

CENTRALIZED EQUAL ACCESS SERVICE**CHECK SHEET**

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CENTRALIZED EQUAL ACCESS SERVICE**5. Ordering Options for Switched Access Service****5.1 General**

- (A) This section sets forth the regulations and other related charges for Access Orders for Access Service. These charges are in addition to other applicable charges as set forth in other sections of this Tariff.

An Access Order is an order, in a form or format acceptable to SDN and the customer, to provide the customer with Access Service, access related services, or to provide changes to existing services.

Transport is provided as tandem switched only. Direct-Trunked Transport as defined in Section 2.6 is not available to a Routing Exchange Carrier's end office since equal access is provided through the SDN centralized access tandem (Federal Communications Commission No. DA 90-1964), unless the conditions outlined in 5.1(B) following apply.

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Unless covered under another separate contract or agreement (i.e. transiting traffic service agreement), all traffic delivered by an IC to the SDN access tandem will be considered access traffic and billed accordingly.

- (B) Terminating Direct Trunk Transport may be ordered by a customer terminating high volumes of access minutes to an end office served by a Routing Exchange Carrier or any other entity engaged in Access Stimulation (as defined by the FCC) if the following conditions are applicable:

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1. The Routing Exchange Carrier or any other entity engaged in Access Stimulation has a interstate terminating to originating traffic ratio of at least 3:1 in a calendar month and the minutes are terminating to an end office within a single operating company number (OCN), or
2. The Routing Exchange Carrier or any other entity engaged in Access Stimulation has had more than a 100% growth in interstate terminating switched access minutes of use in a month compared to the same month in the preceding year for a single end office within an operating company number (OCN).

This exception allowing Direct Trunk Transport is only available for an end office within a single OCN for a Routing Exchange Carrier or any other entity engaged in Access Stimulation. Direct Trunk Transport is not available for an end office within an OCN for a Routing Exchange Carrier not engaged in Access Stimulation.

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CENTRALIZED EQUAL ACCESS SERVICE5. Ordering Options for Switched Access Service (Cont'd)5.1.1 Ordering Conditions

Access Service may be ordered from SDN. Switched Access Service is provided in Feature Group D with Signaling System Number 7 (SS7) arrangements only between the customer's point of termination at SDN's central access tandem and a Routing Exchange Carrier's point of interconnection. Access Service between a customer's premises and the customer's point of termination at the SDN access tandem is solely the responsibility of the customer and must be provided by the customer or ordered from another carrier. Access Service from the Routing Exchange Carrier's point of interconnection to an end office must be ordered from a Routing Exchange Carrier or other Exchange Telephone Company. SDN will determine the Transport facilities to be provided between a Routing Exchange Carrier's point of interconnection and SDN's central access tandem on the basis of the capacity ordered.

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The customer shall supply all the necessary information to provide service, (e.g., customer name, customer address, customer contact and facility interface, etc.)

Orders for Access Service between SDN's central access tandem and the Routing Exchange Carrier's point of interconnection shall be in BHMCs.

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