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6. Switched Access Service

6.1 General

Switched Access Service, which is available to customers for their use in furnishing their services to end users, provides a two-point communications path between a customer designated premises and an end user's premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching, and trunking facilities and for the use of common subscriber plant of the Telephone Company. Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate calls from an end user's premises to a customer designated premises, and to terminate calls from a customer designated premises to an end user's premises in the LATA where it is provided. Specific references to material describing the elements of Switched Access Service are provided in Sections 6.1.3 and 6.5 through 6.9 following.

Rates and charges for Switched Access Service depend generally on the specific Feature Group ordered by the customer, (i.e., for MTS or WATS services or MTS/WATS equivalent services), and whether it is provided in a Telephone Company end office that is equipped to provide equal or non equal access. Rates and charges for Switched Access Service are set forth in Section 17.2 following. The application of rates for Switched Access Service is described in Section 6.4 following. Rates and charges for services other than Switched Access Service, (i.e., a customer's interLATA toll message service), may also be applicable when Switched Access Service is used in conjunction with these other services. Descriptions of such applicability are provided in Sections 6.4.5, 6.4.9, 6.5.1(H), 6.5.3, 6.6.1(G), 6.6.2(D), 6.7.1(F) and 6.8.1(E) following. Finally, a credit is applied against line side Switched Access Service charges as described in Section 6.4.8 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.1 Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements

(A) Description

Switched Access Service is provided in four different Feature Group arrangements which are service categories of standard and optional features. These are differentiated by their technical characteristics, (i.e., line side vs, trunk side connection at the Telephone Company first point of switching), They are also differentiated by optional feature availability and the manner in which the end user accesses them in originating calling, (i.e., with or without access codes of various lengths and digits).

Except as provided for in Section 6.1,3(A)(1), following, the provision of each Feature Group requires Local Transport facilities, including an Entrance Facility, and the appropriate End Office functions. In addition, Special Access Service may, at the option of the customer, be connected with FGA, FGB, FGC, or FGD at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices.

Where suitable facilities exist, the Ethernet Switched Access Local Transport (ESALT) option enables the customer to handoff IP formatted traffic to the Telephone Company at the designated end office, host office or tandem office location where the Telephone Company will convert the customer's traffic to TOM format for termination to local exchange service end users over the Telephone Company's local network, This option also enables the Telephone Company to convert traffic originated from its local exchange service end users from TOM format to IP format at the designated end office, host office or tandem office and handoff that IP formatted traffic to the customer designated premises.

There are three specific transmission specifications (i.e., Types A, B and C) that have been identified for the provision of Feature Groups, Except as specified below for ESALT, the technical specifications for the Entrance Facility and Direct Trunked Transport are the same as those set forth in Section 7, following, for Voice Grade and High Capacity Services.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.1 Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)

(A) Description (Cont'd)

The technical specifications for the ESALT Entrance Facility and Direct Trunked Transport are as set forth in the Technical References listed below. The transmission quality of ESAL T is not guaranteed and is offered to customers at a best effort level.

- IEEE Standard 802.3 -2008;
- IETF RFC 3261 -June 2002;
- IETF RFC 3262 -June 2002;
- IETF RFC 3263 -June 2002;
- IETF RFC 3264 -June 2002;
- IETF RFC 3265 -June 2002;
- IETF RFC 3550 -July 2003;
- ITU-T G. 711 -November 1988;
- ITU-T G.723.1 -May 2006;
- ITU-T G.729 -January 2007;
- ITU-T G.7041/Y.1303 -August 2005;
- ITU-T G.8040/Y.1340-September 2005;
- ITU-T H.225.0 -May 2006;
- ITU-T H.245 -June 2008; and/or
- ITU-T H.323 -June 2006.

The specifications provided are dependent on the Interface Group and the routing of the service, (i.e., whether the service is routed directly to the end office or via an access tandem). The parameters for the transmission specifications are set forth in Section 15.1.2 following.

Feature Groups are arranged for either originating, terminating or two-way calling, based on the customer end office switching capacity ordered. Originating calling permits the delivery of calls from Telephone Exchange Service locations to the customer designated premises. Terminating calling permits the delivery of calls from the customer designated premises to Telephone Exchange Service locations. Two-way calling permits the delivery of calls in both directions, but not simultaneously.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.1 General (Cont'd)6.1.1 Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)(A) Description (Cont'd)

The Telephone Company will determine the type of calling to be provided unless the customer requests that a different type of directional calling is to be provided. In such cases, the Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine the directionality.

There are various optional features associated with Local Transport, Common Switching and Transport Termination available with the Feature Groups. In addition, the Interim NXX Translation and Operator Transfer Service optional features are available with FGC and FGD.

Operator Transfer Services will be provided over FGC or FGD switched access service trunks from the operator service location to the customer's premises. Where required by technical limitations, a separate FGC or FGD trunk group will be established for Operator Transfer Service. The operator service location will provide trunk answer and disconnect supervisory signaling to the customer.

Detailed descriptions of each of the available Feature Groups are set forth in Sections 6.5 and 6.8 following. Each Feature Group is described in terms of its specific physical characteristics and calling capabilities, the optional features available for use with it and the standard testing capabilities.

The Common Switching and Transport Termination optional features, which are described in Section 6.10 following, unless specifically stated otherwise, are available at all Telephone Company end office switches.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.1 Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)

(B) Manner of Provision

Switched Access is furnished in either quantities of lines or trunks, or in busy hour minutes of capacity (BHMCs). FGA Access and FGB Access are furnished on a per-line or per-trunk basis respectively. FGC Access and FGD Access are furnished on a BHMC basis. FGD may also be provided to customers other than MTS/WATS providers on a per-trunk basis as set forth in Section 5.2 preceding. ESALT may only be used in conjunction with FGD Access.

BHMCs are differentiated by type and directionality of traffic carried over a Switched Access Service arrangement. Differentiation of traffic among BHMC types is necessary for the Telephone Company to properly design Switched Access Service to meet the traffic carrying capacity requirement of the customer.

There are three major BHMC categories identified as: Originating, Terminating and Directory Assistance. Originating BHMCs represent access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the end user to the customer; and Terminating BHMCs represent access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the customer to the end user; and, Directory Assistance BHMCs represent access capacity within a LATA for carrying Directory Assistance traffic from the customer to a Directory Assistance location. When ordering capacity for FGC Access or FGD Access in BHMCs, the customer must at a minimum specify such access capacity in terms of Originating BHMCs and/or Terminating BHMCs. Directory Assistance BHMCs are used for ordering Directory Assistance Access Service as set forth in Section 9 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.1 Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)

(B) Manner of Provision (Cont'd)

Because some customers will wish to further segregate their originating traffic into separate trunk groups, or because segregation may be required by network considerations, originating BHMCs are further categorized into Domestic, 700, 800, 900, Operator, IDDD and Operator Transfer Services. Domestic BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying only domestic traffic other than 700, 800, 900, Operator and Operator Transfer Services traffic; IDDD BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying only international traffic; and, 700, 800, 900, Operator and Operator Transfer Services BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying, respectively, only 700, 800, 900 Operator or Operator Transfer Services traffic. When ordering such types of access capacity, the customer must specify Domestic, 700, 800, 900, Operator, IDDD or Operator Transfer Services BHMCs.

6.1.2 Ordering Options and Conditions

Switched Access Service is ordered under the Access Order provisions set forth in Section 5.2 preceding. Also, included in that section are regulations concerning miscellaneous service order charges which may be associated with Switched Access Service ordering (i.e., Service Date Changes, Cancellations, etc.).

6.1.3 Rate Categories

There are Three rate categories which apply to Switched Access Service:

- Local Transport (described in Section 6.1.3(A) following),
- End Office (described in Section 6.1.3(B) following),
- Chargeable Optional Features (described in Section 6.1.3(C) following),

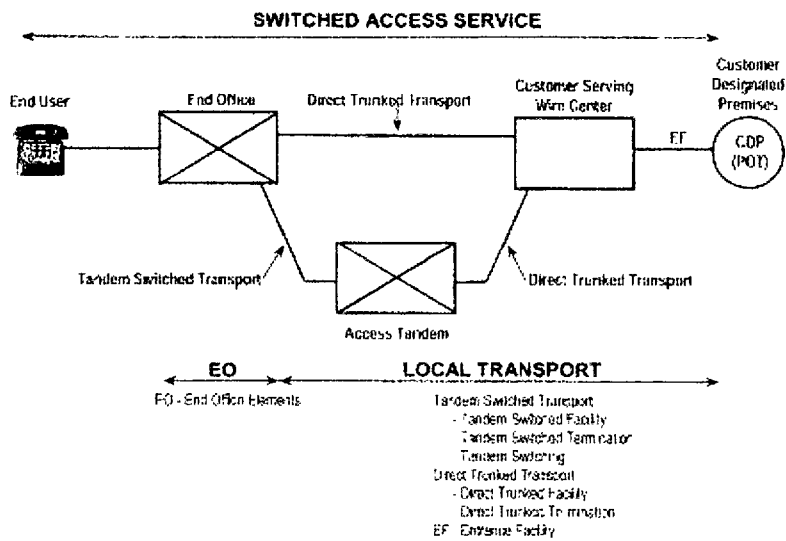
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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

The following diagram depicts a generic view of the components of Switched Access Service and the manner in which the components are combined to provide a complete Access Service.



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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport

The Local Transport rate category establishes the charges related to the transmission and tandem switching facilities between the customer designated premises and the end office switch(es) where the customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate the customer's communications. For purposes of determining Local Transport Facility measurement, distance will be measured from the wire center that normally serves the customer designated premises to the end office switch(es), which may be a Remote Switching Module(s). Exceptions to the Local Transport Facility measurement rules are set forth in Section 6.4.6 following and in this section.

Local Transport is a two-way voice frequency transmission path composed of facilities determined by the Telephone Company. The two-way voice frequency transmission path permits the transport of calls in the originating direction (from the end user end office switch to the customer designated premises) and in the terminating direction (from the customer designated premises to the end office switch), but not simultaneously. The voice frequency transmission path may be comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of and typically used in the telecommunications industry for the transmission of voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

The customer must specify the choice of facilities (i.e., Voice Grade 2 or 4 wire, or High Capacity DS1 or DS3, or ESAL T 2 Mbps, 1 O Mbps or 50 Mbps) to be used in the provision of the Direct Trunked Transport or Entrance Facility. High Capacity DS3 and ESAL T facilities are only available at wire centers identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

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6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

Except when ordering ESALT, the customer must specify when ordering (1) whether the service is to be directly routed to an end office switch or through an access tandem switch, (2) the type of Direct Trunked Transport and whether it will overflow to Tandem Switched Transport when service is directly routed to an end office, (3) the type of Entrance Facility, where applicable, (4) the directionality of the service, and (5) when multiplexing is required, the hub(s) at which the multiplexing will be provided.

When ordering ESALT, the customer must specify: (1) the ESALT equipped SWC and (2) the end office switch(es) to which the customer wants to terminate interexchange voice traffic originated on its IP based network and/or receive interexchange voice traffic originated on the Telephone Company's network.

When the customer has both Tandem Switched Transport and Direct Trunked Transport at the same end office, the customer will be provided Alternate Traffic Routing as set forth in Section 6.4.6, following.

Except as specified above for High Capacity DS3 and Ethernet (C) Switched Access Local Transport, Direct Trunked Transport is available at all tandems and at all end offices except those end offices identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, as not having the capability to provide Direct Trunked Transport. Direct Trunked Transport is not available: (1) from end offices that provide equal access through a Centralized Equal Access arrangement, or (2) from end offices that lack recording or measurement capability, or (3) on the FGC LEC IntraLATA Toll Network.

Normally, Direct Trunked Transport of originating 800 series calls from an end office is available only from Service Switching Point (SSP) equipped end offices. However, certain SSP equipped end offices cannot accommodate the direct trunking of 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) service access code. These end offices are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. Additionally, certain non-SSP equipped offices can accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 series calls. These end offices are also identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

Unless otherwise ordered by the F.C.C., where the Telephone Company elects to provide equal access through a centralized equal access arrangement, the Telephone Company will designate the serving wire center. The designated SWC will normally be that wire center which provides dial tone to the Telephone Company centralized Equal Access tandem office identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. When service is provided in cooperation with a non telephone company provider of centralized Equal Access, the SWC will be that wire center which would normally provide dial tone to the Telephone Company point of interconnection with the non telephone company provider of centralized Equal Access specified in the tariff of the centralized Equal Access provider. Those Telephone Company offices providing equal access through centralized arrangements are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

Local Transport is provided at the rates and charges set forth in Section 17.2.2, following. The application of these rates with respect to individual Feature Groups is as set forth in 6.4.1(C), following. When more than one Telephone Company is involved in providing the Switched Access Service, the Local Transport rates are applied as set forth in Section 2.4.7, preceding.

The Local Transport Rate Category includes four classifications of rate elements: (1) Entrance Facility, (2) Direct Trunked Transport, (3) Tandem Witched Transport, and (4) Multiplexing.

(1) Entrance Facility

The Entrance Facility covers a portion of the costs associated with a communications path between a customer designated premises and the serving wire center of that premises. Included as part of the Entrance Facility 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 with the customer designated premises and the type of signaling capability, if any.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(1) Entrance Facility

Six types of Entrance Facility are available:

- Voice Grade 2 or 4 wire -
an analog channel with an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz;
- High Capacity DS1
An isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 1.544 Mbps;
- High Capacity DS3 -
An isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 44.736 Mbps.
- ESAL T 2 Mbps
an Ethernet packet based channel with a rate of 2 Mbps;
- ESALT 10 Mbps -
an Ethernet packet based channel with a rate of 10 Mbps;
- ESAL T 50 Mbps -
an Ethernet packet based channel with a rate of 50 Mbps;

The minimum period for which a High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facility or Ethernet Switched Access Local Transport Entrance Facility is provided is twelve months.

One charge applies for each Entrance Facility that is terminated at a customer designated premises. This charge specified in Section 17.2.2(A), following, will apply even if the customer designated premises and the serving wire center are collocated in a Telephone Company building, except as provided for below.

The Entrance Facility charge specified in Section 17.2.2(A), following, will not apply when: (1) the customer designated premises and serving wire center are physically (including caged, cageless, shared and adjacent arrangements) or virtually collocated as those terms are used in 47 C.F.R. § 51.323 and (2) the customer obtains such collocation for the purpose of interconnection with the Telephone Company's network for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service, exchange access or both, and for the purpose of providing local exchange or exchange access services to its customers.

A customer's Local Transport may be connected to the Entrance Facility of another customer, providing the other customer submits a Letter of Authorization for this connection and assumes full responsibility for the cost of the Entrance Facility.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(2) Direct Trunked Transport

The Direct Trunked Transport rate elements recover a portion of the cost associated with a communications path or circuits dedicated to the use of a single customer between:

- the service wire center and an end office,
- the serving wire center and a tandem,
- the serving wire center and a hub,
- a hub and an end office.

Except as specified above for High Capacity DS3 and Ethernet Switched Access Local Transport, Direct Trunked Transport is available at all tandems and to all end offices except those end offices identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, as not having the capability to provide Direct Trunked Transport.

Direct Trunked Transport is not available: (1) from end offices that provide equal access through a Centralized Equal Access arrangement, or (2) from end offices that lack recording or measurement capability, or (3) on the FGC LEG IntraLATA Toll Network.

Normally, Direct Trunked Transport of originating 800 series calls from an end offices is available from Service Switching Point (SSP) equipped end offices, However, certain SSP equipped end offices cannot accommodate the direct trunking of the 800 series (other than the 800 services access code) service access code. These end offices are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC, TARIFF F.C.C, NO. 4. Additionally, certain non-SSP equipped end offices can accommodate the direct trunking of originating 800 series calls. These end offices are also identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC, TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

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6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(2) Direct Trunked Transport (Cont'd)

Six types of Direct Trunked Transport are available:

Voice Grade 2 or 4 wire —

an analog channel with an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz;

High Capacity DS1 —

An isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 1.544 Mbps;

High Capacity DS3 —

An isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 44,736 Mbps;

ESALT 2 Mbps —

an Ethernet packet based channel with a rate of 2 Mbps;

ESALT 10 Mbps —

an Ethernet packet based channel with a rate of 10 Mbps;

ESALT 50 Mbps —

an Ethernet packet based channel with a rate of 50 Mbps,

High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Transport cannot be terminated at end offices that are not identified as hub offices that provide DS3 to DS1 multiplexing.

ESALT 2 Mbps, 10 Mbps or 50 Mbps Direct Trunked Transport can not be terminated at end offices, host offices or tandem offices that are not identified as ESALT-equipped wire centers in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC, TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

Additionally, DS1 Direct Trunked Transport cannot be terminated at end offices that are not identified as hub offices that provide DS1 to Voice Grade multiplexing or are not electronic end offices.

