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INTERSTATE ACCESS TARIFF

APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff sets forth the service offerings, rates, terms and conditions applicable to the furnishing of interstate carrier access and special access services within the United States by Blackfoot Communications, Inc. (hereinafter the "Telephone Company").

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS, REFERENCE MARKS, AND ABBREVIATIONS OF TECHNICAL TERMS
USED IN THIS TARIFF

The following symbols shall be used in this tariff for the purpose indicated below:

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| C | To signify changed listing, rule, or condition which may affect rates or charges |
| D | To signify discontinued material, including listing, rate, rule or condition |
| I | To signify increase |
| M | To signify material relocated from or to another part of tariff schedules with no change in text, rate, rule or condition |
| N | To signify new material including listing, rate, rule or condition |
| R | To signify reduction |
| S | To signify reissued matter |
| T | To signify a change in wording of text but not a change in rate, rule or condition |
| Z | To signify a correction |

The following is an explanation of abbreviations of technical terms used in this tariff:

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|-----|-----------------------------|
| CDP | Customer Designated Premise |
| CM | Channel Mileage |
| CMT | Channel Mileage Termination |
| CT | Channel Termination |
| DLR | Design Layout Report |
| FGD | Feature Group D |
| ICB | Individual Case Basis |
| SS7 | Signaling System 7 |

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REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

Whenever reference is made in this tariff to other tariffs, the reference is to the tariffs in force as of the effective date of this tariff, and to amendments thereto and successive issues thereof.

1. Application of Tariff

1.1 This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Switched Access and Special Access Services, and other miscellaneous services, hereinafter referred to as the Telephone Company, to Customer(s).

1.2 The provision of such services by the Telephone Company as set forth in this tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the customer for the furnishing of any service.

1.3 The term "the Telephone Company" refers to Blackfoot Communications, Inc.

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REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

All service(s) installed after the original effective date of this Tariff must conform to the transmission specification standards contained in this Tariff for each category of service.

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Customer Contact –

For establishment of service, complaints and inquires regarding service and billing, or reporting or inquiring about network outages or service problems.

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Toll Free 1-800-721-4417

Commission Contact –

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1.0 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are used throughout this tariff.

Central Office: Company facilities where subscriber lines are connected to each other through switching equipment for placing local and long distance telephone calls.

Customer: The term "Customer(s)" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity or other entity which subscribes to the services offered under this tariff, including both Interexchange Carriers (ICs) and End Users.

End User: The term "End User" means any customer of an interstate or foreign telecommunications service that is not a carrier, except that a carrier other than a telephone company shall be deemed to be an "end user" when such carrier uses a telecommunications service for administrative purposes, and a person or entity that offers telecommunications service exclusively as a reseller shall be deemed to be an "end user" if all resale transmissions offered by such reseller originate on the premises of such reseller.

Recurring Charges: The charges to a Customer for services, facilities and equipment, which recur monthly for the agreed upon duration of the service.

Non-Recurring Charge: A one-time charge covering installation, move, or change of facilities accomplished at the customer's request. The charge may be based on either a flat rate and/or on a time and material basis.

Telecommunications - The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the service, the transmission of data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications.

The Telephone Company or Blackfoot Communications, Inc.: The issuer of this tariff.

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2.0 REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company:

2.1.1 Scope

The Telephone Company undertakes to furnish communications service pursuant to the terms of this tariff in connection with one-way and/or two-way information transmission between points within the United States.

The services offered herein may be used for any lawful purpose. There are no restrictions on sharing or resale of the Telephone Company's services. However, the Customer remains liable for all obligations under this tariff even if such sharing or resale arrangements exist regardless of the Telephone Company's knowledge of these arrangements. If service is jointly ordered by more than one Customer, each is jointly and severally liable for all obligations.

The services the Telephone Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purposes or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.

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2.0 REGULATIONS – (Cont.)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company – (Cont.)

2.1.1 Scope – (Cont.)

The Telephone Company's services may be connected to the services or facilities of other communications carriers only when authorized by, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of any tariffs of such other communications carriers.

The Telephone Company may require a Customer to immediately cease its transmission of signals if said transmission is causing interference to others.

The services of the Telephone Company are furnished for the transmission of voice communications but may also be used for data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications, subject to the transmission capabilities of the technologies or combination of technologies available and in compliance with all other terms and conditions of this tariff. Service is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.2 Shortage of Equipment or Facilities

The Telephone Company reserves the right to limit or to allocate the use of its existing and future facilities when necessary because of a lack of facilities or due to any cause beyond the Telephone Company's control.

The furnishing of service under this tariff is subject to the availability on a continuing basis of all facilities necessary to provide the service. Services will be provided using the Telephone Company's facilities as well as facilities the Telephone Company may obtain from other carriers.

2.3 Selection of Transmission

The Telephone Company selects and/or arranges directly or with its underlying carrier(s) for the channels and/or service components and underlying network facilities used to provide service. The Telephone Company may modify or change the channels, service components and underlying facilities or underlying carrier at any time subject to Part 68 of the FCC's Rules and Regulations and this tariff.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.4 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities

The Telephone Company will provide the Customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, equipment or facilities additions, removals or rearrangements and routine preventive maintenance. Generally, such activities are not specific to an individual Customer but affect many Customers' services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service activities. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the Customer to determine the reasonable notification requirements. With some emergency or unplanned service-affecting conditions, such as outage resulting from unforeseen damage, notification to the Customer may not be possible.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.5 Provision of Equipment and Facilities

The Telephone Company shall use reasonable efforts to make available services to a Customer on or before a particular date, subject to the provisions of and compliance by the Customer with the regulations contained in this tariff. The Telephone Company does not guarantee availability by any such date and shall not be liable for any delays in commencing service to any Customer.

The Telephone Company shall use reasonable efforts to maintain facilities that it furnishes to the Customer.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.6 Terms and Conditions

Service is provided on the basis of a minimum term of at least one month, except as specifically stated in this tariff, 24-hours per day. For purposes of this tariff, a month is considered to have 30 days. All calculations of dates set forth in this tariff shall be based on calendar days, unless otherwise specified herein.

This tariff shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the United States.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.7 Non-routine Installation and Special Construction

2.7.1 Non-Routine Installation

At the Customer's request, installation and/or maintenance may be performed outside the Telephone Company's regular business hours or in hazardous locations. In such cases, charges based on cost of the actual labor, material, or other costs incurred by or charged to the Telephone Company will apply.

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Subject to the agreement of the Telephone Company, special construction of facilities may be undertaken on a reasonable efforts basis at the request and expense of the Customer. Special construction may include that construction undertaken:

- (a) where facilities are not presently available;
- (b) of a type other than that which the Telephone Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its service;
- (c) over a route other than that which the Telephone Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- (d) in a quantity greater than that which the Telephone Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- (e) on an expedited basis;
- (f) on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
- (g) involving abnormal costs; or
- (h) in advance of normal construction.

Special construction will be undertaken at the discretion of the Telephone Company consistent with budgetary responsibilities and consideration for the impact on the Telephone Company's other Customers and contractual responsibilities.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.8 Government Authorization

The provision of the Telephone Company's services is subject to and contingent upon the Telephone Company obtaining and retaining all governmental authorizations that may be required or be deemed necessary by the Telephone Company. The Telephone Company shall use reasonable efforts to obtain and keep in effect all such governmental authorizations. The Telephone Company shall be entitled to take, and shall have no liability for, any action necessary to bring its facilities and/or services into conformance with any requirement or request of the Federal Communications Commission or other governing entity or agency.

2.9 Rights-of-Way

Provisioning of the Telephone Company's services is subject to and contingent upon the Telephone Company's ability to obtain and maintain rights-of-way and access to private property necessary for installation of the facilities used to provide the Telephone Company's services to the Customer's service point as agreed to by the Telephone Company.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.10 Liability of the Telephone Company

The Telephone Company will not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages to the Customer as a result of any Telephone Company service, equipment or facilities, or the acts or omissions or negligence of the Telephone Company's employees or agents.

The Telephone Company shall not be liable for any delay or failure of performance of equipment due to causes beyond its control, including but not limited to: acts of God, fire, flood, explosion or other catastrophes; any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of the United States government, or of any other government, including state and local agency, commission, bureau, corporation, or other instrumentality of any one or more of these federal, state or local governments, or of any civil or military authority; national emergencies; insurrections; riots; wars; unavailability of rights-of-way or materials; or strikes, lockout, work stoppages, or other labor difficulties.

The Telephone Company shall not be liable for any act, omission or defect of any entity furnishing to the Telephone Company or to the Customer services, facilities or equipment used for or with the Telephone Company's services; or for the acts or omissions of common carriers or warehousemen.

The Telephone Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer against any claim, loss, expense, damage or liability arising from Customer's use of services involving claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright, patent, trade secret, or proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party arising from any act or omission by the Customer, including without limitation, the Customer's own communications or use of the Telephone Company's services and facilities in a manner not contemplated by this tariff or any agreement between the Customer and the Telephone Company.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.10 Liability of the Telephone Company - (cont.)

The Telephone Company's entire liability, if any, for any claim, loss, damage or expense from any cause whatsoever shall in no event exceed sums actually paid the Telephone Company by the Customer for the specific services giving rise to the claim. No action or proceeding against the Telephone Company shall be commenced more than one year after the service is rendered.

With respect to the furnishing of Telephone Company's services to public safety answering points or municipal emergency service providers, the Telephone Company's liability, if any, will be limited to the lesser of:

- (a) the actual monetary damages incurred and proved by the Customer as the direct result of the Telephone Company's action, or failure to act, in providing the service; or
- (b) the sum of \$1,000.00.

