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15. Metropolitan Statistical Area Services

15.1 General Description

This section of the tariff provides the regulations, rates, and terms and conditions that apply to telecommunications services provided by the Telephone Company in the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in which the Telephone Company has received Phase II pricing flexibility pursuant to Subpart H of Part 69 of the Commission's Rules, as well as contract-based services provided in MSAs where the Telephone Company has received Phase I or Phase II pricing flexibility pursuant to Subpart H of Part 69 of the Commission's rules. MSAs are classified as full service relief MSAs, limited service relief MSAs, and non-relief MSAs. For purposes of this tariff, the term "MSA" includes non-MSA areas in which the Telephone Company operates. A non-MSA area for which the Telephone Company has been granted pricing flexibility is treated identically to an MSA that has been granted the same level of pricing flexibility.

Full service relief MSAs are those MSAs which qualified for Phase II pricing flexibility for all elements of service, i.e. channel terminations between Telephone Company end offices and end user premises; channel terminations between interexchange carrier points of presence and LEC serving wire centers; special access services other than channel terminations; and switched access entrance facilities and dedicated transport facilities.

Limited service relief MSAs are those MSAs that qualified for Phase II pricing flexibility for all elements of service except channel terminations between Telephone Company end offices and end user premises.

Non-relief MSAs are those which have not qualified for any Phase II pricing flexibility. It is possible for a non-relief MSA to qualify for Phase I pricing flexibility for some or all services.

The MSAs for which the Telephone Company has received Phase I or Phase II pricing flexibility, and the type of flexibility received, are listed in Section 15.2 following. The services provided pursuant to Phase II pricing flexibility are listed in Section 15.3 following. These services are comparable to the corresponding Switched Access transport services set forth in Section 6 of this tariff. The general regulations, service descriptions, and rate regulations found in Sections 6 of this tariff are also applicable to the corresponding services in Section 16.9. Unless otherwise provided for in Section 16.9, regulations set forth in Sections 1, 2, 5, and 13 are also applicable.

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15.2 Metropolitan Statistical Areas

MSAs are listed below by the type of relief that has been granted. MSAs in which the Telephone Company operates that are not listed have not been granted any Phase I or Phase II pricing flexibility.

Full Service Relief MSAs:

none currently

Limited Service Relief MSAs:

Rochester, NY MSA

Non-relief MSAs with Phase I pricing flexibility

none currently

15.3 Services Available in an MSA

The following services are available in MSAs with Full or Limited Service Relief:

Switched Access Services/Dedicated Transport:

Voice Grade Service

DS1 Service

Common Channel Signaling Network Connections

DS3 Service

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Pricing Flexibility left in this section is only applicable to Switched Access services. (C)
In some cases, service may be provided that spans areas that have been granted different levels of pricing flexibility. Where possible, rate elements for such services are attributed to specific wire centers that have a defined level of pricing flexibility. Some rate elements, such as interoffice mileage, may not be attributable to a single wire center. When a service spans areas with different levels of pricing flexibility, the following regulations apply:

Channel terminations will always be attributable to a single wire center. Channel terminations between interexchange carrier points of presence and LEC serving wire centers will be billed using the rates in Section 16.9 for wire centers in Full Service Relief MSAs and Limited Service Relief MSAs. Channel terminations between interexchange carrier points of presence and LEC serving wire centers will be billed using the rates found in Section 16.5 for wire centers in non-relief MSAs.

Channel terminations between Telephone Company end offices and end user premises will be billed using the rates in Section 16.9 for wire centers in Full Service Relief MSAs. Channel terminations between Telephone Company end offices and end user premises will be billed using the rates found in Section 16.5 for wire centers in Limited Service Relief MSAs and non-relief MSAs.

All other rate elements that are attributable to a single wire center will be billed using the rates in Section 16.9 for wire centers in Full Service Relief MSAs and Limited Service Relief MSAs. All other rate elements that are attributable to a single wire center will be billed using the rates found in Section 16.4, 16.5, or 16.6 for wire centers in non-relief MSAs.

When a rate element is not attributable to a single wire center, the wire centers to which it is attributed will be identified. When all wire centers to which such a rate element is attributed are in Full Service Relief MSAs or Limited Service Relief MSAs, the rate element will be billed using the rates in Section 16.9. When at least one of the wire centers to which such an element is attributed is in a non-relief MSA, the rate element will be billed using the rates found in Section 16.4, 16.5 or 16.6.

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