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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (C) - To signify changed regulations
- (D) - To signify discontinued rate or regulation
- (I) - To signify increase
- (M) - To signify matter relocated without change
- (N) - To signify new rate or regulation
- (R) - To signify reduction
- (S) - To signify reissued matter
- (T) - to signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation
- (Z) - To signify a correction

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

Note: Certain abbreviations found in the Exchange Carrier Association's Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 have been deleted as not being relevant to this Tariff.

- ac - Alternating Current
- ACTL - Access Customer Terminal Location (N)
- AML - Actual Measured Loss
- ANI - Automatic Number Identification
- AT&T - American Telephone and Telegraph Company
- BHMC - Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity
- CCS - One Hundred Call Seconds
- CO - Central Office
- Cont. - Continued
- CPE - Customer Premises Equipment
- DA - Directory Assistance
- dB - Decibel
- dBrnC - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting
- dBrnCO - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighted O
- dBv - Decibel(s) Relative to 1 Voigt (Reference)
- dBv1 - Decibel(s) Relating to 1 Voigt (Reference)

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SECTION 1. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

- 1.1.1 This Tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Carrier Common Line Access, End User Access, Lifeline Assistance, Universal Service Fund, Switch Access Services, Special Access End User Channel Termination(s) in non-competitive areas, and other miscellaneous services, hereinafter referred to collectively as service(s), provided by Consolidated Communications Companies, hereinafter referred to as the Telephone Company.

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The Special Access Service regulations, rates and charges located in this tariff are for Special Access EUCT in non-competitive areas. In some instances, Special Access Services will be referred to in general terms to assist in understanding the services that encompass an entire circuit. Special Access Service that remains subject to Section 203 of the Communications Act must be filed in this tariff. Special Access Service not subject to Section 203 is provided outside this tariff. Documents, agreements or contracts that provide service outside this tariff may be accessed at the Telephone Company's website or the Telephone Company's other designated location. Rates and regulations for Special Access Service provided outside this tariff cannot supersede, negate or revise the rates and regulations contained within this tariff, and deemed lawful status does not convey to such non-tariffed services.

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- 1.2.1 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.

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS

For Special Access General Regulations only, Non-Competitive End User Channel Terminations (EUCTs) are filed as part of this tariff. General Regulations for other Special Access Services to complete the circuit are outside this tariff and can be accessed at the Company's website or Company's other designated location.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company2.1.1 Scope

The Company undertakes to furnish Access Services in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this tariff. Except where such specific Access Services terms and conditions differ, the terms and conditions set forth herein are in addition to those found for each specific Access Service.

2.1.2 Shortage of Facilities

All service is subject to the availability of suitable facilities. The Company reserves the right to limit the length of communications or to discontinue furnishing services when necessary because of the lack of transmission medium capacity or because of any causes beyond its control.

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions

- (A) Service is provided on the basis of a minimum period of one month 24-hours per day. For the purpose of computing charges in this tariff, a month is considered to have 30 days.
- (B) Customers may be required to enter into written service orders which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this tariff. Customer will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company.
- (C) In any action between the parties to enforce any provision of this tariff, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its legal fees and court costs from the non-prevailing party in addition to other relief a court may reward.
- (D) This tariff shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the United States without regard for its choice of laws provision.

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.3 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies

In case of an interruption to any service, allowance for the period of interruption, if not due to the negligence of the customer, shall be as follows:

- (1) For Switched Access Service, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than 24 hours. The customer shall be credited for an interruption of 24 hours or more at the rate of 1/30 of the minimum monthly usage charge for each period of 24 hours or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. However, no credit allowance will be given when the actual usage charge exceeds the minimum monthly usage charge in any one monthly billing period.
- (2) For Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Terminations(s) (EUCTs) other than Program Audio, and for flat rated Switched Access Service rate elements (i.e., Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport and Multiplexing), no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than 30 minutes. The customer shall be credited for an interruption of 30 minutes or more at the rate of 1/1440 of the monthly charges for the facility or service for each period of 30 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. The monthly charges used to determine the credit shall be as follows: (C)
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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.3 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

- (a) For two-point services, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the service (i.e., two Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Terminations (EUCTs), optional features and functions). (C)
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- (b) For multipoint services, the monthly charge shall be only the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with that portion of the service that is inoperative (i.e., a Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) per customer premises, optional features and functions and other Special Access Services). (C)
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- (c) Reserved For Future Use (C)

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.3 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(c) Reserved For Future Use (Cont'd)

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(d) Flat rated Switched Access rate elements

For flat rated Switched Access Service rate elements, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the service (i.e., Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport and Multiplexing).

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.3 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

- (3) For Program Audio Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) Services, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than 30 seconds. The customer shall be credited for an interruption of 30 seconds or more as follows:
 - (a) For two-point services, when monthly rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the rate of 1/8640 of the monthly charges for the service for each period of 5 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.
 - (b) For two-point services, when daily rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the rate of 1/288 of the daily charges for the service for each period of 5 minutes or major fraction thereof that interruption continues.
 - (c) For multipoint services, when monthly rates are applicable, the credit shall be

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.3 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

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at the rate of 1/8640 of the monthly charges for each channel termination, channel mileage, and optional features and functions that is inoperative for each period of 5 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

(d) For multipoint services, when daily rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the daily rate of 1/288 of the daily charges for Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) and other Special Access Services and optional features and functions that is inoperative for each period of 5 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. (C)

(e) For multipoint services, the credit for the monthly or daily charges includes the charges for the distribution amplifier only when the distribution amplifier is inoperative.

(f) When two or more interruptions occur during a period of 5 consecutive minutes, such multiple interruptions shall be considered as one interruption.

(4) The credit allowance(s) for an interruption or for a series of interruptions shall not exceed

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.5 Title or Ownership Rights

The payment of rates and charges by customer for the services offered under the provisions of this Tariff does not assign, confer or transfer title or ownership rights to proposals or facilities developed or utilized, respectively, by the Telephone Company in the provision of such services.

2.4.6 Ordering, Rating and Billing of Access Services Where More Than One Exchange Telephone Company Is Involved

The Telephone Companies will handle ordering, rating and billing of Access Services under this tariff where more than one Exchange Telephone Company is involved in the provision of Access Service as set forth in (A) and (B) following. The choice of the billing option shall be based on the interconnection arrangements between the Exchange Telephone Companies involved. The Telephone Company will notify the customer which option will apply when the customer orders Access Service. The Telephone Company will also notify the customer of: (1) the Telephone Company(s) that will render the bill(s), (2) the Telephone Company(s) to whom payment(s) should be remitted, and (3) the Telephone Company(s) that will provide the bill inquiry function. Additionally, the Telephone Company shall provide this notice in writing 30 days in advance of any changes. The Telephone Company that renders the bill -- the Bill Rendering Telephone Company -- will include on the access service bill, based upon Industry Standards, cross reference(s) to the other Telephone Company(s) service and the common circuit identifiers. Should a billing dispute arise, the terms and conditions of the Bill Rendering Telephone Company will apply.

(A) Single Bill Option

When an Access Service is ordered by a customer where one end of the Switched Access Service Local Transport or Special Access Service Channel Mileage¹ is in one Exchange Telephone Company operating territory and the other (C)

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¹ Channel Mileage rates are deemed competitive per the F.C.C. 2017 BDS Order and provided outside this tariff. (N)

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.6 Ordering, Rating and Billing of Access Services Where More Than One Exchange Telephone Company Is Involved (Cont'd)

(A) Single Bill Option (Cont'd)

For variations (1) and (2) listed above, each Exchange Telephone Company's charge for its Switched Access Service Local Transport or Special Access Channel Mileage¹ will be the product of (1) the Exchange Telephone Company's Local Transport or Channel Mileage rate times the airline mileage measured between the two Telephone Company premises (end office, access tandem, or servicing wire centers), (2) the number of access minutes of use or number of Toll-Free Database Queries (in the case of Switched Access Service), (3) the billing percent (BP) for each Telephone Company, as set forth in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 3, which represents the portion of the service provided by each Telephone Company.

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¹ Channel Mileage rates are deemed competitive per the F.C.C. 2017 BDS Order and provided outside this tariff.

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.6 Ordering, Rating and Billing of Access Services Where More Than One Exchange Telephone Company Is Involved (Cont'd)(B) Multiple-Bill/Multiple-Tariff Billing Option

When an Access Service is ordered by a customer where one end of the Switched Access Service Local Transport or Special Access Service Channel Mileage¹ is in one Exchange Telephone Company operating territory and the other end is in another Exchange Telephone Company operating territory, each involved Exchange Telephone Company will accept the order for the Access Service from the customer. Each Exchange Telephone Company will provide its portion of the Switched Access Service Local Transport or Special Access Channel Mileage in its operating territory. Each Exchange Telephone Company will determine the charges involved for its portion of the Access Service ordered and will bill such charges in accordance with its Access Service tariff. Where the premises of the ordering customer and at least one other customer premises involved in the order is in a different operating territory, the mileage used to determine the Switched Access Service Local Transport or Special Access Channel Mileage will be the airline mileage measured from the Telephone Company premises for one end of the Switched Access Service Local Transport or Special Access Channel Mileage in the Exchange Telephone Company operating territory to the Telephone Company premises for the other end of the Switched Access Service Local Transport or Special Access Channel Mileage in the other Exchange Telephone Company operating territory.