In the event parties other than Customer, including but not limited to joint users and the Customer's End User, shall have use of the Telephone Company's service directly or indirectly through the Customer, then the Customer agrees to forever indemnify and hold the Telephone Company harmless from and against any and all such claims, demands, suits, actions, losses, damages, assessments or payments which may be asserted by said parties arising out of or relating to the Telephone Company's furnishing of service.

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.11 Indemnification

With respect to any service or facility provided by the Telephone Company, the Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Telephone Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses; for:

- (a) any loss, destruction or damage to property of the Customer or any third party, or the death or injury of any person, to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligent or intentional act or omission of the Customer, its employees, agents, representatives or invitees; and
- (b) any claim, loss, damage, expense or liability for infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party, arising from any act or omission by the Customer, including without limitation, use of the Telephone Company's services and facilities in a manner not contemplated by this tariff or any agreement between the Customer and the Telephone Company.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.12 Obligations of the Customer

The obligations of the Customer shall include the following:

- (a) The Customer shall be responsible for the provision, operation and maintenance of any Customer-provided equipment connected to the Telephone Company's equipment and facilities, and for ensuring compatibility with the Telephone Company's equipment and facilities.
- (b) The Customer warrants that the services provided pursuant to this tariff are interstate in nature.
- (c) The Customer shall cooperate with the Telephone Company to plan, coordinate and undertake any actions required to maintain maximum network capability following natural or manmade disasters which affect telecommunications services.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.13 Use of Service

2.13.1 Abuse

The abuse of Telephone Company services is prohibited. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- (a) Using service to make calls which might reasonably be expected to frighten, torment, or harass another; or
- (b) Using service in such a way that it interferes unreasonably with the use of Telephone Company services by others.

2.13.2 Fraudulent Use

The fraudulent use of, or the intended or attempted fraudulent use of service is prohibited. Fraudulent use consists of using or attempting to use service with the intent to avoid the payment, either in whole or in part, of the tariffed charges for the service including but not limited to:

- (a) Rearranging, tampering with, or making connections not authorized by this tariff to any network components used to furnish service; or
- (b) Using fraudulent means or devices, tricks, schemes, false or invalid numbers, false credit devices, or electronic devices.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.14 Customer Equipment and Channels

2.14.1 General

A Customer may transmit or receive information or signals via the facilities of the Telephone Company. The Telephone Company's services are designed primarily for the transmission of voice-grade telephonic signals, except as otherwise stated in this tariff. A Customer may transmit any form of signal that is compatible with the Telephone Company's equipment, but the Telephone Company does not guarantee that its services will be suitable for purposes other than voice-grade telephonic communication except as specifically stated in this tariff.

2.14.2 Interconnection of Facilities

- (a) Any special interface equipment necessary to achieve compatibility between the facilities and equipment of the Telephone Company used for furnishing communications services and the channels, facilities, or equipment of others shall be provided at the Customer's expense.
- (b) Communications services may be connected to the services or facilities of other communications carriers only when authorized by, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the tariffs of the other communications carriers which are applicable to such connections.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.15 Payments

Obligations of the Customer with regard to payments shall include:

- (a) If the Customer accepts traffic from the Telephone Company, the Customer has an obligation to pay the charges set forth in this tariff for that traffic. Likewise, if the Customer delivers traffic to the Telephone Company for termination, the Customer has an obligation to pay the charges set forth in this tariff for such traffic, as measured by the Telephone Company.
- (b) The Customer shall pay outstanding charges in full within 30 days of the invoice date. Amounts not paid within thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice are considered delinquent and are subject to Late Payment Charges pursuant to section 2.15.1 of this tariff.

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- (c) Any Customer who has been underbilled for services rendered will be notified by the Telephone Company upon the discovery of the underbilling. Notification will include the reason(s) that the underbilling occurred. The Customer is responsible for payment of unbilled charges for services rendered up to and including twenty four (24) months prior to the issuance of the notification to the Customer.
- (d) The Customer agrees that the Telephone Company may conduct a credit verification at any time, and will supply such financial information as may be reasonably requested by the Telephone Company. If, in the sole opinion of the Telephone Company, a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment at any time, the Telephone Company may require that the Customer pay its bills within a specified number of days, pay in advance of the furnishing or continuation of any service, and/or make such payments in cash or the equivalent of cash.

2.15.1 Late Payment Charge

A late payment charge of 1 percent (1%) per month will apply to each Customer bill when the previous month's bill has not been paid in full, leaving an unpaid balance carried forward. The late payment charge is applied to the total unpaid amount carried forward and is included in the total amount due on the current month's bill. The amount of the late payment penalty shall be indicated on the Customer's bill.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.15 Payments - (cont.)

2.15.2 Disputed Bills

Any Customer who disputes a portion of a bill rendered for the Telephone Company's services shall pay the undisputed portion of the bill and provide written notice to the Telephone Company that such unpaid amount is in dispute within thirty (30) days of receipt of the bill. If such written notice is not received by the Telephone Company within thirty (30) days as indicated above, the bill statement shall be deemed to be correct and payable in full by the Customer.

- (a) In the event a Customer and the Telephone Company cannot resolve the dispute to their mutual satisfaction, the Customer may contact the F.C.C. in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure.
- (b) Once the investigation is completed the Customer shall submit payment of any outstanding amounts deemed due, to the Telephone Company, within five (5) working days.

2.15.3 Proration of Charges

Adjustments for the quantities of services established or discontinued in any billing period beyond the minimum period set forth for services in other sections of this tariff will be prorated to the number of days based on a 30 day month. The Telephone Company will, upon request, furnish within 30 days of a request and at no charge to the Customer such detailed information as may reasonably be required for verification of any bill.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)2.15 Payments - (cont.)2.15.4 Deposits

The Telephone Company will only require a Customer which has a proven history of late payments to the Telephone Company or does not have established credit, to make a deposit as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges. Such deposit may be required prior to establishing a service or at any time after the provision of a service to the customer. For purposes of this section, a proven history of late payments is defined as two (2) or more occasions within the preceding twelve (12) months in which payment for undisputed charges was not received within three (3) business days following the payment due date, provided the outstanding undisputed amount of each such individual unpaid bill represented at least ten (10) percent of the total charges on that individual bill. The Telephone Company will provide notice via overnight delivery to the person designated by the customer to receive such notice of the requirement to pay a deposit. The customer will be required to make payment of such deposit prior to the provision of service in those cases where the customer has not established credit with the Telephone Company, or otherwise within fifteen (15) business days of such notice. Such notice period will start the day after the notice is sent by overnight delivery.

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No such deposit will be required of a Customer which is a successor of a company which has established credit and has no history of late payments to the Telephone Company. For new service(s) being established such deposit will not exceed the estimated rates and charges for a two-month period. For existing service(s) such a deposit will not exceed the actual rates and charges for a two-month period associated with each individual bill that met the criteria for late payments specified above. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves the Customer from complying with the Telephone Company's regulations as to the prompt payment of bills. At such time as the provision of the service to the Customer is terminated, the amount of the deposit will be credited to the Customer's account and any credit balance which may remain will be refunded.

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Certain material formerly found on this page can now be found on the 2nd Revised Sheet 32.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)2.15 Payments - (cont.)2.15.5 Deposits – (cont.)

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Such a deposit will be refunded or credited to the account when the Customer has established credit or, in any event, after the Customer has established a one-year prompt payment record at any time prior to the termination of the provision of the service to the Customer. In case of a cash deposit, for the period the deposit is held by the Telephone Company, the customer will receive interest at the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions or .000292 per day, whichever is lower.

The rate will be compounded daily for the number of days from the date the Customer deposit is received by the Telephone Company to and including the date such deposit is credited to the Customer's account or the date the deposit is refunded by the Telephone Company. Should a deposit be credited to the Customer's account, as indicated above, no interest will accrue on the deposit from the date such deposit is credited to the Customer's account

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2.16 Discontinuance of Service2.16.1 With Written Notice to the Customer

The Telephone Company may, upon reasonable written notice to the Customer, discontinue services for nonpayment of any amounts owing to the Telephone Company, except when continuation of such service is required by law.

2.16.2 Upon Customer Request

The Telephone Company will, upon Customer request, discontinue or suspend services, except when continuation of such service is required by law.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.17 Changes in Equipment and Services

The Telephone Company may substitute, change or rearrange any equipment, facility or system used in providing services at any time and from time to time, but shall not thereby materially decrease the technical parameters of the services provided pursuant to the Customer's service order.

Upon receipt of a written request from the Customer, the Telephone Company will add, delete or change locations or features of specific circuits and/or equipment. The Customer shall be liable for Non-Recurring Charges for such change. Charges will be based on hourly labor and engineering cost.

2.18 Assignment

The Telephone Company may, without obtaining any further consent from the Customer, assign any of its rights, privileges or obligations under this tariff: to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Telephone Company; pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the business of the Telephone Company; or pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Telephone Company.

The Customer may, upon prior written consent of the Telephone Company, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, assign its rights, privileges or obligations under this tariff: to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Customer; pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the business of the Customer; or pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Customer. The Telephone Company reserves the right to terminate service if the Customer makes any assignment, transfer, or disposition of its rights, privileges or obligations under this tariff without the consent of the Telephone Company. Any lawful successor to the Customer, or any other entity which accepts Telephone Company's service shall be obligated to pay to Telephone Company any amounts due.

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2.0 REGULATIONS - (cont.)

2.19 License, Agency or Partnership

No license, expressed or implied, is granted by the Telephone Company to the Customer by virtue of an agreement for the furnishing of service hereunder. Neither the Customer nor any joint or authorized users shall represent or otherwise indicate to its Customers or others that the Telephone Company jointly participates in the Customer's or joint user's services. The relationship between the Telephone Company and the Customer shall not be that of partners or agents for one or the other, and shall not be deemed to constitute a partnership or agency agreement, unless such relationship or agreement is expressly agreed to in writing by both the Telephone Company and the Customer.

