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ACCESS SERVICE SECTION 6 Switched Access Service

6.1 <u>General</u> (Cont'd)

- 6.1.3 <u>Rate Categories</u> (Cont'd)
 - (A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

Local Transport is a two-way voice frequency transmission path composed of facilities determined by the Telephone Company. The two-way voice frequency transmission path permits the transport of calls in the originating direction (from the end user end office switch to the customer designated premises) and in the terminating direction (from the customer designated premises to the end office switch), but not simultaneously. The voice frequency transmission path may be comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of and typically used in the telecommunications industry for the transmission of voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer in determining (1) whether the service is to be directly routed to an end office switch or through an access tandem switch, and (2) the directionality of the service. Where the Telephone Company elects to provide equal access through a centralized equal access arrangement, the Telephone Company will designate the serving wire center. Those Telephone Company offices providing equal access through centralized arrangements are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

Local Transport rates are made up of a Local Transport Termination rate which is assessed on a per transmission path per access minute basis, and a Local Transport Facility rate assessed on a per mile per access minute basis. The Local Transport Termination rate provides for the communications frequency transmission path at the Telephone Company switching office and includes the Local Transport portion of Central Office Switching and Central Office Circuit equipment (e.g., signaling, transmission devices, padding, carrier channels, etc.).

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