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1. Application of Tariff

- 1.1 This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Switched Access, Special Access, Digital Subscriber Line Access Service, Public Packet Data Network, and other miscellaneous services, hereinafter referred to collectively as service(s). These services are provided to customers by the Issuing Carriers of this tariff, hereinafter the Telephone Company. This tariff also contains Access Ordering regulations and charges that are applicable when these services are ordered or modified by the customer.
- 1.2 The provision of such services by the Telephone Company as set forth in this tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the customer for the furnishing of any service.
- 1.3 All rates and charges set forth in this tariff provide for the furnishing of service where suitable facilities are available, and for installation in normal locations under normal working conditions, as determined by the Telephone Company. When special construction of access facilities is involved or when expedited or other abnormal installation is required, additional charges may apply and such charges based on the estimated costs associated with such special construction or installation will be developed as occasion requires. Special construction is involved when, at the request of a customer or group of customers, the Telephone Company constructs access facilities in order to provide service, and conditions, such as one or more of the following are present:
- (a) There is no requirement for the facilities so constructed, other than to furnish the requested service.
  - (b) The facilities are of a type, or over a routing, other than that which the Telephone Company would normally utilize.
  - (c) The Telephone Company constructs a greater quantity of facilities than it would otherwise construct in order to fulfill the initial requirements of service.
  - (d) The Telephone Company expedites construction at greater expense than would otherwise be incurred.
  - (e) The Telephone Company constructs temporary facilities to provide service for the period during which permanent facilities are under construction.

Special construction, when ordered by the customer will be provided and filed in this tariff.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report Requirements - Switched Access (Cont'd)(C) Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access (Cont'd)(1) General (Cont'd)

The PIUs described in (2) through (4) following are applied to usage rated Carrier Common Line, Local Switching and Tandem Switched Transport charges. Separate PIUs are required for flat rated Entrance Facilities, Direct Trunked Transport and Multiplexers.

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(2) Feature Groups A and B

- (a) When a customer orders Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Service the customer shall, in its order, state the projected interstate percentage for interstate usage for each Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Service group ordered. The term group shall be construed to mean single lines or trunks as well. If the customer discontinues some but not all of the Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Services in a group, it shall provide the projected interstate percentage for such services which are remaining.
- (b) For multiline hunt group or trunk group arrangements where either the interstate or the intrastate charges are based on measured usage, the interstate Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Service(s) information will be used to determine the charges. For all groups the number of access minutes (either measured or assumed) for a group will be multiplied by the projected interstate percentage to develop the interstate access minutes. The number of access minutes for the group minus the developed interstate access minutes for the group will be the developed intrastate access minutes.

(3) Feature Groups C and D

When a customer orders Feature Group C or Feature Group D Switched Access Service(s) the customer may provide the projected interstate usage for each end office in its order. Alternatively the Telephone Company, where the jurisdiction can be determined from the call detail, will determine the projected interstate percentage as follows:

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## (d) For Feature Groups A, B, C, and D Direct Trunked Transport:

- multiply the number of airline miles, as set forth in (a) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (b) preceding, times the Direct Trunked Facility rate.
- The Direct Trunked Termination rate is applied as set forth in 6.1.3(A) following. The Switched Access Nonrecurring Charges are applied as set forth in 6.4.1(B) following. (Note: The BP is not applied to either the Switched Access Direct Trunked Termination rate or any Nonrecurring Charge.)

## (e) For Feature Groups A, B, C, and D.

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- When the Entrance Facility and/or Multiplexing equipment is located within the operating territory of a Telephone Company participating in this Tariff, the Entrance Facility and/or Multiplexing charge will apply.
- The Billing Percentage (BP) is not applicable to the Entrance Facility or Multiplexer.

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## (f) For Special Access, multiply the number of airline miles, as set forth in (a) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (b) preceding, times the Channel Mileage Facility rate and add the Channel Mileage Termination rate.

The Special Access Channel Mileage Termination rate and nonrecurring charges are applied as set forth in 7.2.1(B)(2) and 7.2.2(C) following. (Note: The BP is not applied to either the Channel Mileage Termination Rate or any Nonrecurring Charge.)

