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SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

SECTION 4 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

4.1 General

Switched Access Service, which is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to end users, provides a two-point 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 to an End User's Premises.

Switched Access Service is available when originating or terminating calls from or to an end user which subscribes to the Company's Local Exchange Services.

Rates and charges are set forth in Section 5. The application of rates for Switched Access Service is described in Section 5.

4.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements

4.2.1 Feature Group Access

FG Access is provisioned at the DS-1 level and provides trunk-side access to Local Switching Center switches, for the Customer's use in originating and terminating communications. Basic FG Access service will be provided with Multi-Frequency In Band Signaling (SS7 is also available, where capabilities exist).

Two types of Feature Group Access are available:

- A. Tandem Connect Access: This option applies when the Customer has no direct facilities to the Company. All traffic is routed to and from the Company's local switching center via the Customer's tandem provider. Delivery of calls to, or acceptance of calls from, the Company's end user Customer locations via Tandem Connect Access over Company-switched local exchange services shall constitute an agreement by the Customer to purchase Tandem Connect Access services as described herein. The Company reserves the right to require the Customer to submit an ASR for Tandem Connect Access.
- B. Direct Connect Access: The Company will provide facilities between the Customer's premises and the Company's local switching center. This transmission path is dedicated to the use of a single Customer. The Company requires the Customer to submit an ASR or comparable documentation for Direct Connect Access.

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