

COMMUNICATIONSSERVICESTARIFF

SECTION3-GENERAL

3.1 AvailabilityofService

Company's service is furnished to Customers for data communications originating and terminating within its service area, as specified in Section 4 of this Tariff under the terms and conditions of this Tariff. Company's service is available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week unless otherwise specified herein.

Company arranges for installation, operation, and maintenance of the service provided in this Tariff for Customer in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Tariff. Company may, when authorized by Customer, act as Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities (such as the LEC), to allow connection of a Customer's location to Company's service. Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangements.

3.2 Commingling

Except as provided in Section 51.318 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules, telecommunications carriers who obtain unbundled network elements or combinations of unbundled network elements pursuant to a Statement of Generally Available Terms, under Section 252 of the Act, or pursuant to an interconnection agreement with the Company, may connect, combine, or otherwise attach such unbundled network elements or combinations of unbundled network elements to data services purchased under this tariff except to the extent such agreement (1) expressly prohibits such commingling; or (2) does not address commingling and the requesting carrier has not negotiated an interconnection agreement (or amendment) expressly permitting such commingling. The rates, terms and conditions of this tariff will apply to the data services that are commingled.

3.3 FacilitiesHub

Customer has the option of ordering analog or digital facilities (i.e., DS1, DS1C or DS3) to a facility Hub for channelizing to individual services requiring lower capacity facilities. Different locations may be designated as Hubs for different facility capacities, e.g., multiplexing from digital to analog may occur at one location while multiplexing from digital to digital may occur at a different location. Locations (wire centers) that provide multiplexing of High Capacity Services have been designated as Intermediate Hubs, Super-Intermediate Hubs or Terminus hubs. When ordering, Customer will specify the desired multiplexing Hub(s) or grooming Hubs, as applicable.