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The following example reflects the rate calculations for TC-A, a Telephone Company participating in this Tariff.

- Assume:

Airline miles (ALM) TC A premises to TC B Tandem = 22.1, rounded = 23.

Billing Percentage (BP)

TC A = 80%

TC B = 20%

Access Minutes (AM) = 9000

Tandem Switched Facility Rate = TSF

Tandem Switched Termination Rate = TST

Tandem Switching Rate = TS

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Carrier Common Line Charge = CCL

End Office Charges = EO

- Telephone Company A charges are:

Tandem Switched Facility charge = 9,000 min. x 23 mi. x 80% x TSF rate

Tandem Switched Termination charge = 9,000 min. x TST rate

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Carrier Common Line charge = 9,000 min. x CCL rate

End Office Charges = 9,000 min. x EO rates

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service, Federal Universal Service Charge (Cont'd)3.9 Federal Universal Service Charge

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) recovers the Telephone Company's contribution to various federal universal service funds. 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 the Lifeline Assistance Program. 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.

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3.9.1 Rate Regulations

The FUSC Surcharge Factor is set forth in Section 17.1.2(A), following.

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4. End User Access Service4.1 Regulations, Rates and Charges

The following Rules and Regulations apply only to this tariff.

4.2 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.

4.2.1 General Description

End User Access provides for the use of an End User Common Line (EUCL) and an Access Recovery Charge (ARC). Use of a subscriber line is provided twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

4.2.2 Limitations(A) Exclusions

Neither a telephone number nor detail billing is provided with End User Access. Directory listings and Intercept arrangements are not included with End User Access.

(B) Lifeline Assistance Program

The federal Lifeline Assistance Program is designed to provide a credit to monthly end user access charges for qualifying low income residential subscribers. When a carrier is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the Lifeline Assistance Program and when an eligible residential end user qualifies for the Lifeline Assistance Program in association with local residential exchange service of that carrier, the EUCL and ARC Residence rates as set forth in 17.1.1, following, are waived.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)4.2 End User Access Service (Cont'd)4.2.3 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

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The Telephone Company will provide End User Access at rates and charges as set forth in rate sections following, as follows:

(A) End User Common Line (EUCL)

Use of a EUCL by an end user in connection with interstate Access Services provided under this tariff. Such use will be provided when the end user obtains local exchange service.

(B) Access Recovery Charge (ARC)

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.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.2 End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.2.6 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(G) Residence Services

(1) Single Line and Multiline Service

When an end user is provided local residence exchange service(s) in a state, multiparty service included, and when the local residence exchange service is provided under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, the EUCL and ARC Residence - Individual line or trunk rate as set forth in rate sections following, applies to each such local residence exchange service. In the case of multiparty service each party is deemed to be a user of a EUCL and ARC. These charges will be waived for residence customers who receive Lifeline Assistance Program benefits.

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(2) Centrex CO and CO-Like Dormitory Service

Regulations concerning the application of EUCL and ARC charges to student or faculty dormitory (residential) quarters served by Centrex CO or CO-like service are set forth in 4.6.4(C) preceding.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.2 End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.2.6 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

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(H) Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Services

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(1) 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 or one (1) EUCL and ARC Single Line Business-Individual line or trunk charge applies to each ISDN BRI arrangement.

(2) 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 apply to each ISDN PRI arrangement.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)5.2 Ordering Requirements5.2.1 Switched Access Service

When ordering Switched Access service, the customer must specify whether the service is to be provided as (1) Direct Trunked Transport to the end office or (2) Direct Trunked Transport to a tandem which connects with Tandem Switched Transport from the tandem to the end office. When all or a portion of service is ordered as Direct Trunked Transport, the customer must specify the type and quantity of Direct Trunked Transport facility (e.g., Voice Grade or High Capacity DS1 or DS3).

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The Customer must also specify the type of Entrance Facility to be used for Switched Access (e.g., Voice Grade or High Capacity). For High Capacity Entrance Facilities, the customer must specify the facility assignment and the channel assignment for each trunk.

