs on the originating path of a call proceeding from the originating end office to the CDL.

Flexible Automatic Number Identification (FLEX ANI)

The term "Flexible Automatic Number Identification" denotes an optional feature or Basic Service Element that provides additional values for the information indicator digits available with the ANI feature on originating calls. These additional digits identify the type of line that is originating the call for billing, screening and routing purposes.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Four-Wire to Two-Wire Conversion

The term "Four-Wire to Two-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 such as a central office switch trunk circuit or switching system.

Frame

The term "Frame" denotes a group of data bits, in a specific format, with a flag at either end to indicate the beginning and end of the frame. The defined format enables network equipment to recognize the meaning and purpose of specific bits.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Gateway Switch

The switch through which communication passes between public packet switched networks.

Geographically Aggregated Rate (GAR)

The term "Geographically Aggregated Rate" denotes a situation in which the rates and charges for a service offering, for which there is currently no demand, are developed based upon the aggregated revenue requirement and demand for more than one study area. Upon receipt of a request for service, the current geographically averaged rates will be redeveloped to include the new study area.

Example: Study areas A, B and C have been geographically aggregated. Geographically averaged rates for A and B were developed based upon their aggregated revenue requirement and demand, while Area C, marked "GAR", has no current demand. Should C receive a request for service, the current geographically averaged rates will be redeveloped to include C's revenue and demand. The redeveloped rates and charges will now be applicable to customers on A, B and C.

Ground Start Supervisory Signaling

The term "Ground Start Supervisory Signaling" denotes a type of signaling which provides for the application of ground on the tip side at the point of termination (assuming no signaling conversion has been provided by the Telephone Company) as an initial seizure signal before the application of ringing in the originating direction (towards the customer from the end office).

Head-End

The Telephone Company location where analog video and audio signals are received from the customer for transmission over the broadband distribution facilities to subscribers for the purposes of providing Video Channel Services.

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 includes 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.

Individual Case Basis

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

Information Service Provider

The term "Information Service Provider" denotes one who offers a capability for generating, acquiring, storing, transforming, processing, retrieving, utilizing, or making available information which may be conveyed via telecommunications, except that such service does not include (1) any use of any such capability for the management, control, or operation of a telecommunications system or the management of a telecommunications service, or (2) the provision of time, weather, and such other similar audio services that are offered by any CenturyTel Operating Telephone Company.

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The term "Initial Address Message (IAM)" denotes an SS7 message sent in the forward direction to initiate trunk set up with the busying of an outgoing trunk which carries the information about that trunk along with other information relating to the routing and handling of the call to the next switch.

Installed Cost

The term "Installed Cost" denotes the total cost (estimated or actual) by the Telephone Company to provide facilities for the offered services.

Interconnection

The term "Interconnection" denotes the termination of a customer's basic transmission facilities, including optical terminating equipment and multiplexers at or near Telephone Company wire center or access tandem. Interconnection is provided as physical or virtual.

Interconnection Point

The term "Interconnection Point" denotes physical EIS arrangements as the point where the customer-owned cable facilities connect to the Telephone Company termination equipment. The interconnection point for virtual EIS arrangements is the demarcation between ownership of the cable facilities.

Interexchange Carrier (IC) or Interexchange Common Carrier

The terms "Interexchange Carrier" (IC) or "Interexchange Common Carrier" denote 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 LATAs.

Intermodulation Distortion

The term "Intermodulation Distortion" denotes a measure of the nonlinearity of a circuit. It is measured using four tones, and evaluating the ratios (in dBs) 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.

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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.

Kilosegment

The term "Kilosegment" denotes a unit of packet transmission defined as 64,000 bytes of data; one thousand segments.

Local Area Network (LAN)

A network permitting the interconnection and intercommunication of a group of computers, primarily for the sharing of resources such as data storage devices and printers.

Line

The term "Line" denotes a communications path connecting an end office switch with an end user's premises or a CDL for the provision for FGA or BSA-A.

Line Group

The term "Line Group" denotes a grouping of lines which are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between end office switches and customers in which all of the communications paths are interchangeable.

Line Information Data Base

The term "Line Information Data Base (LIDB)" denotes a data base containing billing validation data providing the ability to screen billed numbers to support Alternate Billing services.

Line Side Connection

The term "Line Side Connection" denotes a connection of a transmission path to the line side of an end office system.

Local Access and Transport Area

The term "Local Access and Transport Area" (LATA) denotes a geographic area for the provision and administration of communications service. It encompasses designated Access Areas which are grouped to serve common social, economic, and other purposes.

Logical Channel

The term "Logical Channel" denotes a communication channel which allows two-way simultaneous transmission of data packets through the network. No circuit capability is preassigned to a logical channel. Capacity is made available as the data is transmitted. Each virtual connection utilizes one logical channel.

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The term "Maximum Termination Liability" (MTL) denotes the maximum amount of money for which the customer is liable in the event all FIA ordered in a Special Construction case are discontinued before a specified period of time.

Maximum Termination Liability Period

The term "Maximum Termination Liability Period" denotes the length of time the customer is liable for a termination charge in the event specially constructed FIA are terminated. The MTL period is equal to the average account life of the FIA provided.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

The term "Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)" denotes a prescribed geographic area comprised of Telephone Company Wire Centers which has been grouped together.

Mid Link

The term "Mid Link" denotes the Special Transport facilities between Hub Wire Centers where the circuit is bridged and/or where switching devices such as a loop transfer arrangement are located.

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 CDL 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 facility that is used to originate or terminate calls on the CMC network, or originate or terminate calls between the CMC and the public switched telephone network.

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The term "Multicarrier Access Area" denotes an EAS for FGA and BSA-A or an area for FGB and BSA-B where FIA Services are provided by more than one telephone company in which a customer obtains access to an entire EAS or FGB or BSA-B area by obtaining a FGA or BSA-A, or FGB or BSA-B access tandem arrangement that connects its switch with the First Point of Switching of the Primary Exchange Carrier.

National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Services

The term "National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Services" denotes telecommunications services which are used to maintain a state of readiness or to respond to and manage any event or crisis (local, national or international), which causes or could cause injury or harm to the population, damage to or loss of property, or degrades or threatens the NSEP posture of the United States.

Net Salvage

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

Network Address

The term "Network Address" denotes the alphanumeric character string used to specify the destination of each switched connection made within the network.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Network Channel Interface Code

The "Network Channel Interface" code (NCI) is an ordering code that provides an indication of the generic channel type. The NCI code provides the technical characteristics of the interface and describes the physical and electrical characteristics of the special access interface to the customer designated locations. A complete description and listing of these interface codes is specified in Section 6103 of the GTE Technical Interface Reference Manual.

Node

The term "Node" denotes a SONET ring service element that designates either a customer designated location or a Telephone Company wire center location on the SONET ring. It also denotes the location/address of where a channelized service originates or terminates on a ring.

Non-Overlap Outpulsing

The term "Non-Overlap Outpulsing" is the feature of the exchange access signaling system which provides initiation of pulsing to the customer's premises after the calling subscriber has completed dialing an originating call.

Nonrecoverable Cost

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

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 which can be made more rapidly.

North American Numbering Plan

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

NSEP Treatment

The term "NSEP Treatment" denotes the provisioning of a telecommunications service before others based on the provisioning priority level assigned by the Executive Office of the President.

Octet

The term "Octet" denotes a group of eight binary digits operated upon as an entity.

Off-Hook

The term "Off-Hook" denotes the active condition of Switched Access or a Telephone Company local service line.

On-Hook

The term "On-Hook" denotes the idle condition of Switched Access or a Telephone Company local 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 the trunk or line by means of an inductor of several Henries.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Optical Carrier Rate (OC-N)

The term "OC-N" denotes an Optical Networking transmission signal, speed, line rate, or service and may be commonly referred to as follows:

<u>OC-N Rate</u>	<u>Bandwidth Capacity</u>
OC-1	51.84 Mbps
OC-3	155.52 Mbps
OC-12	622.08 Mbps
OC-24	1.25 Gbps
OC-48	2.488 Gbps

Order Interval

The term "Order Interval" denotes the interval between the Scheduled Issue Date and the Service Date.

Originating Direction

The term "Originating Direction" denotes the use of Switched Access for the origination of calls from an end user to a CDL.

Originating Point Code

The term "Originating Point Code (OPC)" denotes the identity assigned to each Operator Service System (OSS) location.

Overlap Outputting

The term "Overlap Outputting" is the feature of the exchange access signaling system which permits initiation of pulsing to the customer's premises before the calling subscriber has completed dialing an originating call.

OZZ Code

The term "OZZ Code" denotes the service class routing code of a multifrequency (MF) call that indicates the interexchange carrier trunk group to which the traffic will be routed (e.g., 0+, 0-, 500, 900, etc.).

Packet

The term "Packet" denotes a continuous sequence of binary digits of information which is switched through the network as an integral unit. The user data is divided into segments for billing purposes. The number of segments contained in a packet is dependent upon the packet size.

Packet Switch

The term "Packet Switch" denotes a central office based switch that establishes a virtual connection between two data network addresses for the transmission of discrete amounts of information.

Packet Switching Office

The term "Packet Switching Office" denotes the central office where the packet switching functions are performed and access to the packet network is accomplished.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Payload

The term "Payload" denotes the portion of the SONET signal available to carry service signals such as DS0, DS1, and DS3.

Physical EIS

The term "Physical EIS" denotes an offering that enables customers to place equipment needed to terminate basic transmission facilities, including optical terminating equipment and multiplexers, within or upon the Telephone Company's wire center or Telephone Company access tandem buildings, use such equipment to connect customer's fiber optic systems or microwave radio transmission facilities (where reasonably feasible) with the local exchange carrier's equipment and facilities used to provide interstate switched and special access services.

Plant Test Date

The term "Plant Test Date" denotes the date on which installation is completed and the Telephone Company to customer testing can begin.

Point of Termination

The term "Point of Termination" denotes the point of demarcation at a CDL or end user premises at which the Telephone Company's responsibility for the provision of FIA Service ends.

Premises

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

Pre-service Testing

The term "Pre-service Testing" denotes tests performed on a FIA to assure standard transmission performance/parameters meet specifications prior to acceptance testing.

Primary Exchange Carrier

The term "Primary Exchange Carrier" (PEC) denotes the telephone company in whose exchange a customer's first point of switching (i.e., dial tone for FGA or BSA-A, an access tandem for FGB or BSA-B) is located.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Protocol

The term "Protocol" denotes a set of rules governing the format to be followed when transmitting information between communicating devices.

Public Pay Telephone

The term "Public Pay Telephone" denotes a switched coin line provided under the Public Telephone Service regulations of the Telephone Company General Exchange and/or Local Exchange Tariffs.

Query

The term "Query" denotes a Signaling System 7 (SS7) message requesting specific information from a data base.

Recoverable Cost

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

Registered Equipment

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

Release Message

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

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Response

The term "Response" denotes an SS7 message representing a reply to a request for information contained in a query.

Route Mileage

The term "Route Mileage" denotes the actual Telephone Company provided facility mileage of a transmission circuit.

Scheduled Issue Date

The term "Scheduled Issue Date" denotes the date the Telephone Company is scheduled to issue the confirmed ASR to all associated work groups.

Secondary Exchange Carrier

The term "Secondary Exchange Carrier" (SEC) denotes the telephone company in whose exchange a customer does not subscribe to FGA or BSA-A, or FGB or BSA-B service, but from whose exchange the customer's end users can call the interexchange switch or CDL of an IC in the primary exchange of another telephone company on a toll-free basis.

Segment

The term "Segment" denotes a unit of user information consisting of 64 octets or less. Billing for Packet Switching Network Service is based on the number of segments transmitted within the user data field of a packet. The number of segments transmitted within a packet is limited only by the subscribed or negotiated maximum size of the user data field for the customer interface.

Semi-Public Pay Telephone

The term "Semi-Public Pay Telephone" denotes a switched coin line provided under the Semi-Public Telephone Service regulations of the Telephone Company General and/or Local Tariffs.

Service Control Point

The term "Service Control Point (SCP)" denotes an SS7 network control interface element between the Telephone Company's SS7 network and one or more data bases.

Service Date

The term "Service Date" denotes the date that the FIA is to be placed in service. A confirmed ASR is required to establish a service date.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Service Switching Point (SSP)

The term "Service Switching Point" (SSP) denotes a signal point equipped with the ability to halt call process, formulate and send a SS7 query to a remote location and route the call based on information contained in the response.

Serving Wire Center

The term "Serving Wire Center" denotes the wire center from which the customer designated location would normally obtain dial tone from the Telephone Company. The "Serving Wire Center" is designated by the Telephone Company based upon the location being served.

