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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

## 3.1 GENERAL

Switched Access Service, which is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to End Users, provides a two-point electrical communications path between a Customer Designated Premises or Wire Center and an End User's End Office Switch. It provides for the use of Company terminating, switching and trunking facilities to originate and terminate calls from an End User's Serving Wire Center to a Customer's switching facilities point of interconnection. Feature Group D (FGD) switched access service is provided as trunk side switching through the use of access tandem switch trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment is provided with SS7, wink-start, start-pulsing signals and answer and disconnect supervisory signaling. An Access Service Request ("ASR") will be used to place an Access Order for new service or to request change to an existing service. A Customer may order any number of services of the same type and between the same premises on a single Access Order. The Customer shall provide to the Company the order information required below:

- Customer name and premises address(es)
- Billing name and address
- Customer contact name(s) and telephone number(s) for all provisioning activities
- Specify the type of Entrance Facility to be used
- Specify directionality of the service

The application of rates for Switched Access Service is described in Section 3.2 following. The cancellation of an Access Order is described in Section 3.5.2 following.

The following provision applies to the treatment of toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic pursuant to the FCC's Part 51 Interconnection rules and in compliance with the FCC's Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 01-92; GN Docket No. 92-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135 and 10-90; and WT docket No. 10-208, adopted October 27, 2011 and released November 18, 2011 (FCC 11-161):

In the absence of an interconnection agreement between the Company and the Customer specifying the treatment of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic, the Company will bill the Customer the applicable switched access rates and charges specified in Section 5 of this Tariff, on all jurisdictionally interstate voice traffic identified as Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic.

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