Offices that provide multiplexing functions are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(2) Direct Trunked Transport (Cont'd)

Except as specified for ESALT, Direct Trunked Transport rates (M) consist of a Direct Trunked Facility rate specified in Section 17.2.2(8)(1), following, which is applied on a per mile basis and a Direct Trunked Termination rate which is applied at each end of measured segment of the Direct Trunked Transport Facility (e.g., at the end office, tandem, hub, and serving wire center).

Direct Trunked Transport rates for ESALT consist of: 1) an ESALT (N) Direct Trunked Facility (DTF) rate specified in Section 17.2, following, which is applied on a per facility basis based on the capacity ordered by the customer (i.e., 2 Mbps, 10 Mbps or 50 Mbps) and on whether the ESALT DTF is provided entirely within the Telephone Company's operating territory or jointly provided with another telephone company to a serving wire center located outside of the Telephone Company's operating territory and 2) an ESALT Direct Trunked Termination (DTT) rate specified in Section 17.2, following, which is applied at each end of the ESALT DTF (i.e., at the serving wire center serving the customer's designated premises and either the end office, host office, or tandem office) at the same capacity as the capacity of the associated ESALT Direct Trunked Facility segment.

The type of ESALT Direct Trunked Facility required will depend upon the configuration of the customer's service as follows:

- ESALT DTF-E1 is required when the ESALT SWC and SWC serving the customer designated premises are located within the Telephone Company's operating territory.
- ESALT DTF-E2 is required when the customer designated premises is located outside of the Telephone Company's operating territory in an adjacent operating territory and the ESALT is jointly provided with another telephone company.

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6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(2) Direct Trunked Transport (Cont'd)

- ESALT DTF-E3 is required when the customer designated premises is located outside of the Telephone Company's operating territory in a non-adjacent operating territory where the airline distance between the ESAL T SWC and SWC serving the customer designated premises is 50 airline miles or less and the ESALT is jointly provided with another telephone company.
- ESALT DTF-E4 is required when the customer designated premises is located outside of the Telephone Company's operating territory in a non-adjacent operating territory where the airline distance between the ESALT SWC and SWC serving the customer designated premises is between 51 and 75 airline miles and the ESAL T is jointly provided with another telephone company. When the customer designated premises is located in a non-adjacent operating territory, ESALT is not available when the airline distance between the SWC serving the customer designated premises and the ESAL T SWC is greater than 75 airline miles.

When the Direct Trunked Facility Mileage Is zero, neither the Direct Trunked Facility nor the Direct Trunked Termination Rate will apply.

The Direct Trunked Facility rate recovers a portion of the costs of transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission network equipment, between the end points of the interoffice circuits.

The Direct Trunked Termination rate specified in Section 17.2.2(8)(2), following, recovers a portion of the costs of the network equipment that is necessary for the termination of each end of the Direct Trunked Facility.

The minimum period for which High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Transport or Ethernet Switched Access Local Transport is available (C) is twelve months.

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6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(3) Tandem Switched Transport

The Tandem Switched Transport rate elements recover a portion of the costs associated with a communications path between a tandem and an end office on circuits that are switched at a tandem switch.

Tandem Switched Transport rates consist of a Tandem Switching rate, a Tandem Switched Facility rate, and a Tandem Switched Termination rate.

In those instances where an SSP equipped end office is capable of handling 800 traffic on a direct trunked basis but incapable of handling 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) traffic on a direct trunked basis, a full credit will be provided for tandem switched transport charges associated with FGC and FGD service for 888 traffic delivered at the tandem. This results in all 800 series traffic being rated as direct trunked transport regardless of whether the SSP equipped end office is capable of handling 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) traffic on a direct trunked basis. Those SSP equipped end offices that cannot accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) traffic are identified in NECA TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

- (a) The Tandem Switching rate recovers a portion of the costs of switching traffic through an access tandem. The Tandem Switching rate specified in 17.2.2(C)(3), following, is applied on a per access minute per tandem basis for all originating and all terminating minutes of use switched at the tandem. Tandem locations are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.
- (b) The Tandem Switched Facility rate recovers a portion of the costs of transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment, between the end points of interoffice circuits. The Tandem Switched Facility rate specified in 17.2.2(C)(1), following, is applied on a per access minute per mile basis for all originating and terminating minutes of use routed over the facility.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(3) Tandem Switched Transport (Cont'd)

(c) The Tandem Switched Termination rate recovers a portion of the costs of circuit equipment necessary for the termination of each end of each measured segment of the Tandem Switched Facility. The Tandem Switched Termination rate specified in 17.2.2(C)(2), following, is applied on a per access minute basis (for all originating and terminating minutes of use routed over the facility) at each end of each measured segment of Tandem Switched Facility (e.g., at the end office, Feature Group A dial tone office, host office and the access tandem). When the Tandem Switched Facility mileage is zero, neither the Tandem Switched Facility rate nor the Tandem Switched Termination rate will apply.

(4) Reserved for Future Use

(5) Multiplexing

Multiplexing provides an arrangement for converting a single, higher capacity or bandwidth circuit to several lower capacity or bandwidth circuits.

When a derived channel is itself multiplexed to derive additional channels with a lesser capacity, this is referred to as cascade multiplexing. When cascade multiplexing occurs, a charge for the additional multiplexing function applies. When cascade multiplexing is performed at different hubbing locations, Direct Trunked Transport charges also apply between the hubs.

Multiplexing is only available at wire centers identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF NO. 4.

The following multiplexing arrangements are offered for use with Switched Access Service.

(a) DS3 to DS1 Multiplexing charges specified in Section 17.2.2(8)(3), following, apply when a High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Transport is connected with High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Transport. The DS3 to DS1 multiplexer will convert a 44.736 Mbps channel to 28 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(5) Multiplexing

(b) DS1 to Voice Grade Multiplexing charges specified in Section 17.2.2(8)(3), following, apply when a High Capacity DS1 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Transport is connected with Voice Grade Direct Trunked Transport. However, a DS1 to Voice Grade Multiplexing Charge does not apply when a High Capacity DS1 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Transport is terminated at an electronic end office and only Switched Access Service is provided over the DS1 facility (i.e., Voice Grade Special Access channels are not derived). The DS1 to Voice Grade multiplexer will convert a 1.544 Mbps channel to 24 Voice Grade channels.

(6) Reserved for Future Use

(7) Reserved for Future Use

(8) Interface Groups

Ten Interface Groups are provided for terminating the Entrance Facility at the customer's designated premises. Technical specifications concerning the available interface groups are set forth in Section 15.1 following.

(9) Nonchargeable Optional Features

Where transmission facilities permit, the individual transmission path between the customer's designated premises and the first point of switching may, at the option of the customer, be provided with the following optional features as set forth and described in Section 15.1.1 (E) following.

- Supervisory Signaling
- Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level
- Customer Specification of Local Transport Termination
- Clear Channel Capability

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(9) Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

When a customer utilizes Signaling System 7 (SS7) signaling, the following optional features are made available and are described in Section 6.10.1, following.

- Calling Party Number
- Carrier Selection Parameter
- Charge Number Parameter
- Carrier Identification Parameter

(10) Chargeable Optional Features

800 Data Base Access Service is provided to all customers in conjunction with FGC and FGD switched access service. A Basic or Vertical Feature Query charge, as set forth in 17.2.7 following, is assessed for each query launched to the 800 data base. The Basic Query provides the identification of the customer to whom the call will be delivered and includes area of service routing which allows routing of 800 calls by telephone companies to different interexchange carriers based on the Local Access Transport Area (LATA) in which the call originates. The Vertical Feature Query provides this same customer identification function in addition to vertical features which may include: (1) call validation (ensuring that calls originate from subscribed service areas); (2) POTS translation of 800 numbers (which is generally necessary for the routing of 800 calls); (3) alternate POTS translation (which allows subscribers to vary the routing of 800 calls based on factors such as time of day, place of origination of the call, etc.); (4) multiple carrier routing (which allows subscribers to route to different carriers based on factors similar to those in (3)).

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(10) Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

When ordered for use with ESALT Direct Trunked Facility provided entirely within the Telephone Company's operating territory, the ESALT Real Time Class of Service/Quality of Service (RT CoS/QoS) option provides service performance commitments on transmissions using the Telephone Company's Ethernet local transport network. ESAL T RT CoS/QoS is provided as set forth in Section 6.10.3(8), following.

When ordered for use with ESALT Entrance Facility, the ESALT Entrance Facility Protection (ESALT EFP) option provides backup protection using the Telephone Company's Ethernet local transport network. ESALT EFP is provided as set forth in Section 6.10.3(C), following.

(B) End Office

The End Office rate category establishes the charges related to 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 local end office. The End Office rate category includes the Local Switching and Information Surcharge rate elements. Directory Assistance Service is set forth in Section 9 following.

(1) Local Switching

The Local Switching rate element establishes the charges related to the use of end office switching equipment, the terminations in the end office of end user lines, the terminations of calls at Telephone Company Intercept Operators or recordings, the STP costs, and the SS7 signaling function between the end office and the Signaling Transfer point.

Local Switching does not apply to FGB and FGD Switched Access Services associated with Wireless Switching Centers (WSC) directly interconnected to a Telephone Company access tandem office.

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6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) End Office (Cont'd)

(1) Local Switching (Cont'd)

Rates for Local Switching 1 and Local Switching 2 are set forth in Section 17.2.3(A) following. The application of these rates with respect to individual Feature Groups is as set forth in Section 6.4.1(C) following.

There are four types of functions included in the Local Switching rate element: Common Switching, Transport Termination, Line Termination and Intercept. These are described in (a) through (d) following.

(a) Common Switching

Common Switching provides the local end office switching functions associated with the various access switching arrangements (i.e., Feature Group). The Common Switching arrangements provided for the various Feature Group arrangements are described in Sections 6.5 through 6.8 following.

Included as part of Common Switching are various nonchargeable optional features which the customer can order to meet the customer's specific communications requirements. These optional features are described in Section 6.10.1 following.

(b) Transport Termination

Transport Termination functions provide for the line or trunk side arrangements which terminate the Local Transport facilities. Included as part of these functions are various nonchargeable optional termination arrangements. These optional terminating arrangements are described in Section 6.10.2 following.

The number of Transport Terminations provided will be determined by the Telephone Company as set forth in Section 6.2.5 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) End Office (Cont'd)

(1) Local Switching (Cont'd)

(c) Line Termination

Line Termination provides for the terminations of end user lines in the local end office. There are two types of Line Terminations (i.e., Common Line Terminations and Special Access Service Terminations utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices).

The above Special Access Service Terminations are differentiated by line side vs. trunk side terminations. In addition, there are various types of originating and terminating line side terminations depending on the type of signaling associated with the Special Access Service. Line side terminations are available with either dial pulse or dual tone multifrequency address signaling.

(d) Intercept

The Intercept function provides for the termination of a call at Telephone Company Intercept operator or recording. The operator or recording tells a caller why a call, as dialed, could not be completed and, if possible, provides the correct number.

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6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) End Office (Cont'd)

(3) FCC Transitional Charge

In compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 01-92; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, and 10-90; and WT Docket No. 10-208, adopted October 7, 2011 and released November 18, 2011 (FCC 11-161) and pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Part 51 Interconnection Rules at §51.909(b)(2)(v), the FCC Transitional Charge rate element is applicable between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013.

The FCC Transitional Charge rate is assessed to a customer based on the total number of access minutes in the terminating direction only. The FCC Transitional Charge rate is set forth in Section 17.2.3(C), following.

The FCC Transitional Charge does not apply to FGB and FGD Switched Access Services associated with Wireless Switching Centers (WSCs) directly interconnected to a Telephone Company tandem office.

The number of end office switching transmission paths will be determined as set forth in Section 6.2.5 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(C) Chargeable Optional Features

Where facilities permit, the Telephone Company will, at the option of the customer, provide the following chargeable optional features.

(1) Interim NXX Translation

The Interim NXX Translation rate element provides for customer identification of non-data base services when calls are directed by end users in the 1+SAC+NXX-XXXX (i.e., 1+900+NXX-XXXX) format. The NXX codes are assigned to specific customers in conformance with the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). NXX code assignment(s) will be made by the Bellcore NANP Coordinator. The Telephone Company will use the NXX code to identify the customer to whose point of termination the traffic is to be delivered, (i.e., at appropriately equipped electronic end offices, access tandems or through contracted arrangements with other parties). It is then the responsibility of the customer to do any further translation the customer deems necessary to route the call. Customer assigned NXX codes which have not been ordered will be blocked.

A nonrecurring charge, as set forth in Section 17.2.1(B) following, is associated with this optional feature. This nonrecurring charge is assessed by the Telephone Company on a per order, per LATA or Market Area basis. The nonrecurring charge is assessed only by the Telephone Company that provides the final translation function.

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6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(C) Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(1) Interim NXX Translation (Cont'd)

A Telephone Company is said to have provided the final Interim NXX Translation when its translation identifies the customer's traffic and this traffic is then delivered to the customer's point of termination without any further translation. The description and application of this charge with respect to FGC and FGD is as set forth in Section 6.4.1(B)(2) following.

(2) Operator Transfer Service

Operator Transfer Service may be provided with FGC or FGD Switched Access Service at Telephone Company designated Operator Services locations. Operator Transfer Service is an originating service. The rate is assessed per 0- call transferred to a customer's operator. A 0- call is considered transferred when the Telephone Company Operator activates the switch transferring the call to designated customer and the customer acknowledges receipt.

In addition to the Operator Transfer Service charge described above and in Section 6.10.4 following, FGC or FGD Switched Access rates and charges as set forth in Sections 6.4.1(B)(1) and 6.4.1(C) following and Carrier Common Line Charges as set forth in Section 3.8.5 preceding will apply per minute of use for Operator Transfer Service.

Operator Transfer Service charges, provided for in this tariff, are applied only to those calls actually transferred by the Telephone Company to the customer's operator.

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6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(C) Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(3) 800 Data Base Access Service

800 Data Base Access Service is provided to all customers in conjunction with FGC and FGD switched access service. When a 1+800+NXX+XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Telephone Company will utilize the Signaling System 7 (SS7) network to query an 800 data base to identify the customer to whom the call will be delivered and provide vertical features based on the dialed ten digits. The call will then be routed to the identified customer over FGC or FGD switched access.

A Basic or Vertical Feature Query charge, as set forth in 17.2.7 following, is assessed for each query launched to the data base, which identifies the customer to whom the call will be delivered. The Basic Query provide the identification of the customer to whom the call will be delivered and includes area of service routing which allows routing of 800 calls by telephone companies to different interexchange carriers based on the Local Access Transport Area (LATA) in which the call originates. The Vertical Feature Query provides the same customer identification as the basic query and vertical features which may include: (1) call validation (ensuring that calls originate from subscribed service areas); (2) POTS translation of 800 numbers (which is generally necessary for the routing of 800 calls); (3) alternate POTS translation (which allows subscribers to vary the routing of 800 calls based on factors such as time of day, place of origination of the call, etc.); (4) multiple carrier routing (which allows subscribers to route to different carriers based on factors similar to those in (3)).

The description and application of this charge with respect to FGC or FGD is set forth in 6.4.1.(C)(8) and 6.4.1(C) following.

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6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.4 Special Facilities Routing

Any customer may request that the facilities used to provide Switched Access Service be specially routed. The regulations for Special Facilities Routing (i.e., Avoidance, Diversity and Cable-Only) are set forth in Section 11 following.

6.1.5 Design Layout Report

At the request of the customer, the Telephone Company will provide to the customer the makeup of the facilities and services provided from the customer's premises to the first point of switching. 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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6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

In addition to the obligations of the Telephone Company set forth in Section 2 preceding, the Telephone Company has certain other obligations concerning only the provision of Switched Access Service. These obligations are as follows.

6.2.1 Network Management

The Telephone Company will administer its network to insure the provision of acceptable service levels to all telecommunications users of the Telephone Company's network services. Generally, service levels are considered acceptable only when both end users and customers are able to establish connections with little or no delay encountered within the Telephone Company network. The Telephone Company maintains the right to apply protective controls (i.e., those actions, such as call gapping, which selectively cancel the completion of traffic) over any traffic carried over its network, including that associated with customer's Switched Access Service. Generally, such protective measures would only be taken as a result of occurrences such as failure or overload of Telephone Company or customer facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands. In the event that the protective controls applied by the Telephone Company result in the complete loss of service by the customer, the customer will be granted a Credit Allowance for Service Interruption as set forth in Section 2.4.4(B)(3) preceding.

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6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

6.2.2 Transmission Specifications

Each Switched Access Service transmission path is provided with standard transmission specifications. There are three different standard specifications (Types A, B and C). The standard for a particular transmission path is dependent on the Feature Group, the Interface Group and whether the service is directly routed or via an access tandem. The available transmission specifications are set forth in Section 15.1.2 following. Data Transmission Parameters are also provided with each Switched Access Service transmission path. The Telephone Company will, upon notification by the customer that the data parameters set forth in Section 15.1.3 following are not being met, conduct tests independently or in cooperation with the customer, and take any necessary action to insure that the data parameters are met.

