

ACCESS SERVICE

Consolidated Communications Companies

REGULATIONS, RATES AND CHARGES

**Applying to the Provision of Access Services
for Connection to Interstate Communications Facilities
for Interstate Customers within the operating territory of the Issuing Carrier listed below.**

Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania, L.L.C.

Access Services are provided by means of wire, radio, satellite
or other suitable technology or a combination thereof.

All material in this entire tariff is new. (Z)

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**The terms and conditions for all Access Services provided by Consolidated Communications of
issuing carrier are found in National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 (Z)**

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

NO CONCURRING CARRIERS

CONNECTING CARRIERS

NO CONNECTING CARRIERS

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

NONE

REGISTERED SERVICE MARKS AND TRADEMARKS

NONE

USERS GUIDE

General

- This tariff references the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Access Service Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 for its terms and conditions. This tariff contains rates applicable to Interstate Access Services provided by the issuing carrier. (Z)
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REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

Whenever reference is made in this Tariff to other tariffs of the Telephone Company, the reference is to the tariffs in force as of the effective date of this Tariff, and to amendments thereto and successive issues thereof.

The following tariff is referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the National Exchange Carrier Association, 80 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981-1009 or in electronic format on the internet at www.neca.org

National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.
Tariff F.C.C. No. 5

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REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

Technical Publications referenced in this Tariff are the same as those set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Access Services are the same as those set forth in Section 2 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, except as set forth following: (Z)

References to Directory Assistance Services are not applicable as the service is not offered.

References to DA Service and Directory Access Service are not applicable as the services are not offered.

References to Directory Transport are not applicable as the service is not offered.

Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (N)

(1) Meet Point Billing

(A) Determination of Meet Point Billed
Local Transport and Channel Mileage Charges

- (i) Originating rates are applicable when originating Tandem Switched Transport is provided. Terminating Tandem 3rd Party rates are applicable when Terminating Tandem Switched Transport is provided through a Telephone Company Access Tandem and the Terminating End Office is not owned by the Telephone Company. Terminating Tandem 3rd Party rates are also applicable when Terminating Tandem Switched Transport is provided through an ILEC Access Tandem not owned by the Telephone Company and the Terminating end Office is owned by the Telephone Company (including Direct-Trunked Transport arrangements), otherwise, Terminating – Tandem End Office rates apply. For Feature Groups A, B and D Tandem Switched Transport using BP Method, (a) multiply the number of originating and terminating access minutes of use routed over the facility times the number of airline miles, as set forth in (i) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (ii) preceding, times the Tandem Switched Facility rate; (b) multiply the Tandem Switched Terminating rate times the number of originating and terminating access minutes routed over the facility; (c) when a tandem office is located within the Telephone Company's operating territory, multiply the tandem switching rate times the number of originating and terminating access minutes that are switched at the tandem.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

- (1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (A) Determination of Meet Point Billed
Local Transport and Channel Mileage Charges (Cont'd)
 - (i) (Cont'd)

The Tandem Switched Transportation rates are applied as set forth in 6.1.3(A) following.

The Switched Access Nonrecurring Charges are applied. (Note: The BP is not applied to the Tandem Switched Termination and Tandem Switching rates or any non-recurring charge.)
 - (ii) For Feature Groups A, B and D, Direct Trunked Transport, (a) multiply the number of airline miles, as set forth in (i) preceding, times the BP for each telephone company as set forth in (ii) preceding, times the Direct Trunked Facility Rate. The Switched Access non-recurring charges are applied. (Note: The BP is not applied to either the Direct Trunked Termination rate or any non-recurring charge.)
 - (iii) For Feature Groups A, B and D, the Billing Percentage (BP) is not applicable to the Entrance Facility or Multiplexer.
 - (iv) For Special Access using BP method, multiply the number of airline miles, as set forth in (i) preceding, times the BP for each telephone company, as set forth in (ii) preceding, times the Channel Mileage Facility rate. Add the Channel Mileage Termination rate for each termination provided by the Telephone Company.
 - (v) When three or more telephone companies are involved in providing an Access Service, the intermediate telephone company(s) will determine the appropriate charges as set forth in (iii) through (vi) preceding. Additionally, when a segment of the Tandem Switched Facility, Direct Trunked Facility or Channel Mileage Facility is measured to the intermediate office(s), the Tandem Switched Termination, Direct Trunked Termination or Channel Mileage Termination rates are also applied at the intermediate telephone company(s) office(s).
 - (vi) Nonrecurring charges (NRCs) are not subject to jointly provided services. The Company's NRCs are developed based on Company specific operational costs and are one-time charges that apply for a company specific work activity (i.e., installation or change to and existing service). Specific nonrecurring charges are set forth in Section 17.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

