

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1
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Concord Telephone Company ("CTC") hereby provides a Description and Justification for introduction of a non-chargeable 44.736-STS-1 Interface. The non-chargeable Optional Feature and Function applies to an interface between a Telephone Company provided 44.736 Mbps Special Access High Capacity Channel Termination ("44.736 Mbps") and a customer Synchronous Transport System-1 ("STS-1").

Description of Filing

The accompanying revised tariff material is being filed by John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI") on behalf of CTC, operating in the state of North Carolina. The JSI Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 governs the provision by CTC of Switched Access, Special Access, Miscellaneous Services, and End User Common Line Service. This filing introduces a non-chargeable Optional Feature and Function to allow ordering by customers of connection of a customer STS-1 to a Telephone Company 44.736 Mbps Special Access High Capacity Service Channel Termination.

CTC does not currently offer Synchronous Optical Channel Service ("SOCS"). When a customer has SOCS facilities, the customer can use an STS-1 for connection to a 44.736 Mbps. The STS-1 is the electrical equivalent of an Optical Channel OC-3 and facilitates connection between optical systems and electrical systems. For CTC, the same equipment that facilitates connection of 44.736 Mbps facility to another 44.736 Mbps facility also accommodates connection of a CTC 44.736 Mbps facility to a customer STS-1 facility.

Justification for Cost Support and Rate Development

Because no additional costs are required for connection between a Telephone Company 44.736 Mbps facility and customer provided STS-1 facility, the existing 44.736 Mbps Special Access High Capacity Channel Termination rate covers all of the costs that such a connection would require.