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¹ Channel Mileage rates are deemed competitive per the F.C.C. 2017 BDS Order and provided outside this tariff.

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.6 Ordering, Rating and Billing of Access Services Where More Than One Exchange Telephone Company Is Involved (Cont'd)

(B) Multiple-Bill/Multiple-Tariff Billing Option (Cont'd)

Each Exchange Telephone Company's charge for the Switched Access Service Local Transport or Special Access Channel Mileage¹ will be the product of (1) the Exchange Telephone Company's Local Transport or Channel Mileage rate times the airline mileage measured between the two Telephone Company premises (end office, access tandem, or serving wire centers), (2) the number of access minutes of use (in the case of Switched Access Service), (3) the billing percent (BP) for each Telephone Company, as set forth in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 3, which represents the portion of the service provided by each Telephone Company.

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The Exchange Telephone Company providing the Service Switching Points (SSP) will bill the Toll-Free Data Base Query Charge.

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¹ Channel Mileage rates are deemed competitive per the F.C.C. 2017 BDS Order and provided outside this tariff

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.6 Ordering, Rating and Billing of Access Services Where More Than One Exchange Telephone Company Is Involved (Cont'd)

(C) Non-distance Sensitive Rate Applications

The application of non-distance sensitive rate elements varies according to the rate structure and the location of the facilities involved:

- (1) When rates and charges are listed on a per point of termination basis, each company's rates will be billed for the termination(s) within its operating territory. This includes the non-recurring charges for Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT). (C)
- (2) When rates and charges are listed on a per unit basis, e.g., central office bridging or multiplexing, each company's rates and charges will apply for units located in its operating territory. This includes any associated non-recurring charges for Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) Service. (C)
- (3) When rates and charges are listed on a per service basis, each company's rates and charges will be multiplied by the billing percent referenced in 2.4.6(B) preceding to determine the charges to be billed. This includes the Local Transport Installation Charge for Switched Access Service. (C)
- (4) For intermediate companies not terminating an end of the service, transport termination charges will not apply

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)2.4.7 Connecting Company Agreements (Cont'd)

(A) Meet Point Billing

(1) Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport Charges (C)

- (a) 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, C and D Tandem Switched Transport, (1) 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 (a) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (b) preceding, times the Tandem-Switched Transport Facility rate; (2) multiply the Tandem-Switched Termination rate times the number of originating and terminating access minutes routed over the facility.

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.

The Tandem-Switched Termination rate is applied as set forth in 6.6.1 following. The Switched Access Nonrecurring Charges are applied as set forth in 6.6.1 following. (Note: The BP is not applied to the Switched Access Tandem Switching rate, Tandem Switched Termination rate or any Nonrecurring Charge.)

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.7 Connecting Company Agreements (Cont'd)

(A) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

(1) Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport Charges (Cont'd) (C)

(b) 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 6.6.1 following. The Switched Access Nonrecurring Charges are applied as set forth in 6.6.1 following. (Note: The Billing Percentage (BP) is not applied to either the Switched Access Direct-Trunked Termination rate or any Nonrecurring Charge.)

(c) For Feature Groups A, B, C and D:

Entrance Facility and/or Multiplexing charges apply for equipment which is located within the Telephone Company's territory. The Billing Percentage (BP) is not applicable to the Entrance Facility or Multiplexing charges.

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(e) When three or more Telephone Companies are involved in providing an Access Service, the intermediate Telephone Company(s) will determine the appropriate charges. The Tandem Switched Termination and Direct-Trunked Termination rates are also applied at the intermediate Telephone Company(s) offices when a segment of the Tandem Switched Facility and Direct-Trunked Facility is measured to the intermediate offices.

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.5 Connections

Equipment and Systems (i.e., terminal equipment, multiline terminating systems and communications systems) may be connected with Switched Access Service and Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) furnished by the Telephone Company where such connection is made in accordance with the provisions specified in 2.1 ("Undertaking of the Telephone Company") and 2.2 ("Use") preceding.

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2.6 Definitions

Certain definitions included in Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 have been deleted as not being relevant to this Tariff. Terms used herein are defined as follows:

Access Customer Terminal Location (ACTL)

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An ACTL is an 8 or 11 character code that identifies the CLLI Code (Common Language Location Identifier) of the carrier facility terminal location.

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Access Minutes

The term "Access Minutes" denotes that usage of exchange facilities in interstate or foreign service for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage. On the originating end of an interstate or foreign call, usage is measured from the time the originating End User's call is delivered by the Telephone Company to and acknowledged as received by the customer's facilities connected with the originating exchange. On the terminating end of an interstate or foreign call, usage is measured from the time the call is received by the End User in the terminating exchange. Timing of usage at both originating and terminating ends of an interstate or foreign call shall terminate when the calling or called party disconnects, whichever event is recognized first in the originating and terminating end exchanges, as applicable.

Access Tandem

The term "Access Tandem" denotes a Telephone Company switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function

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communications and pay the applicable charges by inserting coins into the equipment.

Commission

The term "Commission" denotes the regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Telephone Company services offered within this tariff.

Common Line

The term "Common line-residence" denotes a line or trunk provided under the resident regulations of the general and/or local exchange service tariffs. The term "Common line-business" denotes a line provided under the business regulations of the general and/or service tariffs.

Communications System

The term "Communications System" denotes facilities which are capable of communications between terminal equipment provided by other than the Telephone Company.

Competitive Services

The term "Competitive Services" denotes all packet-based business data services; circuit-based Business Data Services above the DS3 bandwidth level; transport services, which includes interoffice facilities, channel terminations between the serving wire center and point of presence, and all sub-elements established for the use of these transport facilities; DS1 & DS3 End User Channel Terminations, and other Special Access Services, in any competitive serving wire center; DS1 & DS3 Und User Channel Terminations, and other Special Access Services.

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Customer(s)

The term "Customer(s)" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, corporation, governmental entity or other entity which subscribes to the services offered under this Tariff, including but not limited to End Users, Interexchange Carriers (IC) and other telecommunications carriers or providers originating or terminating Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic.

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SECTION 2 GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Network Control Signaling

The term "Network Control Signaling" denotes the transmission of signals used in the telecommunications system which perform functions such as supervision (Control, status, and charge signals), address signaling (e.g., dialing), calling and called number identification, rate of flow, service selection error control and audible tone signals (call progress signals indicating re-order or busy conditions, alerting, coin denominations, coin collect and coin return tones) to control the operation of the telecommunications system.

Non-Competitive Serving Wire Center

The term "Non-Competitive Serving Wire Center" denotes a Telephone Company Serving Wire Center that has not met the Competitive Market Test as established by the FCC's BDS Order (17-43) on April 28, 2017 at §69.803.

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North American Numbering Plan

The term "North American Numbering Plan" denotes a three-digit area or Numbering Plan Area (NPA) code and a seven-digit telephone number made up of a three-digit Central Office (CO) code plus a four-digit station number.

Off-Hook

The term "Off-Hook" denotes the active condition of Switched Access or a Telephone Exchange Service line.

On-Hook

The term "On-Hook" denotes the idle condition of Switched Access or a Telephone Exchange Service Line.

Originating Direction

The term "Originating Direction" denotes the use of access service for the origination of calls from an End User premises to a customer premises.

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SECTION 5. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR SWITCHED AND SPECIAL ACCESS NON-COMPETITIVE
END USER CHANNEL TERMINATION (EUCT) SERVICE(C)
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For Special Access ordering only, Non-Competitive End-User Channel Terminations (EUCTs) are filed as part of this tariff. Ordering for other Special Access Services to complete the circuit are outside this tariff and can be access at the Telephone Company's website or the Telephone Company's other designated locations.

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(N)5.1 General

This section sets forth the regulations for Access Orders. An Access Order is an order to provide the customer with Switched Access Service or Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT or to provide changes to existing services.

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5.1.1 Ordering Conditions

A customer may order any number of services of the same type between the same premises on a single Access Order. All details for services for a particular order must be identical except for those for multipoint services.

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COMPETITIVE END USER CHANNEL TERMINATION (EUCT) SERVICE (Cont'd)

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5.1 General (Cont'd)5.1.1 Ordering Conditions (Cont'd)

The customer shall provide all information necessary for the Telephone Company to provide and bill for the requested service. In addition to the order information required in 5.2 ("Access Order") following, the customer must also provide:

- Customer name and premises address(es).
- Billing name and address (when different from customer name and address).
- Customer contact name(s) and telephone number(s) for the following provisioning activities: order negotiation, order confirmation, interactive design, installation and billing.

Orders for Feature Group A Switched Access Service shall be in lines.

Orders for Feature Group B Switched Access Service shall be in trunks.

Access Service Requests (ASRs) that are not detailed correctly may be rejected by the Telephone Company and returned to the customer for completion.

