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COMPETITIVE ACCESS PROVIDER SERVICES

SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D.)

5.2 Rate Categories

5.2.1 There are several rate categories which apply to Switched Access Service:

- Blended Carrier Switched Access Originating
- Blended Carrier Switched Access Terminating
- Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Access Service

The Company provides originating and terminating switched access service through a single blended rate based on aggregate traffic volumes from the following cost categories:

Common Line

The Common Line cost category establishes the charges related to the use of Company-provided end user common lines by customers and end users for interstate access.

Switched Transport

The Switched Transport cost category establishes the charges related to the transmission and tandem switching facilities between the customer designated premises and the end office switch(es) where the customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate the customer's communications.

End Office Switching

The End Office Switching cost category establishes the charges related to the use of end office switching equipment, the terminations in the end office of end user lines, the terminations of calls at Company Intercept Operators or recordings, the Signaling Transfer Point (STP) costs, and the SS7 signaling function between the end office and the STP.

5.2.2 There are two types of Switched Access Service connections:

Tandem Connect Access: This option applies when the Customer has no direct facilities to the End Office. All traffic is routed to and from the End Office via the Customer's tandem provider.

Direct Connect Access: This option applies when the Customer has direct facilities to the End Office.