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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D.)

3.2 Manner of Provision (Cont'd.)

3.2.2 Originating traffic type represents access capacity for carrying traffic from the End User to the Customer; and Terminating traffic type represents access capacity for carrying traffic from the Customer to the End User. When ordering capacity for Switched Access Service, the Customer must at a minimum specify such access capacity in terms of originating traffic type and/or terminating traffic type.

3.2.3 Feature Group Access is provisioned, at minimum, at the DS-1 level and provides line-side or trunk-side access to End Office switches, for the Customer's use in originating and terminating communications. Basic Switched Access Service will be provided with SS7 (Multi-Frequency In Band Signaling is also available, where capabilities exist).

3.2.4 Two types of Feature Group Access are available:

- 1) Tandem Connect Access: This option applies when the Customer has no direct facilities to the End Office. All traffic is routed to and from End Office via another Provider's Access Tandem. Delivery of calls to, or acceptance of calls from, the Customer's End User location(s) via Tandem Connect Access shall constitute a Constructive Order and an agreement by the Customer to purchase the Company's switched access services as described and priced herein.
- 2) Direct Connect Access: This option applies when the Customer has direct facilities to the End Office. This transmission path is dedicated to the use of a single Customer. The Company may require the Customer to submit an ASR or comparable documentation for Direct Connect Access. The dedicated components of Direct Connect Access are provided on an Individual Case Basis as Special Service Arrangements pursuant to Section 6 of this tariff.

3.3 Rate Categories

There are five rate categories which apply to Switched Access Service:

- Common Line
- Switched Transport
- End Office Switching
- Toll Free 8XX Database Access Service
- Switched Access Optional Features