Seven-Digit Manual Test Line

The term "Seven-Digit Manual Test Line" denotes a set of optional features for all Switched Access which allow the IC to select balance, milliwatt, and synchronous test lines of FGA and BSA-A, by manually dialing a seven-digit number over the associated Switched Access.

Short Circuit Test Line

The term "Short Circuit Test Line" denotes the end office circuit which provides an ac short circuit termination of the trunk or line by means of a capacitor of at least 4 microfarads.

Signaling Point

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

Signaling System 7 (SS7)

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

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. The technical interface specifications, transmission specifications, and diversity requirements for interconnecting to the Telephone Company's SS7 network at the STP are as described in Bellcore Technical Reference Publication TR-TSV-000905.

Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port

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

Statistical Multiplexing

A multiplexing technique in which timeslots are dynamically allocated on the basis of need rather than being predetermined; the data is typically transmitted on a first served basis.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)SONET

The term "SONET" (Synchronous Optical Network) denotes a family of fiber optic transmission bit rates starting at 51.84 Mbps, designed to provide the flexibility needed to transport many digital signals with different capacities.

Synchronous Test Line

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

Synchronous Transfer Module (STM)

STM-1 is the international equivalent SONET's OC3 transmission rate.

Synchronous Transport Signal (STS)

STS-1 has the capacity to transport up to twenty-eight (28) DS1s or one (1) DS3.

Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System

The term "Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System" or "TSP System" refers to the regulatory, administrative and operational system authorizing and providing for priority treatment (i.e., the provisioning and restoration) of NSEP Services.

Temporary Facilities

The term "Temporary Facilities" denotes facilities used to provide FIA to a customer for less than the minimum service period or less than one month, whichever is longer, or to provide FIA while permanent facilities are being constructed.

Terminating Direction

The term "Terminating Direction" denotes the use of Switched Access for the completion of calls from a CDL to an end user.

Trunk

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

Trunk Group

The term "Trunk Group" denotes a grouping 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 an end office switch.

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The term "U.S. Domestic Offshore Points" denotes any U.S. location that is not part of the conterminous United States.

V&H Coordinates Method

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

Virtual EIS

The term "Virtual EIS" denotes an offering that enables customers to designate or specify equipment needed to terminate basic transmission facilities, including optical terminating equipment and multiplexers, to be located within or upon Telephone Company's wire center or access tandem buildings, and dedicated to such customers use.

Virtual Connection

The term "Virtual Connection" denotes a logical channel resulting from call establishment to a network address that exists until the call is terminated by either party.

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 a Special Access Line used with a Switching Interface as in 4.2.5(V) #.

Wire Center

The term "Wire Center" denotes a location in which one or more central office switches, and cross connection equipment used for the provision of Telephone Company telecommunications services, are located.

Wire Center Area

The term "Wire Center Area" denotes the geographic area served by a Wire Center through the use of central office switching equipment, cross connection equipment, and subscriber loops.

X.25 Protocol

The term "X.25 Protocol" denotes an interface between Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit Terminating Equipment for terminals operating in the packet mode on public data networks.

X.75 Protocol

The term "X.75 Protocol" denotes terminal and transit call control procedures and data transfer system on circuits between packet switched data networks.

The use of the terms WATS or WATS-type throughout this tariff is primarily for ordering purposes and is not intended to restrict the use of the customer services when ordering Special Access and Switched Access in combination.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.7 FIA Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company2.7.1 General

When Switched Transport or Special Transport service is provided by more than one telephone company, the telephone companies involved will mutually agree upon one of the billing methods based upon the type of access service and the interconnection arrangements between the telephone companies.

The telephone company will notify the customer which billing method will be used. The customer will place the ASR as in 3.3.

2.7.2 Single Company Billing

The Single Company Billing method may be applied to FGA and BSA-A Switched Access Service.

The telephone company receiving the ASR from the customer, as specified in 3.3(A)(1), will arrange to provide the service, determine the applicable charges and bill the customer for the entire service in accordance with its Access tariff. The airline mileage is determined using the V&H method in the Exchange Carrier Association (ECA) Tariff FCC No. 4.

2.7.3 Meet Point Billing

Meet Point Billing is required when an access service is provided by multiple Telephone Companies* for FGB, FGC, FGD, BSA-B, BSA-C and BSA-D Switched Access services and Special Access. It is optional for FGA and BSA-A Switched Access Services.

There are two Meet Point Billing Options -- Single Bill and Multiple Bill. 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),
- 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 an ASR is placed requesting access service. Additionally, the Telephone Company shall provide this notice in writing 30 days in advance of any change.

(A) Single Bill Option

The Single Bill Option allows the customer to receive one bill from one telephone company or its billing agent for access services.

The Telephone Company(s) that renders the bill to the customer may provide to the customer, cross references to the other Telephone Company(s) service and/or the common circuit identifiers based upon industry standards as contained in the MECAB document. Should a billing dispute arise, the terms and conditions of the Billing Company(s) will apply.

* Meet Point Billing option guidelines, as contained in the MECAB document, may also be applied to FIA services provided by one exchange carrier in two or more states within a single LATA.

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

- The Initial Billing Company for FGB, FGC and FGD, BSA-B, BSA-C and BSA-D Switched Access services is normally the end user's serving office and for WATS usage the Initial Billing Company is normally the WATS serving office. When the Initial Billing Company is other than the normally designated Telephone Company, the Telephone Company will notify the customer.
- The Subsequent Billing Company(s) is any Telephone Company(s) in whose territory a segment of the Switched Transport Facility is provided and/or where the CDL is located.

The Single Bill option provides three billing alternatives, Single Bill/Single Tariff, Single Bill/Pass-Through Billing and Single Bill/Multiple Tariff which are described following:

(1) Single Bill/Single Tariff

Each Telephone Company will receive an ASR or a copy of the ASR from the customer as specified in 3.3(A)(2) and arrange to provide the service. The Initial Billing Company will:

- determine the applicable charges and bill in accordance with its tariff;
- include all recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges of its tariff; and
- forward the bill to the customer.

The customer will remit the payment to the Initial Billing Company.

(2) Single Bill/Pass-Through Billing

Each Telephone Company will receive an ASR or a copy of the ASR from the customer as specified in 3.3(A)(2) and arrange to provide the service.

Each Telephone Company will:

- determine its portion of Switched Transport and/or Special Transport as in 2.7.3(C);
- determine the applicable charges and bill in accordance with its tariff;
- include all recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges of its tariff; and
- forward the bill to the Initial Billing Company for meet point billed access services.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.7 FIA Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.7.3 Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(A) Single Bill Option (Cont'd)

(2) Single Bill/Pass-Through Billing (Cont'd)

The Initial Billing Company will:

- apply usage data, when needed, to the bill and calculate the charges;
- identify each involved Telephone Company's charges separately on the bill;
- combine all the bills of the involved Telephone Companies of a meet point billed access service into one access 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 Initial Billing Company. If payments are to be sent directly to the Initial Billing Company, the Subsequent Billing Company(s) will provide the customer with written authorization for the payment arrangement.

(3) Single Bill/Multiple Tariff

Each Telephone Company will receive an ASR or a copy of the ASR from the customer as specified in 3.3(A)(2) and arrange to provide the service. The Initial Billing Company will:

- determine each Telephone Company's portion of switched transport and/or special transport as set forth in 2.7.3(c);
- determine the applicable charges and bill in accordance with each Telephone Company's tariff;
- include all recurring and nonrecurring charges for each involved Telephone Company;
- identify each involved Telephone Company's 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 Initial Billing Company. If payments are to be sent directly to the Initial Billing Company, the Subsequent Billing Company(s) will provide the customer with written authorization for the payment arrangement.

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The Multiple Bill option allows all Telephone Companies providing service to bill the customer for their portion of a jointly provided access service. Each Telephone Company will:

- determine its portion of the Switched Transport and/or Special Transport as set forth in 2.7.3(C);
- determine the applicable charges and bill in accordance with its tariff;
- include all recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges of its tariff; and
- forward the bill to the customer.

The customer will remit the payments directly to each Telephone Company.

(C) Meet Point Billing Mileage Calculation

Each Telephone Company's portion of the Switched Transport and/or Special Transport mileage will be determined as follows:

- (1) For Switched Access Tandem-Switched Transport Services, determine the appropriate Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility total miles by computing the number of miles from the access tandem to the serving wire center in the Access Area (i.e., end user serving wire center, or WATS Serving Office), using the V&H method as set forth in the NECA Tariff FCC No. 4. For Special Access Services, and Switched Access Direct-Trunked Transport determine the appropriate Special Transport or Direct-Trunked Transport total miles by computing the number of miles between the serving wire centers involved (i.e., CDL serving wire center, Hub Wire Center, WATS Serving Office, end office, or access tandem) using the V&H method as set forth in the NECA Tariff FCC No. 4. Where the calculated miles include a fraction, the value is rounded up to the next full mile.
- (2) Determine the billing percentage (BP), as set forth in the NECA Tariff FCC No. 4. This represents the portion of the Service provided by each telephone company.
- (3) For Switched Access Tandem-Switched Transport; (a) multiply the number of access minutes of use times the number of airline miles as set forth in (1), times the BP of each Telephone Company as set forth in (2), times the Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility rate; (b) multiply the Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination rate times the number of access minutes times the quantity of terminations.

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 2.7.3 Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 (C) Meet Point Billing Mileage Calculation (Cont'd)
 (3) Cont'd

Example of Billing Percentage (BP) Method Using the Multiple Bill Option:

The Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility between Office X and Office Y is jointly provided by telephone companies A and B. The following example reflects the rate for telephone company A. Rates for telephone company B would appear in its appropriate Access Tariff.

- (a) Airline miles from telephone company A (office X) to telephone company B (office Y) = 50 airline miles as set forth in NECA Tariff FCC No. 4.
- (b) Billing Percentage for each telephone company (from NECA Tariff FCC No. 4).
 Telephone Company A = 40%
 Telephone Company B = 60%
- (c) Access Minutes for Telephone Company A = 9000.
- (d) Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility rate for Telephone Company A = SWT FAC
- (e) Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination Rate = SWT TERM

NOTE: The Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination rate does not apply in situations where there is an intermediate, non-terminating Local Exchange Carrier involved in the provision of the Switched Transport Facility.

Formula:

Access Minutes (AM) x Airline Miles (ALM) x Billing Percentage (BP) x Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility Rate (SWT FAC) + [Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination Rate (SWT TERM) x Access Minutes (AM) x Quantity of Terminations (TERMS)] = Total

Calculation:

Telephone Company A

AM ALM BP SWT FAC SWT TERM AM TERMS
 9,000 x 50 x .40 x SWT FAC + [SWT TERM x 9,000 x TERMS]=TOTAL

- (4) For Special Access and for Switched Access Direct-Trunked Transport, multiply the number of airline miles as in (1), times the BP for each telephone company as in (2), times the Special Transport or Direct-Trunked Transport Facility rate elements. For DS1 and DS3 Special Transport and DS1 and DS3 Direct-Trunked Transport, multiply the Special Transport Termination or Direct-Trunked Transport Termination rate times the number of terminations provided by the Telephone Company.

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- (D) All other appropriate recurring and nonrecurring charges in each telephone company's Access tariff are applicable.
- (E) Where the Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility is provided by more than one telephone company, the Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination rate applies for the termination at the Telephone Company end of the Tandem-Switched Transport (i.e., the first point of switching or the end office serving the end user). The Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination rate will not apply when the Telephone Company is the intermediate provider of the Switched Transport Facility.
- (F) The Interconnection charge for Switched Transport shall be billed by the Telephone Company in whose territory the end office is located.
- (G) The Shared Trunk Port for Tandem-Switched Transport shall be billed by the Telephone Company in whose territory the end office is located.
- (H) For tandem routed trunks, the dedicated trunk port shall be billed by the Telephone Company owning the tandem. For end office direct routed trunks, the dedicated trunk port shall be billed by the Telephone Company owning the end office on a single bill, single tariff or multiple bill, multiple tariff meet point billing arrangement.
- (I) The shared multiplexing charge will be assessed to the interexchange carrier by the Telephone Company owning the access tandem under the multiple bill, multiple tariff meet point billing option, and to the initial billing company, by the Telephone Company owning the access tandem, under the single bill, single tariff meet point billing option.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.7 FIA Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)2.7.4 Zone Density Meet Point Billing

When the Switched Transport facility (Direct-Trunked or Tandem-Switched Transport) and/or Special Transport is provided by more than one telephone company the following regulations apply:

(A) Switched Access

(1) End Office or Access Tandem is in CenturyTel Territory:

- (a) Distance sensitive transport provided by the Telephone Company will be rated according to the zone of the Telephone Company's end office or Telephone Company's access tandem.
- (b) The transport termination provided by the Telephone Company will be rated according to the zone assigned to the Telephone Company's end office or Telephone Company's access tandem.
- (c) Tandem Switching will be rated according to the zone of the Telephone Company's access tandem.

