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3. Federal Universal Service Charge, ISDN Line Ports and DS1 Line Port

3.1 Federal Universal Service Charge

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The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) recovers the Telephone Company's contribution to various federal universal service funds. FUSC will be billed by only those Telephone Companies contributing to the universal service funds. The Telephone Company will apply a surcharge factor each month to the billed charges for interstate access services provided to end users from this Tariff. FUSC will not apply to any billed charges for an end user when the interstate access service provided to the end user qualifies under the federal universal service guidelines for Lifeline Assistance.

FUSC will not apply to interstate access services purchased by customers that resell these services to end users as part of an interstate telecommunications service and are required to contribute to the various federal universal service funds. In case of a dispute regarding whether the customer is reselling services and contributing to the various federal universal service funds, the Telephone Company may request a signed certification to that effect from the customer.

3.1.1 Rate Regulations

The Telephone Company will bill FUSC each month as described below.

(A) FUSC Surcharge Factor

The Telephone Company will multiply the FUSC Surcharge Factor set forth in Section 17.1.3(A) and 18.1.3.(A), following, against the end user's billed interstate access services charges.

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3. Federal Universal Service Charge, ISDN Line Ports and DS1 Line Port (Cont'd)

3.2 ISDN Line Ports

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When an end user is provided Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Basic Rate Interface (BRI) and/or ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) local exchange service by the Telephone Company under the general or local exchange tariff, ISDN Line Port rates apply. ISDN Line Port rates recover the costs of ISDN line ports to the extent these costs exceed the cost of a line port used for basic, analog service. When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service that is associated with ISDN BRI and/or ISDN PRI, one half of the ISDN Line Port rate per month will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.

(N)

3.2.1 Rate Application

Rates for ISDN Line Ports are set forth in Section 17.1.4.1 and 18.1.4.1, following.

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

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

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3. Federal Universal Service Charge, ISDN Line Ports and DS1 Line Port (Cont'd) (N)

3.3 DS1 Line Port (M)(T)(*)

When an end user is provided a DS1 (1.544 Mbps) local exchange service by the Telephone Company under the general and/or local exchange tariff(s), and where the end user provides the terminating channelization equipment, a DS1 Line Port rate will apply. The DS1 Line Port rate recovers the line port costs of the DS1 channel service to the extent these costs exceed the cost of a line port used for basic, analog service.

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When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service that is associated with DS1 channel service, one-half of the DS1 Line Port rate per month will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.

3.3.1 Rate Application

The DS1 Line Port rate is set forth in Section 17.1.4.2 and 18.1.4.2, following.

This monthly rate applies to each DS1 (1.544 Mbps) channel service ordered from the Telephone Company's general and/or local exchange tariff, where the end user provides the terminating channelization equipment.

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4. End User Access Service

The Telephone Company will provide End User Access Service (End User Access) to end users who obtain local exchange service from the Telephone Company under its general and/or local exchange tariffs.

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4.1 General

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

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4.3 Lifeline Service

The Federal Lifeline Service program is designed to provide a credit to monthly end user access charges for qualifying low income residential subscribers. The Telephone Company is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier for Lifeline Service and when an eligible residential end user qualifies for Lifeline Service in association with local residential exchange service, the EUCL Residence rate as set forth in 17.1.2(A) and 18.1.2.(A) following is waived.

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4.4 Limitations

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(A) Exclusions

Telephone number detail billing, directory listings and intercept arrangements are not included with End User Access.

4.5 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

The Telephone Company will provide End User Access at rates and charges as set forth in 17.1.2 and 18.1.2 as follows:

- Use of an EUCL for interstate Access Services provided under this tariff. Such use will be provided when the end user obtains local exchange service.
- The Telephone Company will be responsible for contacts and arrangements with customers for the billing of End User Access charges.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

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4.6 Obligations of Radio Common Carriers

When the end user is a Radio Common Carrier (RCC) or provider of paging service, such end users shall designate whether the local exchange service they are provided by the Telephone Company is used as an access line for RCC or paging services, or used as an administrative line.

4.7 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances

4.7.1 Minimum Period

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

4.7.2 Cancellation of Orders

End User Access is cancelled when the order for the associated local telephone exchange service is cancelled. No cancellation charges apply.

4.7.3 Changes to Orders

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

4.7.4 Allowance for Interruptions

When there is an interruption to an EUCL, requested End User Access credit allowances for interruptions will be provided as set forth for credit allowance for interruptions in 2.4.4 preceding.