Direct Trunked Transport is available at all tandems and at all end offices except those end offices identified in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 as not having the capability to provide Direct Trunked Transport. Direct Trunked Transport is not available: (1) from end offices that provide equal access through a Centralized Equal Access arrangement, or (2) from end offices that lack recording or measurement capability.

Normally, Direct Trunked Transport of originating 800 series calls from an end office is available only from Service Switching Point (SSP) equipped end offices. However, certain SSP equipped end offices cannot accommodate the direct trunking of the 888 service access code. These end offices are identified in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4. Additionally, certain non-SSP equipped end offices can accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 series calls. These end offices are also identified in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

When the customer has both Tandem Switched Transport and Direct Trunked Transport at the same end office, the customer will be provided Alternate Traffic Routing as set forth in 6.4.6 following.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)5.4.3 Access Order Change Charges (Cont'd)(A) Service Date Change

The customer may request a change of service date on a pending Access Order prior to the service date. A change of service date is a change of the scheduled service date by the customer to either an earlier date or a later date which does not exceed 60 calendar days from the original service date.

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If the Telephone Company determines that the customer's request can be accommodated without delaying the service dates for orders of other customers, the service date will be changed and the Service Date Change Charge as set forth in Section 17 following, will be applied to the order.

If the service date is changed to an earlier date the customer will be notified by the Telephone Company that Expedited Order Charges as set forth in 5.1.2 preceding apply. Such charges will apply in addition to the Service Date Change Charge.

If the requested service date exceeds 60 calendar days following the original service date, and the Telephone Company determines that the customer's request can be accommodated, the Telephone Company will cancel the original order and apply the Cancellation Charges as set forth in 5.5.3 following. A new Access Order with a new service date will be issued. The Service Date Change Charge will not apply, however, the Access Order Charge will apply to the new order.

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If the service date is changed due to a design change as set forth in (B) following, the Service Date Change Charge will apply.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)5.5 Minimum Periods and Cancellations5.5.1 Minimum Periods

The minimum period for part-time Video and Program Audio Special Access Services is one day even though the service will be provided only for the duration of the event specified on the order (e.g., one-half hour, two hours, five hours, etc.).

The minimum period for Switched Access High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facilities and Direct Trunked Transport is as set forth in 6.1.3 following. The minimum period for High Capacity DS1 and DS3 Special Access Services<sup>(1)</sup> is as set forth in 7.2.8, following.

Switched Access usage rated services (i.e., End Office, Common Line and Tandem Switched Transport) have no minimum period.

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The minimum period for which all other Access Service is provided and for which charges are applicable is one month.

5.5.2 Development of Minimum Period Charges

When Access Service is disconnected after commencement of service, but prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable for the balance of the minimum period. A disconnect constitutes facilities being returned to available inventory.

The Minimum Period Charge for monthly billed services will be determined as follows:

- (A) For Switched Access Service, the charge for a month or fraction thereof is equal to the applicable recurring charges plus any nonrecurring and/or Special Construction charge(s) that may be due.
- (B) For Special Access Service, flat rated Switched Access Service, and Public Packet Data Network Service the charge for a month or fraction thereof is the applicable monthly rates for the appropriate channel type plus any optional features, nonrecurring and/or special construction charge(s) that may apply.
- (C) The Minimum Period Charge for Digital Subscriber Line Access Service is the applicable monthly rate or fraction thereof plus any nonrecurring charge(s) that may apply.

<sup>(1)</sup> The CenturyLink services previously identified on this page are no longer offered under tariff. Effective March 13, 2015, the Commission granted forbearance from dominant carrier regulation of these services. [http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2015/db0316/DOC-332526A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2015/db0316/DOC-332526A1.pdf)  
The rates, terms and conditions associated with these services are now available at:  
<http://www.centurylink.com/Pages/AboutUs/Legal/Tariffs/displayTariffLandingPage.html>

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)5.5 Minimum Period and Cancellations (Cont'd)5.5.2 Development of Minimum Period Charges (Cont'd)

The Minimum Period Charge for part-time Video and Program Audio Services is the applicable daily rate for the appropriate channel type as set forth in 7.2.4 following.