(2) CenturyTel is intermediate provider of the transport:

- (a) Distance sensitive transport will be rated at Zone 1,4 rates.
- (b) The transport termination rate does not apply if the Telephone Company is the intermediate provider of the transport facility.

(B) Special Access

(1) End Office or Access Tandem is in CenturyTel Territory

- (a) Special transport provided by the Telephone Company will be rated according to the zone of the Telephone Company's end office or Telephone Company's access tandem.
- (b) The transport termination provided by the Telephone Company will be rated according to the zone assigned to the Telephone Company's end office or Telephone Company's access tandem.

(2) CenturyTel is intermediate provider of the transport.

- (a) Distance Sensitive Transport will be rated at Zone 1,4 rates.
- (b) The transport termination rate does not apply if the Telephone Company is the intermediate provider of the transport facility.

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3. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR FIA3.1 General

This section sets forth the regulations and order related charges for FIA Orders to provide the customer with FIA. These charges are in addition to other applicable charges in other sections of this tariff.

3.1.1 Ordering Conditions

(A) A customer may order any amount of FIA (Switched or Special) of the same interface type, same Feature Group, same BSA or same Special Access between the same locations for installation on the same date on a single FIA ASR. A customer may order the shared use of Switched Access and Special Access over the same high capacity facility however, separate FIA ASRs are required. The methodology for shared use is set forth in 5.6.7.

- ASRs for FGA or BSA-A must specify the number of lines required.

- ASRs for FGB, FGC, FGD, BSA-B, BSA-C, BSA-D and SAC Access Service must specify the number of trunks required or Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC). For Tandem-Switched Transport, the customer has the option of specifying the number of trunks or Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC).

In addition, the ASR must indicate whether the Switched Transport ordered is for Entrance Facilities, Direct-Trunked Transport and/or Tandem-Switched Transport. For Direct-Trunked Transport, and Entrance Facilities the ASR must specify channel type, channel interface, and any options desired. In addition, ASRs for Direct-Trunked Transport must specify Facility Hubs involved. Additional ASR requirements for Switched Access Service are described in 4.2.5(V) and 4.3.2.

(B) The customer shall supply all details necessary to complete an order. The details may include the following: requested service date, customer name, customer designated location, end office, Interface Arrangement, type of Switched Access or Special Access, Supplemental Features, End Office Services and Signaling Interface, and originating and terminating capacity required. The customer may also be required to provide end user name and location, end user contact person, and end user premises access information to complete an order for Special Access.

When a customer orders mixed interstate and intrastate Switched Access, the customer is required to provide an estimate of the percent of traffic, as described in 4.3.3, which will be interstate. If the customer fails to provide this estimate, the order will not be processed until such time as the customer provides this estimate.

When a customer orders mixed-use special access service, the customer must indicate the jurisdiction based on the criteria in Section 5.1.6.

For Packet Switching Network Service, the packet carrier must provide a Percent of Interstate Usage (PIU) in the Main Remarks section of the ASR when service is initially ordered. This PIU will be used as the basis for prorating the packet usage charges to the interstate and intrastate jurisdictions. The packet switching carrier may submit an updated PIU report in writing at any time following one full month's billing. The updated report will become effective on the first day of the next monthly billing period which begins at least 15 business days after the date the revised report is received by the Telephone Company.

(C) When the Alternate Traffic Routing Optional Arrangement is ordered, more than one CDL will be supplied and the number of trunks or BHMC for FGB, FGC and FGD to each CDL shall be specified.

When the Alternate Traffic Routing Basic Serving Element (BSE) is ordered, more than one CDL will be supplied and the number of trunks or BHMC for BSA-B, BSA-C, and BSA-D to each CDL shall be specified.

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- (D) The customer shall order SAC Access Service, as described in 4.2.1(E), in the same manner as ordering FGD or BSA-D with the following exceptions. For 500 SAC Access Service or 900 SAC Access Service, customers may request direct connections to only those offices designated by the Telephone Company as 500 SAC Access Service or 900 SAC Access Service screening offices. All 500 NXX or 900 NXX code assignments and administration shall be in accordance with the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). 800, 888 SAC Access Service is offered only in conjunction with the 800/888 Customer Identification Function as described in 4.2.11 and in conjunction with 800/888 Data Base Query Service as described in 4.2.19. Customers may request 800/888 SAC access connections to suitably equipped end offices and access tandem offices. A list of those offices will be provided upon request. All 800 or 888 number assignments shall be administered by the Number Administration Service Center (NASC) through the Service Management System (SMS).

500 NXX codes or 900 NXX codes to be activated and/or deactivated in conjunction with 500 SAC Access Service or 900 SAC Access Service, must be provided to the Telephone Company at least 30 business days prior to the effective date of the change.

An ASR is required by the Telephone Company for 500 NXX codes or 900 NXX codes to be activated or deactivated on an access facility level basis. The Switched Access Ordering Charge, as described in 4.5.2(A)(3)(g), will apply. In addition to the Switched Access Ordering Charge, the NXX Translation Charge, as described in Section 4.5.2(H)(8), shall apply to each 500 NXX code activated or deactivated in a Telephone Company switch capable of performing the customer identification function for 500 SAC Access Service. Customer assigned codes for which an ASR has not been received will be blocked.

When SAC Access Service is not terminated over a Special Access Line as in 5.1.1(C)(2), the customer must notify the Telephone Company of all local exchange telephone numbers to which SAC Access Service traffic is designated so that the Telephone Company can balance the end office in accordance with standard Telephone Company engineering practices for heavy volume lines.

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- (E) To determine if adequate central office facilities (i.e., trunk circuits) for FGD or BSA-D will be available on the conversion date to equal access and to be eligible for the allocation in the following paragraph all customers (including those customers who convert existing FGA, FGB, FGC, BSA-A, BSA-B and BSA-C to FGD or to BSA-D) must order FGD or BSA-D 120 days prior to an end office conversion to equal access.

When trunk circuits are not available to meet the demand an allocation of available trunk circuits will be required. The allocation of available facilities is a three step process as described below:

In this example assume nine ICs have ordered BHMCs which necessitate 1,000 FGD trunks where only 800 FGD trunk circuits are available at the conversion date.

Step 1: Provide an initial flat 25% distribution of available trunk circuits to each requesting IC except for incremental requests over existing levels of FGC. (See table in Step 3.)

$$25\% \times 800 \text{ (available facilities)} = 200$$

$$\frac{200}{9-1} = 25$$

Step 2: Assign all remaining trunk circuits proportionately, working from bottom up until ICs, as a result of the proration, are assigned less facilities than desired. First determine facilities available for apportionment.

$$800 - 175 = 625 \text{ (eligible ICs are A, B, C, D, E, F)}$$

$$\frac{\text{-(Desired Facilities)}}{\text{(Total Desired Facilities)}} \times \frac{\text{Remaining Facilities}}{\text{(of Remaining Facilities)}}$$

$$F = \frac{70}{1000 - 50} \times 625 = 46 \text{ (assign only 45)**}$$

$$E = \frac{80}{1000 - 120} \times (625 - 45) = 53$$

(E receives less facilities than originally ordered, i.e., 53 + 25 = 78)

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Step 3: When an IC receives less facilities than desired, the remainder of ICs are allocated according to the following allocation factor:

$$\frac{\text{Remaining Facilities}}{\text{Total Desired Facilities of Remaining Eligible ICs of Access}} = \frac{625 - 98}{1000 - 200} = \frac{527}{800} = .659$$

- D = 100 x .659 = 66
- C = 200 x .659 = 132
- B = 200 x .659 = 132
- A = 300 x .659 = 197

ICs	Demand Desired (In Trunks)	Resources Available	Step 1 Flat 25% Distribution	Step 2	Step 3	Total Assigned Trunk Circuits
A	300	-	25	-	197	222
B	200	-	25	-	132	157
C(*)	200	-	-0-	-	132	132
D	100	-	25	-	66	91
E	80	-	25	53	-	78
F	70	-	25	45(**)	-	70
G	25	-	25	-	-	25
H	15	-	15(**)	-	-	15
I	<u>10</u>	-	<u>10(**)</u>	-	-	<u>10</u>
Total	1,000	800	175	98	527	800

(*) Request for additional trunk circuits by an IC with existing FGC or BSA-C

(**) Will not assign more than desired

- (F) The provision of Special Access requires the selection of a Terminating Option as defined in 5.3. The provision of Switched Access requires an Entrance Facility as defined in 4..2.3(B). When a customer orders a DS3 SAL or DS3 Switched Entrance Facility, he may specify, on the ASR, if the interface is to be electrical or optical. In the event the customer does not specify an interface preference for DS3, the Telephone Company will provide an electrical interface.

When a customer orders a FiberConnect SAL he must specify, whether the interface is to be an electrical or optical termination and indicate the Network Channel Interface (NCI) code on the ASR. Each FiberConnect SAL accommodates four DS1 transports.

When a customer orders a DS3C SAL, the Telephone Company will provide an optical interface unless service is provided via microwave, in which case an electro-magnetic interface is provided, or unless the customer specifies on the ASR a request for an electrical interface.

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- (G) When ordering Common Channel Signaling System 7 (CCS7) Access service as described in 4.2.10 and 4.5.2(G), the customer shall place an order for interconnection between the Telephone Company's Signal Transfer Point (STP) and the CDL. CCS7 Access service shall be ordered and installed pursuant to specifications in Bellcore Technical Reference Publication TR-TSV-000905. Each service application used in conjunction with CCS7 Access service will require a separate ASR. When ordering additions or changes to existing CCS7 Access service facilities, the customer must refer to the specific CCS7 Access service facilities affected by the addition or change.
- (H) When ordering Line Information Data Base (LIDB) Query Service, the customer shall provide an ASR specifying the originating point codes (OPCs) of the customer's designated operator service system (OSS) sending the query or queries, and the desired due date of the order. LIDB Query Service is provided in conjunction with interconnection to the Telephone Company's SS7 network as set forth in Sections 4 and 8.8.
- (I) An ASR is required from the customer to request the unblocking of 0+900 calls. For an initial customer order at the tandem or end office level, the Telephone Company must receive the request to unblock 0+900 dialing capability at least 60 business days prior to the requested effective date. To block or unblock 0+900 dialing capability for NXX codes assigned to a customer in an end office subtending a previously unblocked tandem, a request must be received at least 30 business days prior to the requested effective date of the change.
- (J) An ASR is required from the customer to add 1+ coin traffic from an end office. At the customer's option, the ASR can be issued at a 1+ coin tandem or end office level. For an initial customer order at a 1+ coin tandem, the Telephone Company must receive the request at least 120 calendar days prior to the requested effective date. Standard provisioning intervals will apply to subsequent orders involving that 1+ coin tandem.
- The customer must provide the Telephone Company with written notification stating that an order is being submitted pursuant to an agreement with a secondary service provider prior to the routing of 1+ interLATA coin traffic to a provider other than the customer.
- (K) When ordering Operator Services, an ASR is required to establish a new FGC, FGD, BSA-C or BSA-D trunk group(s) or to add Operator Services to an existing FGC, FGD, BSA-C or BSA-D trunk group between the Telephone Company's Operator Services Switching Location and one CDL in the same LATA.

When measurement capability does not exist for Operator Services per call charges, a forecast of the number of Operator Services calls anticipated is required from the customer as set forth in 8.5.3 when the initial order for Operator Services is placed.

