

INTERSTATE SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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**SECTION 1- DEFINITIONS**

Certain terms used generally throughout this tariff for the Access Services of this Company are defined below.

ANI - Automatic Number Identification; the codes transmitted between carriers that indicate the telephone number of the originating line.

B8ZS - Bipolar with 8-Zero Substitution; a line coding technique which permits DS0 and DS1 transmission with 15 consecutive zeros. B8ZS supports 64 KBPS clear channel transmission.

BNA - Billing Name and Address; the customer of record and billing address associated with an originating ANI.

CCS/SS7 - Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7; a switching network and transmission control standard.

Constructive Order: Delivery of calls to or acceptance of calls from the Company's End User locations over Company-switched facilities constitutes a Constructive Order by the Customer to purchase switched access services as described herein. Similarly the selection by a Company's End User of the Customer as the presubscribed IXC constitutes a Constructive Order of switched access by the Customer. (T)

DNAL - Dedicated Network Access Line; a point to point circuit that provides interconnection to the CCS network on a dedicated Signal Transfer Point (STP) port. The DNAL provides the connection from the Customer designated premises to the Company STP.

DS1 - Digital Signal Level 1; a dedicated, high capacity, full duplex channel with a line speed of 1.544 Mbps isochronous serial data having a line signal format of either Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI) or Bipolar with 8 Zero Substitution (B8ZS) and either Superframe (D4) or Extended Superframe (ESF) formats. DS1 Service has the equivalent capacity of 24 Voice Grade or DS0 services. DS3 - Digital Signal Level 3; a dedicated, high capacity, full duplex channel with a line speed of 44.736 Mbps isochronous serial data having a line code of bipolar with three zero substitution (B3ZS). Equivalent capacity of 28 DS1 Services.

FGD - Feature Group D; a trunk side switched access connection to the public switched network.

FOC - Final Order Confirmation; the point prior to the start of installation when the order is confirmed.

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### SECTION 2- RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd.)

#### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd.)

##### 2.1.4 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

- H. Notwithstanding the Customer's obligations as set forth in Section 2.3 below, the Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer, or by others authorized by it to use the service, against any claim, loss or damage arising from Customer's use of services furnished under this tariff, including: claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of copyright arising from the material, data, information, or other content transmitted via the Company's service; and patent infringement claims arising from combining or connecting the service offered by the Company with apparatus and systems of the Customer or others; all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the Customer or others, in connection with any service provided by the Company pursuant to this tariff
- I. The Company shall be indemnified and held harmless by the End User against any claim, loss or damage arising from the End User's use of services offered under this tariff including: claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of copyright arising from the End User's own communications; patent infringement claims arising from the End User's combining or connecting the service offered by the Company with facilities or equipment furnished by the End User of another Interexchange Carrier; or all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the End User in connection with any service provided pursuant to this tariff
- J. The entire liability of the Company for any claim, loss, damage or expense from any cause whatsoever shall in no event exceed sums actually paid to the Company by the Customer for the specific services giving rise to the claim, and no action or proceeding against the Company shall be commenced more than one year after the service is rendered.
- K. The Company makes no warranties or representations, express or implied, (Z) including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular use, (Z) except those expressly set forth herein.

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**SECTION 2- RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd.)**

2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd.)

**2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges**

Unless otherwise specified herein, bills are due and payable upon receipt.

The Company shall bill on a current basis all charges incurred by, and credits due to, the Customer under this tariff attributable to services established, provided, or discontinued during the preceding billing period.

The Company shall present invoices for all Charges monthly to the Customer. (D)

Amounts not paid by the due date indicated on an invoice will be considered past due. The Company will assess a late payment charge equal to 1.5% per month for any past due balance. If the Company becomes concerned at any time about the ability of a Customer to pay its bills, the Company may require that the Customer pay its bills within a specified number of days and make such payments in cash or the equivalent of cash. (D)

If a service is disconnected by the Company in accordance with Section 2.5.3 following and later restored, restoration of service will be subject to all applicable installation charges.

The Customer shall notify the Company of any disputed items on an invoice within 90 days of receipt of the invoice. If the Customer and the Company are unable to resolve the dispute to their mutual satisfaction, the Customer may file a complaint with the Commission in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedures.

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**SECTION 2- RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)**

**2.9 Meet Point Billing**

Meet Point Billing applies when more than one Exchange Telephone Company is involved in the provision of Access Service. All recurring and nonrecurring charges for services provided by each Exchange Telephone Company are billed under each company's applicable rates as set forth below.

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**<sup>2</sup>SECTION 3- ORDERING OPTIONS FOR ACCESS SERVICE**

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**SECTION 4- SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE**

**4.1 General**

Switched Access Service, which is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to end users, provides a two-point communications path between a Customer's Premises and an End User's Premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching and transport facilities. Switched Access Service provides the ability to originate calls from an End User's Premises to a Customer's Premises, and to terminate calls from a Customer's Premises to an End User's Premises.

