

4 - RATE CATEGORIES

4.1 SWITCHED ACCESS

4.1.1 RATE CATEGORIES APPLICABLE TO SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

- A. Carrier Common Line
- B. Transport
- C. End Office

4.1.2 CARRIER COMMON LINE

- A. The Carrier Common Line rate category provides for the use of Company common lines by customers for access to end-users to furnish customer intrastate communications. Carrier Common Line is provided where the customer obtains Company provided Switched Access Service.
- B. Limitations
 - 1. A telephone number is not provided with Carrier Common Line.
 - 2. Detail billing is not provided for Carrier Common Line.
 - 3. Directory listings are not included in the rates and charges for Carrier Common Line.
 - 4. Intercept arrangements are not included in the rates and charges for Carrier Common Line.
 - 5. All trunk side connections provided in the same combined access group will be limited to the same features and operating characteristics.

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C. Undertaking of the Company

1. Where the customer is provided with Switched Access Service under this tariff, the Company will provide the use of Company common lines by a customer for access to end users at rates and charges as set forth in Section 6.2.1 following.

D. Obligations of the Customer

1. The customer facilities at the premises of the ordering customer shall provide the necessary on-hook and off-hook supervision.
2. All Switched Access Service provided to the customer will be subject to Carrier Common Line charges, excluding the Common Channel Signaling Access exemption,

E. Rate Regulations

1. The Carrier Common Line charges will be billed per access minute to each Switched Access Service customer.
2. When the customer reports interstate and intrastate use of Switched Access Service, the Carrier Common Line charges will be billed only to intrastate interLATA and/or intraLATA Switched Access Service access minutes based on the date reported by the customer set forth in Section 2.3.3 preceding.

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4.1.3 TRANSPORT

- A. The Transport rate category provides for transmission facilities between the customer's premises or collocated interconnection location and the Company's end office switch(es) where the customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate its communications.
- B. Except as stated in the following paragraph, Transport service is provided in conjunction with the use of Switched Access Services. Charges for Transport service are computed in accordance with Section 2.6.5 preceding (Ordering, Rating, and Billing of Access Services Where More Than One Exchange Telephone Company Is Involved). For purposes of determining Transport mileage, distance will be measured from the wire center that normally serves the customer's premises to the end office switch(es).
- C. Common Transport.
1. Transport Termination

The transport termination element includes the non-distance sensitive portion of Common Transport and is assessed on a per-access-minute-of-use basis.
 2. Transport Mileage

The transport mileage element includes the distance sensitive portion of Common Transport and is assessed on a per-access-minute-of-use-basis.
- D. Multiplexing

Multiplexing provides the capability of converting the capacity or bandwidth of a facility from a higher level to a lower level or from a lower level to a higher level. Multiplexing functions are provided at the serving wire center.

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4.1.4 END OFFICE

A. The End Office rate category provides the local end office switching and end user termination functions necessary to complete the transmission of Switched Access communications to and from the end users served by the Company's end office. The End Office rate category consists of the Local Switching, Trunk Port and Interconnection rate elements.

1. Local Switching

The Local Switching rate element provides for the use of end office switching equipment. The Local Switching rate is set forth in Section 6.

2. Common Trunk Port

The end office Common Trunk Port rate provides for the termination of common transport trunks in shared end office ports. The end office Common Trunk Port rate is assessed on a per-minute-of-use basis to all trunkside originating and terminating access minutes utilizing tandem routing to an end office.

3. Interconnection

The Interconnection rate element is assessed to all customers who connect with the Company's network. This charge is applied to all intrastate Switched Access minutes of use on an originating or terminating basis.

4.1.5 8XX TOLL-FREE ACCESS SERVICE

All appropriate Switched Access rate elements apply to 8XX Toll-Free Access Service.

8XX Toll-Free Access Service is a service offering originating trunk side Switched Access Service. The service provides for the forwarding of end user dialed 8XX calls to a Company Service Switching Point which will initiate a query to the database to perform the customer identification and delivery functions. The call is forwarded to the appropriate customer based on the dialed 8XX number. In addition, the customer has the option of selecting the 8XX Optional Features Package.

1. Customer Identification Charge

The 8XX Toll-Free Access Service Customer Identification Charge applies for the identification and delivery of the appropriate customer. The charge is assessed to the customer on a per query basis and may include an area of service which may range from a single NPA-NXX to an area consisting of all LATAs and NPAs served by the Company

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4.2 SPECIAL ACCESS

Special Access Service allows a customer to connect customer designated premises with dedicated facilities at transmission speeds ranging from 2.4 kbps to 2.4 Gbps on a point-to-point basis. Special Access is dedicated to the Customer and the entire usable bandwidth is available to the Customer for their exclusive use.

4.2.1 SERVICE TYPES

A. DS1 Service

DS1 Service is a dedicated, high capacity, full duplex channel with a line speed of 1.544 Mbps isochronous serial data having signal format of either Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI) or Bipolar 8 Zero Substitution (B8ZS) and either Superframe (D4) or Extended Superframe formats. DS1 Service has the equivalent capacity of 24 DS0 Services at 56 kbps.

B. DS3 Service

DS3 Service is a dedicated, high capacity, full duplex channel with a line speed of 44.736 Mbps isochronous serial data having a line code of bipolar with three zero substitution (B3ZS). DS3 Service has the equivalent capacity of 28 DS1 Services at 1.544 Mbps or 672 DS0 Services.

4.2.2 RATE ELEMENTS

A. Entrance Facility

An Entrance Facility provides the communication path between a customer's premises and the Company serving wire center. An Entrance Facility is provided even if the customer's premises and the SWC are located in the same building. One Entrance Facility nonrecurring charge applies per customer designated premises at which the channel is terminated. The Initial Installation Charge is assessed, per Local Channel, for the initial service (i.e., circuit) requested on a service order. If additional services are requested on the same service order, at the same location, the Additional Installation charge is assessed for the additional Local Channels required for each service.

B. Interoffice Channel Mileage

Mileage charges are assessed to connect customer locations served by different central offices. There is a fixed rate and a per mile rate based on the airline distance between the central offices.