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- (L) When ordering Signaling System 7 (SS7) Out of Band Signaling as described in 4.2.5(AA), the customer shall provide an ASR specifying a reference to existing CCS7 Access service facilities or reference to a related ASR for CCS7 Access service as described in 3.1.1(G). The customer's ASR shall also include STP point codes, STP location identifier codes, FGD or BSA-D trunk or 800/877/888 Service Access trunk circuit identification codes, and switch type. When ordering SS7 Out of Band Signaling for FGD or BSA-D, the customer shall specify that all traffic carried by that FGD or BSA-D will be equipped with out of band signaling. The customer shall work cooperatively with the Telephone Company to determine the number of CCS7 Access service connections required to handle the customer's SS7 Out of Band Signaling traffic.
- (M) When ordering Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS) as described in 17.5, the customer shall place an ASR for the Cross Connect, as described in 4.5.3 and 5.1.1(D), to interconnect the facilities of the Telephone Company to the facilities of the customer. Each service application used in conjunction with EIS will require a separate ASR. When ordering additions or changes to the existing EIS facilities, the customer must refer to the specific EIS facilities affected by the addition or change.
- (N) When a customer orders Tandem Switch Signaling (TSS), as described in 4.2.5(AC) and 4.2.21, to be established with the installation of a new FGD or BSA-D trunk group, 500 SAC Access Service, or 900 SAC Access Service trunk group, the Switched Access Ordering charge, per ASR and the appropriate Service Installation charge will apply for the installation of the FGD or BSA-D or 900 SAC Access services. TSS can only be provided from equal access end offices.
- When a customer orders Tandem Switch Signaling to be added to an existing FGD or BSA-D trunk group, 500 SAC Access Service or 900 SAC Access Service trunk group or to a pending ASR, only the Switched Access Ordering charge and the Design Change charge will apply for the addition of the optional arrangement.
- (O) When ordering FGD or BSA-D Switched Access with 950-XXXX Access as described in 4.2.5(T), the customer shall provide an ASR specifying which 950-XXXX access code(s) are to be routed and the FGD or BSA-D Switched Access Service over which resulting originating 950-XXXX access code calls are to be routed.
- (P) When ordering Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP) as described in 4.2.5(AE), the customer shall provide an ASR specifying a reference to existing FGD or BSA-D switched access services or reference to a related ASR for FGD or BSA-D switched access services. The customer's ASR shall specify the information necessary to identify the trunk group to which the CIP is to be added.

3.1.2 Provision of Other Services

- (A) At the option of a customer, Directory Assistance, Additional Labor, Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP), Testing, LIDB Query Service and Special Routing services may be ordered with an ASR at the same time the ASR is accepted by the Telephone Company. Such requests will be considered to be supplemental to the ASR. The rates and charges for these services as set forth in other sections of this tariff will apply in addition to the ordering charges set forth in this section and the rates and charges for the Switched Access or Special Access with which they are associated.
- (B) The items listed in (A) preceding may subsequently be added to the ASR at any time, up to and including the service date established by the ASR. When ordered subsequently, charges for ASR modifications as set forth in 3.2.2 will apply.

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3. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR FIA (Cont'd)3.1 General (Cont'd)3.1.3 Special Construction

(A) The regulations, rates and charges for Special Construction are in Section 10 in addition to the regulations, rates and charges specified in this section.

(B) Special Construction is not applicable to EIS.

3.1.4 Expanded Interconnection Service (EIS)

The regulations, rates and charges for EIS in Section 17 are in addition to the regulations, rates and charges specified in this section.

3.1.5 Tandem Switch Signaling

The regulations, rates and charges for Tandem Switch Signaling in Section 4 and are in addition to the regulations, rates and charges specified in this section.

3.2 Access Service Request

An ASR is used by the Telephone Company to receive orders for the following types of FIA requested by the customer:

- Switched Access as in Section 4,
- Special Access as in Section 5,
- Expanded Interconnection Service as in Section 17, and
- Other Services as in other sections of the tariff.

3.2.1 Service Date Intervals

The time required to provision service is known as the service date interval. Such intervals will be established in accordance with published service date interval guidelines which are available to customers upon request. The service date interval guidelines will apply to ASRs and will specify the quantities of FIA that can be provided on the same service date. The customer may request a service date other than that established pursuant to the service date interval guidelines, and the Telephone Company, where possible, will establish the service date in accordance with such request, subject, however, to other applicable provisions of this tariff.

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3. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR FIA (Cont'd)3.2 Access Service Request (Cont'd)3.2.2 ASR Modifications

The customer may request a modification of its ASR prior to the service date. The Telephone Company will make every effort to accommodate a requested modification when it is able to do so with the normal work force assigned to complete such an ASR within normal business hours. If the modification cannot be made with the normal work force during normal business hours, the Telephone Company will notify the customer. If the customer still desires the ASR modification, the Telephone Company will schedule a new service date. All charges for ASR modifications will apply on a per occurrence basis. Where a new ASR may be required the appropriate charges in other sections of this tariff will be applicable.

Any increase in the number of Switched Access lines for FGA or BSA-A trunks or BHMCs for FGB, FGC, FGD, BSA-B, BSA-C, BSA-D and SAC Access Service; Special Access circuits; STP Port Terminations and CCS7 access facilities; or OSS OPCs in conjunction with LIDB Query Service, and Advanced Communications Network services will require the issuance of a new ASR for the incremental capacity.

(A) Service Date Change Charge (USOC - SUM)

ASR service dates may be changed, however a Service Date Change Charge will apply for each service date change after the plant test date of the original ASR.

For Switched Access, the new service date may not exceed the original service date by more than 30 calendar days. If the requested service date is more than 30 calendar days after the original service date, the ASR will be canceled by the Telephone Company and cancellation charges in 3.2.6 will apply. The ASR will be reissued with the new service date.

For Special Access, except as specified below, the new service date may not exceed the original service date by more than 30 calendar days. If the requested service date is more than 30 calendar days after the original service date, the ASR will be canceled by the Telephone Company. Cancellation charges in 3.2.6 will apply and the ASR will be reissued with the new service date unless the customer indicates that billing for the service is to commence as in 3.2.6(A).

With the agreement of the Telephone Company, a new service date may be established that is prior to the original service date and the provisions in (E) will apply in addition to the Service Date Change Charge.

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<u>(USOC)</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>(SUM)</u>
<u>Jurisdiction</u>	
Alabama	\$58.61
Missouri	64.95

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3. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR FIA (Cont'd)3.2 Access Service Request (Cont'd)3.2.2 ASR Modifications (Cont'd)(B) Partial Cancellation Charge

Any decrease in the number of Switched Access lines for FGA or BSA-A; trunks or BHMCs for FGB, FGC, FGD, BSA-B, BSA-C, BSA-D and SAC Access Service; Special Access circuits; STP Port Terminations and CCS7 switched access facilities; OSS OPCs in conjunction with LIDB Query Service, or Advanced Communications Network services will be treated as a partial cancellation.

A customer may cancel any number of Special Access circuits or Advanced Communications Network services.

When a customer partially cancels the service ordered on an ASR, charges will apply as follows:

- (1) Except as specified in 3.2.6(D), when an ASR for Switched Access Service is partially canceled on or after the Application Date, the charge will be determined by multiplying the total Installation nonrecurring charges for the canceled portion of the order by the number of business days elapsed since the Application Date and dividing that figure by the number of days in the service interval and adding the Switched Access Ordering Charge.
- (2) When an ASR for Special Access Service or Advanced Communications Network service is partially canceled, on or after the Application Date, the charge will be determined by multiplying the total Special Access or Advanced Communications Network services nonrecurring charges for the canceled portion of the order by the number of business days elapsed since the Application Date and dividing that figure by the number of days in the service interval.
- (3) When a customer cancels part of an ASR for which billing has commenced as provided in 3.2.2(A) and 3.2.6(A), cancellation charges in 3.2.6(C)(3) will apply to that part of the ASR being canceled.

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A customer may discontinue FIA that is in service at any time. The request for discontinuance of service must be received by the Telephone Company at least two business days prior to the date on which service is to be disconnected and billing discontinued. The disconnect request may be submitted via the same method(s) used to place orders. The customer must notify the Telephone Company of a delay or cancellation in the discontinuance request prior to the disconnect date. The Telephone Company, where possible, will establish the disconnect date in accordance with such request. Billing and service will then continue until the new requested disconnect date. If a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the Minimum Period in 3.2.4, the Minimum Period Charges in 3.2.5, may apply.

(D) Design Change Charge (USOC - H28)

The customer may request a design change to a pending ASR for both Switched and Special Access or request a change to an existing Switched Access Service. A design change is a change which requires engineering review. The regulations, rates and charges for a design change are in Section 4.5.2(A)(3)(i) for Switched Access Service, and Section 5.6.1(F)(1) for Special Access Service, and are in addition to the regulations, rates and charges specified in this section.

(E) Requests for Expedition

A customer may request an expedited service date. When this situation occurs, charges will be applicable as in 6.2. The Telephone Company will provide an estimate of the charges to the customer. The customer must accept the price estimate prior to the Telephone Company's performing the expedite. The actual charges billed to the customer will be no more than 10 percent over the estimate.

3.2.3 Selection of Facilities for Access Service

- (A) Requests for a specific circuit is not an option of the customer except as provided for under Special Facilities Routing of FIA in Section 9.

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- (A) The Minimum Period for which Special Access, End User FIA, Frame Relay, Packet Switching Network Service, STP Port Terminations, Basic Service Elements (BSEs) CCS7 Access facilities, Monthly Optical Networking rate elements, Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge and DSL Solutions are provided and for which charges are applicable, is one month, except as in B through K.
- (B) The Minimum Period for Miscellaneous Services is in Section 6.
- (C) The Minimum Period for Ancillary Services is in Section 8.
- (D) The Minimum Period for temporary videoband and program audio Special Access is the minimum period for which rates are established in Section 5.7 and 5.8.
- (E) The Minimum Period for FIA provided under Special Construction provisions and for which charges are applicable in Section 10.
- (F) The Minimum Period for FGA, FGB, FGC, BSA-A, BSA-B, BSA-C, SAC Access Service, and also for FGD or BSA-D ordered after the conversion of an end office to equal access, is one month. For the application of the minimum period charges for Switched Access Service FGB, FGC, BSA-B, BSA-C, SAC Access Service, and for FGD or BSA-D ordered after the conversion of an end office to Equal Access, it is assumed the last identical capacity placed in service is the first one discontinued.
- (G) For FGD or BSA-D ordered prior to the conversion of an end office to equal access and (1) cancelled prior to the conversion date, a Cancellation Charge in 3.2.6 applies or (2) cancelled on or after the equal access conversion date, a Discontinuance Charge in 3.2.7 applies.
- (H) The minimum periods for Special Access DS3 Service are in Section 5.6.11.
- (I) The minimum periods for Expanded Interconnection Services are in Section 17.9.2.
- (J) The minimum period for the month-to-month option for Video Frame Service - 270 Mbps service is 3 months.
- (K) The minimum periods for Advanced Communications Network services are set forth under Section 16.

3.2.5 Minimum Period Charges

When FIA are discontinued prior to the expiration of the Minimum Period, charges are applicable for the remaining month(s) and/or fraction thereof of the Minimum Period.

The Minimum Period Charge will be determined as follows:

- (A) For Switched Access usage sensitive rate elements, the charge for the minimum period, or fraction thereof, is equal to the applicable rates for the actual or assumed usage for the minimum period or such fraction thereof. For Switched Access flat-rated monthly elements (i.e., Entrance Facility, Direct-Trunked Transport and Multiplexing rates), the charge for the minimum period or fraction thereof is the applicable monthly rates for the service.

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- (B) For Special Access, other than DS3 Service, the charge is the applicable monthly rate for the service(s) as in 5.7. For Special Access DS3 Service, the charges are in Section 5.6.11.
- (C) For End User Common Lines, the charge is the applicable monthly rate for the FIA as in 13.7.
- (D) For FGD or BSA-D ordered prior to conversion of an end office to equal access, but canceled after the equal access conversion date, a Discontinuance Charge in 3.2.7 applies.
- (E) For part-time or occasional program audio Special Access services, the rates in 5.6.1, 5.7, and 5.8 will apply.
- (F) For FGA, FGB, BSA-A, and BSA-B Type service where measurement equipment is not available and the Assumed Minutes of Use Monthly Surrogate is used, the charge will be the prorated amount on a daily basis, calculated at 1/30 of the applicable rate shown in Section 4.6.8, for each day of the minimum period the facility was in service.
- (G) For Optical Networking services, the charge is the applicable monthly rate for the service(s) as in 20(J).
- (H) For the Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge, the charge is the applicable monthly rate as in Section 12.

3.2.6 Cancellation of an ASR

- (A) A customer may cancel ordered FIA on any date prior to the service date. The cancellation date is the date the Telephone Company receives written or verbal notice from the customer that the ASR is to be canceled. The verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within 10 days.

For Switched Access Tandem-Switched Transport or ASRs requesting additional trunk activations on existing Direct-Trunked Transport facilities, if a customer is unable to accept service within 30 calendar days of the original service date, the ASR shall be considered canceled and charges in (C) and (D) will apply. In such instances, the cancellation date shall be the 31st calendar day beyond the original service date of the ASR.

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(A) (Continued)

For Special Access, and Switched Access Entrance Facilities and Direct-Trunked Transport, if a customer is unable to accept service within 30 calendar days of the original service date, the customer has the choice of the following options:

- The ASR shall be canceled and charges in (C) will apply, or
- Billing for the service will commence.