2.20 Proprietary Information

Neither the Telephone Company nor the Customer or any joint or authorized user shall disclose any plans, drawings, trade secrets or other proprietary information of the other party which is made known in the course of the furnishing of service hereunder, except as may be required by law, without prior written consent.

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3.0 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

3.1 General Service Description

Switched access service, which is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their own services to End Users, provides a two-point communications path between a Customer's premise and an End User's premise. It provides for the use of terminating, switching, transport facilities and common subscriber plant of the Telephone Company. Switched access service provides for the ability to originate or terminate calls from an End User's premise.

3.2 FGD Service Description

FGD service provides a trunk-side termination through the use of end office or access tandem switch trunk equipment. Wink-start, start pulsing and answer-supervisory signaling are sent by the terminating office. Disconnect-supervisory signaling is sent from the originating or terminating office. When FGD uses SS7 out of band signaling, no signaling will be performed via the message channel.

FGD service is provided with multi-frequency address signaling or SS7 out of band signaling. Up to 12 digits of the called party number dialed by the Customer's End User using dual-tone multi-frequency or dial-pulse address signals will be provided by the Telephone Company's equipment to the Customer's premise where the switched access service terminates. Such address signals will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the switched transport provided.

FGD service, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXX codes served by the Telephone Company's switch, community information services of an information provider, and other Customer services (by dialing appropriate codes) when such services can be reached using valid NXX codes. FGD may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to another trunkside switched access service.

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The Telephone Company will establish a trunk group or groups for the Customer at the Telephone Company's end office host switch where FGD service is provided. When required by technical limitations, a separate trunk group will be established for each type of FGD switching arrangement provided. Different types of FGD or other switching arrangements may be combined in a single group at the option of the Telephone Company.

The access code for FGD switching is a uniform access code of the form 101XXXX. These uniform access codes will be the assigned access numbers of all FGD access provided to the Customer by the Telephone Company. No access code is required for calls to a Customer over FGD switched access service if the End User's telephone service is arranged for presubscription to that Customer.

Where no access code is required, the number dialed by the Customer's End User shall be a seven or ten-digit number for calls in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). For international calls outside the NANP, a seven to fifteen-digit number may be dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by the Customer's End User is NXX-XXXX, 00, or 1 + NXX-XXX, NPA + NXX-XXX, 00 or 1 + NPA + NXX-XXXX, and, when the end office is equipped for International Direct Dialing, 01 + CC NN or 011 + CC + NN.

When 101XXXX access code is used, FGD switching also provides for dialing the digit 00 for access to the Customer's operator, or at the Customer's option, the end-of-dialing digit (#) for cut-through access to the Customer's premises.

A Customer may order 950 access service over FGD to activate a Customer's designated 950-XXXX access code. This will allow the Company to direct those designated 950-XXXX calls dialed by the Customer's End Users to the Customer's access service. The Customer must be prepared to handle normally dialed FGD calls, as well as calls dialed with the designated 950-XXXX access code which requires the Customer to receive additional address signaling. Such calls will be rated as FGD.

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3.0 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES - (cont.)

3.3 Ordering Procedures

The Customer shall provide all information necessary for the Telephone Company to provide and bill for the requested service including:

- (a) Customer name and premise address(es).
- (b) Billing name and address (when different from Customer name and address).
- (c) Customer contact name(s) and telephone number(s) for the following provisioning activities: order negotiation, order confirmation, interactive design, installation and billing.

3.3.1 Ordering Options for Access Service

Switched access service is provided by the Telephone Company as trunk-side switched access with equal access capabilities compatible with industry standards for FGD Service.

3.3.1.1 Switched Access Service

When a Customer requests new or additional switched access services, one or more access service request (conforming to the latest version of ASOG) will be required. The number of orders required is dependent on the type of services and/or facilities being requested.

When placing an access service request for service, the Customer shall specify, at a minimum, information for switched transport as described in this tariff. This information is in addition to the basic trunkside switched access service arrangement information required under Section 3.3.1.2 of this tariff.

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3.0 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES - (cont.)

3.3 Ordering Procedures - (cont.)

3.3.1 Ordering Options for Access Service - (cont.)

3.3.1.2 Trunkside Switched Access Service

For trunkside switched access service ordered in trunks, the Customer shall specify the number of trunks and the end office when switched transport and local switching options are desired. When ordering FGD trunks to a Customer-provided tandem, the Customer must also provide the Telephone Company an estimate of the amount of traffic it will generate to and/or from each end office subtending the Customer-provided tandem to assist the Telephone Company in its own efforts to project further facility requirements. In addition, the Customer shall specify for terminating access, whether the trunks are to be arranged in trunk group arrangements or provided as single trunks. The traffic type must also be specified using the same categories as described in this price list, to enable efficient provisioning and billing functions.

When a Customer orders switched access service in trunks, the Customer is responsible to assure that sufficient access facilities have been ordered to handle its traffic.

3.3.1.3 FGD with SS7

When the Customer orders FGD service with SS7 out of band signaling, the Customer must specify the CCSAC Service required between the Customer's SPOI and the Telephone Company's STP location per access order.

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3.0 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES - (cont.)

3.3 Ordering Procedures - (cont.)

3.3.2 Order Modifications

The Customer may request a modification of its access service request at any time prior to notification by the Telephone Company that service is available for the Customer's use. The Telephone Company will make every effort to accommodate a requested modification when it is able to do so with the normal work force assigned to complete such an order within normal business hours.

If the modification cannot be made with the normal work force during normal business hours, the Telephone Company will notify the Customer. If the Customer still desires the access service request modification, the Telephone Company will schedule a new service date. All charges for access order modifications will apply on a per-occurrence basis. See Section 3.4 for applicable rates

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3.0 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES -(cont.)

3.3 Ordering Procedures - (cont.)

3.3.2 Order Modifications – (cont.)

Any increase in the number of switched access service facilities or trunks will be treated as a new access service request (for the increased amount only).

3.3.2.1 Design Change

The Customer may request a design change to the service ordered. A design change is any change to an access service request which requires engineering review. An engineering review is a review by Telephone Company personnel of the service ordered and the requested changes to determine what change in the design, if any, is necessary to meet the changes requested by the Customer. Design changes include such things as a change of End User premise within the same serving wire center, the addition or deletion of optional features, functions, or a change in the type of transport termination (switched access only), type of channel interface, type of interface group or technical specification package.

Design changes do not include a change of Customer point of presence. Changes of this nature will require the issuance of a new order and the cancellation of the original order with appropriate cancellation charges applied.

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3.0 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES - (cont.)

3.3 Ordering Procedures - (cont.)

3.3.2 Order Modifications - (cont.)

3.3.2.1 Design Change - (cont.)

The Telephone Company will review the requested change, and notify the Customer whether the change is a design change, if it can be accommodated and if a new service date is required. If the Customer authorizes the Telephone Company to proceed with the design change, a design change charge will apply.

A design change charge will apply, on a per order, per occurrence basis. This charge will not apply to change an incorrect address as long as the new address is in the same wire center as the incorrect address and the change is made prior to the issuance of a firm order commitment. If a change of service date is required, the service date change charge will apply. If the change of End User premises within the same serving wire center is requested, expedited order charges may also apply.

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3.0 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES - (cont.)

3.3 Ordering Procedures - (cont.)

3.3.2 Order Modifications - (cont.)

3.3.2.2 Service Date Change

Access service request dates for the installation of new services or rearrangements of existing services may be changed. A service date change charge will apply, on a per order per occurrence basis, for each service date changed, pursuant to this price list.

A new service date may be established that is prior to the original standard or negotiated interval service date if the Telephone Company determines it can accommodate the Customer's request without delaying service dates for orders of other Customers.

If the service date is changed to an earlier date, the Customer will be notified by the Telephone Company that expedited order charges as set forth in this price list will apply. Such charges will apply in addition to the service date change charge.

When, for any reason the Customer indicates that service cannot be accepted on the service date, and the Telephone Company accordingly delays the start of service, a service date change charge will apply. If the Customer requested service date is more than 120 calendar days after the original service date, the order will be canceled by the Telephone Company.

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3.0 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES - (cont.)

3.3 Ordering Procedures - (cont.)

3.3.2 Order Modifications - (cont.)

3.3.2.3 Expedited Orders

A Customer may:

- a) when placing an access service request for service(s), request a service date that is prior to the assigned service date.
- b) request an earlier service date on a pending or negotiated access service request, and
- c) request a change of End User premise within the same serving wire center.

If the Customer requests an earlier service date and/or a change of End User premise within the same serving wire center, and the Telephone Company agrees to provide the service on an expedited basis, an expedited order charge will apply.

When an expedited service date is missed, the expedited order charge will apply unless the missed service date is caused by the Telephone Company.

If costs other than additional labor are to be incurred when an access order is expedited, the Telephone Company will develop, determine and bill the Customer for the additional costs.

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3.0 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES - (cont.)3.4 Rates3.4.1 Application of Rates

The rates associated with switched transport service and local switching service are applied to all access minutes of use that originate and terminate at the Telephone Company's local switch, as well as alternate sources, as measured by the Telephone Company.

3.4.2 Rate Categories

Following is a description of the rate categories for the facilities required to provide switched access services to the Customer.

3.4.2.1 Local Switching Service

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Local switching service provides the local end office switching, end user line termination and intercept functions necessary to complete the transmission of switched access communications to and from the end users serviced by the local end office.

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3.4.2.2 Tandem Switching Service

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Tandem Switching is a per-minute-of-use rate assessed for utilizing tandem switching functions when tandem routing is requested for trunkside services. Tandem switching is not assessed to feature group A (FGA) or circuit switched lineside (CSL) services.

