

ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF

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E2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

E2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

E2.4.6 Re-establishment of Service Following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence (Cont'd)

B. Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring Charges apply for establishing service at a different location on the same premises or at a different premises pending re-establishment of service at the original location.

E2.4.7 Title or Ownership Rights

The payment of rates and charges by ICS or End Users for the services offered under the provisions of this Tariff does not assign, confer or transfer title or ownership rights to proposals or facilities developed or utilized, respectively, by the Company in the provision of such services.

E2.4.8 Billing of Access Service Provided by Multiple Companies

The Telephone Company will notify the customer which billing method will be used when the customer orders Access Service. In addition, the Telephone Company will provide the customer written notice of a change in billing method no later than 30 days prior to the implementation of such change.

The billing method set forth in (A) following is applicable only to interconnection arrangements between Exchange Telephone Companies involved in the provision of Feature Group A Switched Access Service where the Exchange Telephone Companies have not agreed to use multiple company billing. The billing methods set forth in (B) following are applicable to interconnection arrangements between Exchange Telephone Companies involved in the provision of all Access Services, with the exception of those instances where the provisions of (A) are available.

In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket No. 86-106, adopted July 20, 1987, the Telephone Company will adhere to the standards set forth in the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) and the Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) Guidelines when providing access service under Multiple Company (Interconnection Point) Billing arrangements.

The Exchange Telephone Companies involved in providing the Access Service, will develop a mutually agreeable working arrangement to allow one of the Exchange Telephone Companies to perform "Access Service Coordination" (ASC) for all services requested.

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E2.4.8 Billing of Access Service Provided by Multiple Companies (Cont'd)

A. Feature Group A (FGA) Access Services

When a Feature Group A Switched Access Service is ordered by a customer where one end of the Transport element is in the Company's operating territory and the other end is in another Exchange Telephone Company's operating territory, the Exchange Telephone Company in whose territory the first point of switching or the end user serving wire center is located will accept the order. In addition, the Exchange Telephone Company in whose territory the customer's premises is located must also receive a copy of the order from the customer. The Exchange Telephone Company that accepts the order will then determine the charges involved, arrange to provide the access service ordered and bill the charges in accordance with its Access Service Tariff.

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E2.4.8 Billing of Access Service Provided by Multiple Companies (Cont'd)

B. Single Bill Arrangement for Service Other Than Feature Group A (FGA) Access Service (Cont'd)

3. Rating and Billing of Service (Cont'd)

For b. and c. preceding, the charges billed for the portion of service provided by this Company are determined as set forth in E2.4.8.C.3.a. and b. following.

C. Multiple Bill Arrangement for Service Other Than Feature Group A (FGA) Access Service

1. General

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When an Access Service ordered by a customer involves more than one Exchange Telephone Company or rate schedule, the Exchange Telephone Companies involved will agree upon one of the following billing methods:

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Single Bill Method: The Exchange Telephone Companies involved will mutually agree upon a "billing company" which will render the bill for the Access Service provided. The designated billing company will perform the "Access Service Coordination" (ASC) function for the service requested, determine the applicable charges, and bill the customer for the entire service in accordance with the applicable Access Service tariff(s). The designated billing company will be billed by the other Exchange Telephone Companies involved for the portion of the Access Service they provide. Available options for the Single Bill method are:

- 1. Single Bill/Single Tariff
- 2. Single Bill/Multiple Tariff

Multiple Bill Method: Each Exchange Telephone Company involved will provide the portion of the service in its operating territory and bill the customer in accordance with its Access Service tariff.

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2. Ordering

The customer shall place its access service request with each Exchange Telephone Company involved in the provision of the service.

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E6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

E6.1 General

Switched Access Service, which is available to customers for their use in furnishing their services to end users, provides a two-point electrical communications path between a customer's premises and an end user's premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, local switching, switched transport facilities, and common subscriber plant of the Company. Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate calls from an end user's premises to customer's premises, and to terminate calls from a customer's premises to an end user's premises. Specific references to material describing the elements of Switched Access Service are provided in E6.1.1 and E6.1.3 following. (T)

Rates and charges for Switched Access Service depend generally on its use by the customer, i.e., for MTS or WATS services, MTS-WATS equivalent services, or other services (e.g., foreign exchange service), and whether it is provided in a Company end office that is equipped to provide equal access (Feature Group D Access, described in E6.1.1.D. following). Rates and charges for Switched Access Service are billed to the customer, except for Carrier Common Line and Switched Access charges associated with Switched Access Services used in the provisioning of Feature Group B type services which will be ordered by and billed directly to the End User of these services, as set forth in E6.8 following.

The application of rates for Switched Access Service is described in E6.7 following. Rates and charges for services other than Switched Access Service, e.g., a customer's interLATA and intraLATA 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 E6.2.1.A.7., E6.2.1.B.4., E6.2.2.A.5., E6.2.3.A.5., E6.2.4.A.4., and E6.7.9 following. Finally, a credit is applied against line side Switched Access Service charges as described in E6.7.10 following.

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E6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

E6.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)

E6.2.4 Feature Group D (FGD)

A. Description

1. FGD is provided at Company designated electronic end office switches whether routed directly or via Company designated electronic access tandem switches.
2. 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.
3. FGD switching is provided with inband 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 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 Switched Transport provided.
4. FGD switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs, time or weather announcement services of the Company, community information services of an information service provider and other customer's services, by dialing the appropriate digits, 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. For calls to services of other customers, additional charges may apply. The customer will also be billed additional charges for calls to certain community information services, for which rates are applicable under Company exchange service tariffs, e.g., DIAL-IT Network Service.

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