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The term "Call" denotes a customer attempt for which the complete address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the serving dial tone office.

Call-out

A customer required dispatch outside of normal business hours when a technician is not available for dispatch.

Carrier Identification Code

The term "Carrier Identification Code" denotes a three-digit code, unique to the interexchange carrier, which is used nationally by the Telephone Company to identify traffic and to facilitate its routing to the carrier based upon presubscription or dialed digits.

Cascading Service User

The term "Cascading Service User" denotes a customer who has their service on a channel or port of a multiplexed DS1, DS3 or SONET service belonging to a Third Party Host through a Cascading Shared Network Arrangement.

Cascading Shared Network Arrangement

The term "Cascading Shared Network Arrangement" denotes a service Offering whereby a Cascading Service User may connect subtending services to a Third Party Host's multiplexed DS1, DS3 or SONET service which is on a Shared Network Arrangement with a Host Subscriber, and the Telephone Company will undertake to main separate customer records and billing.

C Band

1525-1565 nanometers (unit of spatial measurement that is one billionth of a meter).

CCS

The term "CCS" denotes a hundred call seconds, which is a standard unit of traffic load that is equal to 100 seconds of usage or capacity of a group of servers (e.g., trunks).

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2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

First Point of Switching

The term "First Point of Switching" denotes the first Telephone Company location at which switching occurs on the terminating path of a call proceeding from the customer premise to the terminating end office and, at the same time, the last Telephone Company location at which switching occurs on the originating path of a call proceeding from the originating end office to the customer premise.

Frequency Shift

The term "Frequency Shift" denotes the change in the frequency of a tone as it is transmitted over a channel.

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 Part 68 of the F.C.C.'s Rules and Regulations.

Host Central Office

The term "Host Central Office" denotes an electronic switching unit containing the central call processing functions which serve the Host Central Office and its Remote Line Locations.

Host Subscriber

The term "Host Subscriber" denotes a customer with a multiplexed DS1, DS3 or SONET service who allows a Service User to occupy a channel or port of their multiplexed service through a Shared Network Arrangement.

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Hub

The term "Hub" denotes a Telephone Company designated serving wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed.

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See Interexchange Carrier

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See Individual Case Basis

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)Service Control Point

The term "Service Control Point" denotes the node in the SS7 network where several independent data base applications receive and respond to SS7 queries.

Service Management System

The term "Service Management System" (SMS) denotes the primary Toll Free Access Service system that interfaces between the regional SCPs and Toll Free Access Service providers order entry centers and/or systems. The primary function of the SMS is to administer Toll Free records in the SCPs that involve service provisioning, maintenance network administration and management.

Service Switching Point

The term "Service Switching Point" (SSP) denotes a switch which recognizes Toll Free calls and suspends them in order to query the Toll Free database using SS7 for routing instructions for the Toll Free call.

Service User

The term "Service User" denotes a customer who has their service on a channel or port of a multiplexed DS1, DS3 or SONET service belonging to a Host Subscriber through a Shared Network Arrangement.

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(N)Serving Wire Center

The term "Serving Wire Center" denotes the wire center that normally serves the customer's premises and is designated as such for the purpose of measuring mileage.

Seven Digit Manual Test Line

The term "Seven Digit Manual Test Line" denotes an arrangement which allows the customer to select balance, milliwatt and synchronous test lines by manually dialing a seven digit number over the associated access connection.

Shared Network Arrangement

The term "Shared Network Arrangement" denotes a service offering whereby a Service User may connect subtending services to a Host Subscriber's multiplexed DS1, DS3 or SONET service, and the Telephone Company will undertake to maintain separate customer records and billing.

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(N)Short Circuit Test Line

The term "Short Circuit Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides for an ac short circuit termination of a trunk or line by means of a capacitor of at least four microfarads.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Terminating Direction

The term "Terminating Direction" denotes the use of Access Service for the completion of calls from a customer premises to an end user premises.

Third Party Host

The term "Third Party Host" denotes a customer who has a Shared Network Arrangement with a Host Subscriber, and allows a Cascading Service User to occupy a channel or port of the Third Party Host's multiplexed service through a Cascading Shared Network Arrangement.