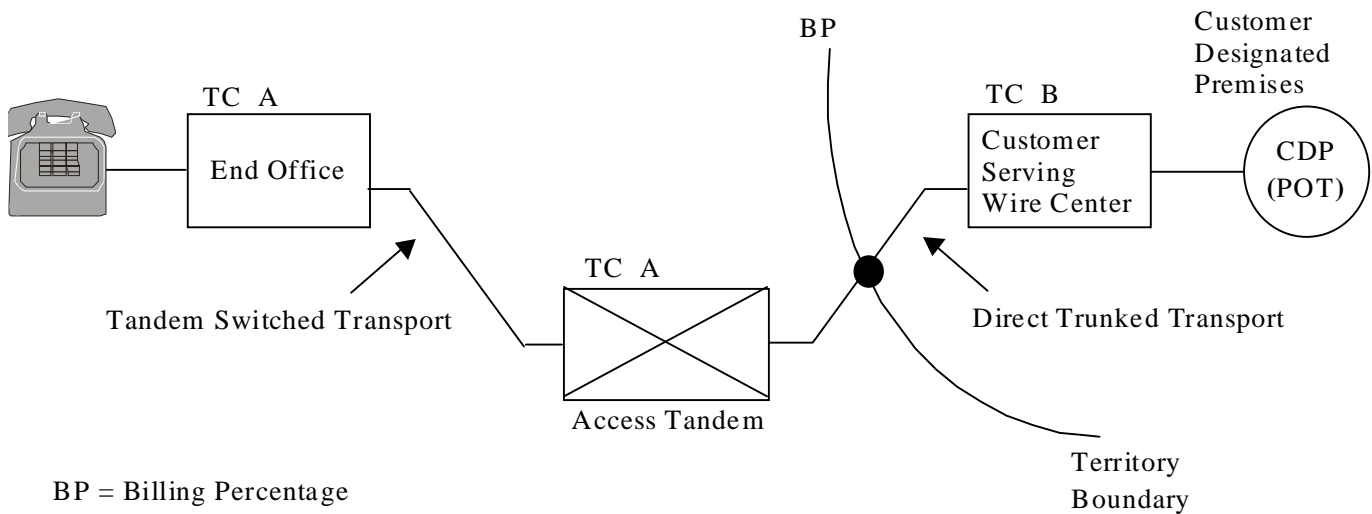
(B) Example 1 – Originating Switched Access

(1) Layout

- (a) Feature Group D Switched Access is ordered to End Office A.
- (b) Originating End Office and Access Tandem are in operating territory of Telephone Company A (TC-A): Consolidated Communications Companies or “CCC.”
- (c) Customer designated premises is in operating territory of Telephone Company B.

Telephone Company A
(TC A = Consolidated Communications Companies, “CCC”)

Telephone Company B
(TC B = Non-CCC)



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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(B) Example 1 – Originating Switched Access (Cont'd)

The following examples reflect the rate calculations for an end office company (TC A).

(2) Assumptions:

TC-A Direct Trunk Transport BP = 40%

TC-B Direct Trunk Transport BP = 60%

Direct Trunked Transport mileage = 26 mi.

Tandem Switched Transport mileage = 23 mi.

