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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.1 General - Rate Categories

Switched Access Service provides for the use of common switching, terminating, and trunking facilities between a Customer-designated premises and an end-user's premises for originating and terminating traffic. The Company provides Switched Access service, which is furnished in quantities of trunks or busy hour minutes of capacity (BHMC). Switched Access Service consists of local transport and the appropriate end office switching and functions to enable an interexchange carrier Customer to provide message toll service (MTS), wide area telephone service (WATS), directory information and 1+, or when required, an access code of 101XXXX services.

Rate categories and descriptions include the following:

6.1.1 Local Transport: Local Transport rate recovers a portion of the costs associated with a communications path between a tandem and an end office on circuits that are switched at a tandem switch.

The Local Transport category consist of a Tandem Switching rate, a Tandem Switched Facility rate, and a Tandem Switched Termination rate. For originating toll free minutes only, a Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate applies in lieu of the Tandem Switching, Tandem Switched Facility and Tandem Switched Termination rates and is only billed by the tandem company that performs the tandem switching function. A Customer may also request optional features and functions, which have appropriate charges.

The Tandem Switching rate recovers a portion of the costs of switching traffic through an access tandem. The Tandem Switching rate is applied on a per access minute per tandem basis for all originating (excluding toll free) and all terminating minutes of use switched at the tandem.

The Tandem Switched Facility rate recovers a portion of the costs of transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment, between the end points of interoffice circuits (Remote to Host Office and Host/End Office to Tandem.)

The Tandem Switched Termination rate recovers a portion of the costs of circuit equipment necessary for the termination of each end of each measured segment of the Tandem Switched Facility. The Tandem Switched Termination rate applies even if the Tandem Switched Facility mileage is zero.

The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate is applied on a per tandem basis in lieu of the Tandem Switching, Tandem Switched Facility, and Tandem Switched Termination rates and is only billed by the tandem company that performs the tandem switching function

6.1.2 End Office/Local Switching: Charges related to the Company local end office switching entity which routes traffic to and from end users to interexchange carrier Customers. The end office rate category includes two elements; Local Switching per access minute of use, and an in Information/Intercept Surcharge per access minutes of use or Information Surcharge per information call use as determined by the serving arrangement. For originating toll free minutes only, a different Local Switching and Information/Intercept Surcharge rate is applied.

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

6.3 Switched Access Specifications – Customer Report Requirements

The provision of Switched Access Service has certain obligations of the Customer in addition to those set forth in Section 2 proceeding, as follows:

The Customer is responsible for providing reports to the Company, when applicable. Such reports include:

- 6.3.1 Jurisdictional Reports – are required when Customer orders Access Service with both intrastate and interstate use so that charges may be apportioned in accordance with those reports.
- 6.3.2 Code Screening Reports – are required when Customer orders service class routing, trunk access limitation or call gapping arrangements. The Customer must report the number of trunks and/or appropriate codes to be instituted in each end office for each of the arrangements ordered.
- 6.3.3 Trunk Group Measurement Reports – with the agreement of the Customer, trunk group data in CCS, peg count and overflow for its end of all access trunk groups, where technologically feasible will be made available to the Company. These data which will be used to monitor trunk group utilization and service performance, will be based on previously arranged intervals and format.
- 6.3.4 Supervisory Signaling – necessary on-hook, off-hook supervision shall be provided by the Customer’s facilities in order to provide answer and disconnect supervision.

6.4 Toll Free Database Access Service

Toll Free Database Access Service is provided with switched access service. When a 1+ (e.g., 800, 888, or other toll free number) + NXX + XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Company will utilize the Signaling System 7 (SS7) network to query an 800 Database to identify the customer to whom the call will be delivered. The call will then be routed to the identified Customer over FGD switched access.

A Basic or Vertical Feature Query charge is assessed for each query launched to the database, which identifies the customer to whom the call will be delivered. The query is considered completed when the appropriate call routing information is returned to the Service Switching Point (SSP) that launched the query and the results are transmitted to the next company in the call path. If the originating company transmits the results of the query, it will assess the query charge per call. However, when the originating company is unable to do so, the next company in the call path that is able to launch and transmit the results of the query will assess the query charge. Only one query charge per call may be assessed.

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6.4 Toll Free Database Access Service (Cont'd)

The manner in which Toll Free Database Access Service is provided is dependent on the availability of SS7 service at the end office from which the service is provided as outlined below:

6.4.1 When Toll Free Database Access Service originates at an end office equipped with Service Switching Point (SSP) capability for querying centralized data bases, all such service will be provisioned from that end office.

6.4.2 When Toll Free Database Access Service originates at an end office not equipped with SSP Customer identification capability, the Toll Free Service Access Code call will be delivered to the access tandem on which the end office is homed and which is equipped with the SSP feature to query centralized data bases.

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9. RATES AND CHARGES

9.1 General

Rates for service will include non-recurring charges, recurring charges for the rate elements or items specified in previous sections of this tariff, miscellaneous charges, or ICB charges or combinations of same and are identified herein.

9.2	Carrier Common Line Access Service	Monthly <u>Rate</u>
	Originating Per Access Minute	\$ 0.00000
	Terminating Per Access Minute	\$ 0.00000

9.3 End User Access Service

9.3.1	Interstate Subscriber Line Charge Per individual line or trunk	
	Residence Subscriber	See Note
	Business Subscriber	See Note
9.3.2	Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge (PICC)	\$ 0.00000

Note: Charge is in accordance with End User Access Service, Windstream Telephone System Tariff F.C.C No. 6 (T)

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9. RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)

9.4 Switched Access Service

9.4.1 Local Switching

Per Originating Access Minute (Non-Toll Free)	See Note*
Per Originating Access Minute (Toll Free Only)	See Note*
Per Terminating Access Minute	See Note*

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9.4.2 Information Surcharge/Intercept

Per Originating Access Minute (Non-Toll Free)	See Note*
Per Originating Access Minute (Toll Free Only)	See Note*
Per Terminating Access Minute	See Note*

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9.4.3 Tandem Switched Facility**
 Per Access Minute, Per Mile

Originating	See Note*
Terminating	See Note*

9.4.4 Tandem Switched Termination**
 Per Access Minute, Per Mile

Originating	See Note*
Terminating	See Note*

9.4.5 Tandem Switching**
 Per Access Minute, Per Tandem

Originating	See Note*
Terminating	See Note*

9.4.6 Joint Tandem Switched Transport**
 Per Originating Toll Free Only
 Access Minute, Per Tandem

See Note*

9.4.7 Network Blocking
 Per blocked call

See Note*

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9.4.8 Toll Free Data Base Access Service Query
 Per Query

Basic	See Note*
Vertical Feature	See Note*

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* Rates are in accordance with Windstream Telephone System Tariff F.C.C No. 6.

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