
Access Service

1. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Charge - Charges assessed to the Buyer through which the Company is compensated for providing Access.

Access or Access Service - Access or Access Service includes services and facilities provided for the origination or termination of any interstate or foreign Telecommunication regardless of the technology used in transmission. This includes, but is not limited to, local exchange, long distance, and data communications services that may use either TDM or Internet Protocol ("IP") or other technology. Access Service includes the functional equivalent of one or more of the incumbent local exchange carrier interstate exchange access services typically associated with following rate elements: carrier common line (originating); carrier common line (terminating); local end office switching; interconnection charge; information surcharge; tandem switched Transport Termination (fixed); tandem switched Transport Facility (per mile); tandem switching.

Access Code - Denotes a uniform code assigned by the Company to an individual Buyer. The code has the form 101XXXX or 950-XXXX.

Access Line - An arrangement which connects the End User's local exchange service to a Company designated switching center or point of presence.

Access Minutes - The increment for measuring usage of exchange facilities for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage.

Access Service Request (ASR) - The Service Order form used by Access Service Buyers and the Company for the process of establishing, moving or rearranging Access Service provided by the Company.

Access Tandem - A switching system that provides a traffic concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between End Offices and the Buyer's Premises or Point of Presence.

Buyer - The term "Buyer" refers to an Interexchange Carrier utilizing the Company's Access Service to complete a Call. The Buyer is responsible for the payment of charges for any Service it takes from the Company, and compliance with the terms and conditions of this Tariff.

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Call - A communication attempt for which the necessary address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the Company's switch or equivalent facility. The term "Call" expressly includes communications that are delivered to, or received from persons or entities that include, but are not limited to End Users.

Called Party - An End User to whom a call is destined as determined by the dialing instructions of the originating caller or similar instructions provided by an interim carrier.

Central Office - The premises of the Company or another local exchange carrier containing one or more switches where Buyer or End User Access Lines are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other Access Lines, Trunks or access facilities.

Channel - A communications path between two or more points.

Commission - Refers to the Federal Communications Commission.

Company - Used throughout this Tariff to indicate 3L Communications Missouri, LLC.

Constructive Order - In the absence of a written or oral Access Service Request, any delivery of Calls to, or receipt of Calls from, the Company's Network constitutes a Constructive Order to purchase Switched Access Services as described herein. Similarly, the selection of an IXC as an End User's Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier constitutes a Constructive Order for Switched Access Service by the IXC.

CPE - Customer Premises Equipment. All Terminal Equipment or other communications equipment and/or systems provided by the End User for use with the Company's facilities and services.

Customer of an Interstate or Foreign Telecommunications Service - A "Customer of an Interstate or Foreign Telecommunications Service" includes any person or entity who sends or receives an interstate or foreign Telecommunications service transmitted to or from a Buyer across the Company's Network using an End User Access Service pursuant to this tariff and/or a Local Exchange Service purchased from the Company's Local Exchange Tariff. Customer of an Interstate or Foreign Telecommunications Service may include, but is not limited to, residential and/or business service subscribers.

DS0 - Digital Signal Level 0; a dedicated, full duplex digital channel with line speeds of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56 or 64 Kbps.

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DS-1 - Digital Signal Level 1; a dedicated, high capacity, full duplex channel with a line speed of 1.544 Mbps. DS-1 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. Equivalent capacity of 28 DS1 Services.

End Office - The Central Office from which the End User's Designated Premises would normally obtain local exchange service and dial tone from the Company or other local exchange carrier.

End Office Switch - A Company switching system where Buyer facilities are terminated for purposes of interconnection to Access Lines, Trunks or access facilities.

End User – The term “End User” means any party that uses an End User Access Service pursuant to this tariff and/or a Local Exchange Service purchased from the Company’s Local Exchange Tariff. Buyers as defined in this Tariff are not considered to be End Users absent written agreement.

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End User Designated Premises - The premises specified by the End User where the Company’s services will be terminated.

Gbps - Gigabits per second; billions of bits per second.

Host Office - An electronic switching system which provides call processing capabilities for one or more remote switching systems.

Individual Case Basis or ICB – An arrangement whereby the terms, conditions, rates, charges and/or services are developed or modified based on the specific and unique circumstances of the Buyer’s situation. ICB specialized rates, services or charges will be made available to similarly situated Buyers on a non-discriminatory basis.

Interexchange Carrier (IXC or IC) – Any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged in intrastate, interstate, or foreign communication for hire by any means between two or more exchanges.