In either case, the cancellation date or the billing date shall commence on the 31st calendar day beyond the original service date of the ASR.

- (B) ASR costs are considered to have started when the Telephone Company incurs any cost in connection therewith or in preparation thereof which would not otherwise have been incurred. These costs include but are not limited to preliminary engineering, orders to suppliers, and other similar items of cost.
- (C) When a customer cancels an ASR for the installation of new service, or an ASR to modify existing service, charges will apply as follows:
- (1) When an ASR for Switched Access Service is canceled on or after the Application Date, the Cancellation Charge is calculated, on a per ASR basis, by multiplying the total Installation nonrecurring charges for the quantity ordered by the number of business days elapsed since the Application Date, and dividing that figure by the number of days in the service interval (i.e., the number of business days between the Application Date and the last day of the service date interval) and adding the Switched Access Ordering Charge.
 - (2) When an ASR for Special Access Service is canceled on or after the Application Date, the Cancellation Charge is calculated, on a per ASR basis, by multiplying the total nonrecurring charges for the quantity ordered by the number of business days elapsed since the Application Date and dividing that figure by the number of days in the service interval (i.e., the number of business days between the order date and the last day of the service date interval).

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- (3) When a customer chooses to commence billing rather than cancel an ASR for these services specified in (A), the customer must submit an ASR prior to calendar day 31 from the original service date and request a service date change. The new service date may not exceed the original service date by more than 120 calendar days. Charges in 3.2.2(A) will only apply for each subsequent service date change request after calendar day 31, not to exceed 120 calendar days.

When a customer elects to commence billing, monthly recurring charges will begin accruing at calendar day 31 after the original service date. Upon completion of the ASR, the initial bill for the service will include these accrued charges and any additional nonrecurring charges in addition to billable charges specified in 2.4.1(C).

If the ASR is not completed within 121 calendar days of the original service date, the ASR will be canceled. Cancellation charges in (C)(2) will apply. In addition, the customer will be billed the accrued monthly recurring charges specified above plus any additional nonrecurring charges applicable for the Service. These charges will be computed commencing at day 31 after the original service date up to and including the cancellation date, not to exceed 90 days of service (120 days from the original service date). The Telephone Company will not reissue an ASR with a new service date beyond 121 calendar days. It will be the customer's responsibility to submit a new ASR for Switched or Special Access Service, as appropriate.

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- (D) For cancellation of an ASR for Switched Access FGD or BSA-D before an end office converts to equal access, cancellation charges will apply if the Telephone Company is notified of the cancellation within a period of 12 months prior to the scheduled service date. Cancellation charges apply to each trunk cancelled.

When, due to a shortage of FGD or BSA-D facilities an allocation of FGD or BSA-D facilities is made, cancellation charges apply only to circuits allocated to the customer.

Cancellation charges will accrue to the maximum in equal monthly increments (i.e., maximum cancellation charge divided by 12) beginning twelve months before an end office converts to equal access. Maximum cancellation charges are listed in Section 3.2.8. The charge applied will be the accrued charge in the month during which notice of cancellation is received by the Telephone Company.

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3. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR FIA (Cont'd)3.2 Access Service Request (Cont'd)3.2.7 Discontinuance of Switched Access FGD or BSA-D

A Discontinuance Charge applies if a customer discontinues FGD or BSA-D service provided at the conversion of an end office to equal access. The Discontinuance Charge applies to each FGD or BSA-D trunk discontinued with one exception. When the FGD or BSA-D service is a result of an upgrade from FGB, FGC, BSA-B, BSA-C or SAC Access Service trunks in service prior to conversion to equal access, the Discontinuance Charge will only apply to the number of FGD or BSA-D trunks being discontinued that are in excess of the number of FGB, FGC, BSA-B, BSA-C or SAC Access Service trunks in service prior to conversion to equal access. However, the customer may still be liable for any Minimum Period charges in 3.2.5 that may be applicable to the FGB, FGC, BSA-B, BSA-C or SAC Access Service trunks that were in service prior to conversion. For purposes of calculating the Discontinuance Charge the Maximum Discontinuance Charge will be amortized in equal monthly increments (i.e., Maximum Discontinuance Charge divided by 12) over a 12 month period beginning on the date the end office converts to equal access. The Maximum Discontinuance Charge is equal to the FGD or BSA-D Maximum Cancellation Charge in 3.2.8. The charge assessed will be the unamortized portion of the Maximum Discontinuance Charge.

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3. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR FIA (Cont'd)3.2 Access Service Request (Cont'd)3.2.8 FGD or BSA-D Maximum Per Trunk Cancellation Charge

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Cancellation Charge</u>
Alabama	348.53
Missouri	516.59

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3. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR FIA (Cont'd)3.3 Access Service Requests For Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company

- (A) Switched or Special Access Services provided by more than one telephone company are services where one end of the Switched Transport or Special Transport facility is in the operating territory of one telephone company and the other end of the facility is in the operating territory of a different telephone company.

The ordering procedure for this service is in (1) and (2). The telephone company will notify the customer, identifying which ordering procedures will apply.

(1) Single Company Billing

The telephone company receiving the ASR from the customer will arrange to provide the service and bill the customer as in 2.7.2. The customer will place the ASR with the telephone company as follows:

- (a) For Switched Access Services the customer will place the ASR with the telephone company in whose territory the following is located:

- FGA or BSA-A - dial tone office

When the preceding is not in the same telephone company's territory as the customer designated location (CDL), the customer must supply a copy of the ASR to the telephone company in whose territory the CDL is located.

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(A) (Cont'd)

(2) Meet Point Billing

Each telephone company will provide its portion of the Switched Transport or Special Transport service within its operating territory to the meet point with the other telephone company(s). The BP will be determined by the telephone companies involved in providing the FIA service and listed in the ECA Tariff FCC No. 4.

For all Switched Access Services and all Special Access Services the order will be placed with the telephone company as specified in the Ordering and Billing Forum's Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) guidelines.

(B) When FGA or BSA-A is ordered in a Multicarrier Access Area, the customer must provide a copy of the order to the SEC. The SEC will bill as in 2.7.

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4. SWITCHED ACCESS

4.1 General

Switched Access provides two-point communications paths between the point of termination at a CDL and the points of termination at Telephone Company end user premises within the Access Area. Each path is established through the use of Switched Transport, (Entrance Facilities, Direct-Trunked Transport and/or Tandem Switched Transport) End Office Services, and Common Lines or Special Access Lines. Switched Access provides for the ability to originate calls from an end user's premises to the CDL and to terminate calls from the CDL to an end user's premises. Specific descriptions of Switched Access are in 4.2. Switched Access Services may be connected to a customer's transmission equipment and facilities using a DS1 or DS3 Cross Connect arrangement where the customer is provided Expanded Interconnection Service as defined in Section 17.

Switched Access services, when used to provide Tandem Switch Signaling (TSS) may be connected to a customer's access tandem via Switched Transport Access services or to a customer's transmission equipment and facilities using a DS1 or DS3 Cross Connect arrangement where the customer is provided Expanded Interconnection Service as described in Section 17. TSS is available only with FGD, and BSA-D Switched Access, 500 SAC Access and 900 SAC Access services provided from equal access end offices. TSS is provided in multifrequency (MF) address signaling format from equal access end offices. TSS is also provided in SS7 Out of Band signaling format at suitably equipped (Service Switching Point) end offices. TSS is not available from end offices that use alternate technologies to provide equal access capabilities, nor from Telephone Company access tandems.

Switched Access Service purchased from the provisions of this tariff may be commingled with unbundled network elements, where available, or unbundled network element combinations, where available, purchased pursuant to the Commission's Part 51 Interconnection Rules and in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147, adopted February 20, 2003 and released August 21, 2003 (FCC 03-36). Unbundled elements and commingling are not available in designated rural CenturyTel Operating companies where a 251 (f) exemption is in effect.

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4. SWITCHED ACCESS

4.1 General (Cont'd)

Switched Access Feature Group's are ordered in either quantities of lines or trunks or in Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC). FGA and BSA-A is furnished on a per-line basis, and FGB, FGC, FGD, BSA-B, BSA-C, BSA-D and SAC Access Service are furnished on a per-trunk basis in accordance with the capacity ordered in trunks or BHMC.

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Quantities of lines, trunks or total BHMC of the circuit group connecting the first point of switching and the CDL are determined at the Telephone Company's first point of switching.

A customer may designate one or more CDLs within the LATA for FGA, FGB, FGC, FGD, BSA-A, BSA-B, BSA-C, BSA-D Switched Access or SAC Access Service.

When Switched Access is ordered in BHMC, the BHMC must be differentiated by Feature Group type and directionality of traffic as in 4.3.2 in order for the Telephone Company to properly design Switched Access to meet the traffic carrying capacity requirements of the customer.

When a customer plans to use Switched Access in connection with the resale of services of an IC, the provisions for such Switched Access charges are in Section 12.

Switched Access is provided with basic testing as described in 4.2.1(A)(9), (B)(11), (C)(11), (D)(11), and 4.2.7. Additional testing is provided as described in 6.6. Testing is provided only on the FIA supplied by the Telephone Company.

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4. SWITCHED ACCESS (Cont'd)4.1 General (Cont'd)

Shared use between Switched Access and Special Access over high capacity facilities is described in 5.6.7.

Switched Access may be ordered by the customer for mixed intrastate and interstate communications as in 4.3.2 and 4.3.3.

4.2 Description of Switched Access

Switched Access is provided in conjunction with either of two types of access services, bundled Feature Groups or unbundled Basic Serving Arrangements (BSAs). BSAs, described in 4.2.2, are provided in two basic categories differentiated by their technical characteristics and how they connect, line side or trunk side connection, to the Telephone Company's first point of switching. The trunk side BSA is further differentiated into three alternatives based upon how the end user accesses the trunk side BSA, with or without an access code. Feature Group A (FGA) and Basic Serving Arrangement A (BSA-A) are defined as line side connections to the Telephone Company's network. Feature Group B (FGB), Feature Group C (FGC), Feature Group D (FGD), Basic Serving Arrangement Alternative B (BSA-B), Basic Serving Arrangement Alternative C (BSA-C), and Basic Serving Arrangement Alternative D (BSA-D) are defined as trunk side connections to the Telephone Company's network. The use of a line side or trunk side switched access connection is dependent upon the switched access arrangement ordered by the customer. Feature Groups and BSAs are arranged for either originating, terminating, or two-way calling, based on the end office switching capacity ordered. Originating calling permits the delivery of calls from Telephone Company exchange service locations to the customer's premises. Terminating calling permits the delivery of calls from the customer's premises to Telephone Company exchange service locations. Two-Way calling permits the delivery of calls in both directions, but not simultaneously.

Switched Access will be provided as both Feature Groups and BSAs to Telephone Company end offices either directly routed or routed via an access tandem, except as set forth following:

- Feature Group and BSA trunk side equivalents (FGB and BSA-B, FGC and BSA-C, and FGD and BSA-D) may not be provided for the same Carrier Identification Code (CIC) and/or Billing Account Number (BAN) at Telephone Company end offices which subtend the same tandem. When a Telephone Company end office subtends multiple tandems, Feature Group and BSA trunk side equivalents may not be provided for the same CIC and/or BAN at any Telephone Company end office which subtends either tandem.
- Feature Group and BSA line side equivalents (FGA and BSA-A) may not be mixed in the same multiline hunt group.

4.2.1 Descriptions of Feature Groups

The Telephone Company, under the ordering provisions in Section 3, at rates and charges as specified in 4.6, will provide Switched Access Feature Groups as follows:

(A) Feature Group A (USOC - OHY; OHX)

Feature Group A (FGA), which is available to all customers, provides line-side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an end user access code of NXX-XXXX for the customer's use in originating and terminating communications. FGA is available as Message Telecommunications Service-type or Wide Area Telecommunications Service-type (MTS/WATS-type) access or as Foreign Central Office/Off Network Access Line (FCO/ONAL) open end access, for customer provided interstate communications capability or connection to an interexchange interstate service.

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- (1) FGA is provided at all Telephone Company end office switches and switches customer communications to and from Common Lines, or Special Access Lines, as in 4.2.1(A).

