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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service and Federal Universal Service Charge (T)
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The Telephone Company will provide Carrier Common Line Access Service (Carrier Common Line Access) to customers in conjunction with Switched Access Service provided in Section 6. of this tariff or the appropriate Switched Access Service section of other Access Service tariffs.

3.1 General Description

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

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

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

A Special Access Surcharge, as set forth in 17.3.1 following, will apply to interstate special access service provided by the Telephone Company to a customer, in accordance with regulations as set forth in 7.3 following.

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3.2 Limitations3.2.1 Exclusions

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

3.2.2 Access Groups

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

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

3.2.3 WATS Access Lines

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

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Where the customer is provided Switched Access Service under other sections of this or other Access Service tariffs, the Telephone Company will provide the use of Telephone Company common lines by a customer for access to end users at rates and charges as set forth in 17.1.1 following.

3.3.2 Interstate and Intrastate Use

The Switched Access Service provided by the Telephone Company includes the Switched Access Service provided for both interstate and intrastate communications. The Carrier Common Line Access rates and charges as set forth in 17.1.1 following apply to interstate Switched Access Service access minutes in accordance with the rate regulations as set forth in 3.8.4 following (Percent Interstate Use - PIU).

3.4 Obligations of the Customer3.4.1 Switched Access Service Requirement

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

3.4.2 Supervision

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

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

3.5.1 Determination of Jurisdiction

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

3.5.2 Cases Involving Usage Recording By the Customer

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

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When access to the local exchange is required to provide a customer service (e.g., MTS/WATS-type, telex, Data, etc.) that uses a resold Special Access service, Switched Access Service Rates and Regulations, as set forth in Section 6. following will apply, except when such access to the local exchange is required for the provision of an enhanced service. Carrier Common Line Access rates and charges as set forth in 17.1.1 following apply in accordance with the resale rate regulations as set forth in 3.6.4 following.

3.6 Resold Services3.6.1 Scope

Where the customer is reselling MTS and/or MTS-type service(s) on which the Carrier Common Line and Switched Access charges have been assessed, the customer may, at the option of the customer, obtain Feature Group A, Feature Group B or Feature Group D Switched Access Service under this tariff as set forth in Section 6. following for originating and/or terminating access in the local exchange. Such access group arrangements whether single lines or trunks or multiline hunt groups or trunk groups will have Carrier Common Line Access charges applied as set forth in 17.1.1 following in accordance with the resale rate regulations set forth in 3.6.4 following. For purposes of administering this provision:

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

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

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3.6.2 Customer Obligations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services

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

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

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3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.6.3 Resale Documentation Provided By the Customer

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

3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services

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

(A) Apportionment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use

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

(1) Originating Services

The Telephone Company will apportion the resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type services and originating minutes of use for which the resale credit adjustment applies, among the access groups. Such apportionment will be based on the relationship of the originating usage for each access group to the total originating usage for all access groups in the LATA. For purposes of administering this provision:
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3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Cont'd)(A) Apportionment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use (Cont'd)(1) Originating Services (Cont'd)

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

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

(2) Terminating Services

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

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

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

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

(C) Direct and Indirect Connections

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

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

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

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When all the usage on an access group originates from and/or terminates at end offices that have been converted to equal access, the Premium Access Charge per minute as set forth in 17.1.1 following will apply. The minutes billed Carrier Common Line Access Service charges will be the adjusted originating interstate access minutes and the adjusted terminating interstate access minutes for such access groups.

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

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When an access group has usage that originates from and/or terminates at both end offices that have been converted to equal access and end offices that have not been converted, both premium and non premium per minute charges as set forth in 17.1.1 following will apply respectively. The minutes billed Carrier Common Line Access Service charges will be the adjusted originating interstate access minutes plus the adjusted terminating interstate access minutes for such access groups.

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

The adjusted originating access minutes and the adjusted terminating access minutes will be apportioned between premium and non premium access minutes using end-office specific usage data when available, or when usage data are not available, the premium and non premium ratios developed as set forth in 6.4.1(C)(4) following. The Premium and Non Premium per minute charges set forth in 17.1.1 following will apply to the respective premium and non premium access minutes determined in this manner.

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

(H) Conversion of Billed Usage to Minutes

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

(I) Percent Interstate Use (PIU)

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

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(T)3.8 Rate Regulations3.8.1 Billing of Charges

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

3.8.2 Measuring and Recording of Call Detail

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

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

3.8.4 Percent Interstate Use (PIU)

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

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

- (A) Access minutes for all premium rated Switched Access Service subject to Carrier Common Line charges will be multiplied by the Premium Access per minute rate as set forth in 17.1.1 following.
- (B) Access minutes for all non-premium rated Switched Access Service subject to Carrier Common Line charges will be multiplied by the Non-Premium Access per minute rate as set forth in 17.1.1 following.
- (C) Access minutes for all FGB Access Services with an Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement (ADA) subject to Carrier Common Line Charges will be multiplied by the Premium Access per minute rate as set forth in 17.1.1 following. In non-equal end offices, the result is then multiplied by the ADA rate factor as set forth in 17.2.4 following.
- (D) Carrier Common Line charges shall not be reduced as set forth in 3.6.1 preceding unless Switched Access Charges, as set forth in Section 6. following, are applied to the customer's Switched Access Services.
- (E) Terminating Premium Access or Non-Premium Access, per minute charge(s) apply to:
 - all terminating access minutes of use;
 - less those terminating access minutes of use associated with Wireless Switching Centers (WSCs).
 - all originating access minutes of use associated with FGA Access Services where the off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers;

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- all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 series and 900 numbers, less those originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 series and 900 numbers for which the customer furnishes for each month a report of either the number of calls or minutes or a report of the percent of calls or minutes that terminate in a Switched Access Service that is assessed Carrier Common Line charges.

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

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

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(F) The originating Premium Access or Non-Premium Access, per minute charge(s) apply to:

- all originating access minutes of use;
- less those originating access minutes of use associated with FGA Access Services where the off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers;
- less all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 and 900 numbers;
- less those originating access minutes of use associated with Wireless Switching Centers (WSCs).
- plus all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 series and 900 numbers for which the customer furnishes for each month a report of either the number of calls or minutes or a report of the percent of calls or minutes that terminate in a Switched Access Service that is assessed Carrier Common Line charges, and for which a corresponding reduction in the number of terminating access minutes of use has been made as set forth in (E) preceding.

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(T)3.9 Federal Universal Service Charge

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) recovers the Telephone Company's contribution to various federal universal service funds. The Telephone Company will apply the FUSC through flat-rated, monthly line charges assessed to end users that purchase local exchange service(s) and through a monthly surcharge applied to the total billed charges for interstate special access services ordered by end users, as described below.

The FUSC as set forth in Section 17.1.3, following, will be billed by the Telephone Company when contributing to the universal service funds. The FUSC Basic Rate will not apply to any local exchange service lines purchased by end users participating in the Lifeline assistance program. The FUSC Basic Rate, Business Centrex Rate, and/or the Special Access Services Revenue Surcharge will not apply to any local exchange or interstate special 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.

When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service that is associated with FUSC, one-half of the FUSC Basic Rate per month will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.

3.9.1 Rate Application

Rates for the FUSC are set forth in Section 17.1.3, following.

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

- The Business Centrex Rate applies to each business centrex CO and Centrex CO-like line.
- The Basic Rate applies per line or trunk to all other local exchange services classified as business or residential service, including dormitory/residence centrex services.
- The Special Access Services Revenue Surcharge will be determined by multiplying the surcharge factor in 17.1.3, following, by the end user's total interstate special access services charges at the billing account level.

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