The Telephone Company will maintain existing transmission specifications on functioning service configurations installed prior to the effective date of this tariff, except that service configurations having performance specifications exceeding the standards set forth in Section 15.1.2 following will be maintained at the performance levels specified.

The transmission specifications concerning Switched Access Service are limits which, when exceeded, may require the immediate corrective action of the Telephone Company. The transmission specifications are set forth in Section 15.1.2 following. Acceptance limits are set forth in Technical Reference TR-NWT-000334. This Technical Reference also provides the basis for determining Switched Access Service maintenance limits.

FGC and FGD trunks equipped for Operator Transfer Service are subject to FGC and FGD transmission specification, respectively, unless otherwise specified.

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6.2.3 Provision of Service Performance Data

Subject to availability, end-to-end service performance data available to the Telephone Company through its own service evaluation routines, may also be made available to the customer based on previously arranged intervals and format. These data provide information on overall end-to-end call completion and non-completion performance (i.e., customer equipment blockage, failure results and transmission performance). These data do not include service performance data which are provided under other tariff sections (i.e., testing service results). If data are to be provided in other than paper format, the charges for such exchange will be determined on an individual case basis.

6.2.4 Testing

(A) Acceptance Testing

At no additional charge, the Telephone Company will, at the customer's request, cooperatively test at the time of installation, the following parameters: loss, C-Notched Noise, C-Message Noise, 3-Tone Slope, dc Continuity and Operational Signaling. When the Local Transport is provided with Interface Groups 2 through 10, and the Transport Termination is two-wire (i.e., there is a four-wire to two-wire conversion in Local Transport), balance parameters (equal level echo path loss) may also be tested.

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6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

6.2.4 Testing (Cont'd)

(B) Routine Testing

At no additional charge, the Telephone Company will, at the customer's request, test after installation on an automatic or manual basis, 1004 Hz loss, C-Message Noise and Balance (Return loss).

In the case of automatic testing, the customer shall provide remote office test lines and 105 test lines with associated responders or their functional equivalent.

The frequency of these tests will be that which is mutually agreed upon by the customer and the Telephone Company, but shall consist of not less than quarterly 1004 Hz Loss and C-Message Noise tests and an annual Balance test. Trunk test failures requiring customer participation for trouble resolution will be provided to the customer on an as-occurs basis.

Additional tests may be ordered as set forth in Section 13.3.1 following. Charges for these additional tests are set forth in Section 17.4.4 following.

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6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

6.2.5 Determination of Number of Transmission Paths

For FGA and FGB, which are ordered on a per line or per trunk basis respectively, and FGD when ordered on a per trunk basis by customers other than MTS/WATS providers, the customer specifies the number of transmission paths in the order for service.

The Telephone Company will determine the number of Switched Access Service transmission paths to be provided for the Switched Access FGC and FGD busy hour minutes of capacity ordered. The number of transmission paths will be developed using the total busy hour minutes of capacity by type (as described in Section 6.1.1(B) preceding) for the end offices for each Feature Group ordered from a customer's designated premises. The total busy hour minutes of capacity by type (i.e., originating, terminating, IDDD, Operator) for the end office will be converted to transmission paths using standard Telephone Company traffic engineering methods. The number of transmission paths provided shall be the number required based on (1) the use of access tandem switches and end office switches, (2) the use of the end office switches only, or (3) the use of the tandem switches only.

6.2.6 Trunk Group Measurement Reports

Subject to availability, the Telephone Company will make available trunk group data in the form of usage in CCS, peg count, and overflow to the customer based on previously agreed to intervals.

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6.3 Obligations of the Customer

In addition to the obligations of the customer set forth in Section 2 preceding, the customer has certain specific obligations pertaining to the use of Switched Access Service. These obligations are as follows:

6.3.1 Report Requirements

Customers are responsible for providing the following reports to the Telephone Company, when applicable.

(A) Jurisdictional Reports

When a customer orders Switched Access Service for both interstate and intrastate use, the customer is responsible for providing reports as set forth in Section 2.3.11 preceding. Charges will be apportioned in accordance with those reports. The method to be used for determining the intrastate charges is set forth in Section 2.3.12 preceding.

(B) Code Screening Reports

When a customer orders service class routing, trunk access limitation, or call gapping arrangements it must report the number of trunks and/or the appropriate codes to be instituted in each end office or access tandem switch, for each of the arrangements ordered.

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6.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

6.3.2 Trunk Group Measurement Reports

With the agreement of the customer, trunk group data in the form of usage in CCS, peg count, and overflow for its end of all access trunk groups, where technologically feasible, will be made available to the Telephone Company. This data will be used to monitor trunk group utilization and service performance and will be based on previously arranged intervals and format.

6.3.3 Supervisory Signaling

The customer's facilities shall provide the necessary on-hook, off-hook, answer and disconnect supervision.

6.3.4 Short Duration Mass Calling Requirements

When a customer offers service for which a substantial call volume is expected during a short period of time (i.e., 900 service media stimulated events), the customer must notify the Telephone Company at least 48 hours in advance of each peak period. Notification should include the nature, time, duration, and frequency of the event, an estimated call volume, and the telephone number(s) to be used.

On the basis of the information provided, the Telephone Company may invoke network management controls, (i.e., call gapping and code blocking) to reduce the probability of excessive network congestion. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine the appropriate level of such control.

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6.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

6.3.5 Call Signaling

Depending on the signaling system used by the customer in its network, the customer's facilities shall transmit the following call signaling information to the Telephone Company on traffic the customer's end users originate which is handed off for termination on the Telephone Company's network.

(A) Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling

When the customer uses SS7 signaling, it will transmit the Calling Party Number (CPN) or, if different from the CPN, the Charge Number (CN) information in the SS7 signaling stream.

(B) Multi-Frequency (MF) Signaling

When the customer uses MF signaling, it will transmit the number of the calling party or, if different from the number of the calling party, the Charge Number (CN) information in the MF Automatic Number identification (AN I) field.

(C) Internet Protocol (IP) Signaling

When the customer uses IP signaling, it will transmit the telephone number of the calling party or, if different from the telephone number, the billing number of the calling party.

When the customer uses IP signaling in conjunction with ESALT, it will transmit call signaling data that must either: 1) conform to an active 10- digit North American Numbering Plan or directory number which is associated with the geographic location of the originating calling party (i.e., Calling Party Number and/or Automatic Number Identification) or 2) represent IP equivalent call signaling that is mutually agreed upon by the customer and Telephone Company at the time the customer places its order for ESALT.

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6.4 Rate Regulations

This section contains the specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply for Switched Access Service.

6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges

There are two types of rates and charges that apply to Switched Access Service: recurring (usage and flat rates) and nonrecurring charges. These rates and charges are applied differently to the various rate elements as set forth in (C) following.

(A) Recurring Rates

- (1) Usage Rates for Switched Access Service are rates that apply on a per access minute or a per call basis. Access minute charges and per call charges are accumulated over a monthly period.
- (2) Flat Rates for Switched Access Service are rates that apply on a per month per rate element basis.

(B) Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for a specific work activity (i.e., installation or change to an existing service). The types of nonrecurring charges that apply for Switched Access Service are: installation of service, Interim NXX Translation optional feature and service rearrangements.

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(1) Installation of Service

For Entrance Facilities, a Local Transport nonrecurring installation charge, as set forth in 17.2.1(A) following, will be applied at the serving wire center for each Entrance Facility installed.

Except as specified below for ESALT, when Direct Trunked Transport is ordered to the end office, a Local Transport nonrecurring trunk activation charge, as set forth in 17.2.1 (E) following, will be applied at the end office on a per order basis for each group of 24 Direct Trunked Transport trunks or fraction thereof that is activated at the end office.

Except as specified below for ESA LT, when Direct Trunked Transport is ordered to the access tandem, a Local Transport nonrecurring trunk activation charge, as set forth in 17.2.1(E) following, will be applied at the access tandem on a per order basis for each group of 24 Direct Trunked Transport trunks or fraction thereof that is activated at the access tandem.

A maximum of 24 trunks can be activated on a DS1 facility and a maximum of 672 trunks can be activated on a DS3 facility.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(1) Installation of Service

For example, if a customer orders a DS1 Entrance Facility and requests activation of 18 of the available circuits, the customer will be charged one Local Transport High Capacity DS1 Installation nonrecurring charge at the serving wire center and one Direct Trunked Transport Activation nonrecurring charge at the end office. If at a later date the customer requests the activation of three more circuits, the customer will then be charged an additional Direct Trunked Transport Activation nonrecurring charge. These charges are in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in 17.4.1 (A) following.

An ESAL T Direct Trunked Termination nonrecurring charge, as specified in Section 17.2.1(F), following, will be applied per ESALT Direct Trunked Termination installed.

(2) Interim NXX Translation Optional Feature

This nonrecurring charge applies to the initial order for the installation of the Interim NXX Translation optional feature with FGC or FGD Switched Access Service and for each subsequent order received to add or change NXX translation codes. This charge, if applicable, applies whether this optional feature is installed coincident with or at any time subsequent to the installation of Switched Access Services. This charge is applied by the Telephone Company per order, per LATA or Market Area. When it is necessary for multiple telephone companies to provide the translation function, the nonrecurring charge is assessed only by the Telephone Company that provides the final translation function which identifies the customer's traffic and this traffic is then delivered to the customer's point of termination without any further translation.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(3) Service Rearrangements

All changes to existing services other than changes involving administrative activities and the off-hook supervisory signaling of FGA Access Services, will be treated as a discontinuance of the existing service and an installation of a new service. The nonrecurring charge described in (1) preceding will apply for this work activity. Moves that change the physical location of the point of termination are described and charged for as set forth in Section 6.4.4 following.

- If, due to technical limitations of the Telephone Company, a customer could not combine its Interim NXX traffic with its other trunk side Switched Access Services, no charge shall apply to combine these trunk groups when it becomes technically possible.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(3) Service Rearrangements (Cont'd)

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 premises address when the change of address is not a result of a 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.

Changes and additions to existing Switched Access Services which are necessary due to Telephone Company initiated network reconfigurations, and required to provide the same grade of service to the customer that existed prior to the reconfiguration, will be made without charge to the customer. Charges will apply to those changes and additions which are in excess of those required to provide the same grade of service and/or capacity. Grade of service will be as determined by industry standard engineering tables.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(3) Service Rearrangements (Cont'd)

For additions, changes or modifications to an optional feature which has a separate nonrecurring charge, that nonrecurring charge will apply.

When an optional feature is not required on each transmission path, but rather for an entire transmission path group, an end office or an access tandem switch, only one such charge will apply (i.e., it will not apply per transmission path).

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. For conversion of FGC and FGD trunks from multifrequency address signaling to SS7 signaling or from SS7 signaling to multifrequency address signaling, nonrecurring charges will apply as set forth in Section 17.2.1(D), following.

(C) Application of Rates

Rates are applied as premium rates.

The application of these rates is dependent upon the Feature Group, type of Entrance Facility, and type of transport (e.g., Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport, type of multiplexing).

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)

The following rules provide the basis for applying the rates and charges:

(1) Premium Rates

Premium rates apply to all FGA, FGB, FGC and FGD access minutes.

In addition, premium rates apply to the following Local Transport rate elements:

- Entrance Facility
- Direct Trunked Facility
- Direct Trunked Termination
- Multiplexing
- Tandem Switched Facility
- Tandem Switched Termination
- Tandem Switching

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(C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)

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6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)

(5) Unmeasured FGA and FGB Access Services

Where originating and/or terminating measurement capability does not exist for FGA or FGB Switched Access Services provided to the first point of switching, the number of access minutes that will be assumed are as set forth following in Sections 6.5.4 and 6.6.4 respectively.

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)

(7) Reserved

This section is reserved for future use.

(8) 800 Data Base Access Service

A basic Query or Vertical Feature Query charge applies for each query that is launched to an 800 data base and identifies the customer to whom the call will be delivered. Query charges, as set forth in 17.2.7, will only be applied by those companies whose wire centers are identified as assessing query charges in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

When FGC or FGD switched access service is used for the provision of 800 Data Base Access Service and the total minutes of use and/or count of queries can be determined for each customer at a tandem or SSP but can not be determined by individual end office, an allocation method will be utilized to determine minutes of use and/or queries by end office and customer. For each end office a ratio will be developed and applied against the total minutes of use and/or count of queries for a given customer as determined by the tandem or SSP. These ratios will be developed by dividing the unidentified originating 800 minutes of use at an end office by the total unidentified originating minutes of use in all end offices subtending the tandem or SSP.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.3 Change of Switched Access Service Arrangements

Changes from one type of Feature Group to another will be treated as a discontinuance of one type of service and a start of another. Nonrecurring charges will apply with one exception. When a customer upgrades a FGA or FGB service to a FGD service and when FGC is upgraded to FGD coincident with the availability of FGD in an end office, the nonrecurring charges will not apply and minimum period obligations will not change, (i.e., the time elapsed in the existing minimum period obligation will be credited to the minimum period obligations for FGD service) subject to the following limitations.

In order to avoid the imposition of nonrecurring charges, a customer which is a participant in the presubscription allocation process (i.e., is on the presubscription ballot) must:

- submit its order to disconnect FGA and/or FGB within 30 days after the date the results of the final allocation of customers in an end office are actually received by the customer; and,
- make the effective date for disconnection of the FGA and/or FGB Access Services no later than 60 days after the final allocation results are received by the customer.

A customer which is not a participant in the allocation process (i.e., is not on the presubscription ballot) is subject to the same rules preceding. The time frames for the non-participating customer(s) are the same as those which apply to the last customer to receive the results of the final allocation of customers in an end office who is a participant in the allocation process. For all other changes from one type of Feature Group to another, new minimum period obligations will be established.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.4 Moves

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

- the point of termination at the customer designated premises; or,
- the customer designated premises.

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.

(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 installation nonrecurring charge for the capacity affected. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements.

(B) Moves to a Different Building

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

6.4.5 Local Information Delivery Services

Calls over Switched Access Service in the terminating direction to certain community information services will be rated under the applicable rates for Switched Access Service as set forth in Section 17.2 following. In addition, the charges per call as specified under the Telephone Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs, (i.e., 976 (DIAL-IT) Network Services), will also apply.

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.6 Mileage Measurement

The mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for Local Transport is calculated on the airline distance between the end office switch, which may be a Remote Switching Module, (where the call carried by Local Transport originates or terminates) and the customer's serving wire center.

When Direct Trunked Transport is ordered between the serving wire center and the end office, mileage is normally measured in one segment from the serving wire center to the end office. When Direct Trunked Transport is ordered between a serving wire center and a tandem and Tandem Switched Transport is ordered between the tandem and the end office, mileage is calculated separately for each segment. Exceptions to these methods are as set forth in (A) through (I) following.

Where applicable, the V&H coordinates method is used to determine mileage. This method is set forth in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4 for Wire Center Information (V&H coordinates).

Mileage rates are set forth in Section 17.2.2 following. To determine the rate to be billed, first compute the airline mileage using the V&H coordinates method. If the calculation results in a fraction of a mile, always round up to the next whole mile before determining the mileage and applying the rates, then multiply the mileage by the appropriate rate, (see matrix in (H) following).

Exceptions to the mileage measurement rules are as follows:

(A) Feature Group C – LEC IntraLATA Toll Network

Direct Trunked Transport is not available on the FGC LEC IntraLATA Toll Network, only Tandem Switched Transport is available. Tandem Switched Transport charges will be calculated in accordance with the Texas Intrastate IntraLATA Compensation Plan (TIICP). For a FGC LEC intraLATA toll call, the Tandem Switched Facility segment will be measured from the Designated Primary Toll Carrier (DPTC) FGC intraLATA toll tandem office to the terminating LEC end office or host office. For a FGC LEC 800 call, the Tandem Switched Facility segment will be measured from the originating LEC end office or host office to the DPTC FGC intraLATA toll tandem office. If the LEC end office is a remote office, another segment of Tandem Switched Facility will be measured from the remote office to the host office. If the LEC has an intraLATA toll tandem office in the call path, the Tandem Switching charge will be applicable at the intraLATA toll tandem office.

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.6 Mileage Measurement (Cont'd)

(A) Feature Group C – LEC IntraLATA Toll Network (Cont'd)

When FGC LEC intraLATA toll calls terminate at Wireless Switching Centers (WSCs) directly interconnected to a LEC intraLATA toll tandem office, the Tandem Switched Facility will be measured from the DPTC FGC intraLATA toll tandem office to the terminating LEC intraLATA toll tandem office to which the WSC is interconnected. The Tandem Switching charge will be applicable at the terminating LEC intraLATA toll tandem office.

(B) Feature Group A (FGA) - Originating Usage

Direct Trunked Transport mileage for premium rated access minutes in the originating direction over FGA Switched Access Service will be calculated on an airline basis, using the V&H coordinates method. The mileage measurement will be between the first point of switching (end office switch where the FGA switching dial tone is provided) and the customer's serving wire center for the Switched Access Service provided.