FGA utilizes a two-point electrical communications path between the Interface Arrangement and the Common Line or Special Access Line which is a voice grade transmission path comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of, and typically used in the telecommunications industry for, the transmission of the human voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

- (2) FGA is provided as line-side switching through end office switch line equipment. Line-side switching may, at the option of the customer, be provided with ground start supervisory signaling or loop start supervisory signaling.
- (3) The customer shall select the first point of switching, within the selected FGA Access Area.
- (4) FGA is arranged for originating calling only, terminating calling only or two-way calling. The Telephone Company will determine the type of calling to be provided unless the customer requests the option, Customer Specification of Switched Access Directionality as described in 4.2.5(H). For such specification, additional charges on an Individual Case Basis will apply if the calling arrangements are different than that the Telephone Company would have provided without such special arrangements. Originating calling permits the origination of calls from the end user to the CDL. Terminating calling permits the termination of calls from the CDL to the end user. Two-way calling permits either the origination or termination of calls, but not simultaneously.

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- (5) FGA, when being used in the terminating direction, is arranged with dial tone start-dial signaling and dial pulse address signaling. FGA, when being used in the terminating direction, may, at the option of the customer, be arranged for Dual Tone Multifrequency (DTMF) address signaling, subject to availability of equipment in the end office from which FGA is provided. When FGA is provided in a Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement, all FGA will be arranged for the same type of signaling.

No address signaling is provided by the Telephone Company when FGA is used in the originating direction. Address signaling in such cases, if required by the customer, must be provided by the end user using inband tone signaling techniques. Such inband tone address signals will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Switched Transport provided.

- (6) FGA, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the FGA Access Area. For FGA, the Access Area is defined as the local calling area of the end office switch from which the FGA is provided. The description of any specific FGA Access Area will be provided to the customer upon request. Access is also provided for Extended FGA terminating calls established on a 1+ basis (i.e., toll) outside the specific FGA Access Area (i.e., local calling area) however inside the LATA. When a FGA customer chooses to terminate toll calls outside the LATA via an Interexchange Carrier's Service (i.e., no screening or blocking performed by customer), the rates and charges in 4.5.2(H)(3) apply. The Telephone Company may, at the customer's request, and depending on the technical capabilities, screen and block such interLATA calls. Access is also provided to local operator service (0- and 0+), directory assistance (411 and 555-1212), emergency reporting service (911), local telephone repair (611), information services (e.g., time and temperature) and IC services (by dialing the appropriate digits). The customer will be billed for an operator surcharge as in the Telephone Company General and/or Local Tariffs, for local operator assistance (0-) calls; certain community information service calls; directory assistance (411 and 555-1212) calls; and customer call charges in accordance with other IC tariffs in force when the Telephone Company performs the billing for such customer calls.

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Access to these services may, at the option of the customer, be blocked when the Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group three digit or six digit dial code screening arrangements are provided, subject to the availability of the equipment in the end office from which FGA is provided. Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group is an arrangement which will screen terminating calls except calls to 411, 611, 911, 800, 888, 555-1212, and a set of NXXs selected by the customer, in cooperation with the Telephone Company for each end office switch and route all other calls to reorder tone or recorded announcement.

Three digit dial code screening is an arrangement which will screen terminating calls and allow completion of calls to one or more specific NXXs (or all NXXs) within the Home NPA, or calls to one, two, or three digit service codes (e.g., 0, 411) and route all others to reorder tone or recorded announcement.

Six digit dial code screening is an arrangement which will screen Access Area terminating calls and allow completion of calls to selected NXXs within foreign NPAs and route all other calls in the foreign NPA to reorder tone or recorded announcement.

- (7) FGA is provided on a single line basis. FGA may, at the option of the customer, be provided in a Hunt Group Arrangement or a Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement. When FGA is provided with these arrangements, the FGA may also, at the option of the customer, be provided with a Nonhunting Number Arrangement. The Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement and the Nonhunting Number Arrangement are only available from certain Telephone Company end office switches. All FGA in a Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement with the Nonhunting Number Arrangement will be similarly arranged.

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- (8) A seven digit telephone number assigned by the Telephone Company is provided for access to FGA in the originating direction. The seven digit local telephone number will be associated with the selected end office switch and is of the form NXX-XXXX. If the customer requests a specific seven digit telephone number that is not currently assigned and the Telephone Company can, with reasonable effort, comply with that request, the requested number will be assigned to the customer.
- (9) FGA is provided with basic testing at no additional charge. Basic tests include: loss, 3 tone slope, (C-message and C-notched), dc continuity and when applicable operational signaling.
- (a) Where Telephone Company equipment is available a seven digit access number will be provided to the customer for testing in the terminating direction. These access numbers shall include: balance (100 type) test line, and milliwatt (102 type) test line.
- Additional testing will apply as in 6.6 when: (a) the customer requests a test not specified in the preceding; (b) the test requested is not essential to the ongoing maintenance of FGA; or (c) the customer requests testing on a more frequent basis than scheduled for in the Telephone Company's Central Office Maintenance Planning System (COMPS). The Telephone Company will routinely perform maintenance testing from the dial tone end office to the customer's first point of switching.
- (10) When all FGA for an individual customer (a single line or entire hunt group) is discontinued at an end office, a regular number intercept announcement is provided. This arrangement provides, for a limited period of time, an announcement that the service associated with the number dialed has been disconnected.
- (11) FGA is provided with either Type B or Type C transmission performance. The parameters associated with these performances are guaranteed to the first point of switching. Type C transmission performance is provided with Interface Arrangement 1 and Type B is provided with Interface Arrangements 2 through 10. In addition, Data Transmission Parameters may, at the option of the customer, be provided with FGA.

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Feature Group B (FGB), which is available to all customers, provides trunk-side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an associated uniform 950-XXXX access code for originating and terminating communications for customer provided interstate communications capability or connection to an interexchange interstate service.

- (1) FGB, when provided without the use of a Telephone Company access tandem switch (in a directly routed arrangement), is provided at all Telephone Company appropriately equipped electronic end office switches. When provided via Telephone Company appropriately equipped electronic access tandem switches, FGB End Office Services are provided at all Telephone Company subtending end office switches in the terminating direction and at appropriately equipped end offices in the originating direction utilizing the end user access code of 950-XXXX. For those subtending end offices that are not appropriately equipped, access in the originating direction is available by the end user access code of 1+950-XXXX.

FGB utilizes a two-point electrical communications path between the Interface Arrangement and Common Line or a Special Access Line, as in 4.2.1(B), which is a voice grade transmission path comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of, and typically used in the telecommunications industry for, the transmission of the human voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

- (2) FGB is provided as trunk-side switching through the use of end office switch trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment is provided with wink start pulsing and answer and disconnect supervisory signaling.
- (3) The Telephone Company will select the trunking arrangement from the end office, within the selected Access Area from which FGB is to be provided. If the customer orders an Automatic Number Identification (ANI) Arrangement or Rotary Dial Station Signaling, where available, special routing and trunking arrangements may be required.

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- (4) FGB is arranged for either originating, terminating, or two-way calling based on the trunks or BHMC ordered. The Telephone Company will determine the type of directional calling to be provided unless the customer requests the option, Customer Specification of Switched Access Directionality as described in 4.2.5(H). For such specification, additional charges on an Individual Case Basis will apply if the calling arrangements are different from that the Telephone Company would have provided without such special arrangements. Originating calling permits the origination of calls from the end user to the CDL. Terminating calling permits the termination of calls from the CDL to the end user. Two-way calling permits either the origination or termination of calls, but not simultaneously.
- (5) FGB, when being used in the terminating and originating direction, is provided with multifrequency address signaling. At the option of the customer, up to 7 Digits Outpulsing of Access Digits to the customer will be provided in the originating direction by the Telephone Company equipment to the CDL where the FGB terminates. Except for FGB provided with the ANI arrangement or Rotary Dial Station Signaling as in 4.2.5(M), any other address signaling in the originating direction, if required by the customer, must be provided by the end user using inband tone signaling techniques. Such inband tone address signals will not be regenerated by the Telephone Company and will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Switched Transport provided.

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- (6) FGB, when being used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the FGB Access Area. If the FGB connection is made directly to an end office the Access Area is that of that end office only. If the FGB connection is made to an access tandem the Access Area is that of all end offices subtending that access tandem. The description of any FGB Access Area will be provided to the customer upon request. Access is also available to information services (e.g., time and temperature) and IC services by dialing the appropriate digits and other services when those services can be reached using valid NXX codes. Premium End Office Switching - Bundled (EOSB) rates in 4.5.2(H)(5) and 4.6.3(B) apply to all FGB usage originating or terminating at an equal access end office. When a provider of MTS and WATS subscribes to FGB and FGC at an end office, FGC usage and FGB terminating usage will be subject to premium EOSB rates and FGB originating usage will be subject to nonpremium EOSB rates.
- (7) A separate trunk group will be established based on the directionality (i.e., originating only, terminating only, or two-way traffic) of the FGB arrangement provided.
- (8) The access code for FGB is a uniform access code in the form of 950-XXXX. For end offices not appropriately equipped an IC may instruct their end users to access the FGB by dialing 1+950-XXXX.

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- (9) FGB may, at the option of the customer, be arranged to provide an ANI arrangement to obtain the calling station billing numbers. ANI is not available if the FGB connection is at an access tandem. The ANI arrangement provides seven digit calling station billing number information to the CDL. In those situations where no billing number is available in the end office switch, as with 4/8 party service, no seven digit number will be provided and an "operator identification" information digit will be provided.

In those cases where an ANI failure has occurred in the end office switch, no seven digit number will be provided, and an "identification failure" information digit will be provided. ANI will be available using multifrequency signaling provided by the Telephone Company.

Rotary Dial Station Signaling will be made available in certain end offices using dial repeating equipment provided by the Telephone Company. The customer must order Switched Transport arranged to pass the dial repeating signals. FGB is provided in directly routed arrangements where the ANI or Rotary Dial Station Signaling arrangements are provided.

Only calls from end users terminated on the end office switch will be provided with the ANI or Rotary Dial Station Signaling arrangements.

- (10) The Telephone Company will determine the end office ANI protocol for FGB. The Telephone Company makes no guarantee that ANI will be available at all end offices which have access to FGB.

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4. SWITCHED ACCESS (Cont'd)4.2 Description of Switched Access (Cont'd)4.2.1 Descriptions of Feature Groups (Cont'd)(B) Feature Group B (USOC - OHB) (Cont'd)

(11) FGB is provided with basic testing at no additional charge. Basic tests include: loss, 3 tone slope, (C-message and C-notched noise) and where applicable, dc continuity, signaling and balance testing.

(a) Where Telephone Company equipment is available, a seven digit access number will be provided to the customer for testing in the terminating direction. These access numbers shall include: balance (100 type) test line, milliwatt (102 type) test line, data transmission (107 type) test line, loop around test line, short circuit test line and open circuit test line.

(b) Where Telephone Company equipment is available and the customer is equipped with compatible remote office test lines, FGB will be provided with automatic testing (105 type or equivalent) in the originating direction.

Additional testing charges apply as in 6.6 when: (a) the customer requests a test not specified in the preceding; (b) the test requested is not essential to the ongoing maintenance of FGB; or (c) the customer requests testing on a more frequent basis than scheduled in the Telephone Company's Central Office Maintenance Planning System (COMPS). The Telephone Company will routinely perform maintenance testing from its access tandem or end office (if direct routed) to the customer's first point of switching.

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4. SWITCHED ACCESS (Cont'd)4.2 Description of Switched Access (Cont'd)4.2.1 Descriptions of Feature Groups (Cont'd)(B) Feature Group B (USOC - OHB) (Cont'd)

- (12) When all FGB is discontinued at an end office and/or in an Access Area, a regular number intercept announcement is provided. This arrangement provides, for a limited period of time, an announcement that the FGB associated with the number dialed has been disconnected.
- (13) FGB is provided with either Type B or Type C transmission performance. The parameters associated with these performances are guaranteed to the end office, when routed directly, or to the first point of switching, when routed via an access tandem. Type C transmission performance is provided with Interface Arrangement 1 and Type B is provided with Interface Arrangements 2 through 10. In addition, Data Transmission Parameters may, at the option of the customer, be provided with FGB.
- (14) FGB may at the option of the customer and with the concurrence of the Telephone Company, be provided with Alternate Traffic Routing. This arrangement, as shown in 4.2.5(A), delivers originating traffic from an end office over a designated trunk group to the CDL. When that trunk group is fully loaded, additional originating traffic is automatically delivered over one or more designated trunk groups to one or more CDLs.

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4. SWITCHED ACCESS (Cont'd)4.2 Description of Switched Access (Cont'd)4.2.1 Descriptions of Feature Groups (Cont'd)(C) Feature Group C (USOC - OHC)

Feature Group C (FGC) provides trunk-side access to Telephone Company end office switches for providers of MTS and WATS for originating and terminating communications. FGC is available in all end offices which are not equipped for FGD or BSA-D End Office Services.