Access Minutes = 9,000

Tandem Switched Facility Rate = TSF

Tandem Switched Termination Rate = TST

Tandem Switching Rate = TS

End Office Charges = EO

Direct Trunked Facility Rate = DTF

Direct Trunked Termination Rate = DTT

(3) Calculation:

Telephone Company A charges are:

Tandem Switched Facility charge

= 9,000 min. X 23 mi. X TSF rate

Tandem Switched Termination

= 9,000 min. X 2 Terminations X TST rate

Tandem Switching charge

= 9,000 min. X TS rate

End Office

= 9,000 min. X EO rates

Direct Trunked Facility charge

= 26 miles X DTF rate X 40%

Direct Trunked Termination charge

= 1 termination X DTT rate

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(C) Example 2 – Terminating Switched Access Tandem 3rd Party
(see diagram 2a and 2b)

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(1) Layout:

- Feature Group D Switched Access is ordered to End Office.
- Terminating Access Tandem is owned by Consolidated Communications Companies, “CCC” (TC-A) and End Office is owned by a non-CCC ILEC (TC-B)

(2) Assumptions:

- o TC-A Direct Trunk Transport BP = 40%
(where applicable Diagram 2A)
- o TC-B Direct Trunk Transport BP = 60%
(where applicable Diagram 2A)
- o Direct Trunk Transport mileage = 26 mi.
- o TC-A Tandem Switched Transport BP = 20%
- o TC-B Tandem Switched Transport BP = 80%
- o Tandem Switched Transport mileage = 23 mi.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

(C) Example 2 – Terminating Switched Access Tandem 3rd Party
(see diagram 2a and 2b) (Cont'd)

Diagram 2a

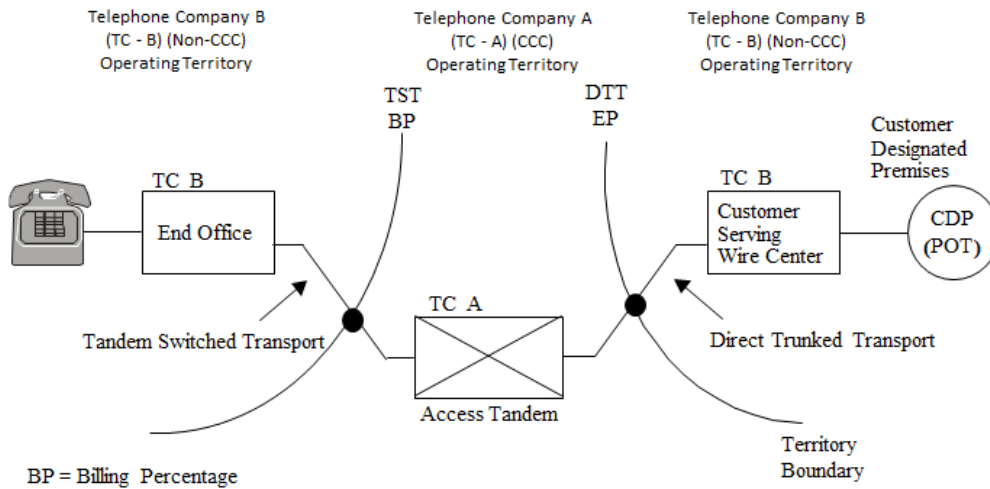
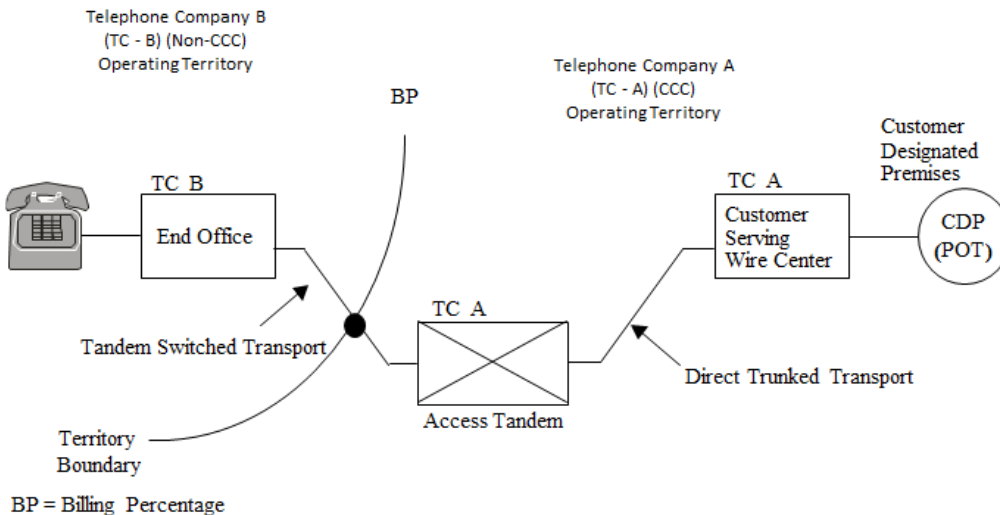


