

ACCESS SERVICE

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

(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

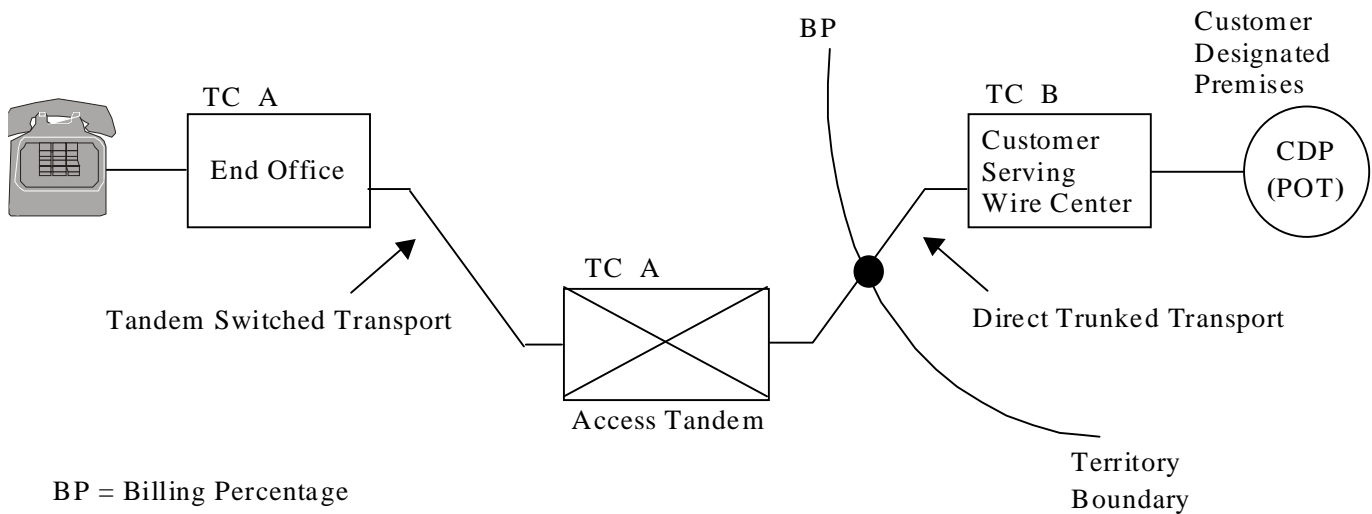
(B) Example 1 – Originating Switched Access

(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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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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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

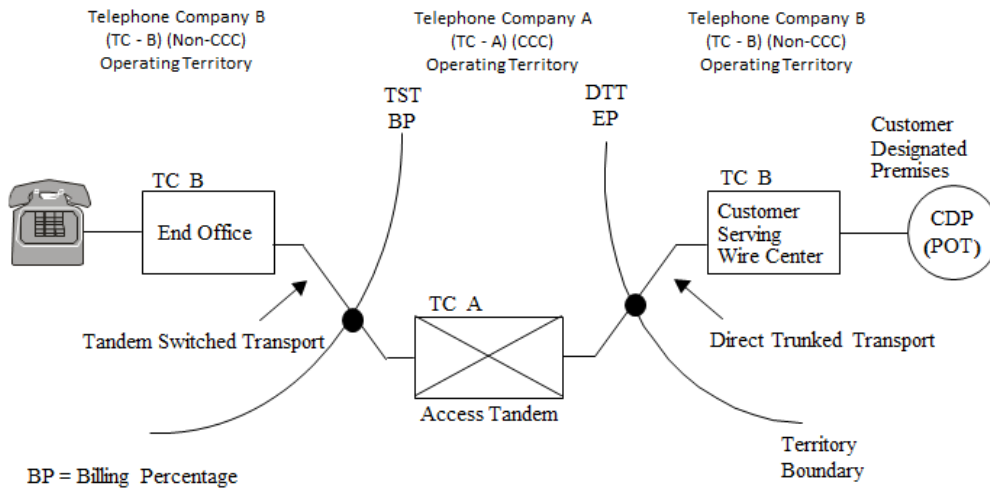
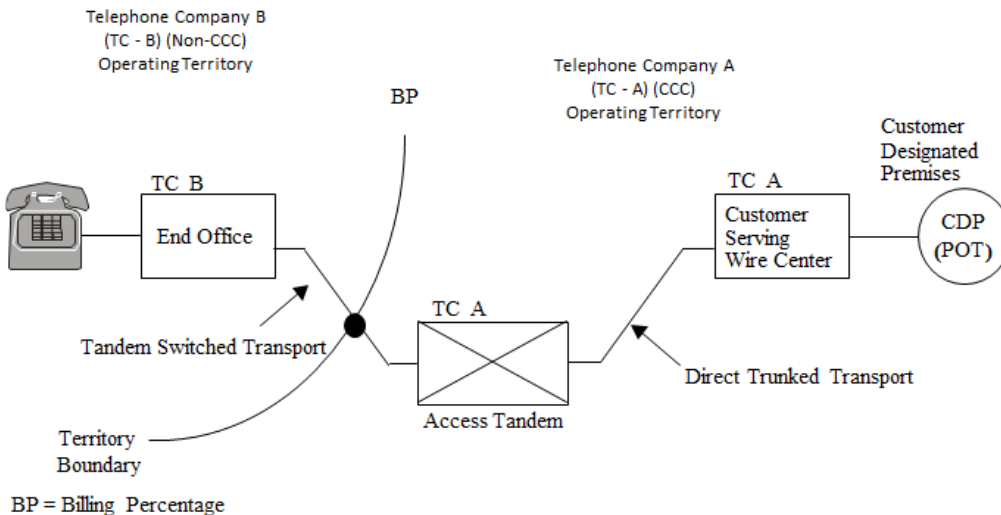