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5.1 General (Cont'd)

5.1.2 Provision of Other Services

- (A) Testing Service, Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP), and Special Facilities Routing shall be ordered with an Access Order as set forth in (B) following. The rates and charges for these services, as set forth in other sections of this tariff, will apply in addition to the ordering charges set forth in this section and the rates and charges for the Access Service with which they are associated.
- (B) With the agreement of the Telephone Company, the items listed in (A) preceding may subsequently be added to the order at any time, up to and including the service date for the Access Service.

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(C)5.1 General (Cont'd)5.1.3 Special Constructions

The regulations, rates and charges for special construction are set forth in the Telephone Company's Tariff F.C.C. NO. 3, Special Construction, and are in addition to the regulations, rates and charges specified in this section.

5.2 Access Order

An Access Order is used by the Telephone Company to provide to a customer Access Service as follows:

- Switched Access Services as set forth in Section 6 following, and
- Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) Service as described in Section 7 following.

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When ordering Switched Access service, the customer must specify whether the service is to be directly routed to an end office switch or through an access tandem. The customer may also order direct trunks to the tandem with common facilities from the tandem to the end office. When service is ordered direct, the customer must specify the type and quantity of Direct Trunked Transport facility (e.g., Voice Grade or High Capacity).

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 end offices except those identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 3. as not having the capability to provide Direct Trunked Transport. Direct Trunked Transport is not available.

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5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

(1) from end offices that provide equal access through a centralized equal access arrangement, (2) from end offices that lack recording or measurement capability, and (3) for originating Toll-Free calls from non-Service Switching Point (SSP) equipped end offices that can not accommodate direct trunking of originating Toll-Free calls.

When the customer has both Tandem Switched Transport and Direct Trunked Transport at the same end office, the telephone company will provide overflow from direct to tandem facilities. If the customer has only Direct Trunked facilities, the overflow will be blocked at the rate prescribed in 6.6.1 (C).

When placing an order for Access Service, the customer shall provide, at a minimum, the following information:

- For Feature Group A Switched Access, the customer shall specify the number of lines and the first point of switching (i.e. dial tone office), the Local Transport options, and Local Switching options desired. In addition, the customer shall specify whether the off-hook supervisory signaling is provided by the customer's equipment before the called party answers, or is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers. The customer shall also specify which lines are to be arranged in multiline hunt group arrangements and which lines are to be provided as single lines.

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5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

In addition to the preceeding provisions, if a customer provides operator services for its end users for calls originating from a particular LATA, the customer shall specify:

1. For Feature Groups C and D switched Access Service, the number of busy hour minutes of capacity from the customer's premises to the Telephone Company's Traffic Operator Position System (TOPS) offices.
- For Feature Group B Switched Access Service, the customer shall specify the number of trunks and the end office when direct routing to the end office is desired or the access tandem switch when routing is desired via an access tandem switch and Local Transport options and Local Switching options desired. In addition, the customer shall also specify for terminating only access minutes, whether the trunks are to be arranged in trunk group arrangements or provided as single trunks.
- For Feature Groups C and D Switched Access Service, the customer shall specify the number of busy hour minutes of capacity (BHMC) from the customer designated premises to the end office by Feature Group and by type of BHMC. This information is used to determine the number of transmission paths as set forth in Section 6 following.

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COMPETITIVE END USER CHANNEL TERMINATION (EUCT) SERVICE (Cont'd)(C)
(C)5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

The Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) Service may be ordered for connection with Switched Access Service at Telephone Company designated WATS serving offices for the provision of WATS and may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGC Switched Access Service. For the Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT the customer shall specify the customer designated premises at which the Special Access Service terminates, the type of line (i.e., two-wire or four-wire), the type of calling (i.e., originating, terminating, or two way) and the type of Supervisory Signaling. When the optional screening, switching and/or recording functions are not provided at the customer serving wire center, Channel Mileage, as set forth in 7.1.2 following, must be ordered between that wire center and the nearest WATS serving office where the screening, switching and/or recording functions can be provided.

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- For Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT, the customer must specify the customer designated premises or hubs involved, the type of service (e.g., Voice Grade), the channel interface, the technical specification package, and options desired.
- Where the Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT is exempt from the Special Access Surcharge, as set forth in Section 7.3.2 following, the customer shall furnish the Telephone Company with the written certification.

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END USER CHANNEL TERMINATION (EUCT) SERVICE (Cont'd)

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5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)5.2.1 Access Order Service Date

- (A) The Telephone Company will provide the Access Service in accordance with the customer's requested service date, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The Telephone Company shall make available to all customers within a reasonable time of a request a schedule of applicable service dates and any associated relevant information. The schedule shall specify the applicable service date for services and the quantities of services that can be provided in the applicable service date.

The Telephone Company will not accept orders for service dates which exceed the applicable service date by more than six months.

All part-time Program Audio services are subject to a service inquiry. A service inquiry is a request to the Telephone Company to determine if facilities exist to provide the service ordered and to determine the service date on which service can be provided to the customer.

Access Services will be installed during Telephone Company business days. If a customer requests that installation be done outside of scheduled work hours, and the Telephone Company agrees to this request, the Telephone Company in advance of expediting an order will provide the customer an estimate of the anticipated charges calculated at an overtime rate of \$94.50 per hour. In no event will the actual charges incurred be greater than 10% above this estimate.

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(C)5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)5.2.2 ACCESS ORDER MODIFICATIONS

The customer may request a modification of its Access Order prior to the service date. The Telephone Company will make every effort to accommodate a requested modification.

5.2.3 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:

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5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)5.2.3 Cancellation of an Access Order (Cont'd)

- The Access Order shall be cancelled 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.

- (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 or Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) 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.
- (2) Where the customer cancels an Access Order prior to the start of installation of access facilities, no charges shall apply.
- (3) Where installation of access facilities has been started prior to the cancellation, the charges specified in (a) or (b) following, whichever is lower, shall apply.

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5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

5.2.3 Cancellation of an Access Order (Cont'd)

- (a) A charge equal to the cost incurred in such installation, less estimated net salvage. Such charge is determined as detailed in (4) following.
- (b) The charge for the minimum period of Switched Access Service or Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination(s) (EUCTs) ordered by the customer.

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These charges also apply to that portion of facilities cancelled in the case of a partial cancellation, i.e., in the case of a customer requesting a reduction of the number of lines, trunks, or BHMCs ordered.

- (4) Charges applicable as specified in (3)(a) preceding include the nonrecoverable cost of equipment and material ordered, provided or used, plus the nonrecoverable cost of installation and removal including the costs of engineering, labor, supervision, transportation, rights-of-way and other associated costs.
- (C) When a customer cancels an order for the discontinuance of service, no charges apply for the cancellation.
- (D) If the Telephone Company misses a service date by more than 30 days due to circumstances over which it has direct control (excluding, e.g., acts of God, governmental requirements, work stoppages and civil commotions), the customer may cancel the Access Order without incurring cancellation charges.

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(C)5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)5.2.4 Selection of Facilities for Access Orders

When there are analog or digital high capacity facilities to a hub on order or in service for a customer's use, the customer may request a specific facility or transmission path to be used to provide the Switched Access or Special Access Service Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination(s) (EUCTs) requested in an Access Order. The Telephone Company will make a reasonable effort to accommodate the customer request. (C)
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5.2.5 Minimum Period

Except as specifically set forth in Section 6, 7 and 8 of this Tariff, the minimum period for which charges are applicable is one month.

The minimum period for part-time program Audio Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT 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.) (C)
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5.2.6 Minimum Period Charges

When Access Service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable for the balance of the minimum period. The Telephone Company will discontinue billing immediately upon receiving a written request from the customer. A disconnect constitutes facilities being returned to inventory.

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COMPETITIVE END USER CHANNEL TERMINATION (EUCT) SERVICE (Cont'd) (C)

5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

5.2.6 Minimum Period Charges (Cont'd)

The Minimum Period Monthly 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 minimum monthly charge for the capacity as set forth in Section 6 following.
- (B) For Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT), and flat rated Switched Access Service, the charge for a month or fraction thereof is the applicable monthly rate for the service as set forth in Section 7 following. (C)

The minimum Period Charge for part-time Program Audio Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT is the applicable daily rate for the service as set forth in Section 7 following. (C)

5.2.7 Mixed Use Facilities - Switched and Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) (C)
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Mixed use is the provision of both Switched Service and Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT over the same High Capacity facilities. Mixed use facilities to a hub will be ordered and provided as Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT. Where mixed use is employed, individual services utilizing these facilities must be ordered either as Switched Access Service or Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT as further elaborated and set forth in 6.5.13 and 7.3.8 following. (C)
When placing the order for the individual service(s), the customer must specify a channel assignment for each service ordered. (C)

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The Residual Interconnection Charge recovers the costs associated with Local Transport that are not recovered by the Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport or Multiplexing. The Residual Interconnection Charge applies to all access minutes of use (i.e., both Tandem Switched and Direct Trunked).

