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ACCESS SERVICES

SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND CHARGES (CONT'D)

5.2 Billing & Collection (Cont'd.)

5.2.2 Automatic Number Identification (ANI)

ANI provides the automatic transmission of a seven or ten digit number and information digits to the customer=s premises for calls originating in the LATA, to identify the calling telephone number. The ANI feature is an end office software function which is associated on a call-by-call basis with (1) all individual transmission paths in a trunk group routed directly between an end office and a customer=s premises or, where technically feasible, with (2) all individual transmission paths in a trunk group between an end office and an access tandem, and a trunk group between an access tandem and a customer=s premises.

A. Rate Regulations

When ANI is delivered (with Feature Group D originating) and the customer is charged the recording rate as set forth in the rate schedule, following, the ANI rate does not apply. If the customer is not charged the recording rate, the ANI rate as set forth in the rate schedule will apply for each ANI record delivered to the customer.

B. ANI Restrictions

The company provides Automatic Number Identification (ANI) associated with intrastate service to an entity (ANI recipient) only under the following terms and conditions:

1. The ANI recipient or its designated billing agent may use or transmit ANI information to third parties for billing and collection, routing, screening, ensuring network performance, and completion of a telephone subscriber=s call or transaction, or for performing a service directly related to the telephone subscriber=s original call or transaction.

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