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4. <u>General Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

4.3 Obligations of the TC (Cont'd)

4.3.14 Tandem Subtending Arrangements (TSA)

At the TC's option, the TC may subtend the Telephone Company access tandem(s). The Telephone Company will provide separate trunk terminations to the TC at Telephone Company access tandems for the origination and termination of carrier access calls between an interexchange carrier and a TC. These calls will be billed under appropriate sections of either the appropriate State or Federal Tariffs when more than one Exchange Telephone Company is involved depending on the jurisdiction of each call. The preferred billing method will be the single bill multiple tariff option, using the New York Intrastate Access Settlement Pool, Inc., or its successor, as the billing vendor. If this is not mutually agreed upon, other billing options may be utilized. Call detail records recorded by both parties will be sent to the vendor for processing. The vendor will also collect and disburse the revenue in accordance with each Company's access tariffs. Vendor expenses will be charged in proportion to revenues. The TC must provide the Telephone Company with the V&H location of each NPA-NXX for which the TC requests TSA. The Telephone Company will determine the appropriate serving access tandem for the origination and termination of carrier access calls based on the NPA-NXX of the TC's end user.

In addition, a TC must update industry documents (e.g., LERG) to reflect such an arrangement after the Telephone Company's concurrence. The TC must establish separate trunk groups for traffic handled under TSA. Separate trunk groups under TSA may be arranged on the same DS1 facility only when the total capacity required by the TC for its total traffic at that access tandem does not exceed the DS1 level. It is the TC's responsibility to order trunks for this arrangement. The Telephone Company will work with the TC to help determine, install and test the trunks for this purpose. The TC must provide a summary of call detail records in standard EMR industry format to the billing vendor for calls exchanged or completed under these arrangements which are recorded at their switches. The Telephone Company will provide Recording Service in association with TSA when it provides SSP functions to the TC or makes terminating access records. Recording Service includes recording of call details, assembly, editing, formatting, and sorting of detailed call records and transmission of these call records to the billing vendor in the standard industry format via first class U.S. Mail Service, by magnetic tape or other suitable transmission medium mutually agreed to by the TC, the Telephone Company and the billing vendor.

The Telephone Company, the TC and the billing vendor will work cooperatively in investigating claims or reconciling recorded information in routine record tracking. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, no liability for damages to the purchasing TC shall attach to the Telephone Company for its action or conduct of its employees in providing Recording Service.

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