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**4.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements**

**4.2.1 Feature Group Access**

FG Access is provisioned at the D S-1 level and provides trunk-side access to Local Switching Center switches, for the Customer's use in originating and terminating communications. Basic FG Access service will be provided with Multi-Frequency In-Band Signaling (SS7 is also available where capabilities exist).

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**4.2.2 Manner of Provision**

Trunks used for Switched Access Service may be configured for one-way (either originating only or terminating only) or for two-way directionality.

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### SECTION 5- SWITCHED ACCESS RATES

#### 5.1 General

This section contains the specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply for Switched Access Services:

There are three types of rates and charges that apply to Switched Access Service:

- Non-Recurring Charges: One-time charges that apply for a specific work activity.
- Recurring Charges: Fixed charges apply each month and depend on the number and type of facilities in place.
- Usage Charges: Charges that are applied on a per access minute, per-message or per-query basis. Usage rates are accumulated over a monthly period. (T)  
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#### 5.2 Rate Categories

##### 5.2.1 There are several rate categories that apply to Switched Access Service:

- Blended Carrier Switched Access Originating
- Blended Carrier Switched Access Terminating
- Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Access Service

The Company provides originating and terminating switched access service through a single blended rate based on aggregate traffic volumes from the following cost categories:

##### **Common Line**

The Common Line cost category establishes the charges related to the use of Company-provided end user common lines by customers and end users for intrastate switched access.

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**SECTION 5- SWITCHED ACCESS RATES (Cont'd.)**

**5.2 Rate Categories (Cont'd.)**

**5.2.1 (Cont'd.)**

**Switched Transport**

The Switched Transport cost category establishes the charges related to the transmission and tandem switching facilities between the customer designated premises and the end office switch (es) where the customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate the customer's communications.

**End Office Switching**

The End Office Switching cost category establishes the charges related to the use of end office switching equipment, including the common trunk port, terminations (T) in the end office of end user lines, the terminations of calls at Company Intercept Operators or recordings, Signaling Transfer Point (STP) costs, and the SS7 signaling function between the end office and the STP.

**5.2.2 Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query**

The Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query Charge, will apply for each Toll-Free 8XX (Z) call query received at the Company's (or its provider's) Toll-Free 8XX database.

**5.2.3 Optional Features**

Other optional features may be available on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

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**SECTION 5-SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (Cont'd.)**

**5.4 Rates and Charges**

**5.4.1 Blended Carrier Switched Access**

Per minute of use (originating and terminating)      \$0.00780248      (I)

**5.4.2 Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query**

Per Query      \$0.015

**5.4.3 Paper/Electronic Media Fee**

Customers who elect to receive a paper or CD-ROM version of their invoice will incur a surcharge of \$15.00 per bill.      (T)

**5.4.4 Switched Access Optional Features**

All Optional Features are offered on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

**5.4.4 Miscellaneous Charges**      (M)

Administrative Processing      \$25 per order      |  
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**SECTION 6- END USER ACCESS SERVICE**

**6.1. General Description**

The Company will provide End User Access Service to end users who obtain local telephone exchange service from the Company's Tariffs. End User Access Service provides for the use of an End User Common Line (EUCL). (Z)

**6.2 Limitations**

- (A) A telephone number is not provided with End User Access Service.
- (B) Detail billing is not provided with End User Access Service.
- (C) Directory listings are not included with End User Access Service.
- (D) Intercept arrangements are not included with end User Access Service.

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**6.3 Undertaking of the Company**

The Company will provide End User Access Service at rates and charges as set forth in 6.7 following, as follows:

- (A) Use of an EUCL by an end user will be provided when the end user obtains local exchange service in connection with interstate access services provided under this Tariff.
- (B) The Company will be responsible for contacts and arrangements with end users for the billing of End User Access Service charges.

**6.4 Obligations of the End User**

- (A) When the end user is a Radio Common Carrier (RCC) or a Maritime Radio Common Carrier (MRCC), it shall designate whether the local exchange services it is provided by the Company are used as access lines for its services or used as administrative lines.
- (B) When the end user is provided with a local exchange service which is not identified as Centrex Type Services, Business Service or Residence Service, it shall provide the Company any requested information necessary for the Company to determine the appropriate charges.

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**SECTION 6-END USER ACCESS, (Cont'd.)**

**6.5 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances**

- (A) Minimum Period - The minimum period for which EUCL End User Access Service is provided to an end user and for which charges are applicable is the same as that in the Company's Tariffs for the associated local telephone exchange service. (Z)
- (B) Cancellation of Application - End User Access Service is cancelled when the order for the associated local telephone exchange service is cancelled. No cancellation charges apply.
- (C) Changes to Orders - When changes are made to orders for the local telephone exchange service associated with End User Access Service, any necessary changes will be made for End User Access Service. No charges will apply.
- (D) Allowance for Interruptions - When there is an interruption to an EUCL, requested End User Access Service credit allowances for interruptions will be provided as set forth for credit allowance for interruptions in 2.25 preceding.
- (E) Temporary Suspension of Service - When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service that is associated with EUCL, one-half of the EUCL per month charge will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.