(C) Feature Group A (FGA) - Terminating Usage

The Local Transport mileage for terminating FGA Switched Access Service when the Telephone Company provides Direct Trunked Transport will be measured in two segments. Direct Trunked Transport mileage will be measured between the customer's serving wire center and the first point of switching (i.e., the end office switch where the FGA switching dial tone is provided). Tandem Switched Transport mileage will be measured between the first point of switching and the terminating end office.

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.6 Mileage Measurement (Cont'd)

(D) Feature Groups B, C and D - Alternate Traffic Routing

When the Alternate Traffic Routing optional feature is provided with FGB, FGC or FGD, the Local Transport access minutes will be apportioned between the two trunk groups used to provide this feature. Such apportionment will be made using: (1) actual minutes of use, if available, (2) standard Telephone Company traffic engineering methodology and will be based on the last trunk CCS desired for the high usage group, as described in Section 6.10.1(L) following, and the total busy hour minutes of capacity ordered to the end office, when the feature is provided at an end office switch, or to the subtending end offices when the feature is provided at an access tandem switch; or, (3) an apportionment mutually agreed to by the Telephone Company and the customer. This apportionment will serve as the basis for Local Transport mileage calculation.

(E) Feature Group C (FGC) - Multiple CDPs

When terminating FGC Switched Access Service is provided from multiple customer designated premises to an end office not equipped with measurement capabilities, the total Local Transport access minutes for that end office will be apportioned among the trunk groups accessing the end office on the basis of the individual busy hour minutes of capacity ordered for each of those trunk groups. This apportionment will serve as the basis for Local Transport mileage calculation.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.6 Mileage Measurement (Cont'd)

(F) Feature Groups A, B, C and D - WATS

The Tandem Switched Transport Facility for FGA, FGB, FGC and FGD Switched Access Service connected with Special Access Service at a WATS Serving Office will be measured between the WATS Serving Office (when measured access minutes of use are used) or between the FGA entry switch (when assumed minutes of use are used) and the serving wire center for the customer designated premises.

(G) Feature Groups B and D - WSCs Directly Interconnected to Access Tandems

The Local Transport mileage for FGB and FGD Switched Access Service provided to Wireless Switching Centers (WSCs) directly interconnected to a Telephone Company access tandem office will be determined on an airline basis, using the V&H coordinate method. The mileage will be measured between the customer's serving wire center and the Telephone Company access tandem office to which the WSC is interconnected.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.6 Mileage Measurement (Cont'd)

(H) Feature Groups B, C and D – Remote Offices

The Local Transport mileage for FGB, FGC, and FGD Switched Access Service provided to a Remote Office will be measured in multiple segments.

When the facility is directly trunked to the Host Office, Direct Trunked Facility mileage will be measured between the customer's serving wire center and the Host Office, and Tandem Switched Facility mileage will be measured between the Host Office and the Remote Office. The Tandem Switching charge will not apply.

When the facility is routed through a tandem to the Host Office, Direct Trunked Facility will be measured from the customer's serving wire center to the tandem, Tandem Switched Facility will be measured from the tandem to the host, and another segment of Tandem Switched Facility will be measured from the host to the remote. A Tandem Switching charge will be applicable at the tandem.

(I) Use of Telephone Company Hub

When multiplexing is performed at Telephone Company Hubs, mileage is computed and rates applied separately for each segment of the Local Transport Direct Trunked Facility (i.e., customer's serving wire center to Hub, Hub to Hub, and/or Hub to end office).

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.7 Mixed Use

Mixed use occurs when Switched Access Service and Special Access Service are provided over the same High Capacity service through a common interface. The regulations governing the provision of Mixed Use Facilities are set forth in Section 5.2.4 preceding and Section 7.2.7 following.

6.4.8 Message Unit Credit for Feature Group A (FGA)

Calls from end users to the seven digit local telephone numbers associated with FGA Switched Access Service are subject to Telephone Company local and/or general exchange service tariff charges (including message unit and toll charges as applicable). The monthly bills rendered to customers for their FGA Switched Access Service will include a credit to reflect any message unit charges collected from their end users under the Telephone Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs. When the customer is provided FGA service where measurement capability does not exist, the credit will apply to access minutes not to exceed the assumed originating access minutes. No credit will apply for any terminating FGA access minutes. The message unit credit for originating access minutes will be based on the generally applicable message unit charges of the Telephone Company.

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.9 Application of Rates for Feature Group A (FGA) Extension Service

FGA Switched Access Service is available with extensions, (i.e., additional terminations of the service at different customer designated premises in the same LATA as the FGA dial tone office or a LATA other than the LATA where the FGA dial tone office is located). FGA extensions within the same LATA as the FGA dial tone office are provided and charged under the Telephone Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs. FGA extensions located in a LATA other than the LATA where the FGA dial tone office is located are provided and charged as Special Access Service. The rate elements which apply are: Voice Grade, Special Access Line, Special Transport, if applicable, and Facility Interface Combination (with signaling). All appropriate monthly rates and nonrecurring charges set forth in Section 17.3 following will apply.

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.10 Centralized Equal Access Arrangement

The Telephone Company will designate the first point(s) of switching and routing to be used where equal access traffic is provided through a centralized equal access arrangement. Those Telephone Company offices providing equal access through centralized arrangements are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA)

6.5.1 Description

- (A) FGA Access, which is available to all customers, provides line side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an associated seven digit local telephone number for the customer's use in originating communications from and terminating communications to an Interexchange Carrier's Intrastate Service or a customer provided intrastate communications capability. The customer must specify the Interexchange Carrier to which the FGA service is connected or, in the alternative, specify the means by which the FGA access communications is transported to another exchange.

Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGA at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices, as set forth in Section 7 following, may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGA Switched Access Service for the provision of WATS-type services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in Section 5.2 preceding.

FGA Access is arranged for use by the customer in the provision of its foreign dial tone service, second dial tone service, or switched private network service. FGA Access is not available for use by end users as a stand alone service arrangement to terminate calls within the LATA.

- (B) FGA Switching is provided at all end office switches. At the option of the customer, FGA is provided on a single or multiple line group basis and is arranged for originating calling only, terminating calling only, or two-way calling which are specified by the customer's order for service.
- (C) FGA provides a line side termination at the first point of switching (i.e., dial tone office). The line side termination will be provided with either ground start supervisory signaling or loop start supervisory signaling. The type of signaling is at the option of the customer.

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6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.1 Description (Cont'd)

(D) The Telephone Company shall select the first point of switching, within the selected LATA, at which the line side termination is to be provided unless the customer requests a different first point of switching and Telephone Company facilities and measurement capabilities, where necessary, are available to accommodate such a request.

(E) A seven digit local telephone number assigned by the Telephone Company is provided for access to FGA switching in the originating direction. The seven digit local telephone number will be associated with the selected end office switch and is of the form NXX-XXXX.

If the customer requests a specific seven digit telephone number that is not currently assigned, and the Telephone Company, with reasonable effort, can comply with that request, the requested number will be assigned to the customer.

(F) FGA switching, when used in the terminating direction, is arranged with dial tone start-dial signaling. When used in the terminating direction, FGA switching may, at the option of the customer, be arranged for dial pulse or dual tone multifrequency address signaling, subject to availability of equipment at the first point of switching. When FGA switching is provided in a hunt group or uniform call distribution arrangement, all FGA switching will be arranged for the same type of address signaling.

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6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.1 Description (Cont'd)

- (G) No address signaling is provided by the Telephone Company when FGA switching is used in the originating direction. Address signaling, in such cases, if required by the customer, must be provided by the customer's end user using inband tone signaling techniques. Such inband tone address signals will not be regenerated by the Telephone Company and will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.
- (H) FGA switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, local operator service (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 where available and 555-1212), emergency reporting service (911 where available), exchange telephone repair (611 where available), time or weather announcement services of the Telephone Company, community information services of an information service provider, and other customers' services (by dialing the appropriate digits).

Charges for FGA terminating calls requiring operator assistance or calls to 611 or 911 will only apply where sufficient call details are available. Additional non-access charges will also be billed on a separate account for (1) an operator surcharge, as set forth in the local exchange tariffs, for local operator assistance (0- and 0+) calls; (2) calls to certain community information services, for which rates are applicable under Telephone Company exchange service tariffs, (i.e., 976 (DIAL IT) Network Services); and, (3) calls from a FGA line to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Telephone Company performs the billing function for that customer.

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6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.1 Description (Cont'd)

(H) (Cont'd)

For calls to Directory Assistance (411 and 555-1212, whichever is available), Local Transport rates for FGA Switched Access Service will not apply. Instead, calls to this service are subject to a Directory Transport per call rate as set forth in Section 17.6.2(B) following. Additionally, calls to Directory Assistance are subject to the Directory Assistance Service Call rate as set forth in Section 17.6.2(A) following.

(I) When a FGA switching arrangement for an individual customer (a single line or entire hunt group) is discontinued at an end office, an intercept announcement is provided. This arrangement provides, for a limited period of time, an announcement that the service associated with the number dialed has been disconnected.

(J) Except as provided for in Section 6.1.3(A)(1), preceding, FGA will be provisioned over an Entrance Facility from the customer's premises to the customer's serving wire center.

FGA service, when used in the originating direction, will be provisioned as Direct Trunked Transport from the first point of switching (i.e., the end office switch where FGA switching dial tone is provided) to the customer's serving wire center.

FGA service, when used in the terminating direction, will be provisioned as Direct Trunked Transport from the customer's serving wire center to the first point of switching and provisioned as Tandem Switched Transport from the first point of switching to the terminating end office. The Tandem Switching charge will not apply.

(K) FGA service may not be used in conjunction with ESALT.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.2 Optional Features

Following are the various nonchargeable optional features that are available in lieu of, or in addition to, the standard features provided with FGA. They are provided as Common Switching, Transport Termination or Local Transport options.

(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in Section 6.10 following.

- (1) Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group
- (2) Service Code Denial on Line or Hunt Group
- (3) Hunt Group Arrangement
- (4) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement
- (5) Nonhunting Number for Use with Hunt Group or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement
- (6) Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS-Type Service
- (7) Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS-Type Service
- (8) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS-Type Service
- (9) Nonhunting Number Associated with a Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS-Type Service

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(B) Transport Termination Options

- (1) Two-way operation with dial pulse address signaling and loop start supervisory signaling
- (2) Two-way operation with dial pulse address signaling and ground start supervisory signaling
- (3) Two-way operation with dual tone multifrequency address signaling and loop start supervisory signaling
- (4) Two-way operation with dual tone multifrequency address signaling and ground start supervisory signaling
- (5) Terminating operation with dial pulse address signaling and loop start supervisory signaling
- (6) Terminating operation with dial pulse address signaling and ground start supervisory signaling
- (7) Terminating operation with dual tone multifrequency address signaling and loop start supervisory signaling
- (8) Terminating operation with dual tone multifrequency address signaling and ground start supervisory signaling
- (9) Originating operation with loop start supervisory signaling
- (10) Originating operation with ground start supervisory signaling

(C) Local Transport Options

- (1) Supervisory Signaling (as set forth in Section 15.1.1(E) following)
- (2) Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level (as set forth in Section 15.1.1(E) following)

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.3 Optional Features Provided In Local Tariffs

Certain other features which may be available in connection with FGA (i.e., Speed Calling, Remote Call Forwarding, Bill Number Screening, IntraLATA extensions) are provided under the Telephone Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs.

6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes

Customer FGA traffic to end offices will be measured (i.e., recorded) or assumed by the Telephone Company at end office switches. Originating and terminating calls will be measured (i.e., recorded) or assumed by the Telephone Company to determine the basis for computing chargeable access minutes. In the event the customer message detail is not available because the Telephone Company lost or damaged tapes or incurred recording system outages, the Telephone Company will estimate the volume of lost customer access minutes of use based on previously known values.

For terminating calls over FGA and for originating calls over FGA (when the off-hook supervisory signal is provided by the customer's equipment before the called party answers), the measured minutes are the chargeable access minutes. For originating calls over FGA (when the off-hook supervisory signal is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers), chargeable originating access minutes are derived from recorded minutes using the same formula as set forth in Section 6.7.4 following for FGC.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

For originating calls over FGA, usage measurement begins when the originating FGA first point of switching receives an off-hook supervisory signal forwarded from the customer's point of termination. This off-hook signal may be provided by the customer's equipment before the called party answers, or forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers.

The measurement of originating call usage over FGA ends when the originating FGA first point of switching receives an on-hook supervisory signal from either the originating end user's end office, indicating the originating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

For terminating calls over FGA, usage measurement begins when the terminating FGA first point of switching receives an off-hook supervisory signal from the terminating end user's end office indicating the terminating end user has answered. The measurement of terminating call usage over FGA ends when the terminating FGA first point of switching receives an on-hook supervisory signal from either the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

FGA access minutes or fractions thereof, the exact value of the fraction being a function of the switch technology where the measurement is made, are accumulated over the billing period for each line or hunt group, and are then rounded up to the nearest access minute for each line or hunt group.

Assumed minutes are used for FGA services which originate or terminate in end offices not equipped with measurement capabilities and, in such cases, are the chargeable access minutes.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Where originating and terminating measurement capability does not exist for FGA provided to the first point of switching, the number of access minutes per line per month will be assumed, as set forth in Section 17.2.5(A) following, when the line is arranged for two-way calling.

Where measurement capability exists for either originating or terminating usage, but not both, on a line arranged for two-way calling, the number of access minutes per line per month will be assumed usage, as set forth in Section 17.2.5(A) following, or the measured usage, whichever is greater. If the usage in the measured direction exceeds the assumed access minutes per line per month, no usage will be assigned in the unmeasured direction. If the measured usage is less than the assumed access minutes per line per month, the usage in the unmeasured direction will be the assumed usage, as set forth in Section 17.2.5 following, for that unmeasured direction except that the total of measured and assumed minutes in such instances will not exceed the total assumed usage designated for two-way calling as set forth in Section 17.2.5(A) following. If the total exceeds the assumed minutes set forth in Section 17.2.5 following, the assigned minutes shall be reduced so that the total of measured and unmeasured minutes equals the assumed minutes for two-way calling set forth in Section 17.2.5(A) following.

Additionally, when the line is arranged for one-way calling and there is no measurement capability for that direction, assumed originating access minutes, as set forth in Section 17.2.5(B) following, will be assigned for originating calling only lines and assumed terminating access minutes, as set forth in Section 17.2.5(C) following, will be assigned for terminating calling only lines.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

The following matrix illustrates the application of assumed access minutes for FGA as set forth in Sections 17.2.5(A), (B) and (C) following.

<u>Service Ordered As</u>	<u>Can Measure Originating</u>	<u>Can't Measure Originating</u>	<u>Can Measure Terminating</u>	<u>Can't Measure Terminating</u>
Originating Only	Actual	1510	N/A	N/A
Terminating Only	N/A	N/A	Actual	2685
Both Originating and Terminating (originating measurement greater than 4195)	Actual	N/A	N/A	0
Both Originating and Terminating (originating measurement equal or less than 4195)	Actual	N/A	N/A	0 to 2685*
Both Originating and Terminating (terminating measurement greater than 4195)	N/A	0	Actual	N/A
Both Originating and Terminating (terminating measurement equal or less than 4195)	N/A	0 to 1510*	Actual	N/A

*Sum of actual and assumed cannot exceed 4195. Reduce assumed minutes of use if necessary.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Notwithstanding the preceding, when FGA is used for the provision of WATS-type service where measurement capability exists at the WATS Serving Office but not at the FGA first point of switching, the measured WATS-type originating and/or terminating minutes of use shall be separately summed and compared to their respective total assumed originating and/or terminating minutes of use. The number of access minutes per line per month will be the assumed or the measured usage, whichever is greater.

6.5.5 Testing Capabilities

FGA is provided, in the terminating direction where equipment is available, with seven digit access to balance (100 type) test line and milliwatt (102 type) test line. In addition to the tests described in Section 6.2.4 preceding which are included with the installation of service and as ongoing routine testing, Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing and Additional Manual Testing are available as set forth in Section 13.3.1 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)

6.6.1 Description

(A) FGB Access, which is available to all customers, provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an associated uniform 950-XXXX access code. FGB trunk side access is provided for the customer's use in originating communications from and terminating communications to an Interexchange Carrier's Intrastate Service or a customer-provided intrastate communications capability. The customer must specify the Interexchange Carrier to which the FGB service is connected or, in the alternative, specify the means by which the FGB access communications is transported to another exchange.

Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGB at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices as set forth in Section 7 following may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGB Switched Access Service for the provision of WATS or WATS-type services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in Section 5.2 preceding.