(5) Multiplexing

DS1 to Voice Grade Multiplexing charges apply when a High Capacity DS1 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Facility is connected with Voice Grade Direct Trunked Transport. A DS1 to Voice Grade Multiplexing charge does not apply when a High Capacity DS1 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Transport is terminated at an electronic end office and only Switched Access Service is provided over the DS1 facility (i.e., Voice Grade Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination(s) (EUCT) are not derived). The DS1 to Voice multiplexer will cover a 1.544 Mbps channel to 24 Voice Grade channels. DS3 to DS1 Multiplexing charges apply when a High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Transport is connected with High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Transport. The DS3 to DS1 multiplexer will convert a 44.736 Mbps channel to 28 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing. OC3 to DS3 Multiplexing charges apply when a Synchronous Optical Channel Service OC3 Entrance Facility or OC3 Direct Trunked Transport is connected with High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Transport. The OC3 to DS3 multiplexer will convert a 155.52 Mbps channel to 3 DS3 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

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6.5 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.5.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(D) Application of Rates (Cont'd)

(2) Shared Transport (Cont'd)

Calculation of Charges POT to Serving Wire Center

Since this facility carries both Switched and Special Access Services, the Mixed Use provisions set forth in 7.3.8 must be applied. This service is initially ordered and rated as a High Capacity DS1 Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) Channel Termination (DS1-EUCT). This Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT charge is then reduced for each activated Switched Access Service. High Capacity DS1 Entrance Facility (DS1-EF) charges apply for the portion of this service that is activated for Switched Access Service. (C)

DS1-EUCT charge - DS1-EUCT rate x (capacity of a DS1 minus the number of activated Switched Access Services)/(capacity of a DS1) (C)
- DS1-EUCT rate x 24 - 7)/(24) (C)
- DS1-EUCCT rate x (17/24) (C)

DS1-EF charge - DS1-EF rate x (number of activated Switched Access Services)/(capacity of a DS1)
- DS1-EF rate x (7/24)

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6.5 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.5.13 Mixed Use

Mixed Use occurs when Switched Access Service and Special Access Non-Competitive (C)
End User Channel Termination (EUCT) are provided over the same High Capacity service (C)
through a common interface. The regulations governing the provision of Mixed Use
Facilities are set forth in 5.2.7 preceding and 7.3.8 following.

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE

As of August 1, 2017, Special Access Services were changed to a competitive or noncompetitive designation. Non-Competitive End User Channel Terminations (EUCTs) are filed as part of this tariff and remain under Price Cap Regulation. Other Special Access Services required to complete the circuit are outside this tariff and can be accessed at the Company's website or Company's other designated location.

7.1 General

The following areas are deemed non-competitive for Special Access End User Channel Terminations (EUCTs) covered by this tariff.

<u>Serving Wire Center</u>	<u>8-Character CLLI code</u>	<u>Serving Wire Center</u>	<u>8-Character CLLI code</u>	<u>Serving Wire Center</u>	<u>8-Character CLLI code</u>	<u>Serving Wire Center</u>	<u>8-Character CLLI code</u>
Arcola	ARCLILXC	Gays	GAYSILXC	Pana	PANAILXC	Westervelt	WVLTILXC
Arthur	ARTHILXC	Hillsboro	HLBOILXC	Raymond	RYMNILXC	Windsor	WNDSILXC
Assumption	ASMPILXC	Irving	IRNGILXC	Shelbyville	SHVLILXC	Witt	WITTILXC
Atwood	ATWDILXC	Kincaid	KNCDILXC	Sigel	SIGLILXC		
Blue Mound	BLMNILXC	Litchfield	LTFDILXC	Stewardson	STSNILXC		
Cowden	CWDNILXC	Morrisonville	MRSVILXC	Stonington	SGTNILXC		
Edinburg	EDBGILXC	Mt. Auburn	MABNILXC	Strasburg	STBGILXC		
Effingham	EFHMILXC	Nokomis	NKMSILXC	Taylorville	TVYLILXC		
Farmersville	FRVLILXC	Owaneca	OWNCILXC	Tower Hill	TWHLILXC		

Special Access Service is a subset of Business Data Services, which provides a transmission path to connect customer designated premises, either directly or through a Telephone Company hub where bridging or multiplexing functions are performed. In addition Special Access Service provides a transmission path to connect a customer designated premise for a WATS Access Line directly to a WATS serving office. Special Access Service includes all exchange access not utilizing Telephone Company end office switches.

7.1.1 Channel Types

Each type of Special Access Services channel has its own characteristics. All are subdivided by one or more of the following:

- Transmission specifications
- Bandwidth
- Speed (i.e., bit rate)
- Spectrum

Customers can order a basic channel and select from a list of available transmission parameters and channel interfaces those that they desire to meet specific communications requirements.

For purposes of ordering channels, each has been identified as a type of Special Access Service. However, such identification is not intended to limit a customer's use of the channel nor to imply that the channel is limited to a particular use. For example, if a customer's equipment is capable of transmitting voice

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over a channel that is identified as a Telegraph Grade channel in this Tariff, there is no restriction against doing so.

Following is a brief description of each type of channel:

Telegraph Grade - a channel for the transmission of binary signals at rates of 0 to 75 baud or 0 to 150 baud.

Voice Grade - a channel for the transmission of analog signals within an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz.

Program Audio - a channel for the transmission of audio signals. The nominal frequency bandwidths are from 50 to 15000 Hz, from 200 to 3500 Hz, from 100 to 5000 Hz, or from 50 to 8000 Hz.

Digital Data - a channel for the digital transmission of synchronous serial data at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 or 56 kbps.

High Capacity - a channel for the transmission of isochronous serial digital data at the rate of 1.544, 3.152, 6.312, or 44.736.

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Detailed descriptions of each of the channel types are provided in 7.2 ("Service Descriptions") following. Additionally, the customer may specify optional features for the individual channels derived from the facility to further tailor the channel to meet specific communications requirements. Descriptions of the optional features and functions available are also set forth in 7.2 following.

7.1.2 Rate Categories

There are three basic rate categories which apply to Special Access Service:

- Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination(s) (EUCT) (described in 7.1.2(A) following) (C)
- Channel Mileage¹ (C)
- Optional Features and Functions (described in 7.1.2(C) following)

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¹ Channel Mileage rates are deemed competitive per the F.C.C. 2017 BDS Order and provided outside this tariff.

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7.1 General (Cont'd)

(A) Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT)

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The Non-Competitive EUCT rate category provides for the communications path between a customer designated premises and the serving wire center of that premises. Included as part of the Non-Competitive EUCT is a standard channel interface arrangement which defines the technical characteristics associated with the type of facilities to which the access service is to be connected at the Point of Termination (POT) and the type of signaling capability, if any. The signaling capability itself is provided as an optional feature as set forth in (C) following.

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7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.2. Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) Reserved For Future Use

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(C) Optional Features and Functions

The Optional Features and Functions rate category provides for optional features and functions which

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7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.2. Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

may be added to a Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) to improve its quality or utility to meet specific communications requirements. These are not necessarily identifiable with specific equipment, but rather represent the end result in terms of performance characteristics which may be obtained. These characteristics may be obtained by using various combination of equipment. Although the equipment necessary to perform a specified function may be installed at various locations along the path of the service, they will be charged for as a single rate element.

Examples of Optional Features and Functions that are available include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Hubbing Functions
- Conditioning

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Descriptions of each of the available Optional Features and Functions are set forth in 7.2 following.

7.1.3 Service Configurations

There are two types of service configurations over which Special Access Services are provided: two-point service and multipoint service.

(A) Two-Point Service

A two-point service connects two customer designated premises or a customer designated premise and a WATS serving office.

Applicable rate elements are:

- Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination(s) (EUCT) (C)
- Channel Mileage¹ (as applicable) (C)
- Optional Features and Functions (when applicable)

The Special Access Surcharge of \$25 and a Message Station Equipment Recovery Charge, as set forth in 7.3.2 and 7.3.3 following, may be applicable.

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¹ The Special Access Service necessary to complete the circuit is outside this tariff and can be accessed at the Company's website or Company's other designated location.

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7.1 General (Cont'd)

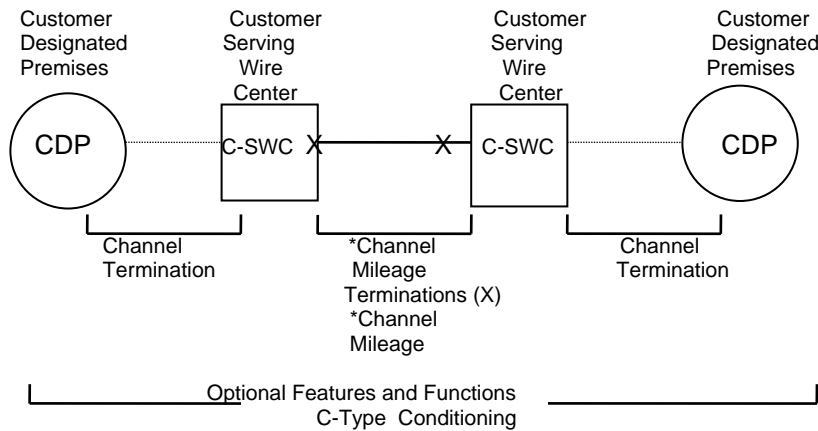
7.1.3 Service Configuration (Cont'd)

(A) Two-Point Service (Cont'd)

The following diagram depicts a two-point Voice Grade service connecting two customer-designated premises located 15 miles apart. The service is provided with C-Type conditioning. The rate elements found in this tariff are the End User Channel Termination (EUCT) services in a Service Wire Center designated as Non-Competitive.

