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Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) Guidelines
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Issued: October 1973

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Section 1 - APPLICATION OF TARIFF

The terms and conditions in this Tariff apply to the Interstate Common Carrier Telecommunications Services provided by the Issuing Carriers of this Tariff, hereinafter the Company. The Company may provide any of the services offered under this Tariff or any combination of services to Customers through the use of contracts. Terms and conditions of each contract offering is subject to the agreement of both the Customer and the Company. Customized service packages and competitive pricing arrangements at negotiated rates may be furnished on an individual case basis. Rates in other Sections of this Tariff do not apply to Customers who agree to contract arrangements with respect to services within the scope of the contract. Specialized rates or charges will be made available to similarly situated Customers on a non-discriminatory basis.

Special Access Service is provided outside this tariff. Special Access Services may be referred to in this tariff in general terms to assist in understanding the services that encompass an entire circuit. Terms and conditions for Special Access Services will be provided under individual commercial agreements or under terms and conditions found at the Company's website.

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Section 2 - GENERAL REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (cont'd)

2.3.9 Jurisdictional Report-Switched Access (cont'd)

C. Directory Assistance Service

When a Customer orders Directory Assistance Service, the Customer shall in its order, provide the PIU for terminating use in a whole number (a number of 0 through 100) for each Directory Access Service group ordered. (A method the Customer may wish to adopt could be to use its terminating traffic from its premises to the involved Directory Assistance Location and calculate the PIU as set forth in paragraph B. preceding.)

D. All Other Type of Access Service

The Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU for all other type of access including 500, 700, 800, 888, 900, etc.

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Section 2 - GENERAL REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (cont'd)

2.3.11 Jurisdictional Reports Verification

- A. For Switched Access Service, if a billing dispute arises concerning the PIU, the Company will ask the Customer to provide the data the Customer uses to determine the PIU. The Customer will supply the data within thirty (30) days of the Company request.
- B. The Customer shall keep records of call detail from which the PIU can be ascertained and, upon request of the Company, shall make the records available for inspection as reasonably necessary for purposes of verification of the percentages. The Company reserves the right to conduct an audit at any time during the year.

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Section 2 - GENERAL REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.17 Definitions (cont'd)

Exit Message

The term "Exit Message" denotes an SS7 message sent to an end office by a Telephone Company's tandem switch to mark the Carrier Connect Time when a Telephone Company's tandem switch sends an Initial Address Message to an interexchange customer.

Expected Measured Loss

The term "Expected Measured Loss" denotes a calculated loss which specifies the end-to-end 1004-Hz loss on a terminated test connection between two (2) readily accessible manual or remote test points. It is the sum of the inserted connection loss and test access loss including any test pads.

Extended Area Service

See Exchange.

Extended PVC

The term "Extended PVC" denotes the interconnection of a port on a Telephone Company's frame relay switch with a port on another interconnected Telephone Company's frame relay switch.

First Point of Switching

The term "First Point of Switching" denotes the first Telephone Company or centralized equal access provider location at which switching occurs on the terminating path of a call proceeding from the Customer designated premises to the terminating end office and, at the same time, the last Telephone Company or centralized equal access provider location at which switching occurs on the originating path of a call proceeding from the originating end office to the Customer designated premises.

Frame

The term "Frame" denotes a group of data bits in a specific format, which enables network equipment to recognize the meaning and purpose of the specific bits.

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Section 2 - GENERAL REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.17 Definitions (cont'd)

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Frequency Shift

The term "Frequency Shift" denotes the change in the frequency of a tone as it is transmitted over a channel.

Host Central Office

The term "Host Central Office" denotes an electronic local Telephone Company End Office where Telephone Exchange Service Customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks. Additionally, this type of End Office contains the central call processing functions which service itself and its Remote Switching Modules/Systems.

Hub

A wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed for Customers served out of any wire center.

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Section 3 - ACCESS ORDERING

3.1 General

This section sets forth the regulations and order related charges for Access Service Requests (ASR) for Switched Access Services as defined in this Tariff. These charges are in addition to other applicable charges set forth in other sections of this Tariff. (C)

An Access Order is an order to provide the Customer with Switched or Access Related Service or to provide changes to existing services. (C)

3.1.1 Ordering Conditions

All services offered under this Tariff may be ordered using an ASR, or through a Constructive Order, as defined herein. The format and terms of the ASR will be as specified in the Industry Access Service Order Guidelines, unless otherwise specified herein. A Customer may order any number of services of the same type and between the same premises on a single access order. All details for services for a particular order must be identical.

The Customer shall provide all information necessary for the Company to provide and bill for the requested service. When placing an order for Access Service, the Customer shall provide the following minimum information:

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

The order date is the date on which the Company receives a firm commitment and sufficient information from the Customer to allow processing of the ASR.