Diagram 2b



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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(C) Example 2 – Terminating Switched Access Tandem 3rd Party
(see diagram 2a and 2b) (Cont'd)

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(3) Calculation

Example 2 Telephone Company A charges are:

Tandem Switched Facility – 3rd Party charge
= 9,000 min. x 23 mi. x TSF-3rd Party rate x 20%Tandem Switched Termination – 3rd Party charge
= 1 termination x 9,000 min. x TST-3rd Party rateTandem Switching – 3rd Party charge
= 9,000 min. x TS-3rd Party rateDirect Trunked Facility charge
2A = 26 miles x DTF rate x 40%
2B = 26 miles x DTF rateDirect Trunked Termination charge
2A = 1 termination x DTT rate
2B = 2 termination x DTT rate

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(D) Example 3: Terminating Switched Access Tandem End Office
(See Diagram 3)

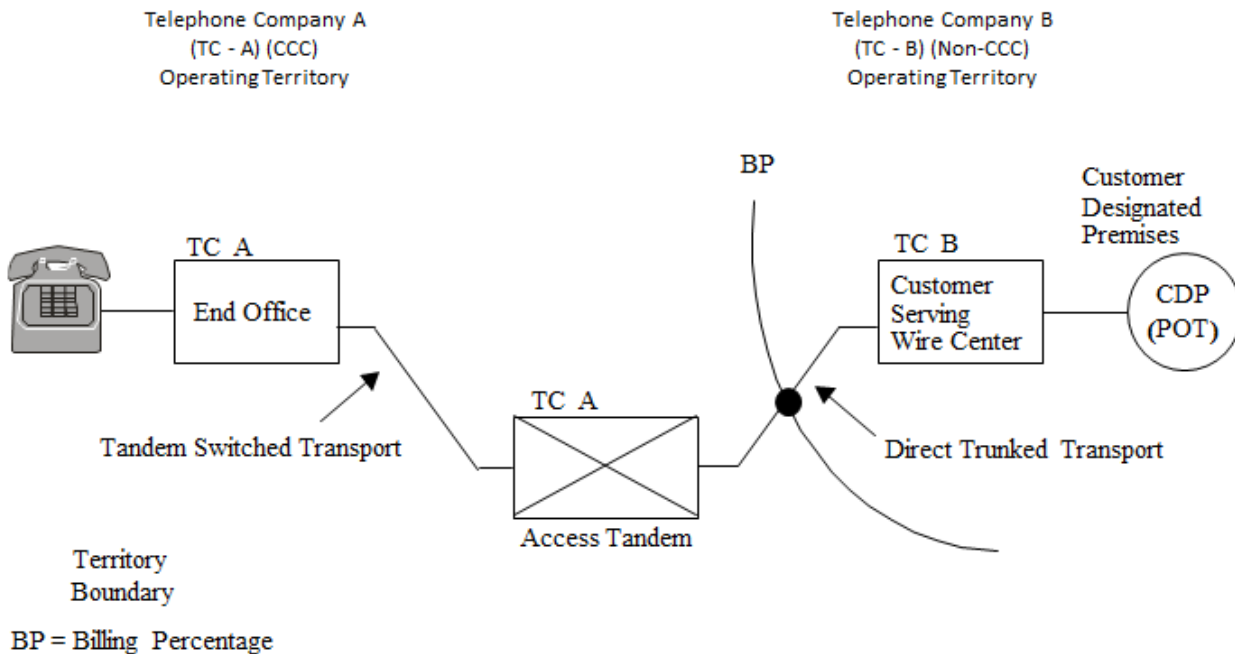
(1) Layout:

- Feature Group D Switched Access is ordered to End Office.
- Terminating End Office and Access Tandem are both owned by Consolidated Communications Companies, "CCC" (TC-A)

(2) Assumptions:

- o TC-A Direct Trunk Transport BP = 40%
- o TC-B Direct Trunk Transport BP = 60%
- o Direct Trunk Transport mileage = 26 mi.
- o Tandem Switched Transport mileage = 23 mi.

Diagram 3



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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(D) Example 3: Terminating Switched Access Tandem End Office
(See Diagram 3) (Cont'd)

(3) Calculation

Example 3 Telephone Company A charges
are:

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

Tandem Switched Facility – End Office charge
= 9,000 min. x 23 mi. x TSF-End Office rate

Tandem Switched Termination – End Office
charge
= 2 terminations x 9,000 min. x TST-End Office
rate

Tandem Switching – End Office charge
= 9,000 min. x TS-End Office rate

Direct Trunked Facility Charge
= 26 miles x DTF rate x 40%

Direct Trunked Termination charge
= 1 termination x DTT rate

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

(E) Example 4: Originating Switched Access Consolidated Communications Companies, "CCC" owns only the End Office (See Diagram 4)

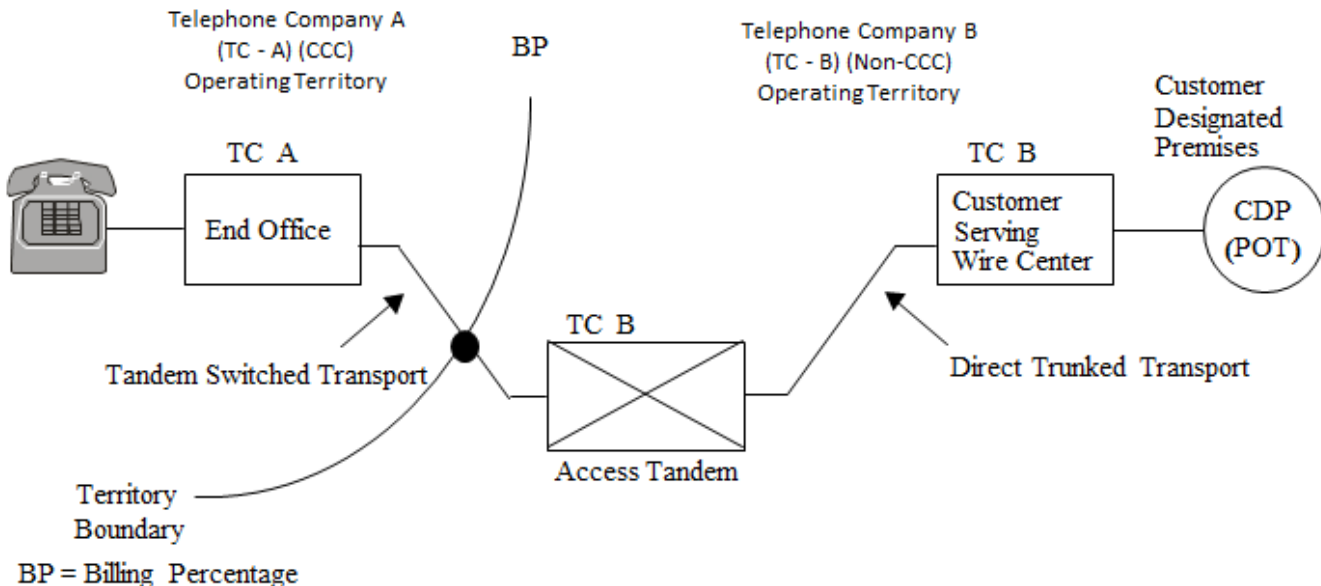
(1) Layout:

- Feature Group D Switched Access is ordered to End Office
- End Office is owned by Consolidated Communications Companies, "CCC" (TC-A)
- Access Tandem is owned by a non-CCC (TC-B)

(2) Assumptions:

- Direct Trunk Transport mileage = 26 mi.
- TC-A Tandem Switched Transport BP = 80%
- TC-B Tandem Switched Transport BP = 20%
- Tandem Switched Transport mileage = 23 mi.

Diagram 4



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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

(E) Example 4: Originating Switched Access Consolidated Communications Companies, "CCC" owns only the End Office (See Diagram 4) (Cont'd)

(3) Calculation:

Example 4 Telephone Company A charges are:

End Office charges = 9,000 min. x EO rate

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

Tandem Switched Termination charge
= 1 termination x 9,000 min. x TST rate

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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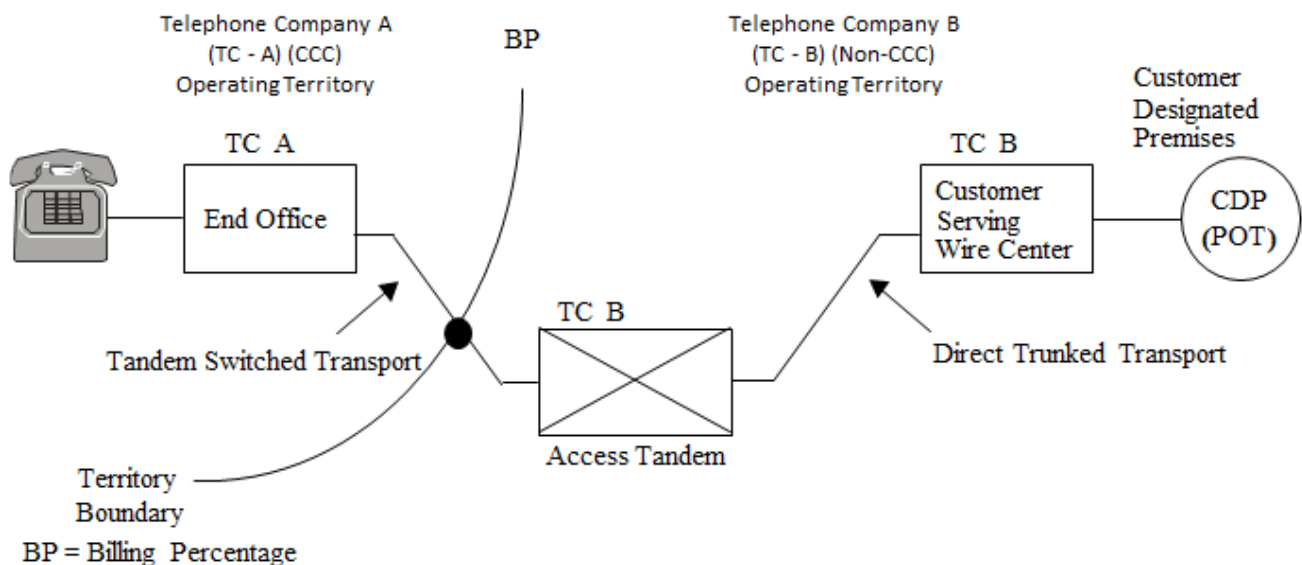
Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

(F) Example 5: Terminating Switched Access –Tandem 3rd Party (See Diagram 5)

(1) Layout:

- Feature Group D Switched Access is ordered to End Office
- End Office is owned by Consolidated Communications Companies, "CCC" (TC-A)
- Access Tandem is owned by a non-CCC ILEC (TC-B)

