

COMPETITIVE ACCESS SERVICE

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.6 DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

Signaling

Denotes the process of passing information, identifying the called subscriber or addressee and for supervising and controlling the connection once it has been established.

Signaling System 7 (SS7)

Denotes the signaling protocol.

Switching System

Denotes the hardware and/or software utilized by the Company for the establishment and maintenance of a given wire center.

Tandem-Switched Transport (TST)

Denotes the transport between an access tandem and Company end office that subtends the access tandem that utilizes tandem switching functions. Tandem-Switched Transport consists of circuits used in common by multiple customers from the tandem to an end office.

Terminating Direction

Denotes the use of Access Service for the completion of calls from a customer's premises to an end user's premises.

Third Party Carrier

A Local Exchange Carrier or CMRS provider other than the Company.

Toll Free Code (TFC)

The term "Toll Free Code" denotes a three-digit Numbering Plan Area (NPA) or Area Code that is specifically assigned by the telecommunications industry for use by Telecommunications Service Providers in the provision of telephone numbers that, unlike traditional telephone numbers and calls, when dialed are toll free to the originating caller. The specific codes assigned and used, or reserved for use, for this purpose are 800, 822, 833, 844, 855, 866, 877, and 888.

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.1 GENERAL

6.1.2 RATE CATEGORIES

A. Switched Transport (Cont'd)

2. Switched Transport TST Rate Category

TST provides the transmission facilities between a LEC tandem and the Company's end offices subtending that tandem. For TST, the Company will determine the type of facilities to the end office(s) based on the customer's order for service on a per-trunk basis.

The TST rate category is composed of the Tandem Transmission rate element, a fixed per-MOU rate and per-mile/per-MOU rate. The fixed rate provides for the circuit equipment at the end of the interoffice transmission paths. The per-mile rate provides for the transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment between the end points of the interoffice circuit. For purposes of determining the per-mile rate, mileage will be measured as airline mileage using the V & H coordinates method. Mileage measurement rules are set forth in 6.7.7, and rates and charges are set forth in Section 6.8, following.

As established in the 8YY Access Charge Reform (FCC 20-143), existing tandem switching charges and transport charges for originating 8YY traffic are eliminated and a single joint tandem switched access service rate element for 8YY originating access service is established as 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport.

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3. Tandem Switching

Tandem Switching is per-MOU rate assessed for utilization tandem switching functions when tandem routing is requested for trunkside services.

4. Common Transport Multiplexing

Common Transport multiplexing equipment is utilized in the end office side of the access tandem when common transport is provided between the access tandem and the subtending end offices. This rate is assessed on the per-MOU basis.

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.8 RATES AND CHARGES

6.8.1 SWITCHED RECURRING RATES

A. Tandem-Switched Transport Usage Rates

	RATE PER ACCESS MINUTE		
	FIXED	PER MILE	
• Tandem Transmission:			
Facility Termination			
- Originating Non-Toll Free ^[2]	7.3.1.A.[1]	7.3.1.A.[1]	(C)
- Terminating	7.3.1.A.[1]	7.3.1.A.[1]	
	RATE PER ACCESS MINUTE		
• Tandem Switching Charge			
- Originating Non-Toll Free ^[2]		7.3.1.A.[1]	(C)
- Terminating		7.3.1.A.[1]	
• Common Transport Multiplexing			
- Originating Non-Toll Free ^[2]		7.3.1.A.[1]	(C)
- Terminating		7.3.1.A.[1]	
• 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport			(N)
- Originating –Toll Free ^[2]		7.3.1.A.[1]	(N)

[1] The rate for this element is as specified in the CenturyLink **Competitive Operating**(T) **Companies** Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 as it now exists, and as it may be revised, added to,(T) or supplemented.

[2] Pursuant to FCC 20-143, separate rate elements for Toll Free and Non-Toll Free(N) originating transport services were established. The Originating Toll Free rate element for combined transport services is displayed as 8YY Joint Tandem Switched Transport above. (N)

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6.8.1 SWITCHED RECURRING RATES

B. Local Switching

	RATE PER ACCESS MINUTE	
• Local End Office Switching:		
- Originating Non-Toll Free	7.3.1.B.[1]	(C)
- Originating Toll Free	7.3.1.B.[1]	(C)
- Terminating	7.3.1.B.[1]	
• End Office Shared Port		
- Originating Non-Toll Free	7.3.1.B.[1]	(C)
- Originating Toll Free	7.3.1.B.[1]	(C)
- Terminating	7.3.1.B.[1]	
	RATE PER CALL/QUERY	
• Toll Free Data Base Access Service		
- Basic Query	7.3.1.B.[1]	
- Complex Query	7.3.1.B.[1]	

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6.8 RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)

6.8.2 NONRECURRING RATES

A. Trunk Installation

**NONRECURRING
CHARGE**

- First trunk 7.3.2.A.[1]
- Each additional trunk 7.3.2.A.[1]

B. Moves within the Same Serving Wire Center

Switched Access Service,
per trunk

- First trunk 7.3.2.B.[1]
- Each additional trunk 7.3.2.B.[1]

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