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3.4.2.3 Tandem Transmission

(N)

Tandem transmission is composed of a fixed per-minute rate and per-mile/per-minute rate. The fixed rate provides for the circuit equipment at the end of the interoffice transmission paths. The per-mile rate provides for the transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment between the end points of the interoffice circuit. For purposes of determine the per-mile rate, mileage will be set at one (1) mile.

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3.0 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES - (cont.)3.4 Rates - (cont.)3.4.2 Rate Categories – (cont.)3.4.2.4 Information Surcharge

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Information Surcharge rates are assessed to a customer based on the total number of access minutes. Information Surcharge rates are as set forth in 3.4.5 following. The Information Surcharge does not apply to Feature Groups B and D Switched Access Services associated with Wireless Switching Centers (WSCs) directly interconnected to the Telephone Company's access tandem office.

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3.4.3 Rating and Billing of Transport Where More Than One Company is Involved

Switched access service to a Customer may involve more than one company for the provision of transport service. Each company will provide its portion of transport to the interconnection point with the next company. The mileage used to calculate charges for the company's transport service will be based on the Telephone Company's percentage of network facilities used to provide the service. Other companies involved with the transport service may bill according to their own tariffs or price lists.

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3.0 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES - (cont.)3.4 Rates - (cont.)3.4.4 Tandem Transmission Rates

(N)

Rate Per Access MinuteFixedPer Mile

Tandem Transmission

\$0.000180

\$0.000048

(N)

3.4.5 Local Switching Service RatesRate Per
Access MinuteFor Service Rendered
On And After

Local Switching Charge

\$0.001974

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Tandem Switching Charge

\$0.002545

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Information Surcharge

\$0.000000

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3.0 SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES - (cont.)3.4 Rates - (cont.)

3.4.6	<u>Service Date Change Charge</u>	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>	
	Per Order	\$53.00	
3.4.7	<u>Design Change Charge</u>	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>	
	Per Order	\$53.00	
3.4.8	<u>Expedited Order Charge</u>	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>	
	Per Order	*\$53.00	
3.4.9	<u>ASR (Access Service Request) Fee</u>	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>	
	Per Order	\$136.00	
3.4.10	<u>Trunk Activation (per 24)</u>	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>	
	Per Order	\$310.00	
3.4.11	<u>Miscellaneous Charges</u>	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>	
	Per Order	**	
3.4.12	<u>Data Base Query Charge</u>	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>	
	Per Basic Query	.004053	
	Vertical Features, Per Query	.0027768	(N)

* Plus additional labor charges when applicable.

** Based on hourly labor and engineering charges.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES

4.1 General Service Description

Special access service is the provision of a transmission path between a CDP, directly, or through a Telephone Company hub or hubs where bridging or multiplexing functions are performed, or to connect a CDP to a DSL access service connection point. Special access service includes all exchange access not utilizing Telephone Company end office switches.

The connections provided by special access service can be either analog, digital or optical. Analog connections are differentiated by spectrum and bandwidth. Digital and optical connections are differentiated by bit rate.

4.1.1 Channel Types

There are three types of channels used to provide special access services. Following is a brief description of each type of channel:

Digital Data (DD) – a channel for the digital transmission of synchronous serial data at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56.0 or 64.0 Kbps.

High Capacity (HC) – a channel for the digital transmission of isochronous serial digital data at rates of 1.544, 3.152, 6.312, 44.736 or 274.176 Mbps.

Voice Grade (VG) – a channel for the transmission of analog signals within an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.1 General Service Description - (cont.)

4.1.1 Channel Types – (cont.)

Customers can order a basic channel and select from a list of those available transmission parameters and channel interfaces that they desire in order to meet specific communications requirements.

For purposes of ordering, each channel is identified as a type of special access service. However, such identification does not restrict a Customer's use of the channel nor does it imply that the channel is limited to a particular use.

Detailed descriptions of each of the channel types are provided in 4.4 through 4.6 following.

The Customer also has the option of ordering voice grade and high capacity facilities (e.g., 1544 Mbps and 44.736 Mbps) to the Telephone Company hubs for multiplexing to individual channels of a lower capacity or bandwidth. Additionally, the Customer may specify optional features for the individual channels derived from the facility to further tailor the channel to meet specific communications requirements.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.1 General Service Description - (cont.)

4.1.2 Service Descriptions

For the purposes of ordering, there are three categories of special access service. These are:

Digital Data (DD)
High Capacity (HC)
Voice Grade (VG)

Each service consists of a basic channel to which a technical specifications package (customized or predefined), channel interface(s) and, when desired, optional features and functions are added to construct the service desired by the Customer.

Customized technical specifications packages will be provided where technically feasible. If the Telephone Company determines that the requested parameter specifications are not compatible, the Customer will be advised and given the opportunity to change the order.

When a customized channel is ordered the Customer will be notified whether additional engineering charges apply. In such cases, the Customer will be advised and given the opportunity to change the order.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.1 General Service Description - (cont.)

4.1.2 Service Descriptions – (cont.)

The channel descriptions provided in 4.4 through 4.6 following, specify the characteristics of the basic channel and indicate whether the channel is provided between CDP, between a CDP and a Telephone Company hub where bridging or multiplexing functions are performed, between a CDP and a DSL access service connection point.

- (A) Information pertaining to the technical specifications packages indicates the transmission parameters that are available with each package. This information is displayed in matrices set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. FCC Tariff No. 5, Section 15.2. The Telephone Company may not offer all services available in that publication.

- (B) Channel interfaces at each point of termination on a two-point service may be symmetrical or asymmetrical. On a multipoint service they may also be symmetrical or asymmetrical, but communications can only be provided between compatible channel interfaces. Only certain channel interfaces are compatible. These are set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. FCC Tariff No. 5, Section 15.2, in a combination format.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)4.1 General Service Description - (cont.)4.1.2 Service Descriptions – (cont.)

- (C) Only certain channel interface combinations are available with the predefined technical specifications packages. These are delineated in the Technical References set forth in (F) following. When a customized channel is requested, all channel interface combinations available with the specified type of service are available with the customized channel.
- (D) The optional features and functions available with each type of special access service are described in this section. The optional features and functions information also indicates with which technical specifications packages they are available. Such information is displayed in matrices set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. FCC Tariff No. 5, Section 15.2 with the optional feature or function listed down the left side and the technical specifications package listed across the top.
- (E) All services installed after March 1, 2003 will conform to the transmission specifications standards contained in this tariff or in the following technical References for each category of service:

Voice Grade	TR-NWT-000335 PUB 411004 (MDP-326-584) Table 4
Digital Data	TR-NWT-000341
For 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 & 56.0 Kbps	PUB 62310 (MDP-326-726)
For 19.2 Kbps	INC Bulletin CB-INC-100
For 64.0 Kbps	PUB 62310 (MDP-326-726)
High Capacity	GR-342-CORE GR-54-CORE

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.1 General Service Description - (cont.)

4.1.3 Service Configurations

There are two types of service configurations over which special access services are provided: two-point service and multipoint service.

(A) Two- Point Service

A two-point service connects two CDP, either on a directly connected basis or through a hub where multiplexing functions are performed, or a CDP and a DSL access service connection point.

Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Termination
- Channel Mileage (as applicable)
- Optional Features and Functions (when applicable)

A special access surcharge, as set forth in 4.3 following, may be applicable.

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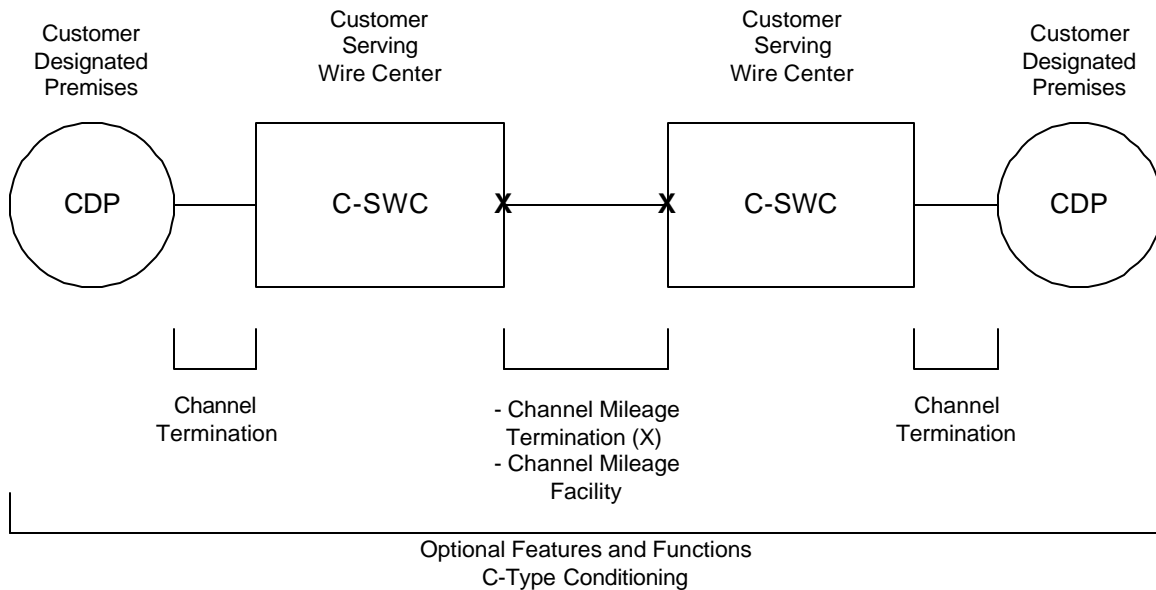
4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.1 General Service Description - (cont.)

4.1.3 Service Configurations – (cont.)

(A) Two- Point Service – (cont.)

The following diagram depicts a two-point voice grade service connecting two CDPs. The service is provided with C-Type conditioning.



Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Termination (1 per CDP)
- Channel Mileage
- 2 Channel Mileage Terminations plus
- 1 section, Channel Mileage Facility per mile
- C-Type Conditioning Optional Feature

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INTERSTATE ACCESS TARIFF4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)4.1 General Service Description - (cont.)4.1.3 Service Configurations – (cont.)(B) Multipoint Service

Multipoint service connects three or more CDP through one or more Telephone Company hubs. Only certain types of special access service are provided as multipoint service. These are so designated in the descriptions for the appropriate channel.

The channel between hubs (i.e., bridging locations) on a multipoint service is a mid-link. There is no limitation on the number of mid-links available with a multipoint service. However, when more than three mid-links in tandem are provided the quality of the overall service may be degraded.

Multipoint service utilizing a customized technical specifications package, as set forth in 4.1.2 preceding and in National Exchange Association, Inc. FCC Tariff No. 5, Section 15.2, will be provided when technically possible. If the Telephone Company determines that the requested characteristics for a multipoint service are not compatible, the Customer will be advised and given the opportunity to change the order.

When ordering, the Customer will specify the desired bridging hub(s). National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 identifies serving wire centers, hub locations and the type of bridging functions available.

Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel terminations (one per CDP)
- Channel Mileage (as applicable between the serving wire center for each CDP and the hub and between hubs).
- Bridging
- Additional Optional Features and Functions (when applicable).

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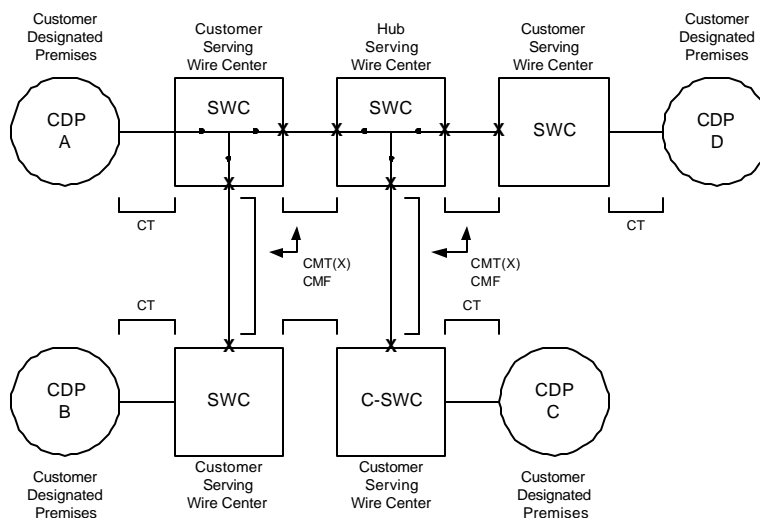
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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)4.1 General Service Description - (cont.)4.1.3 Service Configurations – (cont.)(B) Multipoint Service – (cont.)

Example: Voice grade multipoint service connecting four CDPs via two Customer specified bridging hubs.



CT – Channel Termination
 CMT – Channel Mileage Termination
 CMF – Channel Mileage Facility
 • - Bridging Port

Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Termination (4 applicable)
- Channel Mileage
 - 2 Channel Mileage Terminations per Channel Mileage Facility section for a total of 8, plus
 - 4 sections, Channel Mileage Facility per mile
- Bridging Optional Feature (6 applicable, each bridge port)

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.1 General Service Description - (cont.)

4.1.4 Special Facilities Routing

A Customer may request that the facilities used to provide special access service be specially routed.

4.1.5 Design Layout Report

At the request of the Customer, the Telephone Company will provide to the Customer the make-up of the facilities and services provided under this tariff as special access service to aid the Customer in designing its overall service. This information will be provided in the form of a design layout report. The design layout report will be provided to the Customer at no charge, and will be reissued or updated whenever these facilities are materially changed.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.1 General Service Description - (cont.)

4.1.6 Acceptance Testing

At no additional charge, the Telephone Company will, at the Customer's request, cooperatively test the following at the time of installation:

- (A) For voice grade services, the acceptance test will include tests for loss, 3-tone slop, DC continuity, operational signaling, C-notched noise, and C-message noise when these parameters are applicable and specified in the order of service. Additionally, for voice grade services, a balance (improved loss) test will be made if the Customer has ordered the improved loss optional feature.
- (B) For digital data and high capacity services, acceptance tests will include tests applicable to the service as specified by the Customer in the order for service.

In addition to the above tests, additional cooperative acceptance testing for voice grade service to test other parameters, are available at the Customer's request. All test results will be made available to the Customer upon request.

4.1.7 Ordering Options and Conditions

Special access service is ordered under the access order provisions set forth in Section 3.3 preceding. Also included in that section are other charges which may be associated with ordering special access service (e.g., service date change charges, cancellation charges, etc.).

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations

This section contains the specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply for special access.

4.2.1 Rate Categories

There are three basic rate categories which apply to special access service:

- Channel Termination (described in 4.2.1(A) following)
- Channel Mileage (described in 4.2.1(B) following)
- Optional Features and Functions (described in 4.2.1(C) following).

(A) Channel Terminations

The channel termination rate category recovers the costs associated with the communications path between a CDP and the serving wire center of that premise. Included as part of the channel termination is a standard channel interface arrangement which defines the technical characteristics associated with the type of facilities to which the access service is to be connected at the point of termination (POT) and the type of signaling capability, if any. The signaling capability is provided as an optional feature as set forth in (C) following.

One channel termination charge applies per CDP at which the channel is terminated. This charge will apply even if the CDP and the serving wire center are collocated in a Telephone Company building.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.1 Rate Categories – (cont.)

(A) Channel Terminations - (cont.)

For a 1.544 Mbps or 44.736 Mbps high capacity service or for an OC3 service connecting a CDP to a DSL access service connection point there will be a charge for only one channel termination.

For DS3 high capacity service, the channel termination rates are made up of the DS3 capacity interface rate and the DS3 channel installed rate. The capacity interface rate is dependent upon the capacity ordered (i.e., capacity interface of 1, 3, 6 or 12) and is applicable at each CDP. The capacity ordered is the maximum number of DS3 services that can be terminated on a given service at the CDP (e.g., a capacity of 3 can terminate 1, 2, or 3 DS3 services). One DS3 channel installed rate applies per CDP at which the channel is terminated for each DS3 channel that is ordered. These charges will apply even if the CDP and the serving wire center are collocated in a Telephone Company building.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.1 Rate Categories – (cont.)

(B) Channel Mileage

The channel mileage rate category recovers the costs associated with the end office equipment and the transmission facilities between the serving wire centers associated with a CDP and a Telephone Company hub, between two Telephone Company hubs, between a serving wire center associated with a CDP and a wire center equipped for add/drop multiplexing (ADM) or between two ADM equipped wire centers. Channel mileage rates are made up of the channel mileage facility rate and the channel mileage termination rate.

(1) Channel Mileage Facility

The channel mileage facility rate recovers the per mile cost for the transmission path which extends between the Telephone Company serving wire centers and/or hub(s).

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.1 Rate Categories – (cont.)

(B) Channel Mileage – (cont.)

(2) Channel Mileage Termination

The channel mileage termination rate recovers the cost for end office equipment associated with terminating the facility (i.e., basic circuit equipment and terminations at serving wire centers and hubs). The channel mileage termination rate will apply at the serving wire center(s) for each Telephone Company hub where the channel is terminated. If the channel mileage is between Telephone Company bridging hubs, the channel mileage termination rate will apply per Telephone Company designated hub.

When the channel mileage facility is zero (i.e., collocated serving wire centers), neither the channel mileage facility rate nor the channel mileage termination rate will apply.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.1 Rate Categories – (cont.)

(C) Optional Features and Functions

The optional features and functions rate category recovers the costs associated with optional features and functions which may be added to a special access service to improve its quality or utility to meet specific communications requirements. These are not necessarily identifiable with specific equipment, but rather represent the end result in terms of performance characteristics which may be obtained. These characteristics may be obtained by using various combinations of equipment. Although the equipment necessary to perform a specified function may be installed at various locations along the path of the service, they will be charged for as a single rate element.

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Examples of optional features and functions that are available include, but are not limited to the following:

- Signaling Capability
- Hubbing Functions
- Conditioning
- Transfer Arrangements

Descriptions for each of the available optional features and functions are set forth in 4.4 through 4.6 following.

A hub is a Telephone Company designated serving wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed. The bridging functions performed are to connect three or more CDPs in a multipoint arrangement. The multiplexing functions are to channelize analog or digital facilities to individual services requiring a lower capacity or bandwidth.

National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 identifies serving wire centers, hub locations, hub level (i.e., hub, terminus hub, intermediate hub, or super-intermediate hub) and the type of bridging or multiplexing functions available. Additionally, subtending wire centers are identified for Intermediate and super-intermediate hubs.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges

There are two types of rates and charges. These are Recurring Charges and Non-Recurring Charges. The rates and charges are described as follows:

(A) Recurring Charges

Recurring charges are rates that apply each month or fraction thereof that a special access service is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.

(B) Non-Recurring Charges

Non-Recurring Charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activity (i.e., installation or change to an existing service). The types of Non-Recurring Charges that apply for special access service are: installation of service, installation of optional features and functions, and service rearrangements. These charges are in addition to the access order charge as specified in 3.4.9 preceding.

(1) Installation of Service

Non-Recurring Charges apply to each service installed. The Non-Recurring Charges for the installation of service are set for each channel type as a Non-Recurring Charge for the channel termination.

(2) Installation of Optional Features and Functions

When optional features and functions are installed coincident with the initial installation of service, no separate Non-Recurring Charge is applicable. When optional features and functions are installed or changed subsequent to the installation of service, an access order charge as specified in 3.4.9 will apply per order.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges – (cont.)