(B) FGB, when directly routed to an end office (i.e., provided without the use of an access tandem switch), is provided at appropriately equipped Telephone Company electronic end office switches. When provided via Telephone Company designated electronic access tandem switches, FGB switching is provided at Telephone Company electronic and electromechanical end office switches.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.1 Description (Cont'd)

- (C) FGB is provided as trunk side switching through the use of end office or access tandem switch trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment is provided with wink start start-pulsing signals and answer and disconnect supervisory signaling.
- (D) FGB switching is provided with multifrequency address signaling in both the originating and terminating directions. Except for FGB switching provided with the automatic number identification (ANI) or rotary dial station signaling arrangements as set forth respectively in Sections 6.10.1(F) and 6.10.2(A) following, any other address signaling in the originating direction, if required by the customer, must be provided by the customer's end user using inband tone signaling techniques. Such inband tone address signals will not be regenerated by the Telephone Company and will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.
- (E) The access code for FGB switching is a uniform access code. The form of the uniform access code is 950-XXXX. A uniform access code(s) will be assigned to the customer for the customer's domestic communications and another will be assigned to the customer for its international communications, if required. These access codes will be the assigned access numbers of all FGB switched access service provided to the customer by the Telephone Company.
- (F) The Telephone Company will establish a trunk group or groups for the customer at end office switches or access tandem switches where FGB switching is ordered. When required by technical limitations, a separate trunk group will be established for each type of FGB switching arrangement provided. Different types of FGB or other switching arrangements may be combined in a single trunk group at the option of the Telephone Company.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.1 Description (Cont'd)

(G) FGB switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, time or weather announcement services of the Telephone Company, community information services of an information service provider and other customers' services (by dialing the appropriate digits). When directly routed to an end office, only those valid NXX codes served by that end office may be accessed. When routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX codes served by end offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed.

The customer will also be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services for which rates are applicable under Telephone Company exchange service tariffs, (i.e., 976 (DIAL-IT) Network Service). Additionally, non-access charges will also be billed for calls from a FGB trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Telephone Company performs the billing function for that customer.

Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-XXXX access code, local operator assistance (0-and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 and 555-1212), service codes 611 and 911 or 101XXXX access codes. Calls will be completed to Directory Assistance (NPA-555-1212 or 555-1212) when FGB switching is combined with Directory Assistance (DA) switching. The combination of FGB Switched Access Service with DA Service is provided as set forth in Section 9 following. FGB may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to Switched Access Service FGB, FGC and FGD.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.1 Description (Cont'd)

- (H) When all FGB switching arrangements are discontinued at an end office and/or in a LATA, an intercept announcement is provided. This arrangement provides, for a limited period of time, an announcement that the service associated with the number dialed has been disconnected.
- (I) FGB service may not be used in conjunction with ESALT.
- (J) For FGB Switched Access Service to a Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO) directly interconnected to a Telephone Company access tandem office, the customer will be billed only the Local Transport premium rate elements for the FGB usage. The mileage used to determine the monthly rate for the local transport rate elements is as set forth in Section 6.4.6(G) preceding.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.2 Optional Features

Following are descriptions of the various nonchargeable optional features that are available in lieu of, or in addition to, the standard features provided with FGB. They are set forth in (A), (B) and (C) following and are provided as Common Switching, Transport Termination and Local Transport options. Additionally, other optional features provided in local tariffs are set forth in (D) following.

(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in Section 6.10 following.

- (1) Automatic Number Identification (ANI)
- (2) Up to 7 Digit Outpulsing of Access Digits to Customer
- (3) Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service
- (4) Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service
- (5) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service
- (6) Nonhunting Number Associated with Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(B) Transport Termination Options

- (1) Rotary Dial Station Signaling

(C) Local Transport Options

- (1) Customer Specification of Local Transport Termination
- (2) Optional Supervisory Signaling
- (3) Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level

Inasmuch as these options concern transmission levels and signaling they are set forth in Section 15.1.1 following.

(D) Optional Features Provided in Local Tariffs

Another feature, Bill Number Screening, which may be available in connection with FGB, is provided under the Telephone Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.3 Design and Traffic Routing

For FGB, the trunk directionality and traffic routing of the Switched Access Service between the customer designated premises and the entry switch are determined by the customer's order for service; except, the Telephone Company will designate the first point(s) of switching and routing to be used where equal access is provided through a centralized equal access arrangement. Those Telephone Company offices providing equal access through centralized arrangements are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. Additionally, the customer may order the optional feature Customer Specification of Local Transport Termination as set forth in Section 15.1.1 following.

6.6.4 Measuring Access Minutes

Customer traffic to end offices will be measured (i.e., recorded) or assumed by the Telephone Company at end office switches or access tandem switches. Originating and terminating calls will be measured (i.e., recorded) or assumed by the Telephone Company to determine the basis for computing chargeable access minutes. In the event the customer message detail is not available because the Telephone Company lost or damaged tapes or incurred recording system outages, the Telephone Company will estimate the volume of lost customer access minutes of use based on previously known values.

For both originating and terminating calls over FGB the measured minutes are the chargeable access minutes.

For originating calls over FGB, usage measurement begins when the originating FGB first point of switching receives answer supervision forwarded from the customer's point of termination, indicating the customer's equipment has answered.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

The measurement of originating call usage over FGB ends when the originating FGB first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the originating end user's end office, indicating the originating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

For terminating calls over FGB, usage measurement begins when the terminating FGB first point of switching receives answer supervision from the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has answered.

The measurement of terminating call usage over FGB ends when the terminating FGB first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

FGB access minutes or fractions thereof, the exact value of the fraction being a function of the switch technology where the measurement is made, are accumulated over the billing period for each end office, and are then rounded up to the nearest access minute for each end office.

Assumed minutes are used for FGB services which originate or terminate in end offices not equipped with measurement capabilities and in such cases are the chargeable access minutes.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Where originating and terminating measurement capability does not exist for FGB provided to the first point of switching, the number of access minutes per trunk per month will be assumed, as set forth in Section 17.2.5(D) following, when the trunk is arranged for two-way calling.

Where measurement capability exists for either originating or terminating usage, but not both, on a trunk arranged for two-way calling, the number of access minutes per trunk per month will be assumed usage, as set forth in Section 17.2.5(D) following, or the measured usage, whichever is greater. If the usage in the measured direction exceeds the assumed access minutes per trunk per month, no usage will be assigned in the unmeasured direction. If the measured usage is less than the assumed access minutes per trunk per month, the usage in the unmeasured direction will be the assumed usage, as set forth in Section 17.2.5 following, for that unmeasured direction except that the total of measured and assumed minutes in such instances will not exceed the total assumed usage designated for two-way calling set forth in Section 17.2.5(D) following. If the total exceeds the assumed minutes set forth in Section 17.2.5 following, the assigned minutes shall be reduced so that the total of measured and unmeasured minutes equals the assumed minutes for two-way calling set forth in Section 17.2.5(D) following.

Additionally, when the trunk is arranged for one-way calling and there is no measurement capability for that direction, assumed originating access minutes, as set forth in Section 17.2.5(E) following, will be assigned for originating calling only trunks and assumed terminating access minutes, as set forth in Section 17.2.5(F) following, will be assigned for terminating calling only trunks.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

The following matrix illustrates the application of assumed access minutes for FGB as set forth in Sections 17.2.5(D), (E) and (F) following.

<u>Service Ordered As</u>	<u>Can Measure Originating</u>	<u>Can't Measure Originating</u>	<u>Can Measure Terminating</u>	<u>Can't Measure Terminating</u>
Originating Only	Actual	3132	N/A	N/A
Terminating Only	N/A	N/A	Actual	5568
Both Originating and Terminating (originating measurement greater than 8700)	Actual	N/A	N/A	0
Both Originating and Terminating (originating measurement equal or less than 8700)	Actual	N/A	N/A	0 to 5568*
Both Originating and Terminating (terminating measurement greater than 8700)	N/A	0	Actual	N/A
Both Originating and Terminating (terminating measurement equal or less than 8700)	N/A	0 to 3132*	Actual	N/A

*Sum of actual and assumed cannot exceed 8700. Reduce assumed minutes of use if necessary.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Notwithstanding the preceding, when FGB is used for the provision of WATS or WATS-type service where measurement capability exists at the WATS Serving Office but not at the FGB first point of switching, the measured WATS or WATS-type originating and/or terminating minutes of use shall be separately summed and compared to their respective total assumed originating and/or terminating minutes of use. The number of minutes per trunk per month will be the assumed or the measured usage, whichever is greater.

When FGB is ordered at an access tandem and end office specific usage measurement is not available, the actual or assumed originating and/or terminating minutes of use as determined by the Telephone Company providing the access tandem will be apportioned among all subtending end offices. For each end office, such apportionment shall be based on the ratio of the total number of subscriber lines in each end office subtending the access tandem to the total number of subscriber lines associated with all end offices subtending the access tandem. For purposes of administering this regulation, subscriber lines are defined as exchange service lines, Centrex lines and Centrex-type lines provided by the telephone companies under local and/or general exchange service tariffs. The resulting ratio for each end office is then applied to the total access area originating and/or terminating minutes of use to determine originating and/or terminating minutes of use to be assigned for billing purposes to each subtending end office in the access area.

The ratio used to calculate the access minutes will be determined by the Telephone Company and provided to the customer upon his request within 15 days of the receipt of such request.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.5 Testing Capabilities

FGB is provided, in the terminating direction where equipment is available, with seven digit access to balance (100 type) test line, milliwatt (102 type) test line, nonsynchronous or synchronous test line, automatic transmission measuring (105 type) test line, data transmission (107 type) test line, loop around test line, short circuit test line and open circuit test line. In addition to the tests described in Section 6.2.4 preceding which are included with the installation of service and as ongoing routine testing, Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing, Additional Automatic Testing, and Additional Manual Testing are available as set forth in Section 13.3.1 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)

6.7.1 Description

- (A) FGC Access provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches for the customer's use in originating and terminating communications. Originating and terminating FGC Access is available to providers of MTS and WATS. Originating FGC Access is available to all customers when used to provide the Interim NXX Translation optional feature or 800 Data Base Service. Terminating FGC access is available to all customers other than providers of MTS and WATS when such access is used in conjunction with the provision of the Interim NXX Translation optional feature, or 800 Data Base Service, but only for purposes of testing. Existing FGC Access will be converted to FGD Access when FGD Access becomes available in an end office.

Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGC at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices as set forth in Section 7 following may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGC Switched Access Service (i.e., a provider of MTS and WATS) for the provision of WATS Services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in Section 5.2 preceding.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)

- (B) FGC switching is provided at all end office switches unless FGD end office switching is provided in the same office. When FGD switching is available, FGC switching will not be provided. FGC is provided at Telephone Company end office switches on a direct trunk basis or via Telephone Company designated access tandem switches. FGC switching is furnished to providers of MTS and WATS. Additionally, originating FGC switching is available to all customers when used to provide the Interim NXX Translation optional feature or 800 Data Base Service. Terminating FGC switching is available to all customers who are not MTS and WATS providers only when such terminating access is for purposes of testing FGC facilities provided in conjunction with the Interim NXX Translation optional feature or 800 Data Base Service.
- (C) FGC is provided as trunk side switching through the use of end office or access tandem switch trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment is provided with answer and disconnect supervisory signaling. Wink start start-pulsing signals are provided in all offices where available. In those offices where wink start start-pulsing signals are not available, delay dial start-pulsing signals will be provided, unless immediate dial pulse signaling is provided, in which case no start-pulsing signals are provided.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)

- (D) FGC is provided with multifrequency address signaling except in certain electromechanical end office switches where multifrequency signaling is not available. In such switches, the address signaling will be dial pulse or immediate dial pulse signaling, whichever is available. Up to 12 digits of the called party number dialed by the customer's end user using dual tone multifrequency or dial pulse address signals will be provided by Telephone Company equipment to the customer's premises where the Switched Access Service terminates. Such called party number signals will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.

- (E) No access code is required for FGC switching. The telephone 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 twelve digit number may be dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by the customer's end user is NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NXX-XXXX, NPA + NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NPA + NXX-XXXX, and, when the end office is equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD), 01 + CC + NN or 011 + CC + NN.

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6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)

(F) FGC switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, time or weather announcement services of the Telephone Company, community information services of an information provider, and other customer's services (by dialing the appropriate codes) when the services can be reached using valid NXX codes. When directly routed to an end office, only those valid NXX codes served by that office may be accessed. When routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX codes served by offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed. Where measurement capabilities exist, the customer will also be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services, for which rates are applicable under Telephone Company exchange service tariffs, (i.e., 976 (DIAL IT) Network Services). Additionally, non-access charges will also be billed for calls from a FGC trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Telephone Company performs the billing function for that customer. Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-XXXX access codes, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 and 555-1212), service codes 611 and 911 and 101XXXX access codes. Calls will be completed to Directory Assistance (NPA-555-1212 or 555-1212) when FGC switching is combined with Directory Assistance switching. The combination of FGC Switched Access Service with DA Service is provided as set forth in Section 9 following. FGC may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to Switched Access Service FGB, FGC or FGD..

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)

(G) The Telephone Company will establish a trunk group or groups for the customer at end office switches or access tandem switches where FGC switching is provided. When required by technical limitations, a separate trunk group will be established for each type of FGC switching arrangement provided. Different types of FGC or other switching arrangements may be combined in a single trunk group at the option of the Telephone Company.

(H) Unless prohibited by technical limitations the providers of MTS and WATS may, at their option, combine Interim NXX Translation traffic in the same trunk group arrangement with their non-Interim NXX Translation traffic. When required by technical considerations, or when provided to a customer other than the provider of MTS and WATS, or at the request of the customer (i.e., provider of MTS and WATS), a separate trunk group will be established for Interim NXX Translation traffic.

(I) Operator Transfer Service may be provided with FGC Switched Access Service at Telephone Company designated Operator Services locations.

The Telephone Company will provide Operator Transfer Service for calls originating from telephone numbers associated with exchange service lines in end offices subtending the Operator Services location. Operator Transfer Service is provided as set forth in Section 6.10.4 following.

(J) FGC switching is provided with multifrequency address signaling or out of band SS7 signaling where technically feasible. With multifrequency address signaling and SS7 signaling, up to 12 digits of the called party number dialed by the customer's end user using dual tone multifrequency or dial pulse address signals will be provided by Telephone Company equipment to the customer's premises where the Switched Access Service terminates. Such address signals will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.

(K) FGC service may not be used in conjunction with ESALT.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.2 Optional Features

Following are descriptions of the various nonchargeable and chargeable optional features that are available in lieu of, or in addition to, the standard features provided with FGC. Nonchargeable optional features are provided as Common Switching, Transport Termination and Local Transport options as set forth in (A) through (C) following. Chargeable optional features are set forth in (D) following.

(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in Section 6.10 following.

- (1) Automatic Number Identification (ANI)
- (2) Signaling Options
 - (a) Delay Dial Start-Pulsing Signaling
 - (b) Immediate Dial Pulse Address Signaling
 - (c) Dial Pulse Address Signaling
- (3) Service Class Routing
- (4) Alternate Traffic Routing
- (5) Trunk Access Limitation
- (6) Band Advance Arrangement Associated with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service
- (7) End Office End User Line Service Screening for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service
- (8) Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(A) Common Switching Options (Cont'd)

(9) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service

(10) Nonhunting Number Associated with a Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service

(11) Digital Switched Service

(B) Transport Termination Options

(1) Operator Trunk - Coin, Non-Coin, or Combined Coin and Non-Coin

The Operator Trunk Option is set forth in Section 6.10.2(B) following.

(C) Local Transport Options

One optional feature is available with Local Transport associated with FGC. That optional feature is Supervisory Signaling and, due to its technical nature, is set forth in Section 15.1.1 following.

(1) Supervisory Signaling

The Supervisory Signaling optional feature, due to its technical nature, is set forth in Section 15.1.1, following.

(2) Signaling System 7 (SS7)

The SS7 optional feature allows the customer to send and receive signals for out of band call set up and is available with FGC. This option requires the establishment of a signaling connection between the customer's designated premises and a Telephone Company Signaling Transfer Point (STP).

SS7 is provided in both the originating and terminating direction on FGC and each signaling connection is provisioned for two way SS7 signaling information.

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6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(C) Local Transport Options (Cont'd)

- (3) Multifrequency Address Signaling
- (4) Calling Party Number (CPN)
- (5) Charge Number Parameter (CNP)
- (6) Clear Channel Capability

The Clear Channel Capability optional feature, due to its technical nature, is set forth in Section 15.1.1, following.

(D) Chargeable Optional Features

- (1) The Interim NXX Translation optional feature is set forth in Section 6.10.3(A) following.
- (2) The Operator Transfer Service optional feature is set forth in Section 6.10.4 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.3 Design and Traffic Routing

For FGC, the Telephone Company shall design and determine the routing of Switched Access Service. Additionally, for Tandem Switched Transport, the Telephone Company will design and determine the routing from the first point of switching to the end office. The Telephone Company shall also decide if capacity is to be provided by originating only, terminating only, or two-way trunk groups. Finally, the Telephone Company will decide whether trunk side access will be provided through the use of two-wire or four-wire trunk terminating equipment.