3.1.2 Service Installation

The Company will provide the Access Service in accordance with the Customer's requested service date, subject to the constraints established by the Company schedule of applicable service dates.

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Section 3 - ACCESS ORDERING (cont'd)

3.1 General (cont'd)

3.1.2 Service Installation (Cont'd)

The Company shall make available to all Customers, upon request, a schedule of applicable service intervals for Switched Access Services. The schedule shall specify the applicable service intervals for services and the quantities of services that can be provided by a requested service date. Any associated material will be provided upon request and within a reasonable period of time.

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The Company at its option, may not accept orders for service dates which exceed the applicable service date by more than six (6) months.

Access Services will be installed during Company business days. If a Customer requests that installation be done outside of scheduled work hours, and the Company agrees to this request, the Customer will be subject to applicable Additional Labor Charges as set forth in Section 10 following. This also applies to non-routine installation and special construction as set forth in Section 2.

3.1.3 Expedited Orders

When placing an access order, a Customer may request a service date that is prior to the assigned service date. A Customer may also request an earlier service date on a pending or negotiated access order. If the Company agrees to provide the service on an expedited basis, an Expedited Order Charge will apply in addition to the additional labor cost or extraordinary costs that are required to meet the requested service date. The Company will provide the Customer with an estimate of additional cost. Upon the Customer's agreement, the Company will proceed with the requested service date.

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Section 3 - ACCESS ORDERING (cont'd)

3.1 General (cont'd)

3.1.3 Expedited Orders (cont'd)

A Customer may request a change of end user premises within the same serving wire center. If the Customer requests an earlier service date, an Expedited Order Charge will apply.

When the request for expediting occurs subsequent to the issuance of the access order, a Service Date Change Charge as set forth in Section 17.4.1(B) following will also apply.

When an expedited service date is missed, the Expedited Order Charge will apply unless the missed service date is caused by the Company

3.1.4 Selection of Facilities for Access Orders

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When there are high capacity facilities to a hub on order or in service for the Customer's use, the Customer may request a specific channel or transmission path be used to provide the Switched Access Service requested in an access order. The Company will make a reasonable effort to accommodate the Customer request.

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Section 3 - ACCESS ORDERING (cont'd)

3.2 Ordering Requirements

An ASR is required by the Company to provide a Customer Switched Access Service, as described herein. An ASR will be required for each new similar service arrangement or group of common circuits. (D)

3.2.1 Switched Access Service

- A. When a Customer requests new or additional Switched Access Services, one (1) or more access orders may be required. The number of orders required is dependent on the type of services and/or facilities being requested.
- B. When placing an order for service, the Customer shall specify whether the service is to be provided as direct trunked transport or tandem switched transport, as described in Section 5.1.3 following.
- C. When all or a portion of service is ordered as direct trunked transport, the Customer must specify the type and quantity of direct trunked transport facility (e.g. voice grade or high capacity DS1 or DS3). The Customer must also specify the type of entrance facility to be used for Switched Access Service (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.
- D. When the Customer has both tandem switched transport and direct trunked transport at the same end office, the Customer will be provided Alternate Traffic Routing as set forth in Section 5.4.4.
- E. When placing an order for Switched Access Service, the Customer shall provide:
 1. The number of trunks desired between Customer designated premises and an entry switch or Operator Transfer Service location;
 2. Optional Features
 3. A projected PIU as set forth in Section 2.

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Section 3 - ACCESS ORDERING (cont'd)

3.2 Ordering Requirements (cont'd)

3.2.4 800 Data Base Access Service

For 800 Data Base Access Service, as described in Section 5.4.5 (c) following, the Customer must order FGD to those access tandems or end offices designated as Service Switching Points (SSP) for 800 data base service or to those non-SSP equipped end offices that can accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 calls. All traffic originating from end offices not equipped to provide SS7 signaling and routing or not able to accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 calls require routing via an access tandem where SSP functionality is available.

3.2.6 Miscellaneous Services

Testing Service, Maintenance of Service, Telecommunications Service Priority and Additional Labor shall be ordered with an Access Order or may subsequently be added to a pending order at any time up to and including the service date for the Access Service, with the agreement of the Company.

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Section 3 - ACCESS ORDERING (cont'd)

3.3 Access Orders For Services Provided By More Than One Company (cont'd)

For the service(s) ordered as set forth following, the Customer must also supply a copy of the order to the Company in whose operating territory a Customer designated premises is located and any other Company(s) involved in providing the service.