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- 4. End User Access Service (Cont'd) (N)(*)
- 4.7 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)
- 4.7.5 Temporary Suspension of Service
 - When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service that is associated with an EUCL, one-half of the monthly EUCL charge will be temporarily suspended for the time period the associated local exchange service is suspended. (N)
- 4.8 Regulations, Rates and Charges (M)
 - End User Access Service Rates can be found in Sections 17 and 18 following. (N)
 - 4.8.1 Who Is Billed
 - EUCL per month charges will be billed to the end user of the associated Local Exchange Service.
 - 4.8.2 Multiparty Service
 - The EUCL charge for each multiparty subscriber shall be assessed as if the subscriber had subscribed to single-party service.
 - 4.8.3 Pay Telephone Service
 - The EUCL-Multiline Business rate will be assessed when a Payphone Service Provider obtains an exchange service line for the purposes of offering pay telephone service.
 - 4.8.4 Business Services
 - (A) Single Line Service
 - When an end user is provided a single local business exchange service in a state, multiparty and centrex services included, and when the local business exchange service is provided under the general and/or local exchange or centrex service tariffs, the EUCL Single Line Business – Individual line or trunk rate as set forth in 17.1.2(B) and 18.1.2(B) following, applies to each such business individual line or trunk. In the case of multiparty service, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL. (N)(*)

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

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4.8 Regulations, Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

4.8.4 Business Services (Cont'd)

(B) Multiline Service

When an end user is provided more than one local business exchange service in a state by the same Telephone Company, multiparty and centrex services included, or a payphone line, and when the local exchange service is provided under the general and/or local exchange or centrex service tariffs, the EUCL-Multiline Business - Individual line or trunk rate as set forth in Section 17.1.2(C) and 18.1.2.(C), following, applies to each such Multiline Business individual line or trunk. In the case of multiparty service, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL.

(C) Centrex CO and Centrex CO-like Services

Business or residence single line or multiline usage for Centrex CO and Centrex CO-like services is determined as set forth in 4.8.4 (A) and (B) preceding. Centrex CO or CO-like service provided to a college, university or school may serve both the college, university or school offices and the student or faculty dormitory (residential) quarters. When provided to residential quarters, the residential portion of the service is commonly known as dormitory service. Residential charges will apply to lines to the student or faculty dormitory (residential) quarters as set forth in 17.1.2(A) and 18.1.2(A) following. Business charges for lines to the university, college or school offices will apply as set forth in 17.1.2(C) and 18.1.2(C) following. Charges shall be based on the number of residence and business lines reported to the Telephone Company by the end user.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

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4.8 Regulations, Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

4.8.5 Radio Common Carriers

For each local exchange service used only as a path for the transmission of Radio Common Carrier (RCC) traffic between the Telephone Company serving wire center and the RCC's radio equipment, End User Access Charges do not apply. End User Access Charges will apply to the Radio Common Carrier's local exchange service used for administrative purposes. This shall also include those Radio Common Carriers providing maritime service under Part 80 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

A Radio Common Carrier is described as a common carrier engaged in the provision of Public Mobile Service, as defined in Part 22 of the FCC Rules and Regulations which is not also in the business of providing landline local exchange telephone service.

4.8.6 Remote Call Forwarding

For each local exchange service provided as Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) residential or business service, under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, End User Access Charges do not apply.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.8 Regulations, Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

4.8.7 Residence Services

(A) Single Line and Multiline Service

When an end user is provided local residence exchange service(s) in a state, multiparty and centrex services included, and when the local residence exchange or centrex service is provided under the general and/or local exchange or centrex service tariffs, the EUCL Residence - Individual line or trunk rate as set forth in Section 17.1.2(A) and 18.1.2(A) following, applies to each such local residence exchange trunk. In the case of multiparty service each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL.

4.8.8 Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Services

(A) ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI)

When an end user is provided residence or business local exchange service under any general and/or local exchange service tariff(s) using an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Basic Rate Interface (BRI) arrangement, one (1) EUCL Residence - Individual line or trunk charge as set forth in Section 17.1.2(A) and 18.1.2(A), following, or, one (1) EUCL Single Line Business - Individual line or trunk charge as set forth in Section 17.1.2(B) and 18.1.2(B), following, applies to each ISDN BRI arrangement.

(B) ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI)

When an end user is provided residence or business local exchange service under any general and/or local exchange service tariff(s) using an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Primary Rate Interface (PRI) arrangement, five (5) EUCL – Multiline Business Individual line or trunk charges as set forth in Section 17.1.2(C) and 18.1.2(C), following, apply to each ISDN PRI arrangement.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.8 Regulations, Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

4.8.9 DS1 Channel Service

When an end user is provided local exchange service under any general and/or local exchange tariff(s) using a DS1 (1.544 Mbps) channel service where the customer provides the terminating channelization equipment, five(5) EUCL - Multiline Business Individual line or trunk charges as set forth in Section 17.1.2 (C) and 18.1.2(C), following, apply to each DS1 channel service.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3 Surcharges for Special Access Service

7.3.1 General

Special Access Services provided under this tariff may be subject to a monthly surcharge.

