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**SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES**

**4. LOCAL ACCESS SERVICE**

**4.1. DESCRIPTION**

Local Exchange Access Service provides trunk-side access to the Company's end office switches in the terminating direction only, for use by authorized providers of local exchange telephone service for the completion of local exchange calls that originate and terminate to the Company's End Users in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Local Exchange Access Service must be provided to a Point of Interface (POI) which will be jointly established by the Company and the Customer at a location within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in the same LATA as the Company end office at which the local exchange call will terminate. Local Access Service provides a transmission path between the POI and the Company's End User.

**4.2. OBLIGATIONS OF THE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY (LEC)**

The Local Exchange Company may be required by the Company to submit to an annual audit of the authorized local exchange company's billings for Local Access Service. The audit requirement is needed to ensure accurate billing between local exchange calls and non-local exchange calls.

The authorized local exchange company will be required to provide, upon request by the Company, a forecast of total usage for each trunk group or facility ordered from the Company for each POI used in a Local Access Service arrangement.

The LEC is responsible for obtaining transport facilities to handle one-way or two-way traffic, as agreed upon by the LEC and the Company, between its network and the Company's network and for allowing the Company to use such facilities to terminate traffic addressed to the LEC's network. To the extent that transport facilities provided by the LEC are used to terminate traffic from the Company's network to the LEC network appropriate elements of the switched access rates attributable to such transport will be included in the compensation paid by the Company to the LEC. The Company may at any time elect to provide separate transport facilities to carry traffic originating on the Company's network for termination on the LEC's network.

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**4.3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

**4.3.1. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

The parties shall exchange technical descriptions and forecasts of their interconnection and traffic requirements in sufficient detail to establish the interconnections necessary to assure traffic completion to and from all Customers in their respective designated service areas. The LEC, for purposes of ubiquitous connectivity, network diversity, and alternate routing, must connect to at least one Company designated interconnection point and may be connected to additional end offices, tandems, or other interconnection points via standard interoffice trunking connections.

**4.3.2. PROVISION OF FACILITIES**

Each party is individually responsible to provide facilities within its network which are necessary for routing, transporting, and billing traffic from the other parties network and for delivering such traffic to the other parties network in the standard format compatible with the Company public switched network as stated in Section 4.2 of this section and to terminate the traffic it receives in that standard format to the proper address on its network.

**4.3.3. SERVICE QUALITY**

Each party is only responsible for the quality of services and facilities it provides. However, where requested, and to the extent technically feasible, the parties will cooperate to determine the performance of their respective networks and will implement joint network management controls to further overall service integrity.

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**4.3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES (CONT'D)**

**4.3.4. NATIONAL NETWORK SECURITY PLAN AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN**

The Company and the LEC are each solely responsible for participation in and compliance with national network plans, such as The National Network Security Plan, and The Emergency Preparedness Plan.

**4.3.5. AUXILIARY SERVICES**

The Company and the LEC are not responsible for providing services to each other's end users; however, the parties may enter into agreements to provide exchange support functions to each other (e.g. 911, operator services, directory assistance, Telecommunications Relay Service, etc.)

**4.4. ORDERING**

For Local Access Service, the Customer shall specify the number of trunks or facilities and the location when direct routing to the location is desired. When ordering trunks or facilities to an end office, the Customer must also provide the Company an estimate of the amount of traffic to be generated to and/or from each end office subtending an access tandem operated by another Exchange Telephone Company to assist the Company in the effort to project further facility requirements.

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**4.5. RATE CATEGORIES AND APPLICATION OF RATES**

For billing purposes, Local Access Service calls originating from an authorized local exchange company and terminating on the Company's network (for completion to a Company End User) will be rated at the Company's end office.

**4.5.1. LOCAL TERMINATING USAGE**

The Terminating Usage Charge will be applied per minute of use for the completion of calls from an authorized local exchange company End User to a Company End User.

**4.5.2. ENTRANCE FACILITY**

Entrance Facility provides the communications path between an authorized local exchange company's POI and the Company's end office for the sole use of the authorized local exchange company. The Entrance Facility rates are billed on a monthly basis and nonrecurring charges apply to the establishment of the service. The Customer may use a single Entrance Facility in conjunction with Local Access Service and other Switched Access services. The Company shall require the Customer to file a Percentage of Local Usage (PLU), and if applicable Percentage of Interstate Usage (PIU) report upon ordering Entrance Facilities from the Company. This report must be revised on a quarterly basis.

**4.5.3. OTHER CHARGES**

Service Implementation Charge and other standard charges apply as specified elsewhere in this tariff.

**4.6. RATES AND CHARGES**

**4.6.1. ENTRANCE FACILITIES**

See Section 3.5.4.A of this Tariff.

**4.6.2. LOCAL TERMINATING USAGE**

	<b>RATE</b>
Per Minute of Use:	\$0.000 (D)