**6.6 Rate Regulations**

- (A) EUCL per month charges will be billed to the end user of the associated local exchange service.
- (B) End User Access Service charges do not apply to local exchange service provided as remote call forwarding residential service or remote call forwarding business service. End User Access Service charges do not apply to local exchange service provided to Radio Common Carriers (RCC) and/or Maritime Radio Common Carriers (MRCC), other than that used for administrative purposes,. (T)

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**SECTION 6-END USER ACCESS, (Cont'd.)**

- (C) For Centrex Type Services main station lines or trunks, the End User Common Line (EUCL) Residence Subscriber-Individual line or trunk rate applies to each line or trunk. Centrex Type Services are those that (1) use a portion of a Company switch located at the Company central office to meet the customer's internal needs and serve as the customer's interface with the local and interexchange networks and (2) link the customer's main stations to the Company switch with subscriber loops. When Centrex Type Services serve college, university or school offices (i.e., administrative stations) dormitory quarters (i.e., residential stations) or just dormitory quarters; the End User Access Service charges specified in this section for residential service will apply to each dormitory station line. Multiline Business EUCL charges will apply to all administrative station lines. Charges shall be based on the number of dormitory lines or trunks and office lines or trunks reported to the Company by the customer. (T) (Z)
- (D) When an end user is provided more than one local business exchange service in a state by the Company and when a local business exchange service is provided as a multiparty service, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL and the EUCL-Multiline Business Subscriber-Individual line or trunk rate applies to each such party. (Z) (T)
- (E) When a payphone service provider is provided a pay telephone line, the EUCL-Multiline Business subscriber-individual line or trunk rate as set forth in 6.7(C) will apply.
- (F) When an end user is provided more than one local business exchange service in a state by the Company, other than that specified in (B) preceding and when the local business exchange service is not covered by (C) and (D) preceding, the EUCL Multiline Business Subscribers-Individual line or trunk rate applies to each such local business exchange service. (T) (T)
- (G) When an end user is provided only a single local business exchange service by the Company, and when the local business exchange service is provided as a multiparty service, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL and the EUCL Single Line Business Subscriber-Individual line or trunk rate applies to each such party. (T)

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**SECTION 6-END USER ACCESS, (Cont'd.)**

- (H) When an end user is provided a single local business exchange service by the Company, the EUCL-Single Line Business Subscriber-Individual line or trunk rate applies to each single business service. (T)  
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- (I) When an end user is provided a local residence exchange service by the Company, and when the local residence exchange service is provided as a multiparty service, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL and the EUCL-Residence Subscriber-Individual line or trunk rate applies to each such party. (T)  
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- (J) When an end user is provided local residence exchange service by the Company the EUCL-Residence Subscriber-Individual line or trunk rate applies to each such local residence exchange service. (T)  
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**SECTION 6-END USER ACCESS, (Cont'd.)**

**6.7 End User Common Line Charge (Subscriber Line Charge)**

	Maximum Rate per Line	
Primary Residential Line	\$6.50	
Additional Residential Line	\$6.50	
Basic Rate ISDN, Residential	Not offered	
Single Line Business	\$6.50	
Basic Rate ISDN, Single Line Business	Not offered	
Multiline Business	\$9.20	(I)
Basic Rate ISDN, Multiline Business	Not offered	
Basic Rate ISDN, Business Centrex	Not offered	
Primary Rate ISDN	\$46.00	(I)

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**SECTION 7 - CONTRACTS AND INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS ARRANGEMENTS**

**7.1 Contracts**

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The Company may provide any of the services offered under this tariff, or combinations of services, to Customers on a contractual basis. The terms and conditions of each contract offering are subject to the agreement of both the Customer and Company. Such contract offerings will be made available to similarly situated Customers in substantially similar circumstances. Rates in other sections of this tariff do not apply to Customers who agree to contract arrangements, with respect to services within the scope of the contract.

Services provided under contract are not eligible for any promotional offerings that maybe offered by the Company from time to time.

**7.2 Individual Case Basis Arrangements**

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Arrangements will be developed on an individual case basis (ICB) in response to a bona fide special request from a Customer or prospective Customer to develop a competitive bid for a service. ICB rates will be offered to the Customer in writing and on a non-discriminatory basis.

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**SECTION 8- ACCESS RECOVERY CHARGE**

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**8.1. General Description**

The Company will assess an Access Recovery Charge on end users who obtain local telephone exchange service from the Company's Tariffs.

**8.2 Rates & Charges**

	Maximum Rate per Line
Primary Residential Line	\$0.50
Additional Residential Line	\$0.50
Single Line Business	\$0.50
Multiline Business	\$1.00

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