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TWO-POINT SERVICE



CT - Channel Termination
CM - Channel Mileage¹
CMT - Channel Mileage Termination¹
SWC - Serving Wire Center

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 Service Configurations (Cont'd)

(A) Two-Point Service (Cont'd)

Applicable rate elements are:

- Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) (two applicable, except for WATS Service where only one Non-Competitive EUCT applies)
- Channel Mileage
2 Channel Mileage Terminations¹
1 Channel Mileage Per Mile¹
- C-Type Conditioning Optional Feature

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(B) Multipoint Service

Multipoint service connects three or more customer designated premises through a Telephone Company hub. Only certain types of Special Access Service are provided as multipoint service. These are so designated in the Service Descriptions set forth in 7.2 following.

The channel between hubs (i.e., bridging locations) on a multipoint service is a mid-link¹. There is no limitation on the number of mid-links available with a multipoint service. However, when more than three mid-links in tandem are provided, the quality of the overall service may be degraded.

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Multipoint service utilizing a customized technical specifications package, as set forth in 7.2 following, will be provided when technically possible. If the Telephone Company determines that the requested characteristics for a multipoint service are not compatible, the customer will be advised and given the opportunity to change the order.

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¹ The Special Access Service to complete the circuit are outside this tariff and can be accessed at the Company's website or Company's other designated location

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When ordering, the customer will specify the bridging hub(s) selected from a list that the Telephone Company will make available. The hub list will specify the type of bridging available at a specific location and the wire centers served from that hub.

Applicable Rate Elements are:

- Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) (one per customer-designated premises) (C)
- Channel Mileage¹ (as applicable between each designated customer premises and the hub and between hubs) (C)
- Bridging
- Additional Optional Features and Functions (when applicable)

A Special Access Surcharge of \$25 and Message Station Equipment, Recovery Charge, as set forth in 7.3.2 and 7.3.3 following, may be applicable.

Example: Voice Grade multipoint service connecting four customer premises via two customer-specified bridging hubs.

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¹ The Special Access Service necessary to complete the circuit is outside this tariff and can be accessed at the Company's website or Company's other designated location.

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The Special Access Surcharge, as set forth in 7.3.2 following, may be applicable.

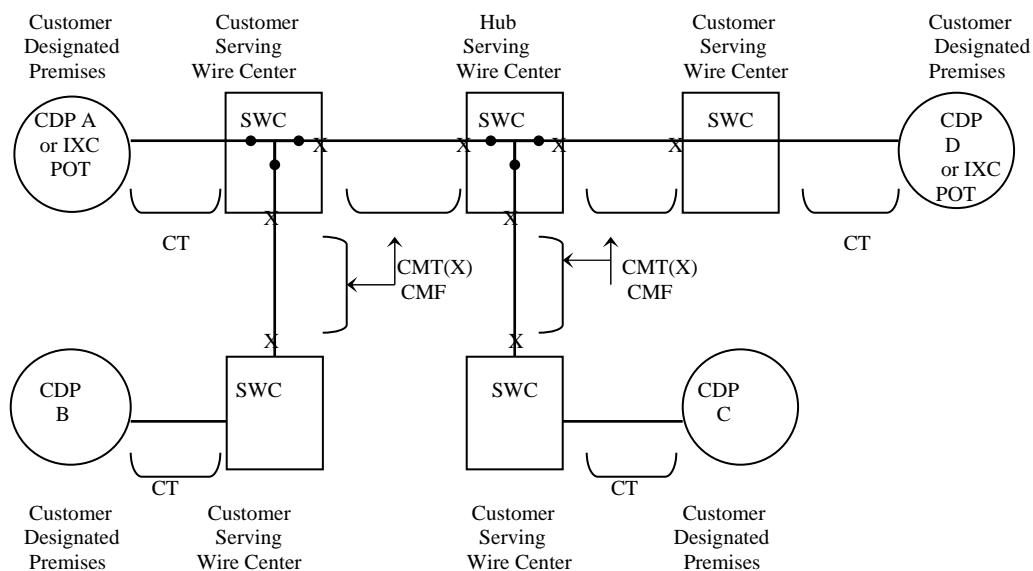
Example: The following diagram depicts a Voice Grade multipoint service connecting four customer designated premises (CDP) via two customers specified bridging hubs. The rate elements found in this tariff are the End User Channel Termination (EUCT) services in a Serving Wire Center designated as Non-Competitive.

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CT - Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT)

CM - Channel Mileage¹

CMT - Channel Mileage Termination¹

- Bridging Port

Applicable rate elements are:

Non-Competitive EUCT (four applicable)

Channel Mileage Termination¹ (eight applicable)

Channel Mileage Facility¹ (per number of miles)

Bridging Optional Feature (six applicable, i.e., each bridge port)

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¹ The Special Access Service necessary to complete the circuit is outside this tariff and can be accessed at the Company's website or Company's other designated location.

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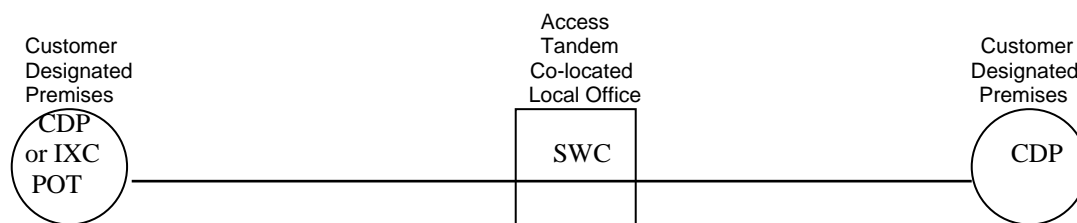
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Example: The following diagram depicts a two-point DS3 service connecting two customer designated premises that has zero mileage and terminates in the same exchange.

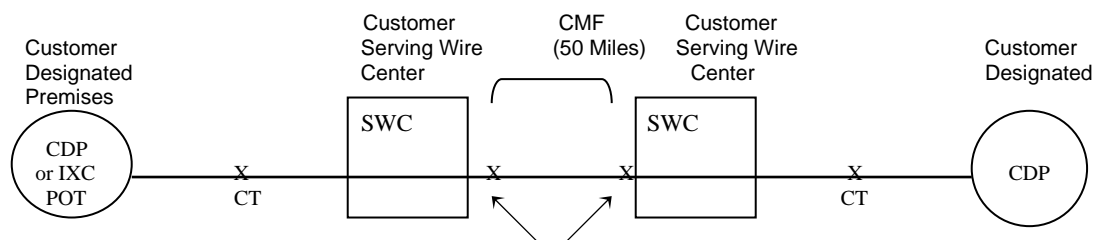


Applicable rate elements are:

DS3 Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) "CT" (two applicable)

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Example: The following diagram depicts a two-point DS3 service connecting two customer designated premises that traverse fifty miles between serving wire centers.



Applicable rate elements are:

DS3 Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) "CT" (two applicable)

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DS3 Channel Mileage Termination¹ "CMT" (two applicable)

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DS3 Channel Mileage Facility¹ "CMF" (fifty miles)

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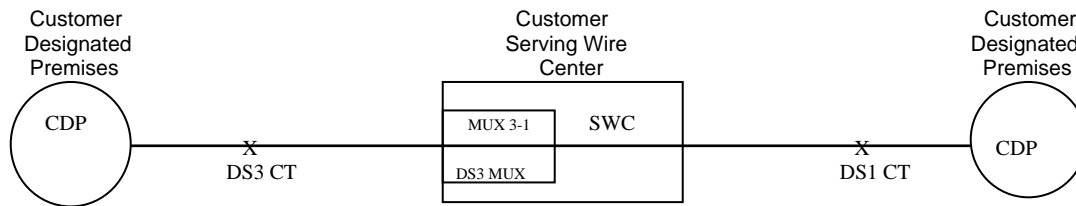
SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 Service Configurations (Cont'd)

(B) Multipoint Service (Cont'd)

Example: The following diagram depicts a two-point DS3/DS1 muxed service connecting two Customer Designated Premises having zero mileage and terminating in the same exchange.