- (1) FGC is provided at all Telephone Company end office switches or Telephone Company designated access tandem switches. FGC is available at an end office switch unless FGD or BSA-D is provided in the same office. When FGD or BSA-D is available, FGC will be discontinued as soon as the conversion to FGD or BSA-D can be arranged.

FGC utilizes a two-point electrical communications path between the Interface Arrangement and Common Line or Special Access Line which is a voice grade transmission path comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of, and typically used in the telecommunications industry for, the transmission of the human voice and associated signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

- (2) FGC is provided as trunk-side switching through the use of end office switch trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment is provided with answer and disconnect supervisory signaling. Wink start pulsing signals are provided in all offices where available. In those offices where wink start pulsing signals are not available, delay dial start pulsing signals will be provided.
- (3) The Telephone Company will select the trunking arrangement from the end office within the selected Access Area from which FGC is to be provided. If the customer orders an ANI arrangement or Service Class Routing Arrangement, special routing and trunking arrangements may be required.
- (4) FGC is arranged for either originating calling only, terminating calling only, or two-way calling based on the trunks or BHMC ordered. The Telephone Company will determine the type of Directional calling to be provided unless the customer requests the option, Customer Specification of Directionality as described in 4.2.5(H). For such specification, additional charges on an Individual Case Basis will apply if the trunk group Routing arrangements are different from that the Telephone Company would have provided without such special arrangements. Originating calling permits the origination of calls from the end user to the CDL. Terminating calling permits the termination of calls from the CDL to the end user. Two-way calling permits either the origination or termination of calls, but not simultaneously.

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- (5) FGC is provided with multifrequency address signaling except in certain electromechanical end office switches where multifrequency signaling is not available. In such electromechanical end office switches, the address signaling will be dial pulse or revertive pulse signaling, whichever is available. Dial pulse address signaling may, at the option of the customer, be provided in lieu of multifrequency address signaling if such signaling facilities are available in the end office. Up to twelve digits of the called party number dialed by the customer's end user will be provided by Telephone Company equipment to the CDL where the FGC terminates. Such called party number signals will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Switched Transport provided.
- (6) FGC, when being used in the terminating direction, may be used to access NXXs in the FGC Access Area. If the FGC connection is made directly to an end office the Access Area is that of that end office only. If the FGC connection is made to a Telephone Company access tandem the Access Area is that of all end offices subtending that Telephone Company access tandem. The description of any FGC Access Area will be provided to the customer upon request. Access is also available to Directory Assistance and other services (by dialing the appropriate codes) when the services can be reached using valid NXX codes.
- (7) A separate trunk group will be established based on the directionality (i.e., originating only, terminating only, or two-way traffic) of the FGC arrangement provided.
- (8) No access code is required for FGC. In certain locations, due to Central Office equipment limitations, two or three digit access codes may be used. The telephone number dialed by AT&TC's end user shall be a seven or ten digit number for calls in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). For international calls outside the NANP, a five to twelve digit number may be dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by AT&TC's end user is NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NXX-XXXX, NPA + NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NPA + NXX-XXXX, and, when the International Direct Distance Dialing Arrangement (IDDD) is provided, 01 + CC + NN or 011 + CC + NN, (NN = City Code).
- (9) FGC may, at the option of the customer, be arranged to provide an ANI arrangement to obtain the calling station billing number. The ANI arrangement provides seven digit station billing number information to the CDL. In those situations where no billing number is available in the end office switch, as with 4/8 party service, no seven digit number will be provided and an "operator identification" information digit will be provided.

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In those cases where an ANI failure has occurred in the end office switch, no seven digit number will be provided and an "identification failure" information digit will be provided. ANI will be made available using multifrequency signaling provided by the Telephone Company.

FGC is provided in directly routed arrangements to the end office switch where the ANI arrangement is provided. The Telephone Company will determine the end office ANI protocol for FGC.

Only calls from end users terminated on the end office switch will be provided with the ANI arrangement. ANI is provided from end offices for which Telephone Company recording for end user billing is not provided, or where it is not required, as with 800/877/888 Service. It is not provided from end offices for which the Telephone Company needs to forward ANI to its recording equipment.

- (10) FGC may, at the option of the customer, be arranged for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD) arrangement in the originating direction. End offices or Telephone Company access tandems equipped for IDDD will be designated by the Telephone Company. The CDL must be equipped to receive the IDDD supervisory and address signals and the CDL must provide operator assistance to the end users if necessary to obtain the IDDD address signals once the CDL acknowledges it is ready to receive IDDD address signals.

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4. SWITCHED ACCESS (Cont'd)4.2 Description of Switched Access (Cont'd)4.2.1 Descriptions of Feature Groups (Cont'd)(C) Feature Group C (USOC - OHC) (Cont'd)

- (11) FGC is provided with basic testing at no additional charge. Basic tests include: loss, 3 tone slope, (C-message and C-notched), and where applicable, signaling and balance testing.
- (a) Where Telephone Company equipment is available, a seven digit access number will be provided to the customer for testing in the terminating direction. The access number shall include: balance (100 type) test line, milliwatt (102 type) test line, automatic transmission measuring (105 type) test line, data transmission (107 type) test line, nonsynchronous or synchronous test line, loop around test line, short circuit test line and open circuit test line.
- (b) Where Telephone Company equipment is available and the customer is equipped with compatible equipment (remote office test lines and 105 test lines with associated responders or their functional equivalent), FGC will be provided with automatic testing.
- (c) At the option of the Telephone Company, cooperative testing may be provided in lieu of automatic testing. Cooperative testing is where the Telephone Company provides a technician at its office(s) and the customer provides a technician at its CDL, with suitable test equipment to perform the required tests. The Telephone Company will routinely perform maintenance testing from its access tandem or end office (if direct routed) to the customer's first point of switching.

Additional testing charges will apply as in 6.6 when: (a) the customer requests a test not specified in the preceding; (b) the test requested is not essential to the ongoing maintenance of FGC; or (c) the customer requests testing on a more frequent basis than scheduled in the Telephone Company's Central Office Maintenance Planning System (COMPS).

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4. SWITCHED ACCESS (Cont'd)4.2 Description of Switched Access (Cont'd)4.2.1 Descriptions of Feature Groups (Cont'd)(C) Feature Group C (USOC - OHC) (Cont'd)

- (12) FGC may, at the option of the customer, be provided with Alternate Traffic Routing. This arrangement, as shown in 4.2.5(A), delivers originating traffic from an end office over a designated trunk group to the CDL. When that trunk group is fully loaded, additional originating traffic is automatically delivered over one or more designated trunk groups to one or more CDLs.
- (13) FGC may, at the option of the customer, be provided with a Service Class Routing Arrangement. This arrangement allows originating traffic to be delivered over selected trunk groups to specified CDL based on service prefix (e.g., 0-, 0+, 1+, 01, 011); service class codes (e.g., 500, 700, 800, 888, 900); or end user originating line class of service (e.g., coin, multiparty, hotel/motel).
- (14) FGC may, at the option of the customer, be provided with a Trunk Access Limitation Arrangement in all Telephone Company end offices. This arrangement provides for the routing of designated (e.g., 900 Service Code) originating calls to a specified number of transmission paths in a trunk group to the CDL in order to limit the amount of such traffic that can be completed.

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(15) FGC is provided with the following features in the originating direction for operator assistance services. FGC may require the routing by Service Class Routing Arrangement as in 4.2.1(C)(15).

- (a) Operator Assistance-Coin Control Arrangements for Telephone Company end offices where equipment is available - Such arrangements provide coin return control and routing of 0+, 0-, 01+ and 011+ prefixed originating calls to the CDL. The operator services system arrangement for receipt of 0+, 0-, 1+, 01+ and 011+ calls may, at the option of the customer, be provided with the ANI arrangement. The cord board arrangement for receipt of 0- originating calls is not provided with ANI. FGC is provided in a directly routed arrangement where the Operator Assistance-Coin Control arrangement is provided. Only calls from coin station lines terminated on the end office switch where the Operator Assistance-Coin Control Arrangement is provided will be provided to the CDL.
- (b) Operator Assistance-Noncoin Arrangements in all Telephone Company end offices - Such arrangements provide routing of 0+, 0-, 1+, 01+, and 011+ prefixed originating calls to the CDL. This arrangement for receipt of 0+, 0-, 1+, 01+, and 011+ originating calls may, at the option of the customer, be provided with the ANI arrangement.

The cord board arrangement for receipt of 0- originating calls is not provided with ANI. FGC is provided in a directly routed arrangement where the Operator Assistance-Noncoin Arrangement is provided. Only calls from end users terminated on the end office switch where the Operator Assistance-Noncoin Arrangement is provided will be provided to the CDL.

- (c) Operator Assistance - Combined (coin and noncoin) Arrangements in Telephone Company end offices where equipment is available - This arrangement provides the combined features described in (a) and (b).

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- (16) FGC is provided with either Type B or Type C transmission performance as follows: a) when routed directly to the end office, either Type B or Type C is provided; b) when routed to an access tandem, only Type B is provided; or c) Type B or Type C is provided on the transmission path from the access tandem to the end office. Type C transmission performance is provided with Interface Arrangement 1 when routed directly to an end office. Type B is provided with Interface Arrangements 2 through 10 whether routed directly to an end office or to an access tandem. In addition, Data Transmission Parameters may, at the option of the customer, be provided with FGC.

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Feature Group D (FGD), which is available to all customers, provides trunk-side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an associated 101XXXX access code for providers of MTS/WATS and MTS/WATS-type services for originating and terminating communications for customer provided interstate communications capability or connections to an interexchange interstate service.

- (1) FGD is provided at Telephone Company appropriately equipped electronic end office switches.

FGD utilizes a two-point electrical communications path between the Interface Arrangement and Common Line or Special Access Line which is a voice grade transmission path comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of, and typically used in the telecommunications industry for, the transmission of the human voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

SS7 Out of Band Signaling for FGD is provided at suitably equipped Telephone Company end office or access tandem switches.

- (2) FGD is provided as trunk-side switching through the use of end office or Telephone Company access tandem switch trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment is provided with answer and disconnect supervisory signaling and wink start pulsing signals except when SS7 Out of Band Signaling is specified.
- (3) The Telephone Company will select the trunking arrangement from the end office, within the selected Access Area from which FGD is to be provided. If the customer orders an Automatic Number Identification (ANI) Arrangement, Alternate Traffic Routing Arrangement, Service Class Routing Arrangement, Trunk Access Limitation Arrangement, or Operator Assistance Full Feature Arrangement, special routing and trunking arrangements may be required.
- (4) FGD is arranged for either originating calling only, terminating calling only, or two-way calling and based on the trunks or BHMC ordered. The Telephone Company will determine the type of directional calling to be provided unless the customer orders an Operator Assistance Full Feature Arrangement or requests the option, Customer Specification of Switched Access Directionality as described in 4.2.5(H). For such arrangements, additional charges on an Individual Case Basis will apply if the trunking arrangements are different from that the Telephone Company would have provided without such special arrangements. Originating calling permits the origination of calls from the end user to the CDL. Terminating calling permits the termination of calls from the CDL. Two-way calling permits either the origination or termination of calls, but not simultaneously.

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- (5) FGD is provided with multifrequency address signaling or SS7 Out of Band Signaling. Up to twelve digits of the called party number dialed by the end user will be provided by Telephone Company equipment to the CDL where the FGD terminates. Such address signals will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Switched Transport provided.
- (6) FGD, when being used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the FGD Access Area. If the FGD connection is made directly to an end office the Access Area is that of that end office only. If the FGD connection is made to a Telephone Company access tandem, the Access Area is all end offices subtending that access tandem that have FGD capabilities. When the customer wants access to all end offices subtending that access tandem (both equal access and non equal access) a single FGD trunk group may be used. Traffic terminating at a non equal access end office using a FGD trunk group will be ordered as FGB or FGC and billed at FGB or FGC rates. Separate trunk groups for the combined use of FGD and FGB or FGD and FGC are not required. The description of any FGD Access Area will be provided to the customer upon request. FGD may also be used in the terminating direction to access information services (e.g., time and temperature) and other services by dialing the appropriate codes when the services can be reached using valid NXX codes.
- (7) A separate trunk group will be established based on directionality (i.e., originating only, terminating only, or two-way traffic) of the FGD arrangement provided.