Diagram 2b



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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)

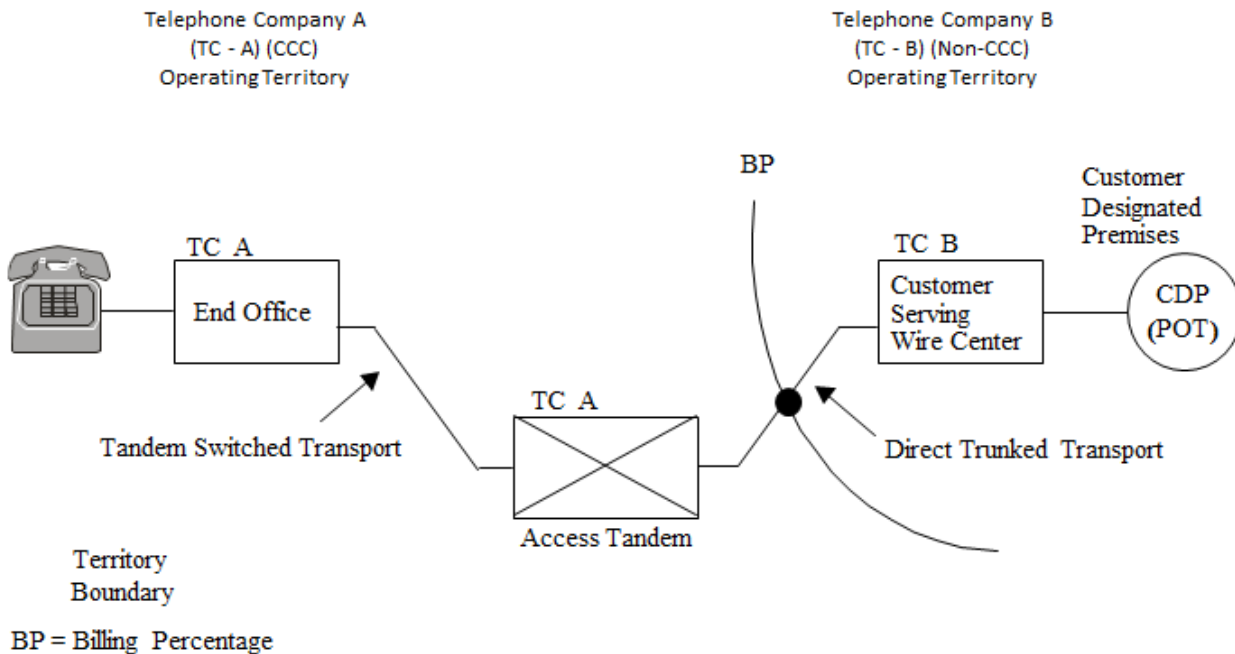
(1) Layout:

- 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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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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(1) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

