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16. Equal Access Cost Recovery16.1 General Description

Equal Access Cost Recovery (EACR) is a monthly charge assessed to Interexchange Carriers (ICs) who obtain Feature Group D or CST BSA - Option 3 Switched Access Service, hereinafter referred to as equal access.

16.2 Rate Regulations

- 16.2.1 The EACR monthly charge is based on the total number of equal access lines, as set forth in 16.2.2 following, and the total number of presubscribed equal access lines, as set forth in 16.2.3 following.
- 16.2.2 The total number of equal access lines in a LATA is all in-service lines and trunks provided at end user locations and served by end offices equipped with equal access.
- 16.2.3 The total number of presubscribed equal access lines is the sum of (1) all equal access lines and trunks in a LATA for which customers have designated an IC as the predesignated carrier and (2) all equal access lines and trunks in a LATA which are not presubscribed to an IC but continue to have access to interstate MTS/WATS without dialing an IC's access code.
- 16.2.4 For each IC which obtains Feature Group D or CST BSA - Option 3, the Telephone Company will determine the percent applicable to that IC on a LATA wide basis. The percent will be calculated by dividing the total number of presubscribed equal access lines and trunks presubscribed to that IC by the total number of presubscribed equal access lines. The total number of presubscribed equal access lines presubscribed to the IC which provides interstate MTS/WATS also includes all lines and trunks as set forth in 16.2.3(2) preceding. The IC percent will be calculated separately for each LATA in which the IC obtains Feature Group D or CST BSA - Option 3. The Telephone Company will adjust the percent applicable to each IC on a monthly basis.

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16.3 Rate Application

The EACR monthly charge is assessed to each IC as follows: the IC's percent of total number of presubscribed equal access lines in a LATA is applied to the total number of equal access lines within that LATA, and then multiplied by the monthly rate per equal access line.

Monthly EACR Charge =

Interexchange Carrier's % total number of presubscribed equal access lines X total number of equal access lines X monthly rate per equal access line.

Rates and charges for Equal Access Cost Recovery are found in Section 31.16 following.

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