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29. INCIDENTAL INTERLATA SERVICES

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Incidental InterLATA Services are available to customers of Telephone Company access services.

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29.1 Common Channel Signaling (CCS) - Gateway Access Service

29.1.1 General

CCS - Gateway Access Service enables a customer to route SS7 signaling messages over the Telephone Company's Common Channel Signaling network to the LATA where a Gateway Access STP Hub (hereinafter "Gateway Hub") is located and to STP pairs in other LATAs served by that Gateway Hub.

Common Channel Signaling Access as set forth in 6.1.3(A)(2)(e) preceding provides the transport and point of termination to the signal switching capability of the Gateway Hub. Gateway Access Service provides the customer with access to a shared Gateway Access Port on the CCSA network side of the Gateway Hub. A Gateway Access Port is not dedicated to the customer.

CCS - Gateway Access Service is limited to SS7 signaling used in connection with the provision of telephone exchange services or exchange access services by a local exchange carrier and to common carriers offering interLATA services at any location within the area in which the Telephone Company provides telephone exchange service or exchange access service.

CCS - Gateway Access Service may not be combined with standard Common Channel Signaling Access within any LATA served by the Gateway Hub.

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29. INCIDENTAL INTERLATA SERVICES (Cont'd)

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29.1 Common Channel Signaling (CCS) - Gateway Access Service (Cont'd)29.1.2 Gateway Access STP Hub Locations

In New England Telephone, the Gateway Hub is located in LATA 122 (New Hampshire) and provides access to LATA 122, LATA 120 (Maine), LATA 124 (Vermont), LATA 126 (Western Massachusetts) and LATA 130 (Rhode Island). Gateway Access Service is not available in LATA 128 (Eastern Massachusetts).

In New York Telephone, the Gateway Hub is located in LATA 136 (Syracuse) and provides access to LATA 136, LATA 133 (Poughkeepsie), LATA 134 (Albany), LATA 138 (Binghamton) and LATA 140 (Buffalo). Gateway Access Service is not available in LATA 132 (New York Metro).

In order to obtain access to all Telephone Company LATAs, customers must purchase Gateway Access Service at the two STPs listed above as well as standard CCSA within the Eastern Massachusetts and New York Metro LATAs as set forth in Section 6.1.3 preceding.

29.1.3 Testing

Network compatibility and other operational tests will be performed cooperatively by the Telephone Company and the customer. These tests will verify the capabilities as set forth in the Technical Publication TR-TSV-000905.

29.1.4 Transmission Specifications

Transmission specifications for CCS - Gateway Access Service signaling connections are set forth in the Technical Publication TR-TSV-000905.

29.1.5 Rate Regulations

A monthly rate for Gateway Access Service applies per CCSA STP port connected at the Gateway Hub. Common Channel Signaling Access rates and charges as set forth in 31.6.1(G) and 31.6.2(B) following apply for the dedicated transport and point of termination to the Gateway Hub.

A service rearrangement charge applies for the rerouting of existing STP signaling traffic from a CCSA STP to a Gateway Hub on a per LATA basis.

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