(C) Nonrecurring Charges – (cont.)

(3) Service Rearrangements

Service rearrangements are changes to existing (installed) services which may be administrative only in nature, as set forth following, or that involve actual physical change to the service.

Changes in the physical location of the point of termination or CDP are moves as set forth in 4.2.3 following.

Changes in the type of service or channel termination which result in a change of the minimum period requirement will be treated as a discontinuance of the service and an installation of a new service.

Changes in ownership or transfer of responsibility from one customer to another will be treated as a discontinuance of the service and an installation of a new service. In the event the change in ownership or transfer of responsibility is as set forth following where there is no change in facilities or arrangements, the change will be treated as an administrative change.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges – (cont.)

(C) Nonrecurring Charges – (cont.)

(3) Service Rearrangements – (cont.)

Administrative changes will be made without charge(s) to the Customer.

Administrative changes are as follows:

- Change of Customer name,
- Change of Customer or Customer's End User premise address when the change of address is not a result of physical relocation of equipment,
- Change in billing data (name, address, or contact name or telephone number),
- Change of agency authorization,
- Change of Customer circuit identification,
- Change of billing account number,
- Change of Customer test line number,
- Change of Customer or Customer's End User contact name or telephone number, and
- Change of jurisdiction.

All other service rearrangements will be charged as follows:

- If the change involves the addition of other CDP to an existing service, the Non-Recurring Charge for the channel termination rate element will apply. The charge(s) will apply only for the location(s) that is being added. The charge(s) will be in addition to the access order charge as set forth in 3.4.9 preceding.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges – (cont.)

(C) Nonrecurring Charges – (cont.)

(3) Service Rearrangements – (cont.)

- If the change involves the addition of an optional features or functions (with the exception of addition of clear channel capability to an existing service), or if the change involves changing the type of signaling on a voice grade service, and for all other changes the access order charge as set forth in 3.4.9 preceding will apply.
- When the clear channel capability optional feature is installed on an existing facility, the addition will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated non-recurring charges will apply.

4.2.3 Moves

A move involves a change in the physical location of one of the following:

- The point of termination at the Customer's premise
- The Customer's premise

The charges for the move are dependent on whether the move is to a new location within the same building or to a different building.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.3 Moves – (cont.)

(A) Moves within the Same Building

When the move is to a new location within the same building, the charge for the move will be an amount equal to one half of the Non-Recurring (i.e., installation) Charge for the service termination affected. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements. The charge is in addition to the access order charge as specified in 3.4.9 preceding.

(B) Moves to a Different Building

Moves to a different building will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated Non-Recurring Charges will apply. New minimum period requirements will be established for the new services. The Customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

4.2.4 Minimum Periods

The minimum service period for all services, except DS3 high capacity service, is one month and the full monthly rate will apply to the first month. Adjustments for the quantities of services established or discontinued in any billing period beyond the minimum period are as set forth in 2.15.3 preceding. The minimum service period for DS3 high capacity service is twelve months.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.5 Mileage Measurement

The mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for the channel mileage facility is calculated on the airline distance between the locations involved, i.e.,

- the serving wire centers associated with two CDP,
- a serving wire center associated with a CDP and a Telephone Company hub,
- a serving wire center associated with a CDP and a DSL access service connection point,
- two Telephone Company hubs,
- a serving wire center associated with a CDP and a wire center equipped for add/drop multiplexing,
- two wire centers equipped for add/drop multiplexing,

The serving wire center associated with a CDP is the serving wire center from which this CDP would normally obtain dial tone

Mileage charges are shown with each channel type. To determine the rate to be billed, first compute the mileage using the V&H coordinated method, as set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, then multiply the resulting number of miles times the channel mileage facility per mile rate, and add the channel mileage termination rate for each termination. When the calculation results in a fraction of a mile, always round up to the next whole mile, before determining the mileage and applying rates. See 3.4.3 for billing when more than one company involved in service.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.5 Mileage Measurement – (cont.)

When hubs are involved, mileage is computed and rates applied separately for each section of the channel mileage, i.e.,

- CDP serving wire center to hub,
- hub to hub and/or
- hub to CDP serving wire center.

However, when any service is routed through a hub for purposes other than Customer specified bridging or multiplexing (e.g., the Telephone Company chooses to so route for test access purposes), rates will be applied only to the distance calculated between the serving wire centers associated with the CDP.

See the service configuration example for multipoint service as set forth in 4.1.3(B) preceding.

4.2.6 Facility Hubs

A Customer has the option of ordering voice grade service or high capacity services (i.e., DS1, DS1C, DS2, DS3 or DS4) to a facility hub for channelizing to individual services requiring lower capacity facilities (e.g., voice).

Different locations may be designated as hubs for different facility capacities, e.g., multiplexing from digital to digital may occur at one location while multiplexing from digital to analog may occur at a different location. When placing an access order the customer will specify the desired hub.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.6 Facility Hubs – (cont.)

National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 identifies serving wire centers, hub locations, hub level (i.e., hub, terminus hub, intermediate hub, or super-intermediate hub) and the type of multiplexing functions available. Additionally, subtending wire centers are identified for intermediate and super-intermediate hubs.

Some of the types of multiplexing available include the following:

- from higher to lower bit rate
- from higher to lower bandwidth
- from high capacity to voice frequency channels.

Point to point services may be provided on channels of these services to a hub. The transmission performance for the point to point service provided between CDP will be that of the lower capacity or bit rate. For example, when a 1.544 Mbps channel is multiplexed to voice frequency channels, the transmission performance of the channelized services will be voice grade, not high capacity.

The Telephone Company will commence billing the monthly rate for the service to the hub on the date specified by the Customer on the access order. Individual channels utilizing these services may be installed coincident with the installation of the service to the hub or may be ordered and/or installed at a later date, at the option of the Customer. The Customer will be billed for a voice grade or a high capacity channel termination, channel mileage (when applicable), and the multiplexer at the time the service is installed. Individual service rates (by service type) will apply for a channel termination and additional channel mileage (as required) for each channelized service. These will be billed to the Customer as each individual service is installed.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.6 Facility Hubs – (cont.)

Cascading multiplexing will be provided on an individual case basis, dependent on the Telephone Company's existing facilities. Cascading multiplexing occurs when a high capacity service is de-multiplexed to provide channels with a lesser capacity and one of the lesser capacity channels is further de-multiplexed. For example, a 6.312 Mbps high capacity service is de-multiplexed to four DS1 channels and then one of the DS1 channels is further de-multiplexed to 24 individual voice grade channels.

When cascading multiplexing is performed, whether in the same or a different hub, a charge for the additional multiplexing unit also applies. When cascading multiplexing is performed at different hubbing locations, channel mileage charges also apply between the hubs.

4.2.7 Mixed Use

Mixed use refers to a rate applicable when the Customer orders high capacity special access facilities between a CDP and a Telephone Company hub or ADM equipped wire center where the Telephone Company performs multiplexing/de-multiplexing functions and the same Customer then orders the derived channels as special and switched access services. Mixed use also applies when the Customer orders switched access service between a CDP and an end office that is multiplexed at a Telephone Company hub or ADM equipped wire center and the same Customer then orders the derived channels as special and switched access service. Rates and charges will apply for the existing facilities and new facilities as if the service were ordered as mixed use.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.7 Mixed Use – (cont.)

Except as noted above, the high capacity facility will be ordered, provided and rated as special access service (i.e., channel termination, channel mileage, as appropriate, multiplexing, customer node, Customer premise port, and add/drop multiplexing). The Non-Recurring Charge that applies when the mixed use facility is installed will be the Non-Recurring Charge associated with the appropriate special access high capacity channel termination.

Rating as special access will continue until such time as the Customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity for switched access service. Individual service (i.e., switched or special access) Non-Recurring Charges will not apply to the individual channels of the mixed use facility.

When special access service is provided utilizing a channel of the mixed use facility to a hub, high capacity rates and charges will apply for the facility to the hub, as set forth preceding, and individual service rates and charges will apply from the hub to the CDP.

The rates and charges that will apply to the portion from the hub to the CDP will be dependent on the specific type of special access service that is provided (e.g., voice grade). The applicable rates and charges will include a channel termination and channel mileage, if applicable. Rates and charges for optional features and functions associated with the service, if any, will apply for the appropriate channel type.

As each individual channel of a special access high capacity service is activated for switched access high capacity service is activated for switched access service, the special access channel termination, channel mileage and multiplexing rates will be reduced accordingly (e.g., 1/24th for a DS1 service, 1/672nd for a DS3 service).

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)4.2.7 Mixed Use – (cont.)

If the special access charges for the mixed use facility are subject to optional rate plan discounts (e.g., term discount optional rate plan) as set forth in 4.8.3 following, the special access charges will be reduced to reflect mixed use before the optional rate plan discounts are applied.

Switched access service rates and charges as set forth 3.4 preceding, will apply for each channel that is used to provide a switched access service. The switched access service entrance facility charge will be reduced by multiplying its rate by a rate reduction factor (i.e., the ratio of derived switched access service channels to the total number of channels that can be derived). If the Telephone Company is providing direct trunked transport, then the direct trunked transport, multiplexing, Customer node, Customer premises port, and add/drop multiplexing charges will be reduced by multiplying their respective rates by the rate reduction factor.

The following table shows the total voice grade equivalents for each of the services that may be used for Mixed Use.

High Capacity	DS3 Quantities	DS1 Quantities	Voice Grade Equivalents
DS1	n/a	1	24
DS3	1	28	672
OC3	3	84	2,016
OC12	12	336	8,064

The Customer must place an order for each individual switched or special access service utilizing the mixed use facilities and specify the channel assignment for each such service.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.8 Optional Rate Plan

There is one optional rate plan for high capacity service.

