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Section 1 General Regulations1. Application of Tariff

This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Switched Access and other miscellaneous services, hereinafter referred to collectively as service(s). The provision of such services by the Company as set forth in this tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the customer for the furnishing of any service. (C)

1.1 Undertaking of the Company1.1.1 Scope

- (A) The Company will provide switched access services and other miscellaneous services at rates listed in Section 3 of this tariff. (C)
- (B) The Company shall be responsible only for the installation, operation and maintenance of the services it provides. (C)
- (C) The Company will, for maintenance purposes, test its service only to the extent necessary to detect and/or clear troubles.
- (D) The Company will provide services with a minimum period of one month and are available on a 24 hour daily, seven day per week basis, except as set forth in other applicable sections of this tariff.
- (E) The Company does not warrant that its facilities and services meet standards other than those set forth in this tariff.

1.1.2 Limitations(A) Assignment or Transfer of Services

Neither the Company nor the Customer may assign or transfer its rights or duties in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company without written consent of the other party, except that the Company may assign its rights and duties:

- (1) to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company,
- (2) pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company; or
- (3) pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

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Nonrecurring charges will be waived for rearrangements that convert Switched Transport Facilities from tandem-switched transport to direct-trunked transport provided the Access Service Request is placed between June 17, 1997 and January 1, 1999. This waiver of nonrecurring charges includes both the Access Order Charge and nonrecurring charges for installation of new facilities between the Company serving wire center and the customer's premises when such facilities are required to provision rerouted trunks. The following conditions must be met in order for charges to be waived:

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1.7 Access Services Billing

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Billing Mediums

The customer shall select the primary medium in which its official access service bills and customer service records are to be provided. This selection shall be on an account level basis, and shall be submitted in writing to the Company.

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)Conditioning

Conditioning provides more specific transmission characteristics for Voice Grade services.

Controller Arrangement

This arrangement enables the customer to control up to 48 transfer functions at a Telephone Company central officer via a remote keyboard terminal capable of either 300 or 1200 bps operation.

Customer(s)

The term "Customer(s)" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity or other entity which subscribes to the services offered under this tariff, including both Interexchange Carriers (ICs) and End Users.

Customer Specified Receive Level

This option allows the customer to specify the receive level at the Point of Termination.

Customer Designated Premises

The term "Customer Designated Premises" denotes the premises specified by the customer for the provision of Access Service. Additionally, Company Centrex CO and CO-like switches and packet switches included in Public Packet Switching Network (PPSN) Service are considered to be a customer designated premises for purposes of this tariff.

D-Type (Data Capability) Conditioning

D-Type provides transmission characteristics suitable for data communications.

Design Change Charge

"Design Change Charge" denotes the charge incurred when a customer requests design change, which requires engineering review, to the service order or to the requested service date.

Detail Billing

The term "Detail Billing" denotes the listing of each message and/or rate element for which charges to a customer are due on a bill prepared by the Company.

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)Feature Group A

Feature Group A Access, which is available to all customers, provides line side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an associated seven digit local telephone number for the customer's use in originating communications from and terminating communications to an Interexchange Carrier's Interstate Service.

Feature Group B

Feature Group B Access, which is available to all customers, provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an associated uniform 950-XXXX access code.

Feature Group C

Feature Group C provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches for the customer's use in originating and terminating communications.

Feature Group D

Feature Group D, which is available to all customers, provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches.

Firm Order Confirmation (FOC)

The term "Firm Order Confirmation" denotes acknowledgment by the Company of receipt of an Access Service Request from the Customer and commitment by the Company of a service installation date.

First Point of Switching

The term "First Point of Switching" denotes the first Company 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 Company at which switching occurs on the originating path of a call proceeding from the originating end office to the customer designated premises.

Grandfathered

The term "Grandfathered" denotes Terminal Equipment, Multiline Terminating Systems and Protective Circuitry directly connected to the facilities utilized to provide services under the provisions of this tariff, and which are considered grandfathered under Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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The term "Service Order" denotes the written request for services by the Customer to the Company, in an Access Services Request (ASR) format.

Service Switching Point (SSP)

A Service Switching Point denotes an end office or tandem which, in addition to having SS7 and SP capabilities, is also equipped to query centralized data bases.

Serving Wire Center

The term "Serving Wire Center" means the Company central office designated by the Company to serve the geographic area in which the interexchange carrier or other access customer's point of demarcation is located.

Signaling Capability

Signaling Capability provides for the ability to transmit signals from one customer premises to another customer premises on the same service.

Signaling Point (SP)

The term "Signaling Point (SP)" denotes a switch in the CCS network that is capable of originating and terminating SS7 trunk signaling messages.

Signaling System 7 (SS7)

The term "Signaling System 7 (SS7)" denotes the layered protocol used for standardized common channel signaling in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Signal Transfer Point (STP)

The term "Signal Transfer Point (STP)" denotes a packet switch which provides access to the Company's SS7 network and performs SS7 message signal routing and screening.

Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port

The term "Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port" denotes the point of termination and interconnection to the STP.

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Section 2 Definitions2. Definitions (Cont'd)Subscriber Line Charge

Subscriber Line Charges are recurring monthly rates charged to residence and business lines, used to recover a portion of the NTS local loop costs.

Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem

The term "Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem" denotes an end office that has final trunk group routing through that tandem.

Switched Access Service

The term "Switched Access Service" denotes the provision of a two-point communications path between a customer designated premises and an end users premises that is switched in the central office. It provides for the use of common line plant, switching, trunking facilities and transport facilities. Switched Access service is provided as Feature Group D, trunk side service.

Tandem Switched Facility

The Tandem Switched Facility rate recovers a portion of the costs of the transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment, between the end points of the interoffice circuits.

Tandem Switched Termination

The Tandem Switched Termination rate recovers a portion of the costs of the circuit equipment that is necessary for the termination of each end of the Tandem Switched Facility

Tandem Switched Transport

The term "Tandem-Switched Transport" denotes switched access transport from the serving wire center to the end office or from the tandem to the end office that is switched at a tandem switch.

Tandem Switching

The Tandem Switching rate recovers a portion of the costs of switching traffic through an access tandem.

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The term "Uniform Service Order Code" denotes a three or five character alphabetic, or an alphanumeric code that identifies a specific item of service or equipment. Uniform Service Order Codes are used in the Company billing system to generate recurring rates and nonrecurring charges.

V and H Coordinates Method

The term "V and H Coordinates Method" denotes a method of computing airline miles between two points by utilizing an established formula which is based on the vertical and horizontal coordinates of the two points.

WATS Serving Office

The term "WATS Serving Office" denotes a Company designated serving wire center where switching, screening and/or recording functions are performed in connection with the closed-end of WATS or WATS-type services.

Wire Center

The term "Wire Center" denotes a building in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of Telephone Exchange Services, are located.

Zone

Zone pricing is the application of rates and charges on a zoned or a nonzoned basis. Zoned rates and charges apply when these services, features and functions are provided in a pricing zone. Nonzoned rates and charges apply when these services, features and functions are provided outside of a pricing zone. Zone one prices apply to exchanges less than 5,001 access lines. Zone two prices apply to exchanges greater than 5,000 access lines but less than 15,001 access lines. Zone three prices are for exchanges in excess of 15,000 access lines.

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