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Toll Free Access Service

The term Toll Free Access Service denotes an originating service which provides a Toll Free Access Service customer identification function and optional features based on the dialed number at Telephone Company SSPs and SCPs. Toll Free Access Service calls are free to the originating end user and are characterized by specifically dedicated orders. Toll Free Access Service currently includes the following codes: 800 and 888.

Transmission Measuring (105 Type) Test Line/Responder

The term "Transmission Measuring (105 Type) Test Line/Responder" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides far-end access to a responder and permits two-way loss and noise measurements to be made on trunks from a near end office.

Transmission Path

The term "Transmission Path" denotes an electrical path capable of transmitting signals within the range of the service offering, e.g., a voice grade transmission path is capable of transmitting voice frequencies within the approximate range of 300 to 3000 Hz. A transmission path is comprised of physical or derived channels consisting of any form or configuration of facilities typically used in the telecommunications industry.

Trunk

The term "Trunk" denotes a communications path connecting two switching systems in a network, used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

Trunk Circuit Identification Code

The term "Trunk Circuit Identification Code" denotes the number assigned to each switched trunk, to identify it to the SS7 signaling system.

Trunk Group

The term "Trunk Group" denotes a set of trunks which are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between switching systems in which all of the communications paths are interchangeable.

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## ACCESS SERVICE

5. Ordering Options for Switched and Special Access Service (Cont'd)

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5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)(D) Shared Network Arrangement<sup>(1)</sup>

A Shared Network Arrangement is a service offering that enables a customer (the "Service User") to connect subtending services to the multiplexed service of another customer (the "Host Subscriber"), with the Telephone Company maintaining separate records and billing for each. Each customer will be billed for those rate elements associated with their own portion of the service configuration. Under no circumstances will the rates or charges for individual rate elements be split. This offering is limited to service configurations where a Service User obtains subtending circuits from a Host's multiplexed service.

Under the Shared Network Arrangement, the Telephone Company may share record information with the Host Subscriber pertaining to the services of other users of the shared network. Such disclosure will be under the sole discretion of the Telephone Company as is necessary to perform billing reconciliations and/or functions required in connection with maintaining account records.

(1) Establishing a Shared Network Arrangement

When establishing Special Access Service or Switched Access Service under a Shared Network Arrangement, the Host Subscriber and the Service User must coordinate with each other the design, testing and maintenance of the service; additionally, the Service User must provide to the Telephone Company the Connecting Facility Assignment (CFA) and the High Capacity Billing Account Number (HBAN) of the Host Subscriber. Upon receipt of a letter of authorization for a Shared Network Arrangement from the Host Subscriber, the Telephone Company will undertake to connect the Service User's circuits to the Host's service, and to establish and maintain separate billing for the Service User's portion of the service.

(a) Cascading Shared Network Arrangement

In the event that the Service User is requesting a subtending circuit from a Host Shared Network Arrangement with a third-party Host (a Cascading Shared Network Arrangement), the Service User must also obtain and provide to the Telephone Company the appropriate HBAN and CFA of the third-party Host, in order to identify the complete circuit for purposes of maintenance and testing continuity. In a Cascading Shared Network Arrangement, it is the third-party Host's responsibility to notify the Host Subscriber of the Cascading Service User and provide them with the Cascading Service User contact information prior to the third-party Host's Shared Network Arrangement with the Cascading Service User.

(1) This regulation only applies to customers purchasing Shared Network Arrangement after 05/26/06.

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## ACCESS SERVICE

5. Ordering Options for Switched and Special Access Service (Cont'd)5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)(D) Shared Network Arrangement<sup>(1)</sup> (Cont'd)(1) Establishing a Shared Network Arrangement (Cont'd)(a) Cascading Shared Network Arrangement (Cont'd)

The Service User (including a Cascading Service User) will have Special Access Service under the Shared Network Arrangement, as long as (1) the applicable letter of authorization establishing the Service User's rights to participate in the Shared Network Arrangement has not been withdrawn by the Host Subscriber (or third-party Host), and (2) the Host Subscriber maintains the Shared Network Arrangement.

(2) Disconnects and Modifications of the Shared Network Arrangement

The Host Subscriber of the Shared Network Arrangement can disconnect or modify (groom) the Shared Network Arrangement by following the steps outlined in 5.2(D)(2)(a), below.