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- (8) The access code for FGD is a uniform access code of the form 101XXXX. No access code is required if the end user's Telephone Company local service is arranged for Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) arrangement as in 6.5 to the same customer. The number dialed by the end user shall be a seven or ten digit number for calls in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). For international calls outside the NANP, a five to twelve digit number may be dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by the end users is NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NXX-XXXX, NPA + NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NPA + NXX-XXXX, and, when the International Direct Distance Dialing Arrangement (IDDD) is provided, 01 + CC + NN or 011 + CC + NN. When the 101XXXX access code is used, FGD also provides for dialing the digit 0 for access to the customer's operator, or the end-of-dialing digit (#) for cut-through access to the CDL. FGD also provides for the dialing of digits 00 for access on a non-DDD basis to the customer's operator when the end user's service is designated to the customer as in 6.5 and 4.2.5(V). A single access code will be the assigned number for all FGD provided to the customer by the Telephone Company.

In addition to the standard 101XXXX access code, the customer has the option to use 950-XXXX as an access code for FGD Switched Access Service. When the customer orders FGD Switched Access Service with 950-XXXX Access as described in 4.2.5(T), FGD switched access calls may also be originated by using the customer's 950-XXXX access code(s). All such calls will be rated as FGD switched access calls.

FGD, provided with multifrequency address signaling or SS7 Out of Band Signaling, is arranged to receive address signaling through the use of Dual Tone Multifrequency (DTMF) or dial pulse address signaling from the end user.

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- (9) FGD may, at the option of the customer, be arranged to provide ANI arrangement to obtain the calling station billing number. The ANI arrangement provides ten digit station billing number information to the CDL. When SS7 Out of Band Signaling is specified, the customer may obtain an ANI equivalent by ordering the Charge Number optional feature as described in 4.2.5(A). In those situations where no billing number is available in the end office switch, as with 4/8 party service, no ten digit number will be provided, only the area code and an "operator identification" information digit will be provided.

In those cases where an ANI failure has occurred in the end office switch, no ten digit number will be provided, and an "identification failure" information digit will be provided. ANI will be made available using multifrequency signaling provided by the Telephone Company.

Dependent upon the group type, the ANI spill may be forwarded prior to the called number in appropriately equipped end offices. When the ANI spill is sent prior to the called number, ten digits will be forwarded (NPA + NXX-XXXX). When the ANI spill is sent after the called number, the conventional seven digits will be forwarded. The Telephone Company will determine the sequencing and protocol of the ANI spill and called number.

- (10) FGD may, at the option of the customer, be arranged for the International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD) Arrangement in the originating direction. End offices or Telephone Company access tandem switches which are equipped for IDDD will be designated by the Telephone Company. The CDL must be equipped to receive the IDDD supervisory and address signals and the CDL must provide operator assistance to the end users if necessary to obtain the IDDD address signals once the CDL acknowledges it is ready to receive IDDD address signals.

FGD may also be arranged to forward the international calls of one or more international carriers to the customer. This arrangement requires verification by the Telephone Company that the customer is authorized to forward such calls.

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- (11) FGD is provided with basic testing at no additional charge. Basic tests include: loss, 3 tone slope, (C-message and C-notched), and where applicable, signaling and balance testing.
- (a) Where Telephone Company equipment is available, a seven digit access number will be provided to the customer for testing in the terminating direction. These access numbers shall include: balance (100 type) test line, milliwatt (102 type) test line, nonsynchronous or synchronous test line, automatic transmission measuring (105 type) test line, data transmission (107 type) test line, loop around test line, short circuit test line and open circuit test line. Access to test lines by other than seven digits is at the option of the Telephone Company and may vary in availability.
- (b) Where Telephone Company equipment is available and the customer is equipped with compatible equipment (remote office test lines and 105 test lines with associated responders or their functional equivalent), FGD will be provided with automatic testing.
- (c) At the option of the Telephone Company, cooperative testing may be provided in lieu of automatic testing. Cooperative testing is where the Telephone Company provides a technician at its office(s) and the customer provides a technician at its CDL, with suitable test equipment to perform the required tests. The Telephone Company will routinely perform maintenance testing from its access tandem or end office (if direct routed) to the customer's first point of switching. Additional testing charges will apply as in 6.6 when: (a) the customer requests a test not specified in the preceding; (b) the test requested is not essential to the ongoing maintenance of FGD; or (c) the customer requests testing on a more frequent basis than scheduled in the Telephone Company's Central Office Maintenance Planning System (COMPS).
- (d) When FGD, 800 or 888 SAC Access service with SS7 Out of Band Signaling is ordered, network compatibility and other operational tests will be performed cooperatively by the Telephone Company and the customer at locations, dates, and times as specified by the Telephone Company in consultation with the customer. These tests are as specified in Bellcore Technical Reference Publication TR-TSV-000905. Successful completion is necessary to receive the SS7 signaling option. To protect the security of the SS7 network, certain of the information provided, i.e., point codes, by the Telephone Company to the customer will be subject to a nondisclosure agreement.

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- (12) FGD may, at the option of the customer, be provided with Alternate Traffic Routing. This arrangement, as shown in 4.2.5(A), delivers originating traffic from an end office over a designated trunk group to the CDL. When that trunk group is fully loaded, additional originating traffic is automatically delivered over one or more designated trunk groups to one or more CDLs.
- (13) FGD may, at the option of the customer, be provided with a Service Class Routing Arrangement. This arrangement allows originating traffic to be delivered over selected trunk groups to specified CDLs based on service prefix code (e.g., 0-, 0+, 1+, 01, 011); service class codes (e.g., 500, 700, 800, 888, 900); or end user originating line class of service (e.g., coin, multiparty, hotel/motel). Service classes of traffic unable to be served by a customer will be handled at the option of the Telephone Company.
- (14) FGD will be arranged to accept calls from Telephone Company local service without the 101XXXX uniform access code. Each Telephone Company local service will be marked to identify which 101XXXX code its calls will be directed to for InterLATA Area service.
- (15) FGD may, at the option of the customer, be provided with a Trunk Access Limitation Arrangement. The Trunk Access Limitation Arrangement provides for the routing of designated (e.g., 900 Service class code) originating calls to a specified number of transmission paths in a trunk group.

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- (16) FGD may, at the option of the customer, be provided with an Operator Assistance Full Feature Arrangement. This arrangement provides, to the customer operator, the initial coin control function. FGD is provided in a directly routed arrangement from the end office switch when this feature is provided. This feature may require the routing by Service Class Routing Arrangement, in (13). The coin collection and return protocol required by the customer must be compatible with Telephone Company equipment. Offering of this feature is contingent upon suitable administrative procedures/agreements for coin services being negotiated between the customer and the Telephone Company. This option is unavailable in conjunction with SS7 Out of Band Signaling.
- (17) FGD is provided with either Type A, Type B, or Type C transmission performance as follows: a) when routed directly to the end office, either Type B or Type C is provided; b) when routed to a Telephone Company access tandem, only Type A is provided; c) Type A is provided on the transmission path from the Telephone Company access tandem to the end office. Type C transmission performance is provided with Interface Arrangement 1. Type A and Type B are provided with Interface Arrangements 2 through 10. In addition, Data Transmission Parameters may, at the option of the customer, be provided with FGD.
- (18) FGD trunking arrangements are available with two basic forms of signaling protocol. The standard signaling protocol provided with FGD is Overlap Outpulsing. At the option of the customer, where technically available FGD may be provided with Non-Overlap Outpulsing signaling protocol.

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Service Access Code (SAC) Access Service is an originating service that is provided via SAC Access Service switched trunk groups, or may be provided in conjunction with FGC or FGD. SAC Access Service may also be provided in conjunction with BSA-C or BSA-D as shown in 4.2.2. When a 1+500-NXX-XXXX or 0+500-NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user for 500 SAC Access Service, the 500 Customer Identification Function, as described in 4.2.20, determines the customer to which the call is to be routed based on the 500 NXX code dialed. When a 1+800-NXX-XXXX, 1+877-NXX-XXXX or 1+888-NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user for 800/877/888 SAC Access Service, the 800/877/888 Customer Identification Function as described in 4.2.11 determines the customer to which the 800, 877 or 888 call is routed. When a 1+900-NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user for 900 SAC Access Service, the 900 Customer Identification Function, as described in 4.2.12, determines the customer to which the call is to be routed based on the 900 NXX code dialed.

- (1) Service Access Code (SAC) Access Service is provided at Telephone Company appropriately equipped end offices or tandem switches.
- (2) Originating SAC Access Service is a trunk side switched service that is available to the customer via SAC Access Service trunk groups. The appropriate Customer Identification Function, in 4.2.11, 4.2.12 and 4.2.20, must be ordered in conjunction with each SAC Access Service trunk group. SAC Access Service traffic at the option of the customer can be carried on the same group with non-SAC Access traffic.
- (3) When a 1+N00-NXX-XXXX or 1+500-NXX-XXXX call is originated by an End User, the Telephone Company will perform the selected Customer Identification Function based upon the dialed digits to determine the disposition of the call. If the call originates from an end office not equipped to provide the Customer Identification Function, the call will be routed to an office where the function is available. Once the Customer Identification Function has been performed, the call will be routed to the customer.
- (4) The manner in which SAC Access Service is provided is dependent on the status of the end office from which the service is provided (i.e., equipped with equal access or not equipped with equal access capabilities). When SAC Access Service is provided from an end office equipped with equal access capabilities, all such service will be provisioned in accordance with the technical characteristics available with FGD or BSA-D except when more than one Telephone Company access tandem is employed in the transport of a SAC Access Service call.

When SAC Access Service is provided from an end office not equipped with equal access capabilities, such service will be provisioned in accordance with the technical characteristics available with FGC, FGD, BSA-C or BSA-D. In either case, when more than one Telephone Company access tandem is employed in the transport of a SAC Access Service call, Standard Transmission characteristics are not guaranteed.

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- (5) For other than FGC or BSA-C, end offices that lack equal access or the Customer Identification Function capabilities, may only be served via a Telephone Company access tandem over FGD or BSA-D trunks or SAC Access Service trunk groups. For FGC or BSA-C, SAC Access Service can be provided through existing trunk groups or separate FGC or BSA-C trunk groups which handle SAC Access Service. SAC Access Service from a Telephone Company access tandem, with both equal and nonequal access end offices, can be combined on a single FGD or BSA-D trunk group to the CDL. SAC Access Service from a Telephone Company access tandem with non-equal access end offices can be provided on a FGC or a BSA-C trunk group.
- (6) 500 SAC Access Services originating from equal access end offices with the 500 Customer Identification Function, described in 4.2.20, may be provided using exchange access signaling with overlap outpulsing and ten digit ANI. 900 SAC Access Service originating from equal access end offices with the 900 Customer Identification Function, described in 4.2.12, may be provided using exchange access signaling with overlap outpulsing and ten digit ANI. 800/877/888 SAC Access Service originating from equal access end offices with the 800/877/888 Customer Identification Function described in 4.2.11 may be provided using exchange access signaling without overlap outpulsing and with ten digit ANI. SAC Access Service originating from equal access end offices without the Customer Identification Function capabilities, or from end offices not having equal access capability, may be provided using conventional signaling. On traffic using conventional signaling, other than FGC or BSA-C, the customer's facilities shall provide off hook supervision upon receipt of the transmitted digits.

SAC Access Service may also be provided with SS7 Out of Band Signaling from suitably equipped end office or access tandem switches.

- (7) For SAC Access Service traffic originating from equal access end offices with the Customer Identification Function capabilities, FGD parameters as specified in 4.2.1(D) apply or BSA-D parameters as specified in 4.2.2(D) apply.

For SAC Access Service traffic, other than 800/877/888 SAC Access, originating from all other end offices, FGC parameters as specified in 4.2.1(C) apply or BSA-C parameters as specified in 4.2.2(C) apply.

The Entrance Facility interface at the customer's premises, as set forth in 4.2.3(B) for FGD or BSA-D also apply to SAC Access Service.

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- (8) The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has concluded that warehousing, which the FCC defines as Responsible Organizations, either directly or indirectly through an affiliate reserving toll free numbers from the SMS database without having an identified toll free subscriber from whom those numbers are being reserved, is an unreasonable practice under Section 201(b) of the Communications Act and is inconsistent with the Commission's obligation under Section 251(e) of the Communications Act to ensure that numbers are made available on an equitable basis; and (2) if a Responsible Organization does not have an identified, billed toll free subscriber before switching a number from reserved or assigned to working status, then there is a rebuttable presumption that the Responsible Organization is warehousing numbers. Responsible Organizations that warehouse numbers will be subject to penalties.
- (9) The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has concluded that hoarding, defined as the acquisition of more toll free numbers than one intends to use for the provision of toll free service, as well as the sale of a toll free number by a private entity for a fee, is contrary to the public interest in the conservation of the scarce toll free number resource and contrary to the FCC's responsibility to promote the orderly use and allocation of toll free numbers.

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