(D)

(D)

(D)

(D)

7.3.3 Application

(A) The Special Access Surcharge will apply to each interstate Special Access Service that terminates on an end user's PBX or other device, where through a function of the device, the Special Access Service interconnects to the local exchange network. Interconnection functions include, but are not limited to, wiring and software functions, bridging, switching or patching of calls or stations. The Surcharge will apply irrespective of whether the interconnection function is performed in equipment located at the customer's premises or in a Centrex CO-type switch.

(N)(*)

(B) Special Access Service will be exempted from the Surcharge by the Telephone Company upon receipt of the customer's written certification for the following Special Access Service terminations:

- (1) an open-end termination in a Telephone Company switch of an FX line, including CCSA and CCSA equivalent ONALs; or
- (2) an analog channel termination that is used for radio or television program transmission; or
- (3) a termination used for TELEX service; or
- (4) a termination that by the nature of its operating characteristics could not make use of Telephone Company common lines such as, terminations which are restricted through hardware or software; or

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

(N)(*)

7.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3.3 Application (Cont'd)

(B) (Cont'd)

- (5) a termination that interconnects either directly or indirectly to the local exchange network where the Special Access Service accesses only FGA and no local exchange lines, or Special Access Service between customer points of termination, or Special Access Service connecting CCSA or CCSA-type equipment (intermachine trunks); or
- (6) a termination that the customer certifies to the Telephone Company is not connected to a PBX or other device which interconnects the Special Access Service to a local exchange subscriber line.

7.3.4 Exemption of Special Access Service

- (A) Special Access Services which are terminated as set forth in 7.3.2(B) preceding will be exempted from the Special Access Surcharge if the customer provides the Telephone Company with written exemption certification. The certification may be provided to the Telephone Company as follows:
 - at the time the Special Access Service is ordered or installed; or
 - at such time as the service is reterminated to a device which does not interconnect the service to local exchange facilities.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

(N)(*)

7.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3.4 Exemption of Special Access Service (Cont'd)

- (B) The exemption certification is to be provided by the customer ordering the service. The certification must be signed by the customer or authorized representative and include the category of exemption, as set forth in 7.3.2(B) preceding, for each termination, and the date which the exemption is effective.
- (C) The customer shall also notify the Telephone Company when an exempted Special Access Service is changed or reterminated such that the exemption is no longer applicable.
- (D) The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to resolve any questions regarding the exemption certification. In addition, the Telephone Company may withhold exemption of the service until the questions are resolved.

7.3.5 Rate Regulations

- (A) The surcharge will apply as set forth in 7.3.2(A) preceding, except that a surcharge will be assessed on a per voice grade equivalent basis for Special Access Services derived from High Capacity Special Access Services as illustrated in the following example:

Special Access Service	Voice Grade Equivalent	Surcharge	Monthly Charge
DS1	24 x	\$25	= \$600.00

The preceding example illustrates the maximum number of surcharges applicable to a DS1. If the customer claims exemption(s) as set forth in 7.3.3 preceding or, is not utilizing all available voice grade equivalents and has spare capacity, the number of surcharges would be reduced accordingly.

In the case of multipoint Special Access Services, one Special Access Surcharge will apply for each termination of a Special Access Channel at an end user's premises.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

(N)(*)

7.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3.5 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

- (B) The Telephone Company will bill the appropriate Special Access Surcharge to the ordering customer for each interstate Special Access Service installed unless exemption certification is provided as set forth in 7.3.3 preceding.
- (C) If a written certification is not received at the time the Special Access Service is obtained, the Surcharge will be applied. Exempt status will become effective on the certification date indicated by the customer, subject to the regulations set forth in (D) following.
- (D) Crediting the Surcharge

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

(N)(*)

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17. Rates and Charges – Consolidated Communications of Texas (CCTX)

17.1 End User Access Service, Federal Universal Service Charge and ISDN Line Ports

17.1.1 Reserved for Future Use

17.1.2 End User Access Service

(D)(*)
 (D)(*)
 (D)(*)

Regulations concerning End User Access Service are set forth in Section 4, preceding.

(N)(*)

(A) End User Common Line (EUCL) Rate

Residence

- Individual line or trunk, each \$ 6.50

(B) End User Common Line (EUCL)

Single Line Business

- Individual line or trunk, each \$6.50

(C) End User Common Line (EUCL)

Multiline Business – including Centrex CO and CO like

(N)

- Per individual line or trunk \$9.20

17.1.3 Federal Universal Service Charge

(D)
 (D) (M)
 (D)

Regulations concerning the Federal Universal Service Charge are set forth in Section 3 preceding.