(a) Disconnects of SNA

The Host Subscriber can disconnect the Shared Network Arrangement and the Special Access Services under Shared Network Arrangement, but only if the following requirements are met:

- (1) Written notification is provided to all Service Users (including Cascading Service Users) at least 30 days prior to the Host Subscriber issuing the Access Service Request for the disconnection of service; and
- (2) The Telephone Company has been provided a copy of all Service User notifications.

The Service User (including a Cascading Service User) shall submit a request to disconnect their Special Access Service in accordance with the Host Subscriber's (or third-party Host's) written notification. However, if any Service User does not submit a request to disconnect their Special Access Service under the Shared Network Arrangement within 30 days of receiving such notification, the Service User grants the Host Subscriber the right to disconnect the Service User's Special Access Service in accordance with the written notification, and the Telephone Company will have no liability to the Service User as a result of such disconnection.

Billing for services and facilities will continue until a disconnect request(s) for the Special Access Services has been processed by the Telephone Company.

The Service User (including a Cascading Service User) is responsible for any applicable early termination fees associated with the disconnection of its Special Access Service under the discontinued Shared Network Arrangement.

- (1) This regulation only applies to customers purchasing Shared Network Arrangement after 05/26/06.

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5. Ordering Options for Switched and Special Access Service (Cont'd)5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)(D) Shared Network Arrangement<sup>(1)</sup> (Cont'd)(2) Disconnects and Modifications of the Shared Network Arrangement  
(Cont'd)(b) Grooming Special Access Service under SNA

The Host Subscriber can modify (groom) Special Access Services under a SNA, but only if the following requirements are met:

- (1) Written notification is provided to all Service Users (including a Cascading Service User) 30 days prior to issuing the Access Service Request for the modification; and
- (2) The Telephone Company is provided a copy of all Service User notifications.

The Service User (including a Cascading Service User) shall submit a request to modify (groom) its Special Access Service in accordance with the Host Subscriber's written notification. However, if any Service User does not submit a request to groom their Special Access Service under the Shared Network Arrangement within 30 days of receiving such notification, the Service User grants the Host Subscriber the right to issue the order for the grooming in accordance with the written notification, and the Telephone Company will have no liability to the Service User as a result of such orders. The Service User will be responsible for all Telephone Company fees and charges, including changes to the Service User's recurring charges resulting from the Host Subscriber's modification to the Shared Network Arrangement.

(1) This regulation only applies to customers purchasing Shared Network Arrangement after 05/26/06.

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## ACCESS SERVICE

21. Optical Carrier Network (OCN) Point-to-Point Service (Cont'd)21.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)(D) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)(4) Point-to-Point OC-48 and OC-192 Regenerator

Regenerators provide essential detection and retransmission of SONET Optical 2488.32 Mbps and 9953.28 Mbps signals between customer premises. Regenerators will only be provided as required by the Telephone Company when actual fiber facility distances between customer designated premises and/or central office locations exceed design limits (typically 25 to 30 miles). Regenerators will be located exclusively in Telephone Company central offices.

(5) Connection Arrangement(a) Shared Network Arrangement<sup>(1)</sup>

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- A Shared Network Arrangement is a service offering that enables a customer ("Service User") to connect subtending services to the multiplexed OC-3, OC-12 or OC-48 service of another customer (the "Host Subscriber"), with the Telephone Company maintaining separate billing for each. Each customer will be billed for those rate elements associated with their own portion of the service configuration. Under no circumstances will the rates or charges for individual rate elements be split. This offering is limited to service configurations where a Service User obtains either subtending DS3 or DS1 from a Host's multiplexed OC-3 service or an OC-3 service from a Host's multiplexed OC-12 service or an OC-12 service from a Hosts' multiplexed OC-48 service.
- Under the Shared Network Arrangement, the Telephone Company may share record information with the Host subscriber pertaining to the services of other users of the shared network. Such disclosure will be under the sole discretion of the Telephone Company and is necessary to perform billing reconciliation and/or other functions required in connection with maintaining account records.
- A nonrecurring charge, only, will apply to the Shared Network Arrangement.