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan

There is one high capacity optional rate plan: a term discount.

The term discount plan applies to special access DS1 and DS3 high capacity service channel termination, channel mileage facility and channel mileage termination monthly rates, as set forth following. The current monthly rates for such services are reduced by a fixed percentage. The amount of the discount percentage differs based on the length of the service commitment period selected by the Customer. The term discount percentages for high capacity service are as set forth in 4.8.3 following.

Discounts for the term discount plan are only applied to high capacity service provided to a Customer within the same state and LATA by the same company.

Discounts for the capacity discount plan are only applied to special access DS3 high capacity service channel termination monthly rates as set forth in 4.8.3(C) following.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.8 Optional Rate Plan - (cont.)

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan – (cont.)

The minimum service period on a monthly rate basis is one month for DS1 service and twelve months for DS3 service.

(1) Term Discounts

DS1 and DS3 High Capacity Special Access Service may be ordered at the Customer's option on a monthly rate basis or for term discount periods of 36 months (3 years) or 60 months (5 years).

The minimum service period for all term discount plans is twelve months. The Customer must specify the length of the service commitment period at the time the service is ordered.

For Customers that subscribe to the term discount plan for 36 or 60 months, the term discount percentage as set forth in 4.8.3(C) following will be frozen from Telephone Company initiated decreases, for the entire discount period at the percent in effect at the beginning of the term discount period.

If a term discount percentage increase occurs during the term of an existing term discount plan, the increased percentage will be applied automatically to the remainder of the current term discount period.

At the end of the term discount period, the Customer may convert to month-to-month service or subscribe to a new term discount plan. If the Customer does not make a choice by the end of the discount period, the rates will automatically convert to month-to-month service rates.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.8 Optional Rate Plan - (cont.)

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan – (cont.)

(1) Term Discounts – (cont.)

To be included in a term discount plan, all eligible high capacity rate elements must be ordered for the same commitment term (i.e., all 36 months or all 60 months) and with the same service date. When additional capacity is subsequently added, it will be available only on a month-to-month basis unless the discount period of the entire service is upgraded.

Eligible DS1 or DS3 high capacity rate elements are those channel terminations, channel mileage facility and channel mileage terminations provided to a Customer within the same state and LATA by the same company. As long as the number of DS1s or DS3s included in a term discount plan remains constant, Customer requests to install and disconnect DS1 or DS3 services, including changes affecting different wire centers and/or CDP, will not change the service period, and discontinuance of service charges as set forth in (3) following will not apply.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.8 Optional Rate Plan - (cont.)

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan – (cont.)

(1) Term Discounts – (cont.)

(a) Upgrades in Term Discounts

Services provided under monthly rates or term discount rates may be upgraded to a term discount plan at any time without incurring channel termination Non-Recurring Charges or discontinuance charges for existing services. The new term discount plan must meet or exceed the service term of the plan being upgraded. For example, a service with a 36 month commitment period may be upgraded to a new 36 month, or 60 month service period. The monthly rates will be those that are in effect at the time the service is upgraded. A new minimum service period applies to all high capacity service that is upgraded.

(b) Upgrades in Capacity (DS1 to DS3)

If the Customer chooses to upgrade a service under the term discount rate plan to a higher capacity (i.e., DS1 to DS3), discontinuance charges will not apply, provided all the following conditions are met:

- the Customer's order for the disconnect of the existing DS1 service and the installation of the new DS3 service are received at the same time and specifically reference the application of upgrade in capacity,
- the Customer's disconnect order for existing DS1 service must reference the DS3 service installation order,

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.8 Optional Rate Plan - (cont.)

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan – (cont.)

(1) Term Discounts – (cont.)

(b) Upgrades in Capacity (DS1 to DS3) – (cont.)

- the new service has a total voice equivalent channel capacity greater than the total voice equivalent channel capacity of the service being discontinued and,
- the new term discount period meets or exceeds the term discount period being discontinued.

A new minimum service period applies to all upgrades. Channel termination Non-Recurring charges for an equivalent channel capacity of the existing services being upgraded to the higher speed service will not be assessed. For example, 30 DS1 services are being upgraded to DS3 Service. A capacity of 3 is installed at the customer's request. A total of 2 DS3 Channel rate elements will be installed without channel termination Non-Recurring charges being assessed as it will require 2 DS3 channel rate elements to provide the equivalent channel capacity of the existing services. Channel termination Non-Recurring charges will not apply to the upgraded lower speed services placed on the higher speed service if requested at the same time as the upgrade request. Channel termination Non-Recurring charges will apply for capacity that exceeds the existing equivalent channel capacity.

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4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.8 Optional Rate Plan - (cont.)

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan – (cont.)

(1) Term Discounts – (cont.)

(b) Upgrades in Capacity (DS1 to DS3) – (cont.)

Should the Customer choose to upgrade either a portion, or the entire DS1 service under the term discount plan to a DS3 service and move the service to a new Customer location(s) within the same state and LATA, and when service is provided by the same telephone company, discontinuance charges will not apply.

(c) Discontinuance of Service

If the Customer chooses to disconnect all or a portion of the service prior to the expiration of the term discount period, discontinuance charges will apply to the portion of the service being discontinued.

Should the Customer choose to discontinue a term discount plan prior to the completion of the minimum service period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges equal to one-hundred percent of the total undiscounted monthly rates, less any amounts previously paid, will apply for the minimum service period. Additionally, discontinuance charges of fifteen percent for DS1 service, and fifty percent for DS3 service, of the total undiscounted monthly charges will apply to the remaining portion of the discounted service term.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.2 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

4.2.8 Optional Rate Plan - (cont.)

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan – (cont.)

(1) Term Discounts – (cont.)

(c) Discontinuance of Service – (cont.)

Should the Customer choose to discontinue service ordered under a term discount plan after the minimum service period but before the completion of the discount period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges of fifteen percent for DS1 service, and fifty percent for DS3 service, of the total undiscounted monthly charges will apply to the remaining portion of the discount period. For example, a Customer has a DS1 service which it chooses to discontinue after 33 months into a 60-month service term. The discontinuance charge would be 0.15 times 27 months times the undiscounted monthly rates for that service.

4.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service

4.3.1 General

Special access services provided under this tariff may be subject to the monthly special access surcharge.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service – (cont.)

4.3.2 Application

- (A) The special access surcharge will apply to each interstate special access service that terminates on an End User's PBX or other device, where through a function of the device, the special access service interconnects to the local exchange network. Interconnection functions include, but are not limited to, wiring and software functions, bridging, switching or patching of calls or stations. The surcharge will apply irrespective of whether the interconnection function is performed in equipment located at the Customer's premise or in a centrex CO-type switch.
- (B) Special access service will be exempted from the surcharge by the Telephone Company upon receipt of the Customer's written certification for the following special access service terminations:
- (1) an open-end termination in a Telephone Company switch of an FX line, including CCSA and CCSA-equivalent ONALS; or
 - (2) an analog channel termination that is used for radio or television program transmission; or
 - (3) a termination used for TELEX service; or
 - (4) a termination that by the nature of its operating characteristics could not make use of Telephone Company common lines such as, terminations which are restricted through hardware or software; or

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4.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service – (cont.)

4.3.2 Application – (cont.)

(B) (cont.)

- (5) a termination that the Customer certifies to the Telephone Company is not connected to a PBX or other device which interconnects the special access service to a local exchange subscriber line.

4.3.3 Exemption of Special Access Service

- (A) Special access services which are terminated as set forth in 4.3.2(B) preceding will be exempted from the special access surcharge if the Customer provides the Telephone Company with written exemption certification. The certification may be provided to the Telephone Company as follows:
- at the time the special access service is ordered or installed;
 - at such time as the service is reterminated to a device which does not interconnect the service to local exchange facilities; or
- (B) The exemption certification is to be provided by the Customer ordering the service. The certification must be signed by the Customer or authorized representative and include the category of exemption, as set forth in 4.3.2(B) preceding, for each termination, and the date which the exemption is effective.
- (C) The Customer shall also notify the Telephone Company when an exempted special access service is changed or reterminated such that the exemption is no longer applicable.
- (D) The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to resolve any questions regarding the exemption certification. In addition, the Telephone Company may withhold exemption of the service until questions are resolved.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)4.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service – (cont.)4.3.4 Rate Regulations

- (A) The surcharge will apply as set forth in 4.3.2(A) preceding, except that a surcharge will be assessed on a per voice grade equivalent basis for special access services derived from high capacity special access services as illustrated in the following example:

<u>Special Access Service</u>	<u>Voice Grade Equivalent</u>	<u>Surcharge</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
DS1	24 X	\$25 =	\$600.00

The preceding example illustrates the maximum number of surcharges applicable to a DS1. If the Customer claims exemption(s) as set forth in 4.3.2(A) preceding or, is not utilizing all available voice grade equivalents and has spare capacity, the number of surcharges would be reduced accordingly.

In the case of multipoint special access services, one special access surcharge will apply for each termination of a special access channel at an End User's premise.

- (B) The Telephone Company will bill the appropriate special access surcharge to the ordering Customer for each interstate special access service installed unless exemption certification is provided as set forth in 4.3.3 preceding.
- (C) If a written certification is not received at the time the special access service is obtained, the surcharge will be applied. Exempt status will become effective on the certification date indicated by the Customer, subject to the regulations set forth in (D) following.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service – (cont.)

4.3.4 Rate Regulations – (cont.)

- (D) Crediting the Surcharge – The Telephone Company will cease billing the special access surcharge when certification, as set forth in 4.3.3 preceding, is received. If the status of the special access service was changed prior to receipt of the exemption certification, the Telephone Company will credit the Customer's account, not to exceed ninety (90) days, based on the effective date of the change as specified by the Customer in the letter of certification.