- A. For Feature Group D Switched Access Services, the Customer must place an order with the Company in whose territory the end office is located. Customers may, at their option, order FGD to the access tandem. When ordered to the access tandem, and the access tandem and the end office are not in the same Company operating territory, the Customer must also supply a copy of the order to each additional Company subtending the access tandem.

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Section 3 - ACCESS ORDERING (cont'd)

3.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (cont'd)

3.4.3 Access Order Change Charges

Access Order changes involve service date changes and design changes. The Customer may request a change of its Access Order prior to the service date. The Company will make every effort to accommodate a requested change when it is able to do so with the normal work force assigned to the order and within normal business hours. If the change cannot be made with the normal work force during normal business hours, the Company will notify the Customer. If the customer still desires the Access Order change, the Company will schedule a new service date.

Any increase in the number of Switched Access Service lines, trunks, or CCS/SS7 Port Terminations will be treated as a new Access Order (for the increased amount only). (C)

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Section 3 - ACCESS ORDERING (cont'd)

3.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (cont'd)

3.4.3 Access Order Change Charges (cont'd)

B. Design Change (cont'd)

The Company will review the requested changes, notify the customer whether the change is a design change, if the change can be accommodated and if a new service date is required. If the Customer authorizes the Company to proceed with the design change, a Design Change Charge will apply in addition to the charge for Additional Engineering as set forth in Section 17. If a change of service date is required, the Service Date Change Charge will also apply.

A Design Change Charge will apply, on a per order, per occurrence basis.

3.5 Minimum Periods and Cancellations

3.5.1 Minimum Periods

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

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Section 3 - ACCESS ORDERING (cont'd)

3.5 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (cont'd)

3.5.1 Minimum Periods (cont'd)

- C. The following charges will be treated as a discontinuance of the existing service and a request for installation of a new service. All associated non-recurring charges will apply for the new service, and a new minimum period will be established.

A change in the identity of the Customer of record;
A move by the Customer to a different building;
A change in type of service;
A change in Switched Access Service Interface (i.e. DS1 or DS3);
A change in Switched Access Service Traffic Type;

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- D. All applicable non-recurring charges for the service will be billed in addition to the Minimum Period Charge.

3.5.2 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 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 ten (10) days. If a Customer or a Customer's end user is unable to accept Access Service within thirty (30) calendar days after the original service date, the Customer has the choice of the following options:

1. The Access Order shall be canceled and charges set forth in paragraph B. following will apply; or
2. 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 thirty- first (31st) day beyond the original service date of the Access Order.

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Section 3 - ACCESS ORDERING (cont'd)

3.5 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (cont'd)

3.5.2 Cancellation of an Access Order (cont'd)

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 Service facilities is considered to have started when the 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 paragraphs (a) or (b) following, whichever is lower, shall apply.

A charge equal to the costs incurred in such installation, less estimated net salvage. Such costs include the non-recoverable cost of equipment and material ordered, provided or used, plus the non-recoverable cost of installation and removal including the costs of engineering, labor, supervision, transportation, rights-of-way and other associated costs; or

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C. When a Customer cancels an order for the discontinuance of service, no charges apply for the cancellation.

D. If the Company misses a service date by more than thirty (30) days and such delay is not requested or caused by the Customer (excluding those circumstances where the date is missed due to acts of God, governmental requirements, work stoppages and civil commotion), the Customer may cancel the Access Order without incurring cancellation charges

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Section 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES (cont'd)

5.1 General (cont'd)

5.1.3 Rate Categories (cont'd)

A. Local Transport (cont'd)

3. Multiplexing

DS3 to DS1 Multiplexing Charges apply when a high capacity DS3 entrance facility or high capacity DS3 direct trunked facility is connected with high capacity DS1 direct trunked transport. The DS3 to DS1 multiplexer will convert a 44.736 Mbps channel to twenty-eight (28) DS1 channels using digital time division 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. However, 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. The DS1 to voice grade multiplexer will convert a 1.544 Mbps channel to twenty-four (24) voice grade channels. Multiplexing will be provided in the offices where the capability exist.

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4. Direct Trunked Transport

The Company provides direct trunked transport, between the Customer's designated premises and the local switching equipment of the Company. This transmission path is dedicated to the use of a single Customer. Voice grade two (2) or four (4) wire or high capacity DS1 and DS3 facilities are available for direct trunked transport.

The Customer must specify the choice of facilities (*i.e.*, voice grade two or (4) four wire or high capacity DS1 or DS3) to be used in the provision of the direct trunked transport or entrance facility and whether it will overflow to tandem switched transport. The minimum period for which a high capacity DS3 direct trunked transport is provided is twelve (12) months.

