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The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) recovers the Telephone Company's contribution to various federal universal service funds. FUSC will be billed by only those Telephone Companies contributing to the universal service funds and listed in Section 17.7, following. The Telephone Company will apply a surcharge factor each month to the billed charges for interstate access services provided to end users from this Tariff.

FUSC will not apply to any billed charges for an end user when the interstate access service provided to the end user qualifies under the federal universal service guidelines for Lifeline Assistance. FUSC will not apply to interstate 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.

3.9.1 Rate Regulations

The Telephone Company will bill FUSC each month as described below. The FUSC Surcharge Factor and the Multiline Business End User Common Line (MLB EUCL) FUSC Surcharge Factor are set forth in Sections 17.1.3(A) and 17.1.3(B), following.

(A) FUSC Surcharge Factor

Except as specified in (B) below, the Telephone Companies listed in Section 17.7(A), following, will multiply the FUSC Surcharge Factor set forth in Section 17.1.3(A), following, against the end user's billed interstate access services charges.

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In lieu of applying the FUSC Surcharge Factor specified in (A), above, against MLB EUCL charges, the Telephone Companies listed in Section 17.7(B), following, will apply the MLB EUCL FUSC Surcharge Factor set forth in Section 17.1.3(B), following, as described below:

(1) For non-Centrex MLB EUCL customers, including Payphone Service Providers (PSPs) who purchase local exchange service lines for their own administrative purposes, the Telephone Company will multiply the MLB EUCL FUSC Surcharge Factor against the end user's billed MLB EUCL charges, except as provided in (a) below.

(C)

(C)

(a) For local exchange service lines purchased by a PSP that are used in the provisioning of payphone service to the PSP's customers, the Telephone Company will multiply the FUSC Surcharge Factor, described in (A) above, against the PSP's billed MLB EUCL charges.

(N)

(N)

(2) For Centrex MLB EUCL customers, the Telephone Company will multiply the MLB EUCL FUSC Surcharge Factor against one ninth of the end user's billed MLB EUCL charges.

The Telephone Companies listed in Section 17.7(B), following, will also apply the FUSC Surcharge Factor as described in (A) above to all other interstate access services provided to MLB EUCL customers.

The Telephone Company specific rate band assignment for the MLB EUCL FUSC Surcharge Factor is specified in Section 17.7(B), following.

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When an end user is provided Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Basic Rate Interface (BRI) and/or ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) local exchange service by the Telephone Company under the general or local exchange tariff, ISDN Line Port rates apply. ISDN Line Port rates recover the costs of ISDN line ports to the extent these costs exceed the cost of a line port used for basic, analog service.

When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service that is associated with ISDN BRI and/or ISDN PRI, one-half of the ISDN Line Port rate per month will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.

3.10.1 Rate Application

Rates for ISDN Line Ports are set forth in Section 17.1.4, following.

The monthly rate applies to each ISDN service arrangement ordered from the Telephone Company's general or local exchange tariff, as described below.

- The ISDN BRI Line Port rate applies to each ISDN BRI arrangement.
- The ISDN PRI Line Port rate applies to each ISDN PRI arrangement.

3.11 DS1 Line Port

When an end user is provided a DS1 (1.544 Mbps) local exchange service by the Telephone Company under the general and/or local exchange tariff(s), and where the end user provides the terminating channelization equipment, a DS1 Line Port rate will apply. The DS1 Line Port rate recovers the line port costs of the DS1 channel service to the extent these costs exceed the cost of a line port used for basic, analog service.

When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service that is associated with DS1 channel service, one-half of the DS1 Line Port rate per month will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.

3.11.1 Rate Application

The DS1 Line Port rate is set forth in Section 17.1.5, following.

This monthly rate applies to each DS1 (1.544 Mbps) channel service ordered from the Telephone Company's general and/or local exchange tariff, where the end user provides the terminating channelization equipment.

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