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**SECTION 5. SWITCHED ACCESS**

**I. General**

Switched Access Service, which is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to End Users, provides a two-way communications path between a Customer's Premises and an End User's Premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching and transport facilities. Switched Access Service provides the ability to originate calls from an End User's Premises to a Customer's Premises, and to terminate calls from a Customer's Premises location to an End User's Premises in the LATA where it is provided. Switched Access Service must be ordered separately for each LATA in which the Customer desires to originate or terminate calls.

Notwithstanding the above language, Company may provide only a portion of Switched Access Service. Company is only responsible for the portions of the service it provides. For purposes of clarity, Customer may not withhold payment from Company for the portions of the service Company provides based on any dispute Customer may have with another carrier for the services such carrier may provide.

**II. Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements**

Switched Access Service is provided in the following service type:

**A. Feature Group D (FGD) Access**

FGD Access, which is available to all Customers, is provisioned at the DS1 level and DS3 level and provides trunk-side access to the Company Access Tandem and End Office switches.

FGD provides a trunk-side termination through the use of end office or access tandem switch trunk equipment. Wink-start, start-pulsing and answer-supervisory signaling are sent by the terminating office. Disconnect-supervisory signaling is sent from the originating or terminating office. When FGD uses SS7 out of band signaling, no signaling will be done via the message channel.

FGD switching is provided with SS7 out of band signaling. With SS7 out of band signaling, up to 12 digits of the called party number dialed by the Customer's end user is provided by the Company's equipment to the Customer's designated premises via SS7 links.

The Company will establish a trunk group or groups for the Customer at the end office or access tandem switch 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 at the option of the Company.