(N)

(A) FUSC Surcharge Factor Percentage
 11.4%

(N)
 (N)

(*)(M)

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17.	Rates and Charges – Consolidated Communications of Texas (CCTX)	(N)(*)
17.1	End User Access Service, Federal Universal Service Charge and ISDN Line Ports (Cont'd)	(N)
17.1.4	ISDN and DS1 Line Ports	(M)
17.1.4.1	ISDN Line Ports	(N)
	<u>Rates</u>	
(A)	ISDN BRI Line Port - per arrangement	\$2.23
(B)	ISDN PRI Line Port - per arrangement	\$23.51
17.1.4.2	DS1 Line Port	
(A)	DS1 Line Port - per DS1 (1.544 Mbps) Channel service	\$23.51
17.1.5	Lifeline Assistance Plan	(M)
	As set forth in 4.2 (B) preceding, the End User Common Line Charge shall be reduced by the amount of the Lifeline Assistance Plan ordered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas and approved by the F.C.C. Waiver of the End User Common Line Charge shall not exceed 100 percent of the charge.	(M)(*)

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17. Rates and Charges – Consolidated Communications of Texas (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.3 End Office	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Section Reference</u>	
(A) Local Switching			
(1) Premium			
- Per Access Minute	\$0.001805	6.1.3(B)(1)	
(2) Non-Premium			
- Per Access Minute	\$0.000812	6.1.3(B)(1)	
(B) Information Surcharge			
(1) Premium Per 100 Access Minutes			
	\$0.080694	6.1.3(B)(2)	(R)(*)
(2) Non-Premium Per 100 Access Minutes			
	\$0.0421	6.1.3(B)(2)	

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18. Rates and Charges – Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend (CCFB)

18.1 End User Access Service, Federal Universal Service Charge, and ISDN Line Ports

18.1.1 Reserved for Future Use

18.1.2 End User Access Service

Regulations concerning End User Access Service are set forth in Section 4, preceding.

(A)	End User Common Line (EUCL)	<u>Rate</u>	(D)(*)
	Residence		(D)(*)
	- Individual line or trunk, each	\$ 6.50	(D)(*)

(B)	End User Common Line (EUCL)		
	Single Line Business		
	- Individual line or trunk, each	\$6.50	

(C)	End User Common Line (EUCL)		
	Multiline Business – including Centrex CO and CO like		
	- Per individual line or trunk	\$9.20	(N)(*)

18.1.3 Federal Universal Service Charge

Regulations concerning the Federal Universal Service Charge are set forth in Section 3 preceding.

		<u>Percentage</u>	(N)(*)
(A)	FUSC Surcharge Factor	11.4%	(M)(*)

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(M)(*)

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18. Rates and Charges – Consolidated Communications of Texas (CCTX)

18.1 End User Access Service, Federal Universal Service Charge and ISDN Line Ports (Cont'd)

18.1.4 ISDN and DS1 Line Ports

18.1.4.1	ISDN Line Ports	<u>Rates</u>	
	(A) ISDN BRI Line Port		
	- per arrangement	\$2.23	
	(B) ISDN PRI Line Port		
	- per arrangement	\$23.51	
18.1.4.2	DS1 Line Port		
	(A) DS1 Line Port		
	- per DS1 (1.544 Mbps)		
	Channel service	\$23.51	

(M) (*)
 (N)
 (N)
 (M) (*)
 (M) (*)

18.1.5 Lifeline Assistance Plan

As set forth in 4.3 preceding, the End User Common Line Charge shall be reduced by the amount of the Lifeline Assistance Plan ordered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas and approved by the F.C.C. Waiver of the End User Common Line Charge shall not exceed 100 percent of the charge.

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18. Rates and Charges - Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend (Cont'd)

18.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

18.2.3 End Office	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>	
(A) Local Switching			
(1) Premium Per Access Minute	\$0.000862	6.1.3(B)(1)	
(2) Non-Premium Per Access Minute	\$0.000388	6.1.3(B)(1)	
(B) Information Surcharge			
(1) Premium Per 100 Access Minutes	\$0.07252318	6.1.3(B)(2)	(R)(*)
(2) Non-Premium Per 100 Access Minutes	\$0.044814	6.1.3(B)(2)	

18.2.4 Reserved for future use.

18.2.5 Reserved for future use.

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18.	Rates and Charges – Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend Telephone (Cont'd)	(T)(*)
18.3	Special Access Service	
18.3.1	Surcharge for Special Access Service	(D)(*)
		(D)(*)
		(D)(*)
		(N)(*)
		(N)(*)
		(N)(*)
	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
	- Per Voice Grade equivalent	\$25.00 (N)(*)

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