Selection of facilities and equipment and traffic routing of the service are based on standard engineering methods, available facilities and equipment, and actual traffic patterns.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes

Customer traffic to end offices will be measured (i.e., recorded) by the Telephone Company at end office switches or access tandem switches. Originating and terminating calls will be measured or imputed by the Telephone Company to determine the basis for computing chargeable access minutes. In the event the customer message detail is not available because the Telephone Company lost or damaged tapes or incurred recording system outages, the Telephone Company will estimate the volume of lost customer access minutes of use based on previously known values.

For terminating calls over FGC when measurement capability exists, the measured minutes are the chargeable access minutes. For originating calls over FGC, chargeable originating access minutes are derived from recorded minutes in the following manner:

Step 1: Obtain recorded originating minutes and messages from the appropriate recording data.

Step 2: Obtain the total attempts by dividing the originating measured messages by the completion ratio. Completion ratios (CR) are obtained separately for the major call categories such as DDD, operator, 800, 900, Directory Assistance and international from a sample study which analyzes the ultimate completion status of the total attempts which receive acknowledgement from the customer. That is, Measured Messages divided by Completion Ratio equals Total Attempts.

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6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Step 3: Obtain the total non-conversation time additive (NCTA) by multiplying the total attempts (obtained in Step 2) by the NCTA per attempt ratio. The NCTA per attempt ratio is obtained from the sample study identified in Step 2 by measuring the non-conversation time associated with both completed and incompletd attempts. The total NCTA is the time on a completed attempt from customer acknowledgement of receipt of call to called party answer (set up and ringing) plus the time on an incompletd attempt from customer acknowledgement of call until the access tandem or end office receives a disconnect signal (ring - no answer, busy or network blockage). That is, Total Attempts times Non-Conversation Time per Attempt Ratio equals Total NCTA.

Step 4: Obtain total chargeable originating access minutes by adding the total NCTA (obtained in Step 3) to the recorded originating measured minutes (obtained in Step 1). That is, Measured Minutes plus NCTA equals Chargeable Originating Access Minutes

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Following is an example which illustrates how the chargeable originating access minutes are derived from the measured originating minutes using this formula.

Where: Measured Minutes (M. Min.) = 7,000
 Measured Messages (M. Mes.) = 1,000
 Completion Ratio (CR) = .75
 NCTA per Attempt = .4

(1) Total Attempts = $\frac{1,000(\text{M. Mes.})}{.75 (\text{CR})}$ = 1,333.3

(2) Total NCTA = .4 (NCTA per Attempt) x 1,333.3 = 533.33

(3) Total Chargeable Originating Access Minutes =
 7,000(M. Min.) + 533.33(NCTA) = 7,533.33

FGC access minutes or fractions thereof, the exact value of the fraction being a function of the switch technology where the measurement is made, are accumulated over the billing period for each end office, and are then rounded up to the nearest access minute for each end office.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Originating Usage

For originating calls over FGC, provided with Multi-Frequency Signaling, usage measurement begins when the originating FGC first point of switching receives answer supervision from the customer's point of termination, indicating the called party has answered.

For originating calls over FGC provided with Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling when the FGC end office is not routed through an access tandem for connection to the customer, usage measurement begins when the SS7 Initial Address Message is sent from the Service Switching Point (SSP) to the Signal Transfer Point(STP).

For originating calls over FGC provided with Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling when the FGC end office is routed through a tandem for connection to the customer, usage measurement begins when the FGC end office receives the SS7 Exit Message from the tandem.

The measurement of originating call usage over FGC provided with Multi-Frequency Signaling ends when the originating FGC first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the originating end user's end office, indicating the originating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

The measurement of originating call usage over FGC provided with SS7 Signaling ends when the originating FGC end office receives an SS7 Release Message indicating either the originating or terminating end user has disconnected.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Terminating Usage

For terminating calls over FGC the chargeable access minutes are either measured or derived. For terminating calls over FGC where measurement capability does not exist, terminating FGC usage is derived from originating usage, excluding usage from calls to closed end services or Directory Assistance Services.

For terminating calls over FGC provided with Multi-Frequency Signaling, where measurement capability exists, the measurement of chargeable access minutes begins when the terminating FGC first point of switching receives answer supervision from the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has answered. This measurement ends when the terminating FGC first point of switching receives an on-hook supervisory signal from the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

For terminating calls over FGC with SS7 signaling, usage measurement begins when the terminating recording switch receives answer supervision from the terminating end user. The Telephone Company switch receives answer supervision and sends the indication to the customer in the form of an answer message. The measurement of terminating FGC call usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a Release Message, whichever occurs first.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.5 Design Blocking Probability

The Telephone Company will design the facilities used in the provision of Switched Access Service FGC to meet the blocking probability criteria as set forth in (A) and (B) following.

- (A) For FGC, the design blocking objective will be no greater than one percent (.01) between the point of termination at the customer's designated premises and the first point of switching when traffic is directly routed without an alternate route. Standard traffic engineering methods will be used by the Telephone Company to determine the number of transmission paths required to achieve this level of blocking.
- (B) The Telephone Company will perform routine measurement functions to assure that an adequate number of transmission paths are in service. The Telephone Company will recommend that additional capacity (i.e., busy hour minutes of capacity) be ordered by the customer when additional paths are required to reduce the measured blocking to the designed blocking level. For the capacity ordered, the design blocking objective is assumed to have been met if the routine measurements show that the measured blocking does not exceed the threshold listed in the following tables.

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6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.5 Design Blocking Probability (Cont'd)

(B) (Cont'd)

- (1) For transmission paths carrying only first routed traffic direct between an end office and customer's designated premises without an alternate route, and for paths carrying only overflow traffic, the measured blocking thresholds are as follows:

Number of Transmission Paths Per Trunk Group	Measured Blocking Thresholds in the Time Consistent Busy Hour for the Number of Measurements Taken Between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Per Trunk Group			
	15-20	11-14	7-10	3-6
	Measurements	Measurements	Measurements	Measurements
2	7.0%	8.0%	9.0%	14.0%
3	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%	9.0%
4	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%	8.0%
5-6	4.0%	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%
7 or more	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	6.0%

- (2) For transmission paths carrying first routed traffic between an end office and customer's designated premises via an access tandem, the measured blocking thresholds are as follows:

Number of Transmission Paths Per Trunk Group	Measured Blocking Thresholds in the Time Consistent Busy Hour for the Number of Measurements Taken Between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Per Trunk Group			
	15-20	11-14	7-10	3-6
	Measurements	Measurements	Measurements	Measurements
2	4.5%	5.5%	69.0%	9.5%
3	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	6.0%
4	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.5%
5-6	2.5%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%
7 or more	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	4.0%

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.6 Testing Capabilities

FGC is provided, in the terminating direction where equipment is available, with seven digit access to balance (100 type) test line, milliwatt (102 type) test line, nonsynchronous or synchronous test line, automatic transmission measuring (105 type) test line, data transmission (107 type) test line, loop around test line, short circuit test line and open circuit test line. In addition to the tests described in Section 6.2.4 preceding which are included with the installation of service and as ongoing routine testing, Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing, Additional Automatic Testing and Additional Manual Testing are available as set forth in Section 13.3.1 following.

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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)

6.8.1 Description

- (A) FGD Access, which is available to all customers, provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches.

Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGD at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices as set forth in Section 7 following may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGD Switched Access Service for the provision of WATS or WATS-type services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in Section 5.2 preceding.

- (B) FGD is provided at Telephone Company designated end office switches whether routed directly or via Telephone Company designated electronic access tandem switches. The Telephone Company will designate the first point(s) of switching for FGD services where the Telephone Company elects to provide equal access through a centralized equal access arrangement. Those Telephone Company offices providing equal access through centralized arrangements are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.
- (C) FGD is provided as trunk side switching through the use of end office or access tandem switch trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment is provided with wink start start-pulsing signals and answer and disconnect supervisory signaling.
- (D) FGD switching is provided with multifrequency address signaling or out of band SS7 signaling. With multifrequency address signaling and SS7 signaling, up to 12 digits of the called party number dialed by the customer's end user using dual tone multifrequency or dial pulse address signals will be provided by Telephone Company equipment to the customer's premises where the Switched Access Service terminates. Such address signals will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.1 Description (Cont'd)

(E) FGD switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, time or weather announcement services of the Telephone Company, community information services of an information service provider, and other customers' services (by dialing the appropriate codes) when such services can be reached using valid NXX codes. When directly routed to an end office, only those valid NXX codes served by that office may be accessed. When routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX codes served by end offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed. The customer will also be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services, for which rates are applicable under Telephone Company exchange service tariffs, (i.e., 976 (DIAL IT) Network Service). Additionally, non-access charges will also be billed for calls from a FGD trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Telephone Company performs the billing function for that customer. Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-XXXX access codes, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 and 555-1212), service codes 611 and 911 and 101XXXX access codes. Calls will be completed to Directory Assistance (NPA-555-1212 or 555-1212) when FGD switching is combined with Directory Assistance switching. The combination of FGD Switched Access Service with DA Service is provided as set forth in Section 9 following. FGD may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to Switched Access Service FGB, FGC or FGD.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.1 Description (Cont'd)

- (F) The Telephone Company will establish a trunk group or groups for the customer at end office switches or access tandem switches where FGD switching 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 trunk group at the option of the Telephone Company.
- (G) The access code for FGD switching is a uniform access code of the form 101XXXX. A uniform access code(s) will be the assigned number 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 exchange service is arranged for presubscription to that customer, as set forth in Section 13.4 following.

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 twelve digit number may be dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by the customer's end user is NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NXX-XXXX, NPA + NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NPA + NXX-XXXX, and, when the end office is equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD), 01 + CC + NN or 011 + CC + NN.

When the 101XXXX access code is used, FGD switching also provides for dialing the digit 0 for access to the customer's operator, 911 for access to the Telephone Company's emergency reporting service, or the end-of-dialing digit (#) for cut-through access to the customer designated premises..

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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.1 Description (Cont'd)

- (H) FGD switching will be arranged to accept calls from telephone exchange service locations without the need for dialing the 101XXXX uniform access code. Each telephone exchange service line may be marked with a code to identify which 101XXXX code its calls will be directed to for interLATA and intraLATA service.
- (I) Unless prohibited by technical limitations, the customer's Interim NXX Translation and/or 800 Data Base traffic may, at the option of the customer, be combined in the same trunk group arrangement with the customer's non-Interim NXX Translation and/or 800 Data Base traffic. When required by technical limitations, or at the request of the customer, a separate trunk group will be established for Interim NXX Translation and/or 800 Data Base traffic.
- (J) When a customer has had FGB access in an end office and subsequently replaces the FGB access with FGD access, at the mutual agreement of the customer and the Telephone Company, the Telephone Company will direct calls dialed by the customer's end users using the customer's previous FGB access code to the customer's FGD access service. The customer must be prepared to handle normally dialed FGD calls, as well as calls dialed with the FGB access code which requires the customer to receive additional address signaling from the end user. Such calls will be rated as FGD. The Telephone Company may, with 90 days written notice to the customer, discontinue this arrangement.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.1 Description (Cont'd)

- (K) For FGD switched access service to a Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO) directly interconnected to a Telephone Company access tandem office, the customer will be billed only the Local Transport premium rate elements for the FGD usage. The mileage used to determine the monthly rate for the local transport rate elements is as set forth in Section 6.4.6(G) preceding.
- (L) Operator Transfer Service (forwarding of 0- calls) may be provided with FGD Switched Access Service at Telephone Company designated Operator Services locations.

The Telephone Company will provide Operator Transfer Service for calls originating from telephone numbers associated with exchange service lines in end offices subtending the Operator Services location. Operator Transfer Service is provided as set forth in Section 6.10.4 following.

- (M) For FGD Switched Access Service between an end user's premises and an ESAL T SWC, the customer will be billed the applicable Local Switching and Tandem Switched Transport rate elements for its FGD usage. The mileage used to determine the monthly rate for the Tandem Switched Facility, when required, is as set forth in Section 6.4.6, preceding.

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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.2 Optional Features

Following are the various nonchargeable and chargeable optional features that are available in lieu of, or in addition to, the standard features provided with FGD. Nonchargeable Optional Features are provided as Common Switching, Transport Termination and Local Transport options as set forth in (A) through (C) following. Chargeable optional features are set forth in (D) following.

(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in Section 6.10.1 following.

- (1) Automatic Number Identification (ANI)
- (2) Service Class Routing
- (3) Alternate Traffic Routing
- (4) Trunk Access Limitation
- (5) Call Gapping Arrangement
- (6) Reserved for Future Use
- (7) Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service
- (8) End Office End User Line Service Screening for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service
- (9) Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service

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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(A) Common Switching Options (Cont'd)

(10)Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service

(11)Nonhunting Number Associated with Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service

(12)Digital Switched 56 Service

(B) Transport Termination Options

(1) Operator Trunk - Full Feature

The Operator Trunk optional feature is set forth in Section 6.10.2(C) following.

(C) Local Transport Options

(1) Supervisory Signaling

The Supervisory Signaling optional feature, due to its technical nature, is set forth in Section 15.1.1, following.

(2) Signaling System 7 (SS7)

The SS7 optional feature allows the customer to send and receive signals for out of band call set up and is available with FGD. This option requires the establishment of a signaling connection between the customer's designated premises and a Telephone Company's Signaling Transfer Point (STP).

SS7 is provided in both the originating and terminating direction on FGD and each signaling connection is provisioned for two-way SS7 signaling information.

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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(C) Local Transport Options (Cont'd)

- (3) Multifrequency Address Signaling
- (4) Calling Party Number (CPN) Parameter
- (5) Charge Number Parameter /CNP
- (6) Carrier Selection Parameter (CSP)
- (7) Clear Channel Capability

The Clear Channel Capability optional feature, due to its technical nature, is set forth in Section 15.1.1, following.

(8) Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP)

(D) Chargeable Optional Features

(1) The Interim NXX Translation optional feature is set forth in Section 6.10.3(A) following.

(2) ESALT Real Time Class of Service/Quality of Service (RT CoS/QoS)

The ESALT RT CoS/QoS optional feature is set forth in section 6.10.3(8) following.

(3) ESALT Entrance Facility Protection (EFP)

The ESALT EFP optional feature is set forth in section 6.10.3(C) following.

(4) The Operator Transfer Service optional feature is set forth in Section 6.10.4 following.

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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.3 Design and Traffic Routing

For FGD, the Telephone Company shall design and determine the routing of Tandem Switched Transport service, including the selection of the first point of switching and the selection of facilities from the interface to any switching point and to the end offices where busy hour minutes of capacity are ordered. The Telephone Company shall also decide if capacity is to be provided by originating only, terminating only, or two-way trunk groups. Finally, the Telephone Company will decide whether trunk side access will be provided through the use of two-wire or four-wire trunk terminating equipment.

For FGD Direct Trunked Transport service, the Telephone Company will determine the routing of Switched Access Service from the point of interface to the first point of switching or, if the customer specifies one or more hub locations for multiplexing, from the point of interface to the hub location, from one hub location to another hub location, and/or from a hub location to the first point of switching.

Selection of facilities and equipment and traffic routing of the service are based on standard engineering methods, available facilities and equipment, and the Telephone Company traffic routing plans. The Telephone Company will designate the first point(s) of switching and routing to be used where equal access is provided through a centralized equal access arrangement. Those Telephone Company offices providing equal access through centralized arrangements are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

6.8.4 Measuring Access Minutes

Customer traffic to end offices will be recorded at end office switches or access tandem switches. Originating and terminating calls will be measured or derived to determine the basis for computing chargeable access minutes. In the event the customer message detail is not available because the Telephone Company lost or damaged tapes or incurred recording system outages, the Telephone Company will estimate the volume of lost customer access minutes of use based on previously known values.

FGD access minutes or fractions thereof, the exact value of the fraction being a function of the switch technology where the measurement is made, are accumulated over the billing period for each end office, and are then rounded up to the nearest access minute for each end office.

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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Originating Usage

For originating calls over FGD the measured minutes are the chargeable access minutes.

For originating calls over FGD, provided with Multi-Frequency Signaling, usage measurement begins when the originating FGD first point of switching receives the first wink supervisory signal forwarded from the customer's point of termination.

For originating calls over FGD provided with Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling when the FGD end office is not routed through an access tandem for connection to the customer, usage measurement begins when the SS7 Initial Address Message is sent from the Service Switching Point (SSP) to the Signal Transfer Point (STP).

For originating calls over FGD provided with Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling when the FGD end office is routed through a tandem for connection to the customer, usage measurement begins when the FGD end office receives the SS7 Exit Message from the tandem.