5.5.3 Cancellation of an Access Order

- (A) A customer may cancel an Access Order for the installation of service on any date prior to the service date. The cancellation date is the date the Telephone Company receives written or verbal notice from the customer that the order is to be canceled. The verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within 10 days. If a customer or a customer's end user is unable to accept Access Service within 30 calendar days after the original service date, the customer has the choice of the following options:

- The Access Order shall be canceled and charges set forth in (B) following will apply or,
- Billing for the service will commence.

In such instances, the cancellation date or the billing date, depending on which option is selected by the customer, shall be the 31st day beyond the original service date of the Access Order.

**For all orders placed before the effective date of this tariff, December 2, 2016, the preceding ordering options will be in effect. For all orders placed on or after the effective date of this tariff, December 2, 2016, the following ordering options will be in effect.**

A customer may cancel an Access Order for the installation of service at any time prior to notification by the Telephone Company that service is available for the customer's use. The cancellation date is the date the Telephone Company receives written or verbal notice from the customer that the order is to be canceled. The verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within 10 days. If a customer or a customer's end user is unable to accept Access Service within 30 calendar days of the latest agreed upon service date (i.e. firm order confirmation date), the customer has the choice of the following options:

- The Access Order will be canceled and charges set forth in (B) following will apply if the service has not been fully provisioned; or
- The Access Order will be completed and billing for the service will commence if the service has been fully provisioned or the customer has indicated that billing for the service should begin.

- (B) When a customer cancels an Access Order for the installation of service, a Cancellation Charge will apply as follows:

- (1) Installation of Switched Access, Special Access or Public Packet Data Network Service facilities is considered to have started when the Telephone Company incurs any cost in connection therewith or in preparation thereof which would not otherwise have been incurred.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

The following diagram depicts a generic view of the components of Switched Access Service and the manner in which the components are combined to provide a complete Access Service.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.1 General (Cont'd)6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)(8) Chargeable Optional Features

Common Channel Signaling, Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) Network Connection (CCSNC) Service provides a signaling path between a customer's designated Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI) and a Telephone Company's Signaling Transfer Point (STP). CCSNC is provided as set forth in 6.10.5 following.

TFC Data Base Access Service is provided to all customers in conjunction with FGC and FGD switched access service. A Basic or Vertical Feature Query charge, as set forth in Section 17 following, is assessed for each completed query returned from the 800 data base whether or not the actual call is delivered to the customer. The query is considered completed when the appropriate call routing information is returned to the Service Switching Point (SSP) that launched the query. The Basic Query provides the identification of the customer to whom the call will be delivered and includes area of service routing which allows routing of TFC series calls by telephone companies to different interexchange carriers based on the Local Access Transport Area (LATA) in which the call originates. The Vertical Feature Query provides this same customer identification function in addition to vertical features which may include: (1) call validation (ensuring that calls originate from subscribed service areas); (2) POTS translation of TFC series numbers (which is generally necessary for the routing of TFC series calls); (3) alternate POTS translation (which allows subscribers to vary the routing of 800 series calls based on factors such as time of day, place of origination of the call, etc.); and (4) multiple carrier routing (which allows subscribers to route to different carriers based on factors similar to those in (3)).

(B) End Office

The End Office rate category establishes the charges related to the local end office switching and end user termination functions necessary to complete the transmission of Switched Access communications to and from the end users served by the local end office. The End Office rate category includes the Local Switching rate element.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.2 Minimum Monthly Charge

Switched Access Service is subject to a minimum monthly charge. The minimum charge applies for the total capacity provided. The minimum monthly charge is calculated as follows.

For usage rated Local Transport and Local Switching rate elements, the minimum monthly charge is the sum of the recurring charges set forth in Section 17 following for either the actual measured usage or the assumed usage prorated to the number of days or major fraction of days based on a 30 day month.

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For flat rated Local Transport rate elements, the minimum monthly charge is the sum of the recurring charges set forth in Section 17 following prorated to the number of days or major fraction of days on a 30 day month.

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