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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. End User Access Service consists of End User Common Line (EUCL) charges and Access Recovery Charges (ARC).

(N)
(N)

4.1 General

End User Access Service as described in this section relates to EUCL and ARC to provide for the use of an end user common line by an end user.

(N)

4.2 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.

(T)

4.3 Limitations

(T)

(A) Exclusions

Telephone number detail billing, directory listings and intercept arrangements are not included with End User Access. Lifeline Assistance plans may reduce or eliminate End User Access Charges to certain qualifying end users.

(N)
(N)

4.4 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

(T)

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.

- Access Recovery Charge (ARC)¹

(N)

The ARC is assessed when an end user or reseller obtains local exchange service from the Telephone Company, and is a per month rate that is assessed to the end user or reseller of the associated local exchange service.

(N)

- The Telephone Company will be responsible for contacts and arrangements with customers for the billing of End User Access charges.

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¹ Application of the ARC may be subject to revenue benchmark restrictions in compliance with paragraph 915(e) of the FCC USF/ICC Transformation Order, FCC 11-161, issued November 18th, 2011, or not applied by the Company based on its ARC and Tariff Rate Comparison analyses included in its annual TRP filing.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.5 Obligations of Radio Common Carriers (T)

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.

4.6 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (T)

4.6.1 Minimum Period (T)

The minimum period for which 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. (T)

4.6.2 Cancellation of Orders (T)

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

4.6.3 Changes to Orders (T)

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.

4.6.4 Allowance for Interruptions (T)

When there is an interruption to a common line, requested End User Access credit allowances for interruptions will be provided as set forth for credit allowance for interruptions in 2.4.4 preceding. (T)

4.6.5 Temporary Suspension of Service (T)(M)

When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service that is associated with a common line, one-half of the monthly end user access charges will be temporarily suspended for the time period the associated local exchange service is suspended. (T) (M)

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- 4. End User Access Service (Cont'd) (M)
- 4.7 Regulations, Rates and Charges (M)
- EUCL and ARC Rates can be found in Sections 17 and 18 following. (T)
- 4.7.1 Who Is Billed (C)
- EUCL and ARC per month charges will be billed to the end user of the associated Local Exchange Service. (T)
- 4.7.2 Multiparty Service (C)
- The EUCL and ARC charges for each multiparty subscriber shall be assessed as if the subscriber had subscribed to single-party service. (T)
- 4.7.3 Pay Telephone Service (C)
- The EUCL and ARC-Multiline Business rates will be assessed when a Payphone Service Provider obtains an exchange service line for the purposes of offering pay telephone service. (T)
- 4.7.4 Business Services (C)
- (A) Single Line Service (T)
- 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 and ARC 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. (C)

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.7 Regulations, Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(T)

4.7.4 Business Services (Cont'd)

(T)

(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 and ARC -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)

(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 4.7.4 (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)

4.7 Regulations, Rates and Charges (Cont'd) (T)

4.7.5 Radio Common Carriers (T)

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.

4.7.6 Remote Call Forwarding (T)

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)

4.7 Regulations, Rates and Charges (Cont'd) (T)

4.7.7 Residence Services (T)

(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 and ARC 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. (C)

4.7.8 Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Services (T)

(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 and ARC 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 and ARC 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. (C)

(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 and ARC - 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. (C)

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.7 Regulations, Rates and Charges (Cont'd) (T)

4.7.9 DS1 Channel Service (T)

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 and ARC - 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. (C)

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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

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

(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

- Per individual line or trunk \$9.20

(D) Access Recovery Charge (ARC)¹

Residence, Non-Primary Residence, and ISDN BRI \$0.50

Single Line Business and ISDN BRI

- Individual line or trunk, each \$0.50

Multi-Line Business, ISDN PRI, Centrex

- Per individual line or trunk \$1.00

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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 (Cont'd)

17.1.3 Federal Universal Service Charge (M)

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

(A) FUSC Surcharge Factor	<u>Percentage</u> 15.7%	(M) (R)
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17.1.4 ISDN and DS1 Line Ports

17.1.4.1	ISDN Line Ports	<u>Rates</u>
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(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	
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(A)	DS1 Line Port	
	- per DS1 (1.544 Mbps) Channel service	\$23.51

17.1.5 Lifeline Assistance Plan

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.

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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>	
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		
- Per individual line or trunk	\$9.20	
 (D) Access Recovery Charge (ARC) ¹		
Residence, Non-Primary Residence, and ISDN BRI	\$0.50	(N)(M)
Single Line Business and ISDN BRI		
- Individual line or trunk, each	\$0.50	
Multi-Line Business, ISDN PRI, Centrex		
- Per Individual line or trunk	\$1.00	(N)(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)

18.1.3 Federal Universal Service Charge (M)

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

	<u>Percentage</u>	
(A) FUSC Surcharge Factor	15.7%	(M)(R)

18.1.4 ISDN and DS1 Line Ports

18.1.4.1 ISDN Line Ports Rates

(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

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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