The measurement of originating call usage over FGD provided with Multi-Frequency Signaling ends when the originating FGD first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the originating end user's end office, indicating the originating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

The measurement of originating call usage over FGD provided with SS7 Signaling ends when the originating FGD end office receives an SS7 Release Message indicating either the originating or terminating end user has disconnected.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Terminating Usage

For terminating calls over FGD the chargeable access minutes are either measured or derived.

For terminating calls over FGD provided with Multi-Frequency Signaling, where measurement capability exists, the measurement of chargeable access minutes begins when the terminating FGD first point of switching receives answer supervision from the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has answered. This measurement ends when the terminating FGD first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

For terminating calls over FGD, where measurement capability does not exist, terminating FGD usage is derived from originating usage, excluding usage from calls to closed end services or Directory Assistance Services.

For terminating calls over FGD with SS7 signaling, usage measurement begins when the terminating recording switch receives answer supervision from the terminating end user. The Telephone Company switch receives answer supervision and sends the indication to the customer in the form of an answer message. The measurement of terminating FGD call usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a Release Message, whichever occurs first.

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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.5 Design Blocking Probability

The Telephone Company will design the facilities used in the provision of Switched Access Service FGD to meet the blocking probability criteria as set forth in (A) and (B) following.

- (A) For FGD, the design blocking objective will be no greater than one percent (.01) between the point of termination at the customer's designated premises and the end office switch, whether the traffic is directly routed without an alternate route or routed via an access tandem. Standard traffic engineering methods as set forth in reference document Telecommunications Transmission Engineering - Volume 3 - Networks and Services, (Chapters 6-7) will be used by the Telephone Company to determine the number of transmission paths required to achieve this level of blocking.
- (B) The Telephone Company will perform routine measurement functions to assure that an adequate number of transmission paths are in service. The Telephone Company will recommend that additional capacity (i.e., busy hour minutes of capacity or trunks) be ordered by the customer when additional paths are required to reduce the measured blocking to the designed blocking level. For the capacity ordered, the design blocking objective is assumed to have been met if the routine measurements show that the measured blocking does not exceed the threshold listed in the following tables.

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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.5 Design Blocking Probability (Cont'd)

(B) (Cont'd)

- (1) For transmission paths carrying only first routed traffic direct between an end office and customer's designated premises without an alternate route, and for paths carrying only overflow traffic, the measured blocking thresholds are as follows:

Number of Transmission Paths Per Trunk Group	Measured Blocking Thresholds in the Time Consistent Busy Hour for the Number of Measurements Taken Between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Per Trunk Group			
	15-20 Measurements	11-14 Measurements	7-10 Measurements	3-6 Measurements
2	7.0%	8.0%	9.0%	14.0%
3	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%	9.0%
4	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%	8.0%
5-6	4.0%	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%
7 or more	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	6.0%

- (2) For transmission paths carrying first routed traffic between an end office and customer's designated premises via an access tandem, the measured blocking thresholds are as follows:

Number of Transmission Paths Per Trunk Group	Measured Blocking Thresholds in the Time Consistent Busy Hour for the Number of Measurements Taken Between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Per Trunk Group			
	15-20 Measurements	11-14 Measurements	7-10 Measurements	3-6 Measurements
2	4.50%	5.5%	6.0%	9.5%
3	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	6.0%
4	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.5%
5-6	2.5%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%
7 or more	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	4.0%

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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.6 Network Blocking Charge

The customer will be notified by the Telephone Company to increase its capacity (busy hour minutes of capacity or quantities of trunks) when excessive trunk group blocking occurs on groups carrying FGD traffic and the measured access minutes for that hour exceed the capacity purchased. Excessive trunk group blocking occurs when the blocking thresholds stated below are exceeded. They are predicated on time consistent, hourly measurements over a 30 day period excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays. If the order for additional capacity has not been received by the Telephone Company within 15 days of the notification, the Telephone Company will bill the customer, at the rate set forth in Section 17.2.2 following, for each overflow in excess of the blocking threshold when (1) the average "30 day period" overflow exceeds the threshold level for any particular hour and (2) the "30 day period" measured average originating or two-way usage for the same clock hour exceeds the capacity purchased.

Blocking Thresholds

<u>Trunks in Service</u>	<u>1%</u>	<u>1/2%</u>
1-2	7.0%	4.5%
3-4	5.0%	3.5%
5-6	4.0%	2.5%
7 or greater	3.0%	2.0%

The 1% blocking threshold is for transmission paths carrying traffic direct (without an alternate route) between an end office and a customer's premises. The 1/2% blocking threshold is for transmission paths carrying first routed traffic between an end office and a customer's premises via an access tandem.

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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.7 Testing Capabilities

FGD is provided, in the terminating direction where equipment is available, with seven digit access to balance (100 type) test line, milliwatt (102 type) test line, nonsynchronous or synchronous test line, automatic transmission measuring (105 type) test line, data transmission (107 type) test line, loop around test line, short circuit test line and open circuit test line. In addition to the tests described in Section 6.2.4 preceding, which are included with the installation of service and as ongoing routine testing, Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing, Additional Automatic Testing and Additional Manual Testing are available as set forth in Section 13.3.1 following.

When SS7 Signaling is ordered, network capability and other testing will be performed cooperatively by the Telephone Company and the customer as specified in Technical Reference GR-905-CORE.

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6.9 Interim Access

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features

Following are descriptions of the various optional features that are available in lieu of, or in addition to, the standard features provided with the Feature Groups. They are provided as Common Switching, Transport Termination, Interim NXX Translation option or Operator Transfer Service option.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features

The following table shows the Feature Groups with which the optional features are available.

<u>Option</u>	<u>Available Feature Groups</u>			
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
A) Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group	X			
B) Service Code Denial on Line or Hunt Group	X			
C) Hunt Group Arrangement	X			
D) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement	X			
E) Nonhunting Number for Use with Hunt Group or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement	X			
F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI)		X	X	X
G) Up to 7 Digit Outpulsing of Access Digits to Customer		X		
H) Delay Dial Start-Pulsing Signaling			X	X
I) Immediate Dial Pulse Address Signaling			X	
J) Dial Pulse Address Signaling			X	
K) Service Class Routing			X	X
L) Alternate Traffic Routing			X	X
M) Trunk Access Limitation			X	X
N) Call Gapping Arrangement				X
O) Reserved for Future Use				
P) Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service	X	X	X	X
Q) End Office End User Line Service Screening for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service			X	X
R) Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service	X	X	X	X
S) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service	X	X	X	X
T) Nonhunting Number Associated with Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service	X	X	X	X

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features

<u>Option</u>	<u>Available Feature Groups</u>			
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
U) Digital Switched 56 Service			X	X
V) Multifrequency Address Signaling			X	X
W) Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling			X	X
X) Calling Party Number (CPN)			X	X
Y) Carrier Selection Parameter (CSP)				X
Z) Charge Number Parameter (CNP)			X	X
AA) Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI)				X
AB) Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP)				X

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)(A) Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group

This option allows for the screening of terminating FGA calls. There are two screening arrangements available with this option as follows: (1) limiting terminating calls for completion to only 411 or 555-1212 whichever is available, 611, 911, 800 and a Telephone Company specified set of NXXs within the Telephone Company local exchange calling area of the dial tone office in which the arrangement is provided; or, (2) limiting terminating calls to completion to only the NXXs associated with all end offices in the LATA, (i.e., the call cannot be further switched or routed out of the LATA nor will calls be completed to 411 or 555-1212 whichever is available, 611, 911 or 800). All other calls are routed to a reorder tone or recorded announcement. Arrangement (1) is provided in all Telephone Company electronic end offices and, where available, in electromechanical end offices. Arrangement (2) is provided where available. This is option available with FGA.

(B) Service Code Denial on Line or Hunt Group

This option allows for the screening of terminating calls within the LATA, and for disallowing completion of calls to 0-, 555 and N11 (i.e., 411, 611, and 911). This feature is provided where available in all Telephone Company end offices. This option is available with FGA.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(C) Hunt Group Arrangement

This option provides the ability to sequentially access one of two or more line side connections in the originating direction when the access code of the line group is dialed. This feature is provided in all Telephone Company end offices. It is available with FGA. All FGA access services in the same hunt group must provide off-hook supervisory signaling from the same point in time in the call sequence (i.e., all off-hook supervisory signals must either be provided by the customer's equipment before the called party answers or all must be forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers).

(D) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement

This option provides a type of multiline hunting arrangement which provides for an even distribution of calls among the available lines in a hunt group. Where available, this feature is provided in Telephone Company electronic end offices only. This option is available with FGA.

(E) Nonhunting Number for Use with Hunt Group or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement

This option provides access to an individual line within a multiline hunt or uniform call distribution group. When the nonhunting number is dialed, access is provided when it is idle, or busy tone is provided when it is busy. Where available, this feature is provided in Telephone Company electronic end offices only. This option is available with FGA.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI)

- (1) This option provides the automatic transmission of a seven digit or ten digit number and information digits to the customer designated premises for calls originating in the LATA, to identify the calling station. The ANI feature is an end office software function which is associated on a call-by-call basis with:
 - (a) all individual transmission paths in a trunk group routed directly between an end office and a customer designated premises; or, where technically feasible,
 - (b) all individual transmission paths in a trunk group between an end office and an access tandem, and a trunk group between an access tandem and a customer designated premises.
- (2) The seven digit ANI telephone number is generally available with FGB and FGC. With these Feature Groups, technical limitations may exist in Telephone Company switching facilities which require ANI to be provided only on a directly trunked basis. ANI will be transmitted on all calls except those originating from multiparty lines, coin stations and coinless pay telephones using FGB, or when an ANI failure has occurred. Seven digit ANI is not available with SS7 Signaling.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd)

- (3) The ten digit ANI telephone number is only available with FGD. The ten digit ANI telephone number consists of the Number Plan Area (NPA) plus the seven digit ANI telephone number. The ten digit ANI telephone number will be transmitted on all calls except those identified as multiparty line or ANI failure, in which case only the NPA will be transmitted (in addition to the information digit described below). Ten digit ANI is provided with multifrequency address signaling or SS7 signaling.
- (4) With FGC, at the option of the customer, ANI may be ordered from end offices where Telephone Company recording for end user billing is not provided. Additionally, ANI is provided from end offices where message detail recording is not required by the Telephone Company, as with 800 service. ANI is not provided from end offices where the Telephone Company forwards ANI to its recording equipment.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd)

- (5) Where complete ANI detail cannot be provided, (i.e., on calls from 4- and 8-party services), information digits will be provided to the customer.

The information digits identify:

- (a) telephone number is the station billing number - no special treatment required;
- (b) multiparty line - telephone number is a 4- or 8-party line and cannot be identified - number must be obtained via an operator or in some other manner;
- (c) ANI failure has occurred in the end office switch which prevents identification of calling telephone number - must be obtained by operator or in some other manner;
- (d) hotel/motel originated call which requires room number identification;
- (e) coinless station, hospital, inmate, etc. call which requires special screening or handling by the customer; and,
- (f) call is an Automatic Identified Outward Dialed (AIOD) call from customer premises equipment. The AIOD ANI telephone number is the listed telephone number of the customer and is not the telephone number of the calling party.

These ANI information digits are generally available with FGB, FGC, and FGD.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd)

(6) Additional ANI information digits are available with FGD also. They include:

- (a) InterLATA restricted - telephone number is identified line;
- (b) InterLATA restricted - hotel/motel line;
- (c) InterLATA restricted - coinless, hospital, inmate, etc., line.

These information digits will be transmitted as agreed to by the customer and the Telephone Company.

Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI) is an enhancement to ANI and is offered as a Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Feature of FGD as described in 6.10.1(AA) following.

(7) Restrictions on Use and Sale of ANI

(a) Intrastate access customers of this tariff may use ANI in the following manner:

- (i) For billing and collection information, for routing, screening, and completing the originating subscriber's call or transaction, or for services directly related to the originating telephone subscriber's call or transaction.

The customer may use ANI to offer a product or service that is directly related to the products or services previously acquired from the customer by the originating subscriber.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd)

(8) Restrictions on Use and Sale of ANI (Cont'd)

(b) Intrastate access customers of this tariff may not use ANI in the following manner:

(i) Reusing or selling the telephone number or billing information without first notifying the originating telephone subscriber and obtaining the affirmative consent of such subscriber for such reuse or sale.

(ii) Disclosing (except as permitted in (a), preceding), any information derived from the ANI for any purpose other than 1) performing the services or transactions that are the subject of the originating subscriber's call, 2) ensuring network performance security and the effectiveness of call delivery, 3) compiling, using, and disclosing aggregate information, and 4) complying with applicable law or legal process.

(G) Up to 7 Digit Outpulsing of Access Digits to Customer (Cont'd)

This option provides for the end office capability of providing up to 7 digits of the uniform access code (950-XXXX) to the customer designated premises.

The customer can request that only some of the digits in the access code be forwarded. The access code digits would be provided to the customer designated premises using multifrequency signaling, and transmission of the digits would precede the forwarding of ANI if that feature were provided. This option is available with FGB.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(H) Delay Dial Start-Pulsing Signaling

Where available, this option provides a method of indicating to the near end trunk circuit readiness to accept address signaling information by the far end trunk circuit. Delay dial is often referred to as an off-hook, on-hook signaling sequence. The delay dial signal is the off-hook interval and the start-pulsing signal is the on-hook interval. With integrity check, the calling office will not output until a delay dial (off-hook) signal followed by a start-pulsing (on-hook) signal has been identified at the calling office. This option is available with FGC.

(I) Immediate Dial Pulse Address Signaling

Where available, this option provides for the forwarding of dial pulses from the Telephone Company end office to the customer without the need of a start-pulsing signal from the customer. This option is available with FGC.

(J) Dial Pulse Address Signaling

Where available, this trunk side option provides for the transmission of number information (i.e., called number), between the end office switching system and the customer designated premises (in either direction) by means of direct current pulses. This option is available with FGC.

(K) Service Class Routing

This option provides the capability of directing originating traffic from an end office to a trunk group to a customer designated premises, based on the line class of service (i.e., coin, multiparty or hotel/motel), service prefix indicator (i.e., 0-, 0+, 01+ or 011+) or Service Access Code (i.e., 900). It is provided in suitably equipped end office or access tandem switches. This option is available with FGC and FGD.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(L) Alternate Traffic Routing

When the customer orders both Direct Trunked Transport and Tandem Switched Transport at the same end office, this option provides the capability of directing originating traffic from an end office (or appropriately equipped access tandem) to a trunk group (the "high usage" group) to a customer designated premises until that group is fully loaded, and then delivering additional originating traffic (the "overflowing" traffic) from the same end office or access tandem to a different trunk group (the "final" group) to a second customer designated premises. The customer shall specify the last trunk CCS desired for the high usage group. It is provided in suitably equipped end office or access tandem switches. This option is available with FGB, FGC and FGD.

(M) Trunk Access Limitation

This option provides for the routing of originating 900 service calls to a specified number of transmission paths in a trunk group, in order to limit (choke) the completion of such traffic to the customer. Calls to the designated service which could not be completed over the subset of transmission paths in the trunk group (i.e., the choked calls), would be routed to reorder tone. It is provided in all Telephone Company electronic end offices and where available in electromechanical end offices. This option is available with FGC and FGD.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(N) Call Gapping Arrangement

This option, provided in suitably equipped end office switches, provides for the routing of originating calls to 900 service to be switched in the end office to all transmission paths in a trunk group at a prescribed rate of flow, (i.e., one call every five seconds), in order to limit (choke) the completion of such traffic to the customer. Calls to the designated service which are denied access by this feature (i.e., the choked calls), would be routed to a no-circuit announcement. It is provided in selected FGD equipped end offices. This option is available only with FGD.

(O) Reserved for Future Use

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(P) Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service

This option, which is provided in association with two or more Special Access Service groups, provides for the automatic overflow of terminating calls to a second Special Access Service group, when the first group has exceeded its call capacity. This option is available with FGA, FGB, FGC and FGD.

(Q) End Office End User Line Service Screening for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS and WATS-Type Service

This option provides the ability to verify that an end user has dialed a called party address (by screening the called NPA and/or NXX on the basis of geographical bands selected by the Telephone Company), which is in accordance with that end user's service agreement with the customer, (i.e., WATS). This option is provided in all Telephone Company electronic end offices and, where available, in electromechanical end offices which are designated as WATS Serving Offices. This option is available with FGC and FGD.

(R) Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service

This option provides the ability to sequentially access one of two or more Special Access Services utilized in the provision of WATS services (i.e., 800 Service Special Access Services) in the terminating direction, when the hunting number of the Special Access Service group is forwarded from the customer to the Telephone Company. This option is provided in all Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices. This option is available with FGA, FGB, FGC and FGD.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(S) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service

This option provides a type of multiline hunting arrangement which provides for an even distribution of terminating calls among the available Special Access Services utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type Services in the hunt group. Where available, it is only provided in Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices. It is available with FGA, FGB, FGC and FGD.