Applicable rate elements are:

- DS3 Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) "CT" (one applicable) (C)
- DS1 Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) "CT" (twenty-eight applicable) (C)
- DS3/DS1 Muxing¹ (C)

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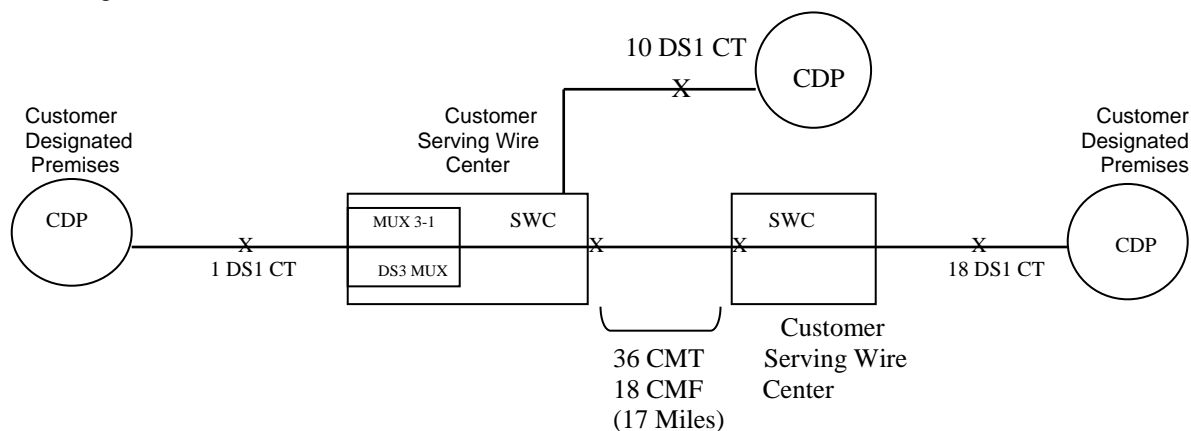
¹ The Special Access Service necessary to complete the circuit is outside this tariff and can be accessed at the Company's website or Company's other designated location.

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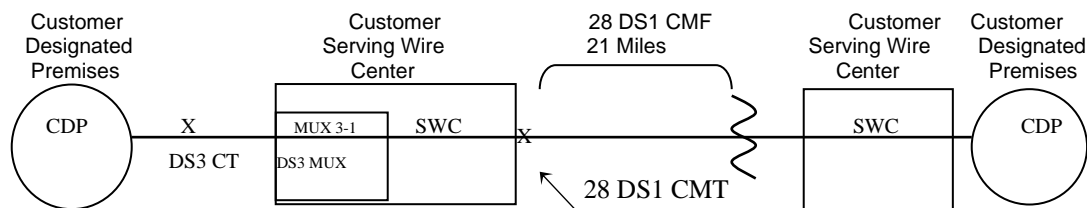
Example: The following diagram depicts a two point DS3/DS1 muxed service with 10 DS1's terminating within the same exchange and 18 DS1's traversing the second Service Wire Center exchange (17 Miles).



Applicable rate elements are:

- DS3 Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) "CT" (one applicable) (C)
- DS1 Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT)"CT" (twenty-eight applicable) (C)
- DS1 Channel Mileage Termination¹"CMT" (thirty-six applicable) (C)
- DS1 Channel Mileage Facility¹"CMF" (17 miles) (C)
- DS3/DS1 Muxing fn

Example: The following depicts DS3/DS1 muxed service transferred to connecting carrier at meet point within the same exchange.



Applicable rate elements are:

- DS3 Non-Competitive EUCT "CT" (one applicable) (C)
- DS1 Channel Mileage Termination¹ "CMT" (twenty-eight applicable)
- DS1 Channel Mileage Facility¹ "CMF" (twenty-eight at 21 miles applicable)
- DS3/DS1 Muxing¹ (C)

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¹ The Special Access Service necessary to complete the circuit is outside this tariff and can be accessed at the Company's website or Company's other designated location. (N)

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)7.1 General (Cont'd)7.1.5 Design Layout Report

At the request of the customer, the Telephone Company will provide to the customer the makeup of the facilities and services provided under this Tariff as Special Access Service to aid the customer in designing its overall service. This information will be provided in the form of a Design Layout Report. The Design Layout Report will be provided to the customer at no charge, and will be reissued or updated whenever these facilities are materially changed.

7.1.6 Acceptance Testing

At no additional charge, the Telephone Company will, at the customer's request, cooperatively test at the time of installation the following parameters:

- (A) For Voice Grade Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) analog services, acceptance test will include tests for loss, three-tone slope, DC continuity, operational signaling, C-notched noise, and C-message noise when these parameters are applicable and specified in the order of service. Additionally, for Voice Grade services, a balance (improved loss) test will be made if the customer has ordered the improved loss optional feature. (C)
- (B) For other analog Non-Competitive EUCT services (i.e., Telegraph and Program Audio) and for digital services (i.e., Digital Data and High Capacity), acceptance tests will include tests for the parameters applicable to the service as specified by the customer in the order for service. (C)

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)7.1 General (Cont'd)7.1.7 Ordering Options and Conditions

Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) is ordered under the Access Order provisions set forth in Section 5 preceding. (C)

7.2 Service Descriptions

For the purposes of ordering, there are five categories of Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) Service. These are: (C)

Telegraph Grade
Voice
Program Audio
Digital Data
High Capacity

Each service consists of a basic channel to which a technical specifications package (customized or predefined), channel interface(s) and, when desired, optional features and functions are added to construct the service desired by the customer. Each of the components of the service is described or referenced in this section.

A Special Access Line utilized in the provisioning of WATS service is provided as a Special Access Voice Grade Service as described or referenced in this section

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)7.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)7.2.2 Voice Grade Service(A) Basic Channel Description

A Voice Grade Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) channel is a channel which provides voice frequency transmission capability in the nominal frequency range of 300 to 3000 Hz and may be terminated 2-wire or 4-wire. Voice Grade channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer-designated premises and a Telephone Company hub, or between a customer designated premises and a WATS serving office.

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(B) Optional Features and Functions(1) Central Office Bridging Capability

- (a) Voice Bridging (2-wire and 4-wire)
- (b) Data Bridging (2-wire and 4-wire)
- (c) DATAPHONE Select-A-Station Bridging with sequential arrangement ports

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

7.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

7.2.2 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

(B) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(6) Selective Signaling Arrangement

An arrangement that permits code selective ringing for up to ten codes on a multipoint service.

(7) Reserved For Future Use

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)7.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)7.2.3 Program Audio Service(A) Basic Channel Description

A Program Audio Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) is a channel measured in Hz for the transmission of a complex signal voltage. The actual bandwidth is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. Only one-way transmission is provided. Program Audio Non-Competitive EUCT channels are provided between customer-designated premises or between a customer-designated premises and a Telephone Company hub. (C)

(B) Optional Features and Functions(1) Central Office Bridging Capability

Distribution Ports

(2) Gain Conditioning

Control of 1004 Hz AML at initiation of service to 0 dB \pm 0.5 dB.

(3) Stereo

Provision of a pair of gain/phase equalized channels for stereo applications. (Additional Program Audio Non-Competitive EUCT channel must be ordered separately.) (C)

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

7.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

7.2.4 Digital Data Service (Cont'd)

(A) Basic Channel Description (Cont'd)

Data channel at the customer premises. The interim program for interconnection of such equipment is set forth in the Technical Reference PUB AS No. 1.

(B) Optional Features and Functions

(1) Central Office Bridging Capability

(2) Reserved For Future Use

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7.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

7.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

7.2.5 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

7.2.5.3 Optional Features and Functions

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(B) Reserved For Future Use

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7.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

7.2.5 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

7.2.5.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(C) Reserved For Future Use

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7.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

7.2.6 Reserved For Future Use

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)7.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)7.3.1 Types of Rate Charges (Cont'd)(A) Monthly Rates

Monthly rates are flat recurring rates that apply each month or fraction thereof that a Special Access Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days. (C)

(B) Daily Rates

Daily rates are flat recurring rates that apply to each 24 hour period or fraction thereof that a Program Audio Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT is provided for part-time or occasional use. For purposes of applying daily rates, the 24 hour period is not limited to a calendar day. (C)

Part-time or occasional Program Audio Service provided within a consecutive 30-day period will be charged the daily rate, not to exceed an amount equal to the monthly rate. For each subsequent day or part day, a charge equal to 1/30 of the monthly rate shall apply.

(C) Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activity (i.e., installation or change to an existing service). The types of nonrecurring charges that apply for Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT Service are: installation of service, installation of optional features and functions, and service rearrangements. (C)

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)7.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)7.3.1 Types of Rate Charges (Cont'd)(C) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)(1) Installation of Service

Nonrecurring charges apply to each service installed. The nonrecurring charges for the installation of service are set forth in 7.4 following as a nonrecurring charge for the Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) rate element.

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(C)(2) Installation of Optional Features and Functions

Nonrecurring charges apply for the installation of some of the optional features and functions available with Special Access Service. The charge applies whether the feature or function is installed coincident with the initial installation of service or at any time subsequent to the installation of the service.

The optional features for which nonrecurring charges apply are:

- Voice Grade Data Capability
- Program Audio Gain Conditioning
- Program Audio Stereo

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)7.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)7.3.1 Types of Rate Charges (Cont'd)(C) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)(3) Service Rearrangements

Service rearrangements are changes to existing (installed) services which may be administrative only in nature, as set forth in (C) and (3) following, or that involve actual physical change to the service.

Changes in the physical location of the point of termination or customer designated premises are moves as set forth in 7.3.5 following.

Changes in the type of Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT), which result in a change of the minimum period requirement will be treated as a discontinuance of the service and an installation of a new service.