(6) Network Channel Interfaces

The network channel interfaces define the bit rates that are available for OC-3/OC-3c, OC-12/OC-12c, OC-48/OC-48c and OC-192/OC-192c services operating at speeds of 155.52 Mbps, 622.08 Mbps, 2488.32 Mbps and 9953.28 Mbps. Network Channel interfaces and codes are described in 15.3, preceding.

- (1) Effective 05/26/06, this regulation is limited to existing customers. (N)  
For new customers purchasing Shared Network Arrangement, terms and conditions (N)  
set forth in Section 5.2 (D), will apply. (N)

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26. Dedicated SONET Ring Service (Cont'd)26.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)(F) Shared Network Arrangement<sup>(1)</sup>

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A Shared Network Arrangement is a service offering that enables a customer ("Service User") to connect subtending services to an OC-3, OC-12 or OC-48 Dedicated SONET Ring service of another customer (the "Host Subscriber"), with the Telephone Company maintaining separate billing for each. Each customer will be billed for those rate elements associated with their own portion of the service configuration. The Host Subscriber will be responsible for all Dedicated SONET Ring Service rate elements (for example, node, ports and mileage, etc). Under no circumstances will the rates or charges for individual rate elements be split. This offering is limited to service configurations where a Service User orders a subtending service dropped from a Host Subscriber's Dedicated SONET Ring wire center node.

Under the Shared Network Arrangement, the Telephone Company may share record information with the Host Subscriber pertaining to the services of other users of the shared network. Such disclosure will be under the sole discretion of the Telephone Company and is necessary to perform billing reconciliation and/or other functions required in connection with maintaining account records.

(G) Re-Map Service

Re-Map Service is provided in conjunction with Dedicated SONET Ring Service and allows for a pre-defined set of services to be re-routed by the Telephone Company from one customer premises node to another customer premises node (defined as a "Re-Map node") in the event of a customer premises disaster. Re-Map service will be tested at initial installation and once each year thereafter. Additional testing can be requested and will be charged on a per test basis. Activation upon customer request in the event of an emergency will be charged on a per occurrence basis.

Once the customer notifies the Telephone Company that they are ready to receive signals to the Re-Map node site, the Telephone Company will Re-Map up to 50 circuits within the initial hours and 20 circuits every hour thereafter. The Emergency Activation Nonrecurring Charge will not be applied if the first 50 circuits are not Re-Mapped within 4 hours due to a Telephone Company-caused delay.

(1) Effective 05/26/06, this regulation is limited to existing customers.  
For new customers purchasing Shared Network Arrangement, terms and conditions set forth in Section 5.2 (D), will apply.

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27. OC-192 Dedicated SONET Ring Service (Cont'd)27.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)(G) Shared Network Arrangement<sup>(1)</sup>

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Shared Network Arrangement is a service offering that enables a customer ("Service User") to connect subtending services to an OC-192 Dedicated SONET Ring service of another customer (the "Host Subscriber"), with the Telephone Company maintaining separate billing for each. Each customer will be billed for those rate elements associated with their own portion of the service configuration. The Host Subscriber will be responsible for all OC-192 Dedicated SONET Ring Service rate elements, for example, node, ports and mileage, etc. Under no circumstances will the rates or charges for individual rate elements be split.

This offering is limited to service configurations where a Service User orders a subtending service dropped from a Host Subscriber's OC-192 Dedicated SONET Ring wire center node. Under Shared Network Arrangement, the Telephone Company may share record information with the Host Subscriber pertaining to the services of other users of the shared network. Such disclosure will be under the sole discretion of the Telephone Company and is necessary to perform billing reconciliation and/or other functions required in connection with maintaining account records.

(H) Shared Use

Shared Use occurs when Switched Access and Special Access services are provided over the same analog or digital high capacity facility or SONET based service through a common interface. The regulations governing the provision of Shared Use are set forth in 6.7.12 and 7.2.7, preceding.

While Shared Use of SONET facilities (i.e., OC-192 Dedicated SONET Ring Service) for Switched Access Transport is permitted, the SONET Special Access facilities continue to be rated as Special Access.

(1) Effective 05/26/06, this regulation is limited to existing customers.  
For new customers purchasing Shared Network Arrangement, terms and  
conditions set forth in Section 5.2 (D), will apply.

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