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SECTION 9 - DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES

9.1 Usage Rates

Usage rates for switched access service are rates that apply: (1) on a per access minute basis when Direct Access; (2) on a per call blocked basis beyond the blocking threshold for Network Blocking; (3) on a per query basis for 800 Database Queries. All charges are accumulated on a monthly basis. Rates for these services are found in the Rate Attachment.

9.2 Monthly Rates

Monthly rates are flat recurring rates that apply each month or fraction thereof that a chargeable optional feature of basic service element is provided. For billing and prorating purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.

9.3 Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activity. The types of non-recurring charges are as follows:

9.3.1 Access Order Charge

The Access Order Charge applies to all Customer requests for new switched access service, and for additions, changes, or rearrangements to existing service. It is applied on a per order basis to each order received by the Company, and is in addition to any other applicable charges as set forth in this and other sections of this tariff.

The Access Order Charge does not apply:

- 1. to administrative changes as set forth in 9.3.2 below;
- 2. when a change in a pending order does not result in the cancellation of the pending order and the issuance of a new order;
- 3. when a Company initiated network reconfiguration requires a Customer's existing access service to be reconfigured.

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