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Administrative changes will be made without charge(s) to the customer. Administrative changes are as follows:

- Change of customer name,
- Change of customer or customer's end user premises address when the change of address is not a result of a physical relocation of equipment,
- Change in billing data (name, address, or contact name or telephone number),
- Change of agency authorization

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)7.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)7.3.1 Types of Rate Charges (Cont'd)(C) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)(3) Service Rearrangements (Cont'd)

- Change of customer circuit identification,
- Change of billing account number,
- Change of customer test line number,
- Change of customer or customer's end user contact name or telephone number, and
- Change of jurisdiction.

All other service rearrangements will be charged for as follows:

- If the change involves the addition of other customer designated premises to an existing multipoint service, the nonrecurring charge for the Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) will apply. The charge(s) will apply only for the location(s) that is being added. (C)
- If the change involves the addition of an optional feature or function which has a separate nonrecurring charge, that nonrecurring charge will apply.
- If the change involves changing the type of signaling on a Voice Grade service, a charge equal to the Voice Grade Non-Competitive EUCT rate element nonrecurring charge will apply. The charge will apply per service termination affected. (C)

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)7.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)7.3.9 Optional Rate Plans(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan

The High Capacity Optional Rate Plan offers a Term Discount. The Term Discount plan applies to Special Access DS1 and DS3 High Capacity Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) monthly rates, as set forth following. The current monthly rates for such services are reduced by a fixed percentage. The amount of the discount percentage differs based on the length of the service commitment period selected by the customer. The Term Discount percentages for High Capacity Service are as set forth in Section 7.4.7(D), following. (C) (C)

(1) Term Discounts

DS1 and DS3 High Capacity Special Access Non-Competitive EUCT Service may be ordered at the customer's option on a monthly rate basis or for Term Discount periods of 36 months (3 years) or 60 months (5 years). (C)

The minimum service period for all Term Discount plans is twelve months. The customer must specify the length of the service commitment period at the time the service is ordered.

For customers that subscribe to the Term Discount plan for 36 or 60 months, the Term discount percentage as set forth in Section 7.4.7(D) following, will be frozen from Company initiated decreases, for the entire discount period at the percent in effect at the beginning of the Term Discount period.

If a Term Discount percentage increase occurs during the term of an existing Term Discount plan, the increased percentage will be applied automatically to the remainder of the Current Term Discount Plan.

At the end of the Term Discount period, the customer may convert to month-to-month service or subscribe to a new Term Discount plan. If the customer does not make a choice by the end of the discount period, the rates will automatically convert to month-to-month service rates.

To be included in a Term Discount plan, all eligible High Capacity rate elements must be ordered for the same commitment term (i.e., all 36 months or all 60 months) and with the same service date. When additional capacity is subsequently added, it will be available only on a month-to-month basis unless the discount period of the entire service is upgraded.

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)7.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)7.3.9 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)

The eligible DS1 or DS3 High Capacity rate element is the Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) provided to a customer. As long as the number of DS1s or DS3s included in a Term Discount plan remains constant, customer requests to install and disconnect DS1 or DS3 services, including changes affecting different wire centers and/or customer designated premises, will not change the current Term Discount period or the minimum service period, and Discontinuance of Service charges as set forth in (c), following, will not apply.

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(C)(a) Upgrades in Term Discounts

Services provided under monthly rates or Term Discount rates may be upgraded to a Term Discount plan at any time without incurring Non-Competitive EUCT nonrecurring charges or discontinuance charges for existing services. The new Term Discount plan must meet or exceed the service term of the plan being upgraded. For example, a service with a 36 month commitment period may be upgraded to a new 36 month, or 60 month service period. The monthly rates will be those that are in effect at the time the service is upgraded. A new minimum service period applies to all High Capacity Service that is upgraded.

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If the customer chooses to upgrade a service under the Term Discount rate plan to a higher capacity (i.e., DS1 to DS3), discontinuance charges will not apply, provided all the following conditions are met:

- the customer's order for the disconnect of the existing DS1 Service and the installation of the new DS3 Service are received at the same time and specifically reference the application of upgrade in capacity,
- the customer's disconnect order for the existing DS1 Service must reference the DS3 Service installation order,
- the new service has a total voice equivalent channel capacity greater than the total voice equivalent channel capacity of the service being discontinued and,
- the new Term Discount period meets or exceeds the Term Discount period being discontinued.

A new minimum service period applies to all upgrades. Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) nonrecurring charges for an equivalent channel capacity of the existing services being upgraded to the higher speed service will not be assessed. For example, 30 existing DS1 Services are being upgraded to DS3 Service at the customer's request. A total of 2 DS3 Services will be installed without Non-Competitive EUCT nonrecurring charges being assessed, as it will require 2 DS3 Services to provide the equivalent channel capacity of the existing services. Non-Competitive EUCT nonrecurring charges will not apply to the upgraded lower speed services placed on the higher speed service if requested at the same time as the upgrade request. Non-Competitive EUCT nonrecurring charges will apply for capacity that exceeds the existing equivalent channel capacity. (C) (C) (C) (C) (C)

Should the customer choose to upgrade either a portion of, or the entire DS1 Service under the Term Discount plan to a DS3 Service and move the service to a new customer location(s), and when service is provided by the same telephone company, discontinuance charges will not apply.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.3.10 Application of Competitive and Non-Competitive Rates

(A) Transport, Optional Features and Functions, Non-End User Channel Terminations

The FCC has deemed all Special Access transport rate elements, non-end user channel terminations, end user channel terminations for services with a bandwidth greater than a DS3, and packet based end user channel terminations to be eligible for relief from price cap regulation. Relief from price cap regulation also applies to multiplexing, certain optional features and functions and the non-recurring charges that are not associated with end-user channel terminations. These rate elements are provided outside of this tariff. Documents, agreements or contracts that provide service outside this tariff may be accessed at the Company's website or the Company's other designated location. Rates and regulations for Special Access Service provided outside this tariff cannot supersede, negate or revise the rates and regulations contained within this tariff.

(B) End-User Channel Terminations

The application of rates to End User Channel Terminations for non-packet based Special Access Services with a bandwidth equal to or less than a DS3 is dependent upon whether the serving wire center is located in a Competitive County or a Non-Competitive County. If the End User Channel Termination is in a Competitive County, Rates are provided outside of this tariff. If the End User Channel Termination is served by a serving wire center in a Non-Competitive County, non-competitive rates and charges following apply.

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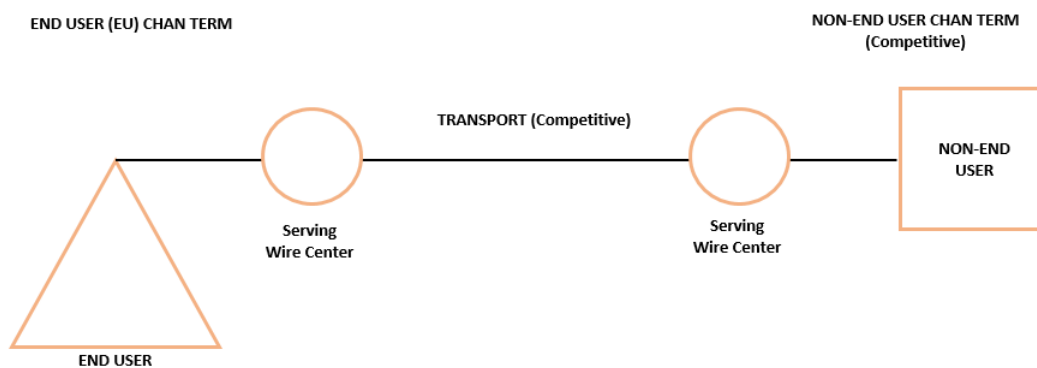
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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.3.10 Application of Competitive and Non-Competitive Rates (Cont'd)

Examples of competitive and non-competitive rate applications for non-packet based circuits that have a bandwidth of a DS3 or less are illustrated in the following diagrams:

Example 1:**Non-End User to End User Circuit Design**

Rates provided outside of this tariff apply to the non-end user Channel Termination (Chan Term). End User Channel Termination rates depend on the location of the end user serving wire center (SWC). If SWC is located in a Non-Competitive County, the end-user Chan Term rates in this tariff will apply. Otherwise, rates are provided outside of this tariff.

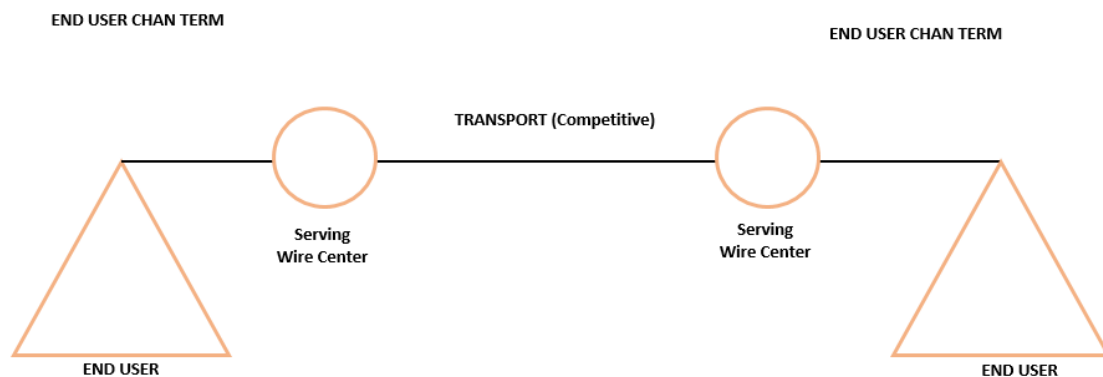
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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.3.10 Application of Competitive and Non-Competitive Rates (Cont'd)

Example 2:**End User to End User Circuit Design**

Channel Termination rates depend on the location of each end user serving wire center. If SWC is located in a non-competitive county, rates following in this tariff apply. Otherwise, rates are provided outside of this tariff.