Diagram 5

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

(F) Example 5: Terminating Switched Access –Tandem 3rd Party
(See Diagram 5) (Cont'd)

(3) Calculation:

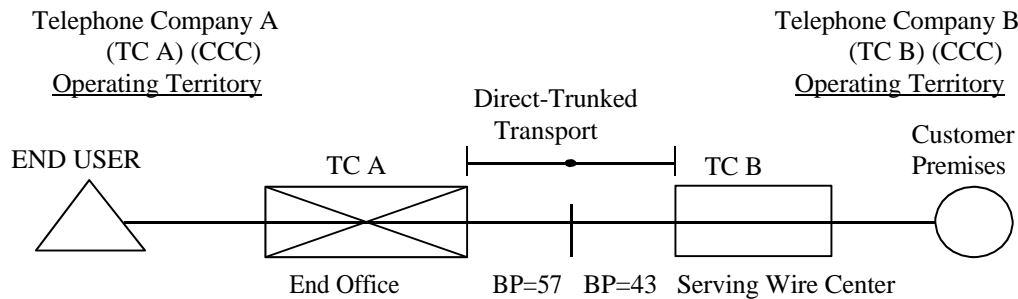
Example 5 Telephone Company A
charges are:

End Office charges = 9,000 min. x EO rate

Tandem Switched Facility 3rd Party charge
= 9,000 min. x 23 mi. x TSF-3rd Party rate x 80%

Tandem Switched Termination 3rd Party charge
= 1 termination x 9,000 min. x TST-3rd Party rate

(H) Example 6: Switched Access with Direct-Trunked Transport



(1) Layout

(a) Feature Group D Switched Access is ordered to
End Office A.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

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Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

(H) Example 6: Switched Access with Direct-Trunked Transport (Cont'd)

(1) Layout (Cont'd)

(b) End Office A is in operating territory of Telephone Company A.

(c) Customer Designated Premises is in operating territory of Telephone Company B.

The following example reflects the rate calculations for end office company (TC A). Rates for the other company (TC B) would appear in that company's access tariff.

(2) Assume:

Airline miles From TC A premises to TC B Serving Wire Center = 22.1, rounded = 23

TC A Billing Percentage (BP) is 57
Access Minutes = 9,000

Direct-Trunked Termination – DTT
Direct-Trunked Facility – DTF

Residual Interconnection Charge – RIC

(3) Calculation

Direct-Trunked Transport
= (23 mi. X DTF X 57%) + DTT

Residual Interconnection Charge
= 9,000 min. X RIC rate

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

End Office charges
= 9,000 min. X EO rate

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3. FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE CHARGE, ISDN LINE PORTS AND DS-1 LINE PORT

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Federal Universal Service, ISDN Line Ports, and DS-1 Line Port are the same as those set forth in Section 3 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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4. END USER ACCESS SERVICE

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for End User Access Service are the same as those set forth in Section 4 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. (Z)

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5. ACCESS ORDERING

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for services set forth in the Access Ordering section of this tariff are the same as those set forth in Section 5 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, except as set forth following:

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References to Directory Assistance service are not applicable as the service is not offered.

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Switched Access are the same as those set forth in Section 6 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, except as set forth following: (Z)
References to Directory Assistance are not applicable as the service is not offered.

Tandem Switched Transport (N)

The Tandem Switched Transport rate elements recover a portion of the costs associated with the communications path between the serving wire center and the end office or between the tandem and the end office on circuits that are switched at a tandem switch, or between a host and a remote switch. For examples of Tandem Switched Transport, see Section 2 preceding. Tandem Switched Transport rates consist of a Tandem Switching rate, a Tandem Switched Facility rate and a Tandem Switched Termination rate.