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

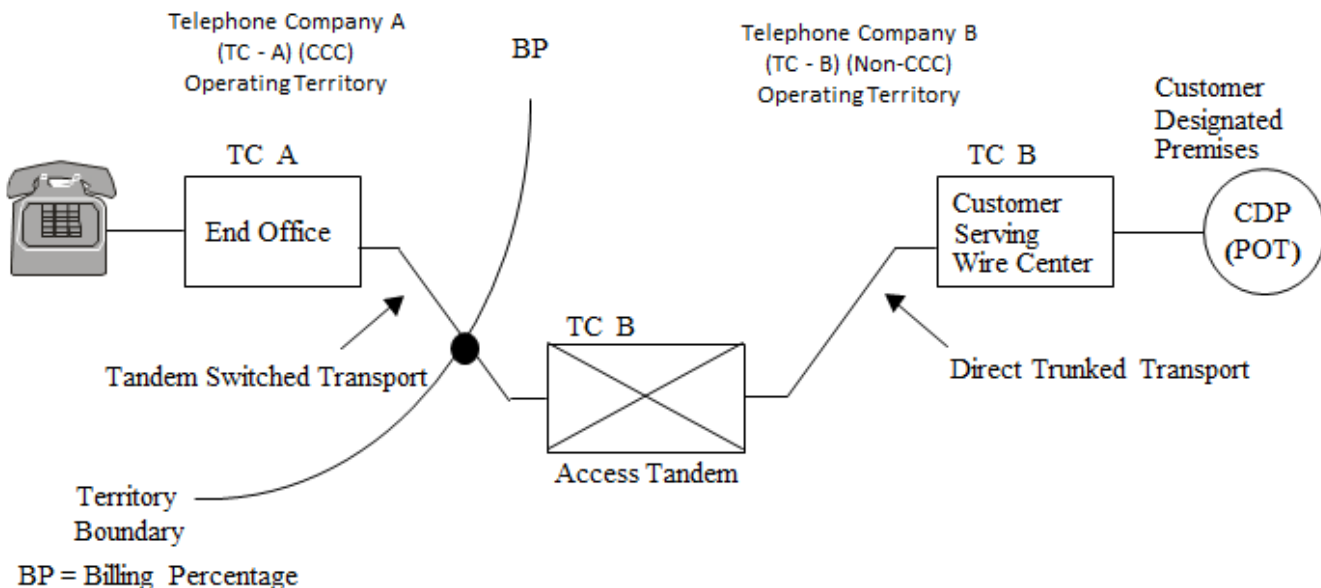
(1) Layout:

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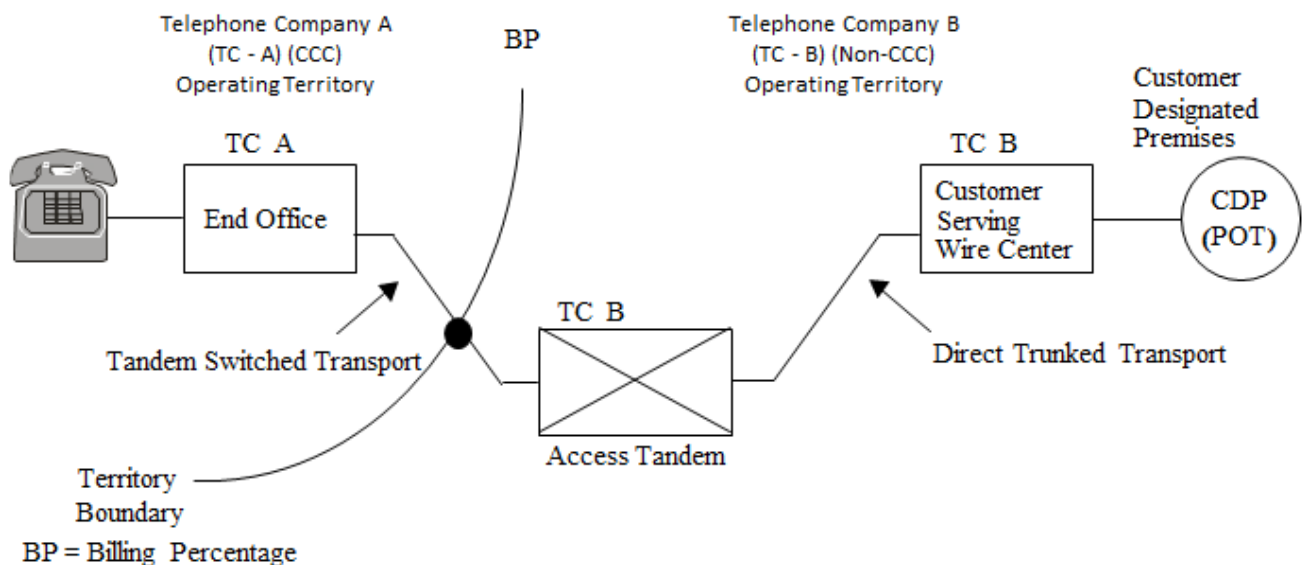
Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(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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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:

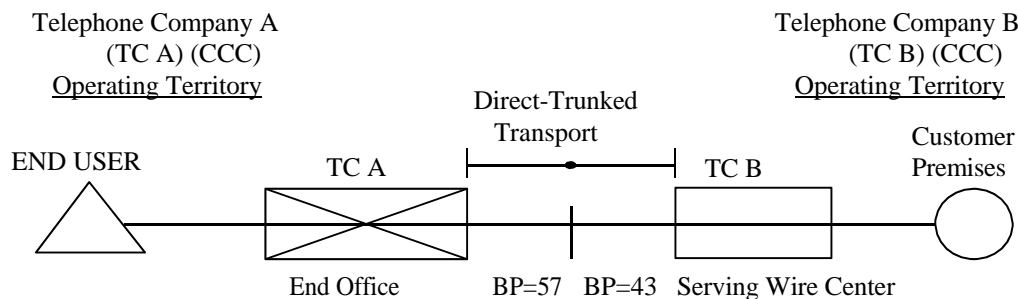
Example 5 Telephone Company A
charges are:

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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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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