(T) Nonhunting Number Associated with Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Service

This option provides an arrangement, for an individual Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services within a multiline hunt or uniform call distribution group, that provides access to that Special Access Service within the hunt or uniform call distribution group when it is idle or provides busy tone when it is busy, when the nonhunting number is dialed, without hunting to the next idle number. Where available, this option is only provided in Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices. This option is available with FGA, FGB, FGC and FGD.

(U) Digital Switched 56 Service

This option provides for a connection between a customer's premise and a suitably equipped end user's premise which uses end office switching and facilities capable of transmitting digital data up to 56 Kilobits per second. Digital Switched 56 Service is only available in appropriately provisioned FGC and FGD office as set forth in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(V) Multifrequency Address Signaling

Multifrequency Address Signaling is available as an optional feature with FGC and FGD. This feature provides for the transmission of number information and control signals (e.g., number address signals, automatic number identification) between the end office switch and the customer's premises (in either direction). Multifrequency signaling arrangements make use of pairs of frequencies out of a group of six frequencies. Specific information transmitted is dependent upon feature group and call type (i.e., POTS, coin or operator). This feature is not available in combination with SS7 signaling.

(W) Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling

This feature provides common channel out of band transmission of address and supervisory SS7 protocol signaling information between the end office switch or the tandem office switching system and the customer's designated premises. This feature is available with FGC and FGD and will be provided in accordance with the SS7 Interconnect specifications described in Technical Reference GR-905-CORE.

(X) Calling Party Number (CPN)

This feature provides for the automatic transmission of the ten digit telephone number, associated with a calling station, to the customer's premises for calls originating in the LATA. The ten digit telephone number consists of the NPA plus the seven digit telephone number, which may or may not be the same number as the calling station's charge number. The ten digit telephone number will be coded as presented, or restricted via a "privacy indicator" for delivery to the called end user. This feature is automatically provided with originating FGC and FGD with SS7 signaling. CPN is available where technically feasible.

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6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(X) Calling Party Number (CPN) (Cont'd)

(1) Restrictions on Use and Sale of CPN

(a) Intrastate access customers of this tariff may use CPN in the following manner:

- (i) For billing and collection information, for routing, screening, and completing the originating subscriber's call or transaction, or for services directly related to the originating telephone subscriber's call or transaction.

The customer may use CPN to offer a product or service that is directly related to the products or services previously acquired from the customer by the originating subscriber.

(b) Intrastate access customers of this tariff may not use CPN in the following manner:

- (i) Reusing or selling the telephone number or billing information without first notifying the originating telephone subscriber and obtaining the affirmative consent of such subscriber for such reuse or sale.
- (ii) Disclosing (except as permitted in (a), preceding) any information derived from the CPN for any purpose other than 1) performing the services or transactions that are the subject of the originating subscriber's call, 2) ensuring network performance security and the effectiveness of call delivery, 3) compiling, using, and disclosing aggregate information, and 4) complying with applicable law or legal process.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(Y) Carrier Selection Parameter (CSP)

This feature provides for the automatic transmission of a signaling indicator which signifies to the customer whether or not the call being processed originated from a presubscribed line. If the line was presubscribed, the indicator will signify if the end user did or did not dial 101XXXX. This feature is provided with originating FGD with SS7 signaling.

(Z) Charge Number Parameter (CNP)

(1) The CNP is equivalent to the existing ten digit Automatic Number Identification (ANI) available with FGC where technically feasible and FGD with MF signaling. The CNP provides for the automatic transmission of the ten digit billing number of the calling station and the originating line information. This feature is provided with originating FGC and FGD with SS7 signaling.

(2) Restrictions on Use and Sale of CNP

(a) Intrastate access customers of this tariff may use CNP in the following manner:

(i) For billing and collection information, for routing, screening, and completing the originating subscriber's call or transaction, or for services directly related to the originating telephone subscriber's call or transaction.

The customer may use CNP to offer a product or service that is directly related to the products or services previously acquired from the customer by the originating subscriber.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(Z) Charge Number Parameter (CNP) (Cont'd)

(2) Restrictions on Use and Sale of CNP (Cont'd)

(b) Intrastate access customers of this tariff may not use CNP in the following manner:

- (i) Reusing or selling the telephone number or billing information without first notifying the originating telephone subscriber and obtaining the affirmative consent of such subscriber for such reuse or sale.
- (ii) Disclosing, except as permitted in (a), preceding, any information derived from the CNP for any purpose other than 1) performing the services or transactions that are the subject of the originating subscribers call, 2) ensuring network performance security and the effectiveness of call delivery, 3) compiling, using, and disclosing aggregate information, and 4) complying with applicable law or legal process.

(AA) Flexible Automatic Number Identification(Flex ANI)

Flex ANI is a Common Switching Optional Feature that enhances the existing Automatic Number Identification (ANI) optional feature (described in 6.10.1 (F) preceding) by allowing FGD customers to receive additional information digits. Flex ANI provides additional values for these information digits over and above the values currently available with ANI and is used to identify additional call types, (e.g., 27 for pay telephones requiring central office coin supervision capability, 29 for prison/inmate pay telephones, and 70 for pay telephones not requiring central office coin supervision).

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(AA) Flexible Automatic Number Identification(Flex ANI) (Cont'd)

Flex ANI information digits are two digits in length and are activated through switched software program updates. These codes precede the 10-digit directory number of the calling line and are part of the signaling protocol in equal access end offices. The information digits are outpulsed by the switching system along with the directory number from the originating end office and are sent to the receiving office for billing, routing, or special handling purposes.

Customers who have ANI but do not order Flex ANI, will continue to receive the information digits associated with ANI. Flex ANI digits are assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator. The Telephone Company will make available those information digits that are mutually agreed to by the customer and the Telephone Company.

Flex ANI is available to customers with FGD Switched Access Service equipped with ANI. Flex ANI is available in suitably equipped end offices as identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

(AB) Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP)

Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP) provides for the automatic transmission of the Carrier Identification Code (CIC) to the Customer Designated Premises for FGD calls originating in the LATA. The CIC is included in the SS7 signaling information provided to the customer when the call originates from a presubscribed line or when the end user dials the customer's 101XXXX access code. CIP is available from suitably equipped end office and access tandems as identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, when used with Signaling System 7 (SS7) signaling as described in 6.10.1(W), preceding.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.2 Transport Termination Nonchargeable Optional Features

(A) Rotary Dial Station Signaling

This option provides for the transmission of called party address signaling from rotary dial stations to the customer designated premises for originating calls. This option is provided in the form of a specific type of Transport Termination. It is available with FGB, only on a directly trunked basis.

(B) Operator Trunk - Coin, Non-Coin, or Combined Coin and Non-Coin

This option may be ordered to provide, coin, non-coin, or combined coin and non-coin operation. It is available only with FGC and is provided in electronic end offices and other Telephone Company end offices where equipment is available. It is provided as a trunk type of Transport Termination.

Coin, Non-Coin

This arrangement provides for initial coin return control, except in the case of non-coin, and routing of 0+, 0-, 1+, 01+ or 011+ prefixed originating coin and non-coin calls requiring operator assistance to the customer designated premises. Because operator assisted coin calling traffic is routed over a trunk group dedicated to operator assisted calls, this arrangement is only provided in association with the Service Class Routing option.

This arrangement is normally ordered by the customer in conjunction with the ANI optional feature, since the preponderance of trunk groups equipped with this arrangement will be terminated in the customer's automated operator services systems, rather than in the customer's manual cord boards.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.2 Transport Termination Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(B) Operator Trunk - Coin, Non-Coin, or Combined Coin and Non-Coin (Cont'd)

Combined Coin and Non-Coin

When so equipped, the ANI optional feature provides for the forwarding of information digits which identify that the call has originated from a hotel or motel, and whether room number identification is required, or that special screening is required, (i.e., for coinless public stations, dormitory or inmate stations, or other screening arrangements agreed to between the customer and the Telephone Company).

(C) Operator Trunk - Full Feature

This option provides the initial coin return control function to the customer's operator. It is available with FGD and is provided as a trunk type for Transport Termination. This feature is not available with SS7 signaling.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.3 Chargeable Optional Features

(A) Interim NXX Translation

This service is an originating offering utilizing trunk side Switched Access Service and provides a customer identification function based on the dialed SAC and NXX code.

For example, when an 1+800+NXX-XXXX or an 1+900+NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Telephone Company will perform the customer identification function based on the dialed digits to determine the customer location to which the call is to be routed. If the call originates from an end office switch not equipped to provide the customer identification function, the call will be routed to an office at which the function is available. Once customer identification has been established, the call will be routed to that customer. Calls originating from an end office switch at which the customer identification function is performed, but to which the customer has not ordered Interim NXX Translation, will be blocked. Calls to a 900 number from coin telephones, 0+, 0-, 10XXX, Inmate Service, Hotel/Motel Service and calling card calls will be blocked.

Calls to a 900 number dialed via 1+ from coin telephones, 0-, 101XXXX, Inmate Service, and Hotel/Motel Service will be blocked. Calls to a 900 number dialed via 0+ will normally be blocked. Orders received from customers to unblock 0+ calls to a 900 number will be accommodated where suitably equipped facilities exist.

The manner in which Interim NXX Translation is provided is dependent on the status of the end office from which the service is provided (i.e., equipped with equal access capabilities or not equipped with equal access capabilities). When Interim NXX Translation is provided from an end office not equipped with equal access capabilities, it will be provided in conjunction with FGC Switched Access Service.

The charge for Interim NXX Translation is as set forth in Section 17.2.1(B) following.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.3 Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(B) Ethernet Switched Access Local Transport Real Time Class of Service/Quality of Service (ESALT RT CoS/QoS)

Where suitable facilities exist, the ESALT RT CoS/QoS option will be available for use on an ESALT Direct Trunked Facility (DTF). This optional arrangement is available only on that portion of the ESALT DTF provided by the Telephone Company within its operating territory. The ESALT RT CoS/QoS option is not available for use with jointly provided ESAL T.

When ordered by the customer, the Telephone Company's network will transport the customer's traffic across its network to meet the frame delay, inter frame delay variation and frame loss ratio parameters specified in the following Technical References:

- IEEE Standard 802.1 D-2004, Sections 7, 9, 17 and Annex G provided the customer's CPE populates the user priority value field with a value of 6 and
- Implementation Agreement MEF 23.1, January 2012, Table 7, Label H, Regional Performance Tier.

The capacity ordered for the ESALT RT CoS/QoS option must be equal to the full capacity of the associated ESALT DTF.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.3 Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(B) Ethernet Switched Access Local Transport Real Time Class of Service/Quality of Service (ESALT RT CoS/QoS) (Cont'd)

When one or more of the ESALT T RT CoS/QoS performance criteria specified in the Technical References listed above is not met, the customer reports the performance failure to the Telephone Company and the performance failure does not result in a service interruption of the customer's ESALT, the following provisions will apply in lieu of the credit allowance provisions for service interruptions specified in Section 2.4.4, preceding.

- No credit will be applied for the performance failure when the Telephone Company restores the customer's service to the required ESALT T RT CoS/QoS performance criteria levels within four hours after receipt of the trouble report from the customer or when the Telephone Company determines during its trouble investigation that the customer's equipment caused the performance failure.
- When the Telephone Company fails to restore the customer's service to the required ESALT RT CoS/QoS performance criteria levels within four hours after receipt of the trouble report and the trouble is found to be in the Telephone Company's network, the Telephone Company will provide the customer with a service credit equal to 144/1440 of the undiscounted monthly charges for the impacted ESALT T DTF(s) and associated ESALT T RT CoS/QoS option(s) for the initial four hour period and for each subsequent fractional four hour period until the performance failure is resolved. The total service credits due under this provision during a single billing month may not exceed the total undiscounted monthly charges for the impacted ESALT T DTF(s) and associated ESALT T RT CoS/QoS option(s).

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.3 Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(B) Ethernet Switched Access Local Transport Real Time Class of Service/Quality of Service (ESALT RT CoS/QoS) (Cont'd)

A capacity based monthly recurring charge (i.e., 2 Mbps, 10 Mbps or 50 Mbps) applies to each ESALT RT CoS/QoS option ordered by the customer in addition to the applicable charges for the associated ESALT DTF. Charges for the ESALT RT CoS/QoS option are as specified in Section 17.2.2(E), following. An Access Order Charge applies to subsequently add the ESALT RT CoS/QoS option to an existing ESALT DTF. The Access Order Charge does not apply to remove the ESALT RT CoS/QoS option.

(C) Ethernet Switched Access Local Transport Entrance Facility Protection (ESALT EFP)

Where suitable facilities exist, an ESALT customer that requires stand-by capability on its ESALT Entrance Facility (EF) may order the ESALT EFP option.

This optional arrangement establishes a stand-by ESALT EF between the customer designated premises and the Telephone Company's suitably equipped serving wire center at the same bandwidth capacity as the customer's ESALT EF, which will be activated to restore service should a failure occur in the customer's ESALT EF. ESALT EFP is not available when the ESALT EF is used in conjunction with mixed use as described in Section 6.4.7, above.

When ordered by the customer, the Telephone Company's network will automatically redirect the customer's IP formatted traffic to the stand-by ESALT EF as described in Technical Reference IEEE Standard 802.10-2004, Section 17.

A capacity based monthly recurring charge (i.e., 2 Mbps, 10 Mbps or 50 Mbps) and nonrecurring charge applies to each ESALT EFP option ordered by the customer in addition to the applicable charges for the associated ESALT EF. An Access Order Charge applies in addition to the ESALT EFP nonrecurring charge to subsequently add the ESALT EFP option to an existing ESALT EF. Charges for the ESALT EFP option are as specified in Section 17.2.2(F), following. An ESALT EFP nonrecurring charge, as specified in Section 17.2.1(G) following, will be applied per ESALT EFP installed.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.4 Operator Transfer Service

At the option of the customer, Operator Transfer Service as specified following, is available for use with FGC and FGD Switched Access Service. Operator Transfer Service is ordered as set forth in Section 5.2 preceding and is provided to the customer via separate FGC or FGD trunks dedicated to Operator Transfer Service traffic.

Operator Transfer Service is an arrangement in which Telephone Company operators transfer 0 minus (0-) calls (calls for which the end user dials 0 with no additional digits) to the customer designated by the end user.

The Operator Transfer function will be performed in the following manner:

- The Operator answers the 0- call;
- Initially, the Operator will suggest that the end user dial the customer on a direct basis. If the end user insists that the Operator transfer the call, the Operator will ask the end user to identify the desired customer and will then transfer the call as directed;
- If the end user has no preference, or the identified customer has not subscribed to Operator Transfer Service, the end user will be asked to select from a list of available customers.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.4 Operator Transfer Service (Cont'd)

The list of available Operator Transfer Service customers will be updated monthly. The order in which customers will be read to end users will be initially determined by the sequence in which customers have ordered the Operator Transfer Service. For each subsequent month, following the initial order for Operator Transfer Service, the customer in the first position on the list will be moved to the last position on the list. All other customers on the list will be moved up one position, (i.e. 3rd to 2nd, 2nd to 1st, etc). New Operator Transfer Service customers will initially be placed at the bottom of the list of customers.

0 minus Public Coin calls will be transferred to the end user designated customer. In order to accept coin sent-paid calls, the customer must order signaling as specified in TR-TSY-000506 and TR-NPL-00258.

The customer may receive inband, multi-wink, or expanded inband coin control signaling, where available, from end offices served by an Operator Services Access Point. Different signaling types cannot be mixed on a single trunk group.

All nonrecurring and usage sensitive rates and charges normally applicable to FGC or FGD apply to Operator Transfer Service. Additionally, a charge as specified in Section 6.1.3(C)(2) preceding and Section 17.2.6 following, is assessed the customer per 0 minus call transferred.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.5 Reserved

This section is reserved for future use.

6.10.6 800 Data Base Access Service

800 Data Base Access Service is provided with FGC or FGD Switched Access Service. When a 1+ 800 series + NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Telephone Company will utilize the Signaling System 7 (SS7) network to query an 800 data base to perform the identification function. The call will then be routed to the identified customer over FGC or FGD switched access. The 800 series includes the following service access codes: 800, 888, 877, 866, 855, 844, 833 and 822.

The manner in which 800 data base access service is provided is dependent on the availability of SS7 service at the end office from which the service is provided as outlined following:

- When 800 data base access service originates at an end office equipped with Service Switching Point (SSP) capability for querying centralized data bases or at a non-SSP equipped end office that can accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 series calls, all such service will be provisioned from that end office.
- When 800 data base access service originates at an end office not equipped with SSP customer identification capability, the 800 series call will be delivered to the access tandem on which the end office is homed for 800 series service and which is equipped with the SSP feature to query centralized data bases.
- When 800 data base access service originates at an end office equipped with SSP capability that is not capable of accommodating direct trunking of originating 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) calls, the 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) call will be delivered to the access tandem on which the end office is homed and which is equipped with the SSP feature to query the centralized data bases.

Query charges as set forth in 17.2.7 following are in addition to those charges applicable for the FGC or FGD switched access service.

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