Feature Groups B and D - Remote Offices

The Local Transport mileage for Feature Groups B and D Switched Access Service provided to a Remote Office will be measured in multiple segments. When the facility is directly trunked to the Host Office, Direct Trunked Facility mileage will be measured between the customer's serving wire center and the Host Office and Tandem Switched Facility mileage will be measured between the Host Office and the Remote Office. In Direct Trunked arrangements the Tandem Switched Facility will use the Terminating-Tandem 3rd Party rate when the Telephone Company does not own the tandem. The Tandem Switching charge will not apply.

When the facility is directly trunked to a tandem, Direct Trunked Facility will be measured from the Serving Wire Center to the tandem, Tandem Switched Facility will be measured from the tandem to the host, and another segment of Tandem Switched Facility will be measured from the host to the remote. When the Tandem Switch is a Telephone Company owned tandem then the Tandem Switch rates will use the Terminating-Tandem End Office rates. If the Tandem is not owned by the Telephone Company the Tandem Switch rates will use the Terminating – Tandem 3rd Party rates. A Tandem Switching charge will be applicable at the tandem.

When service to the remote is ordered as only Tandem Switched Facility, mileage will be separately measured between the serving wire center and the host and between the host and the end office. The Tandem Switching charge will be applicable at the tandem. (N)

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7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Special Access Service are the same as those set forth in Section 7 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.
Rates are set forth in Section 17 following.

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10. SPECIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACCESS SERVICES

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Special Federal Government Access Services are the same as those set forth in Section 10 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. (Z)

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11. SPECIAL FACILITIES ROUTING OF ACCESS SERVICES

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Special Facility Routing of Access Services are the same as those set forth in Section 11 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. (Z)

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12. SPECIALIZED SERVICE OR ARRANGEMENTS

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Specialized Service or Arrangements, subject to availability, are the same as those set forth in Section 12 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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13. ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING, ADDITIONAL LABOR AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Additional Engineering, Additional Labor, and Miscellaneous Services, subject to availability, are the same as those set forth in Section 13 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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14. EXCEPTIONS TO ACCESS SERVICE OFFERINGS

Provisions, Terms and Conditions for access exceptions are the same as those set forth in Section 14 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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15. ACCESS SERVICE INTERFACES AND TRANSMISSION SPECIFICATIONS

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Interface Groups, Transmission Specifications and Channel Interfaces, subject to service offerings and technical capability and feasibility, are the same as those set forth in Section 15 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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16. PUBLIC PACKET DATA NETWORK

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Public Packet Data Network are the same as those set forth in Section 16 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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17. RATES AND CHARGES – Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC (CCPA)
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17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

(5)	Tandem Switched Transport	<u>Rate</u>	
-	Tandem Switched Facility Per Access Minute Per Mile		
	Originating	\$0.000281	(S)
	Terminating 3rd Party	\$0.000281	I
	Terminating End Office	\$0.000000	(S)
-	Tandem Switched Termination Per Access Minute Per Termination		
	Originating	\$0.001463	(S)
	Terminating 3rd Party	\$0.001463	I
	Terminating End Office	\$0.000000	(S)
-	Tandem Switching Per Access Minute Per Tandem		
	Originating	\$0.003691	(S)
	Terminating 3rd Party	\$0.003691	(S)
	Terminating End Office	\$0.000700	(T)(R)(Z)

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17. RATES AND CHARGES – Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC (CCPA)
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17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.3	End Office	<u>Rate</u>	
(A)	Local Switching		
(1)	Premium Per Access Minute		
-	Originating	\$0.00943	
-	Terminating	\$0.0007	(R)(Z)
(2)	Non-Premium Per Access Minute		
-	Originating	\$0.004244	
-	Terminating	\$0.0000	(S)
(B)	Information Surcharge		
(1)	Premium Per 100 Access Minutes		
-	Originating	\$0.0346	
-	Terminating	\$0.0000	
(2)	Non-Premium Per 100 Access Minutes		
-	Originating	\$0.0155	
-	Terminating	\$0.0000	
(C)	Common Trunk Port		
-	Per Access Minute		
	Originating	\$0.000000	
	Terminating	\$0.000000	
(D)	DS-1 Dedicated Trunk Port		
-	Per Month	\$0.00	

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