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Section 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES (cont'd)

5.4 Rate Regulations (cont'd)

5.4.3 Mileage Measurement (cont'd)

B. Feature Group D - WATS

The local transport facility for Feature Groups D Switched Access Service connected at a WATS serving office will be measured between the WATS serving office (when measured access minutes of use are used) and the serving wire center for the Customer designated premises. (C)

C. Use of the Company Hub

When multiplexing is performed at Company hubs, mileage is computed and rates applied separately for each segment of the local transport direct trunked facility (i.e., Customer serving wire center to hub, hub to hub, and/or hub to end office).

5.4.4 Non-Chargeable Optional Features

Following are descriptions of the various non-chargeable optional features that are available in lieu of, or in addition to, the standard features.

5.4.4.1 Common Switching Options

A. Automatic Number Identification (ANI)

This option provides the automatic transmission of a seven (7) digit or ten (10) digit number and information digits to the Customer designated premises for calls originating in the LATA, to identify the calling station.

B. Service Class Routing

This option provides the capability to direct originating traffic from an end office to a trunk group or a Customer designated premises, based on the line class of service (e.g., coin, multiparty or hotel/motel), service prefix indicator (e.g., 0-, 0+, 01+ or 011+) or Service Access Code (e.g., 800, 888 or 900). It is provided in suitably equipped end office or access tandem switches.

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Section 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES (cont'd)

5.4 Rate Regulations (cont'd)

5.4.4 Non-Chargeable Optional Features (cont'd)

5.4.4.1 Common Switching Options (cont'd)

F. International Carrier Option

This option allows for end offices or access tandem switches equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD) to be arranged to forward the international calls of one (1) or more International Carriers to the Customer (i.e., the Company is able to route originating international calls to a Customer other than the one designated by the end user either through presubscription or access code dialing). This arrangement requires provision of written verification to the Company that the Customer is authorized to forward such calls. The written verification must be in the form of a letter of agency authorizing the Customer to order the option on behalf of the International Carrier.

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Section 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES (cont'd)

5.4 Rate Regulations (cont'd)

5.4.4 Non-Chargeable Optional Features (cont'd)

5.4.4.1 Common Switching Options (cont'd)

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10.3 Miscellaneous Services (cont'd)

10.3.1 Testing Services (cont'd)

10.3.1.1 Switched Access Service (cont'd)

C. Additional Manual Testing

Additional manual testing of Switched Access Services (FGD and Directory Access Service not routed through an access tandem), is testing where the Company provides a technician at its office(s) and the Company or Customer provides a technician at the Customer designated premises, with suitable test equipment to perform the required tests. Such additional tests will normally consist of gain-slope and C-notched noise testing. However, the Company will conduct any additional tests the Customer may request.

The Company will provide a report listing the test results for each trunk tested. Trunk test failures requiring Customer participation for trouble resolution will be provided to the Customer on a per occurrence basis.

Additional manual tests may be ordered by the Customer at additional charges, sixty (60) days prior to the start of the testing schedule as mutually agreed to by the Customer and the Company.

D. Obligations of the Customer

1. The Customer shall provide the remote office test line priming data to the Company, as appropriate, to support routine testing as set forth in Section 5.2.2 B. preceding.
2. The Customer shall make the facilities to be tested available to the Company at times mutually agreed upon.

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10.3 Miscellaneous Services (cont'd)

10.3.3 Telecommunications Service Priority - TSP (Cont'd)

The TSP System is a service, developed to meet the requirements of the Federal Government, as specified in the Service Vendor's Handbook and Service User's Manual which provides the regulatory, administrative and operational framework for the priority installation and/or restoration of NSEP telecommunications services. This includes Switched Access Service. The TSP System applies only to NSEP Telecommunications Services, and requires and authorizes priority action by the Company providing such services. (C)

For Switched Access Service, the TSP System's applicability is limited to those services the Company can discreetly identify for priority provisioning and/or restoration.

A Telecommunications Service Priority Charge applies when a request to provide or change a Telecommunications Service Priority is received subsequent to the issuance of an access order to install the service.

Additionally, a Miscellaneous Service Order Charge will apply to Telecommunications Service Priority requests that are ordered subsequent to the initial installation of the associated access service.

A Telecommunications Service Priority Charge does not apply when a Telecommunications Service Priority is discontinued or when ordered coincident with an access order to install or change service.

In addition, Additional Labor rates may be applicable when provisioning or restoring Switched Access Services with Telecommunications Service Priority. (C)

When the Customer requests an audit or a reconciliation of the Company's Telecommunications Service Priority records, a Miscellaneous Service Order Charge and Additional Labor rates are applicable.

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17.2 Switched Access Service (cont'd)

<u>17.2.5 Operator Transfer Service</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Per Call Transferred	\$ 0.4588

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