
SECTION 5. SWITCHED ACCESS

II. Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Continued)

- E. Company POI Locations and Access Tandems: Company POI CLLI Codes and Access Tandems can be found on the Company website: www.onvoy.com.
- F. Acceptance Testing: At no additional charge, the 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, d.c. continuity and operational signaling.
- G. Ordering Options and Conditions: Access Service is ordered under the Access Order provisions set forth in Section 6 and provided in MECOD. Also included in that section are other charges which may be associated with ordering Switched Access Service.
- H. Competitive Pricing Arrangements: Competitive pricing arrangements for Local Transport-Entrance Facilities and Local Transport-Direct Trunked transport can be furnished to meet the communication needs of specific Customers on a case by case basis under individual contract. The Company shall file the contract with the New York State Public Service Commission.
- I. Common Channel Signaling Service:
 - 1. SS7 Standard: Common Channel Signaling (CCS) is a protocol suite that allows for out-of-band signaling for voice and data message services. Signaling System Seven (SS7) is currently a widely deployed CCS protocol. The Company's CCS network is a digital data network carrying signaling information, which interfaces with the voice/data network. To ensure network reliability, Signal Transfer Points (STPs) are deployed in geographically dispersed mated pairs. STP access requires interconnection to ports of both STPs of the mated pair. The STP provides translations and routing functions for SS7 signaling messages received from the Company's network signaling points and the SS7 networks of other entities. There are two types of signaling messages, ISDN User Part (ISUP) messages are used for call set-up and tear-down. This type of signaling allows a Customer to send originating and terminating call set-up signaling information between the Customer's designated premises, the Company's STP and other entities. The second type of signaling is Transaction Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) messages. TCAP messages are used to carry information between signaling points for call related databases, such as CNAM, 8XX DB and LNP query service.

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