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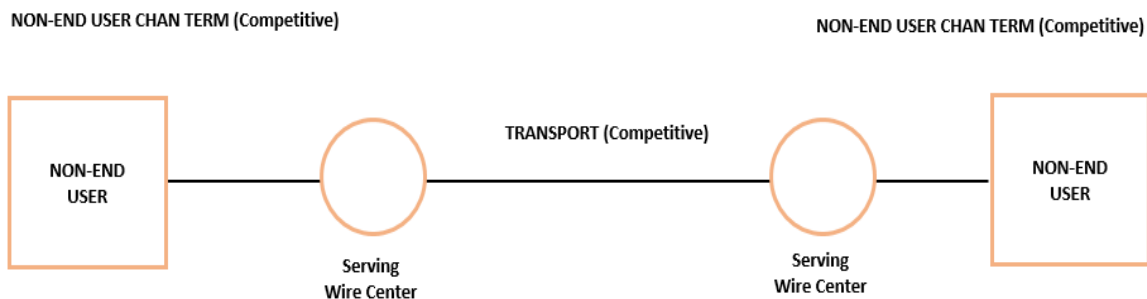
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7.3.10 Application of Competitive and Non-Competitive Rates (Cont'd)

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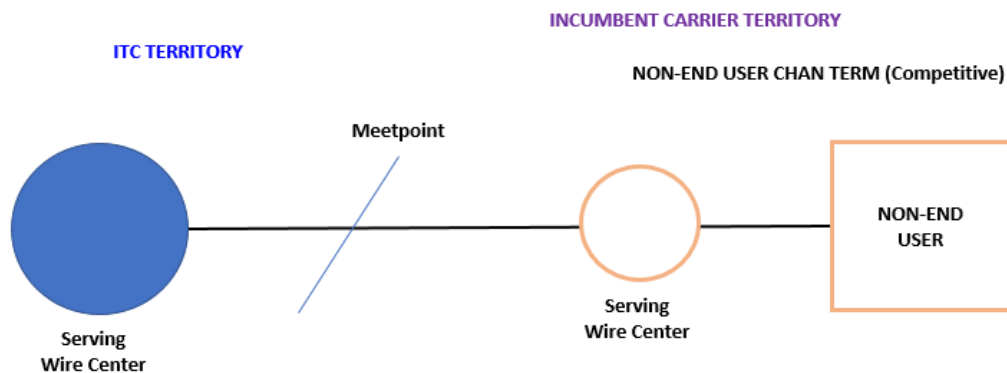
Access Customer Terminal Location to Access Customer Terminal Location Connection



Rates are provided outside of this tariff, regardless of whether the serving wire centers are in a Competitive or Non-Competitive County.

Example 4:

Access Customer Terminal Location to Independent Carrier (ITC)



Rates are provided outside of this tariff, regardless of whether the serving wire centers are in a Competitive or Non-Competitive County.

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)7.4 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)7.4.1 Telegraph Grade Service

		<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>	
(A)	<u>Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) Charge</u> Per Point of Termination			(C)
	- 2-Wire	\$18.75 (R)	\$81.21 (R)	
	- 4-Wire	\$26.97 (R)	\$81.21 (R)	
(B)	<u>Reserved For Future Use</u>			(C) (D)
(C)	<u>Reserved For Future Use</u>			(C) (D)
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SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)7.4 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)7.4.2 Voice Grade Service including WATS Access Lines

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>	
(A) <u>Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) Charge</u> Per Point of Termination			(C)
- 2-Wire	\$18.75 (R)	\$81.21 (R)	
- 4-Wire	\$26.97 (R)	\$81.21 (R)	
 (B) <u>Reserved For Future Use</u>			(C) (D) (D)
 (C) <u>Optional Features and Functions</u>			
(1) <u>Bridging</u>			
(a) <u>Voice Bridging</u> Per Port			
- 2-Wire	\$0.42	\$0.00	
- 4-Wire	\$0.42	\$0.00	
(b) <u>Data Bridging</u> Per Port			
- 2-Wire	\$0.42	None	
- 4-Wire	\$0.42	None	

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	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
(C) <u>Optional Features and Functions</u> (Cont'd)		
(1) <u>Bridging</u> (Cont'd)		
(d) <u>Telemetry and Alarm Bridging</u> (Cont'd)		
Summation		
- Per channel connected	\$0.42	None
Passive Bridging Channel Connections		
- Per channel connected	\$.20	None
(2) <u>Conditioning</u>		
- Per Point of Termination		
- C-Type	\$4.51 (R)	None
- Sealing Current	None	None

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		<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
(C)	<u>Optional Features and Functions</u> (Cont'd)		
	(3) <u>Improved Return Loss</u>		
	- Per point of termination		
	- 2-Wire	\$3.24 (R)	None
	- 4-Wire	\$3.33 (R)	None
	(4) <u>Customer-Specified Receive Level</u>		
	- Per 2-wire point of termination	None	None
	(5) <u>Data Capability</u>		
	- Per point of termination	\$0.42	\$162.44 (R)

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7.4 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

7.4.2 Voice Grade Service including WATS Access Lines (Cont'd)

		Monthly <u>Rates</u>	Nonrecurring <u>Charges</u>
(C)	<u>Optional Features and Functions</u> (Cont'd)		
	(6) <u>Selective Signaling Arrangement</u>		
	- Per arrangement	\$11.82 (R)	None
	(7) <u>Reserved For Future Use</u>		

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(A)	<u>Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT)</u> Per Point of Termination	Monthly	Daily*	Nonrecurring
		<u>Rates</u>	<u>Rates</u>	<u>Charges</u> <u>Monthly*</u>
	200- 3500 Hz	\$18.31 (R)	\$3.57 (R)	\$81.21 (R)
	100- 5000 Hz	\$18.94 (R)	\$3.57 (R)	\$81.21 (R)
	50- 8000 Hz	\$19.58 (R)	\$3.57 (R)	\$81.21 (R)
	50-15000 Hz	\$35.74 (R)	\$3.57 (R)	\$81.21 (R)

* Daily rates will be topped and maximum rates derived as set forth in Section 7.3.1 (B) preceding.

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	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Daily* Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges Monthly*</u>
(1) Bridging - Per Distribution Port	\$3.38 (R)	\$.34	None
(2) Gain Conditioning - Per service	\$5.14 (R)	\$.51	\$162.44 (R)
(3) Stereo - Per service	\$5.14 (R)	\$.51	\$162.44 (R)

* Daily rates will be topped and maximum rates derived as set forth in Section 7.3.1(B) preceding.

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	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>	
(A) <u>Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) Charge</u>			(C)
Per point of termination			
- 2.4 kbps	\$25.49 (R)	\$238.89 (R)	
- 4.8 kbps	\$25.49 (R)	\$238.89 (R)	
- 9.6 kbps	\$25.49 (R)	\$238.89 (R)	
- 56/64 kbps	\$26.13 (R)	\$238.89 (R)	

(B) Reserved For Future Use

(C) Optional Features and Functions

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>
(1) Bridging		
- Per port	\$ 2.59 (R)	\$67.19 (R)
(2) Loop Transfer Arrangement		
- Per four-port arrangement*	ICB	ICB

* An additional Non-Competitive EUCT charge will apply whenever a spare channel is configured as a leg to the customer's premises.

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	Monthly <u>Rates</u>	Nonrecurring <u>Charges</u>	(D)
(D) Reserved For Future Use			(D)
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7.4.5 Message Station Equipment Recovery Charge

	Monthly <u>Rate</u>
Per Special Access Surcharge Assessed	\$0.00

7.4.6 Additional Testing

At the customer's request, the Telephone Company will test the parameters cited in 7.1.6 preceding at times other than installation. The applicable charge is:

Additional Testing	\$62.42	(R)
Per Hour		

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	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>	
(A) Non-Competitive End User Channel Termination (EUCT) Per Termination			(C)
- DS1	\$ 80.63 (R)	\$ 249.84 (R)	
- DS3	\$762.57 (R)	\$ 249.84 (R)	
(B) Reserved For Future Use			(C)
			(D)
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(C) Reserved For Future Use			(C)
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(D) Term Discounts			
DS1 and DS3 Services		<u>Percentage</u>	
36 Months		10%	
60 Months		20%	

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(C) Optional Features and Functions

(1) Reserved For Future Use

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