4.4 Voice Grade Service

4.4.1 Basic Channel Description

A voice grade channel is a channel which provides voice frequency transmission capability in the nominal frequency range of 300 to 3000 Hz and may be terminated as two-wire or four-wire. Voice grade channels are provided between CDPs, or between a CDP and a Telephone Company hub or hubs.

Voice grade special access services are typically used for voice and broadband data applications. Typical examples of voice grade circuits are foreign exchange lines (station end only), multipoint private line, voice trunk type, two-point voice grade data (one-way or simultaneous two-way), multipoint voice grade data, and voice grade telephoto or facsimile. These examples of applications are not intended to limit a Customer's use of the channel nor to imply that the channel is limited to a particular use.

Rates and charges for special access voice grade service are as set forth in 4.8.1 following.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.4 Voice Grade Service – (cont.)

4.4.2 Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces

Technical specifications packages are as set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. FCC Tariff No. 5, Section 15.2.1. Compatible network channel interfaces are as set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. FCC Tariff No. 5, Section 15.2.2.

4.4.3 Optional Features and Functions

(A) Central Office Bridging Capability

(1) Voice Bridging (two-wire and four-wire)

(2) Data Bridging (two-wire and four-wire)

The rates for these options are set forth in 4.8.1 following.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.4 Voice Grade Service – (cont.)

4.4.3 Optional Features and Functions – (cont.)

(B) Customer Specified Premise Receive Level

This option allows the Customer to specify the receive level at the point of termination. The level must be within a specific range on effective four-wire transmission. The ranges are delineated in Technical Reference TR-NWT-000335. The rate for this option is set forth in 4.8.1 following.

(C) Four-Wire/Two-Wire Conversions

When a Customer requests that an effective four-wire channel be terminated with a two-wire channel interface at the CDP, a four-wire to two-wire conversion is required. The Customer will be charged the four-wire channel termination rate as set forth in 4.8.1 following when an effective four-wire is specified in the order for service. The rate for the conversion is included as part of the basic four-wire channel termination rate.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.5 Digital Data Service

4.5.1 Basic Channel Description

A digital data channel is a channel for duplex four-wire transmission of synchronous serial data at the rate of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56.0 or 64.0 Kbps. The actual bit rate is a function of the channel interface selected by the Customer. The channel provides a synchronous service with timing provided by the Telephone Company through the Telephone Company's facilities to the Customer in the received bit stream. Digital data channels are provided as either hubbed or non-hubbed services between CDPs or between a CDP and a Telephone Company hub or hubs. The hubs providing hubbed digital service and the wire centers providing non-hubbed digital service are identified in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Wire Center Information, Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

The Customer may provide the channel service unity-type equipment or other network channel terminating equipment associated with the digital data channel at the Customer premise.

The Telephone Company will provide a channel capable of meeting a monthly average performance equal to or greater than 99.875% error-free seconds (if provided through a digital data hub) while the channel is in service, if it is measured through a CSU equivalent which is designed, manufactured, and maintained to conform with the specifications contained in Technical Reference PUB 62310 (MDP-326-726).

Rates and charges for special access digital data service are as set forth in 4.8.2 following.

4.5.2 Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces

Technical specifications packages are set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. FCC Tariff No. 5, Section 15.2.1. Compatible channel interfaces are set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff No. 5, Section 15.2.2.

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The following network channel interfaces (NCIs) define the bit rates that are available for a digital data channel:

<u>NCI</u>	<u>Bit Rate</u>
DU-24	2.4 Kbps
DU-48	4.8 Kbps
DU-96	9.6 Kbps
	19.2
DU-19	Kbps
	56.0
DU-56	Kbps
	64.0
DU-64	Kbps

4.5.3 Optional Feature and Function

The optional feature and function described in (A) is only available where digital data service is provided via a hub.

(A) Central Office Bridging Capability

Bridging is not available on a 64.0 Kbps channel.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.6 High Capacity Service

4.6.1 Basic Channel Description

A high capacity channel is a channel for the transmission of nominal 64.0 Kbps or 1.544, 3.152, 6.312, 44.736, or 274.176 Mbps isochronous serial data. The actual bit rate is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. High capacity channels are provided between Customer Designated Premises (CDPs) or between a CDP and a Telephone Company hub or hubs. In addition, 1.544 Mbps and 44.736 Mbps high capacity service channels may be provided between a CDP and a Telephone Company designated DSL access service connection point.

The Customer may provide the network channel terminating equipment associated with the high capacity channel at the Customer's premise.

A channel with technical specifications package DS1 will be capable of an error-free second performance of 98.75% over a continuous 24 hour period as measured at the 1.544 Mbps rate through a CSU equivalent which is designed, manufactured, and maintained to conform with the specifications contained in Technical Reference GR-342-CORE.

Rates and charges for special access high capacity service are as set forth in 4.8.3 following.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)

4.6 High Capacity Service – (cont.)

4.6.2 Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces

Technical specifications packages are set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association FCC Tariff No. 5 Section 15.2.1. Compatible channel interfaces are set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association FCC Tariff No. 5 Section 15.2.2.

The following network channel interfaces (NCIs) define the bit rates that are available for a high capacity channel:

<u>NCI</u>	<u>Bit Rate</u>
DS-15*	1.544 Mbps (DS1)
DS-44	44.736 Mbps (DS3)

* A 64.0 Kbps channel is available as a channel(s) of a 1.544 Mbps channel to a Telephone Company hub.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES – (cont.)4.6 High Capacity Service – (cont.)4.6.3 Optional Features and Functions(A) Central Office Multiplexing(1) DS3 to DS1

An arrangement that converts a 44.736 Mbps channel to 28 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

(2) DS1 to DS0

An arrangement that converts a 1.544 Mbps channel to 23 64.0 Kbps channels utilizing digital time division multiplexing.

(B) Clear Channel Capability (CCC)

(1) CCC is an arrangement that allows a Customer to transport 1.536 Mbps information rate signals over a 1.544 Mbps high capacity channel or over a 1.544 Mbps high capacity channel derived from a multiplexed 44.736 Mbps high capacity channel with no constraint on the quantity or sequence of one and zero bits. This arrangement requires the customer signal at the channel interface to conform to bipolar with eight zero substitution (B8ZS) line code as described in Technical Reference GR-54-CORE and Technical Reference GR-342-CORE.

(2) CCC is provided, subject to availability of facilities, on DS1/1.544 Mbps high capacity channels between two Customer designated premises (CDPs) and on multiplexed DS3/44.736 Mbps high capacity channels or multiplexed DS1/1.544 Mbps high capacity channels* between a Telephone Company hub office and a CDP. The wire centers providing CCC are identified in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Wire Center Information, Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

* Available only on a DS1 to Digital multiplexed configuration.

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4.6 High Capacity Service – (cont.)

4.6.3 Optional Features and Functions – (cont.)

(B) Clear Channel Capability (CCC) – (cont.)

- (3) The CCC optional feature may be ordered at the same time the high capacity service is ordered or it may be ordered as an addition to an existing high capacity service. The customer must agree to out-of-service periods required to add this feature to an existing high capacity service.

4.7 Individual Case Filings

Certain services set forth in special access service, section 4.8 are provided on an individual case basis (ICB). Rates and charges for special access service provided on an ICB are subject to contractual negotiations.

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4.0 SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES - (cont.)4.8 Rates4.8.1 Voice Grade

	<u>Non-Recurring</u>	<u>Recurring</u>	
(A) <u>Channel Termination</u>			
Two-Wire (per termination)	\$103.00	\$21.47	
Four-Wire (per termination)	\$134.00	\$31.18	
(B) <u>Channel Mileage</u>			
(1) Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)		\$.17	
(2) Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)		\$23.00	
(C) <u>Optional Features and Functions</u>			
(1) Voice Bridging			
Two-Wire		\$10.00	(R)
Four-Wire		\$10.00	(R)
(2) Data Bridging			
Two-Wire		\$12.20	(R)
Four-Wire		\$10.00	(R)
(3) Customer Specified Receive Level (per two-wire termination)	-	-	
(4) Multiplexing – Voice Grade to Low Speed Data or Telegraph		\$124.00	

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	<u>Non-Recurring</u>	<u>Recurring</u>	
(A) Channel Termination (per termination)			
2.4 kbps to 4.82 kbps	\$125.00	\$68.00	(R)
9.6 kbps to 19.2 kbps	\$125.00	\$70.00	(R)
56 kbps to 64 kbps	\$125.00	\$70.00	(R)
(B) Channel Mileage			
(1) Channel Mileage Facility – (per mile)		\$.46	
(2) Channel Mileage Termination – (per termination)		\$22.50	
(C) <u>Optional Features and Functions</u>			
(1) Bridging per Port		\$7.50	
			(D)

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	<u>Non-Recurring</u>	<u>Recurring</u>	
(A) Channel Termination (per termination)			
DS1	\$313.25	\$120.00	(R)
DS3	\$313.25	\$1400.00	(R)
OC3	ICB	ICB	
OC12	ICB	ICB	
(B) Channel Mileage Facility			
(1) Channel Mileage Facility – DS1 (per mile)		\$9.00	(R)
(2) Channel Mileage Facility – DS3 (per mile)		\$41.00	(R)
(3) Channel Mileage Termination – DS1 (per termination)		\$70.00	
(4) Channel Mileage Termination – DS3 (per termination)		\$330.00	(I)
(C) <u>Term Discounts</u>			
DS1 and DS3 services		<u>Percentage</u>	
(1) 36 Months		10%	
(2) 60 Months		20%	

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(D)

(1) Multiplexing – per arrangement –

(T)

DS3 to DS1

\$200.00

\$300.00

DS1 to Voice Grade

\$75.00

\$250.00

DS1 to DS0

\$75.00

\$250.00

4.8.4 Special Access Surcharge

\$25.00

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