

SECTION 3 - SERVICE AND RATE DESCRIPTIONS

3.1 Access Services (cont'd.)

3.1.3 Switched Access Services (cont'd)

(C) Tandem Switching

The Tandem rate category provides the tandem switching functions necessary to complete the transmission of Switched Access communications to and from end offices that subtend the Company's tandem and the Customer. The Tandem rate includes the Tandem Switching, Transport (an average of ten miles), Termination and Multiplexing rate elements.

(1) Tandem-Switched Transport Services

Tandem-Switched Transport provides Switched Transport that is switched through a tandem switch, between the customer's serving wire center and the end offices subtending the tandem. Tandem Switched Transport is also available between an access tandem and end offices subtending that tandem. Tandem-Switched Transport consists of circuits dedicated to the use of a single customer from the serving wire center to the tandem and circuits used in common by multiple customers from the tandem to the end office. Beginning July 1, 1998, the dedicated transport provided between the serving wire center and the tandem must be ordered as Direct Transport, as described in (b) preceding. Tandem-Switched Transport is composed of the following usage sensitive rate elements:

- (a) The Tandem-Switched Termination element includes the non-distance sensitive portion of Switched Transport, and is assessed on a per access minute of use basis.
- (b) The Tandem-Switched Facility element includes the distance sensitive portion of Switched Transport and is assessed on a per access minute of use per mile basis. For simplicity, the Company will periodically assess the average number of miles that apply and adjust rates accordingly.