

SECTION 3 - SERVICE AND RATE DESCRIPTIONS

3.1 Access Services (cont'd.)

3.1.3 Switched Access Services (cont'd)

(B) End Office

The End Office rate category provides the local end office switching functions necessary to complete the transmission of Switched Access communications to and from the end users served by the local end office and the Customer. The End Office rate includes the Local Switching, Carrier Common Line and Common Port rate elements. In addition, certain end office optional features are provided at charges set forth in Section 6. Directory Assistance Service and the applicable rates for it are set forth in Section 9 following.

(1) Local Switching

The Local Switching rate element provides for (1) local end office switching, i.e., the common switching functions associated with the various Switched Access Service arrangements and (2) intercept functions, i.e., the termination of certain calls at a Company intercept operator or recording. It is divided into two distinct categories: LS1 and LS2. The first category, LS1, provides local switching for Feature Groups A. The second category, LS2, provides local switching for Feature Group D, 800 Access Service, 900 Access Service.

Where end offices are appropriately equipped, international dialing may be provided as a capability associated with LS2. International dialing provides the capability of switching international calls with service prefix and address codes having more digits than are capable of being switched through a standard FGC.

(2) Common Trunk Port

The Common Trunk Port used by multiple customers provides for the termination of common transport trunks in common end office trunk ports in conjunction with tandem routed traffic. The Common Trunk Port rate is assessed on a usage sensitive basis on tandem routed switched access.