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ACCESS SERVICES

SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (CONT'D)

3.4     Access Ordering (Cont'd.)

   3.4.2   Access Service Date Intervals (Cont'd.)

      B.     (Cont'd.)

         (2)     For service provided under a Negotiated Interval:  The Company will offer a
                 Service Date based on the type and quantity of Access Services the
                 Customer has requested.  The Negotiated Interval may not exceed by more
                 than six months the Standard Interval Service Date, or, when there is no
                 Standard Interval, the Company offered Service Date, except as otherwise
                 agreed by the Company in writing.  The Company will negotiate a Service
                 Date interval with the Customer when:

            a)     The Customer requests a Service Date before or beyond the
                   applicable Standard Interval Service Date; or

            b)     There is no existing facility connecting the Customer Premises with
                   the Company; or

            c)     The Customer requests a service that is not considered by the
                   Company to be a standard service offering (for example, if
                   additional engineering or special construction is required to
                   complete the order); or

            d)     The Company determines that Access Service cannot be installed
                   within the Standard Interval.

      C.     All services for which rates are applied on an Individual Case Basis are provided
             with a Negotiated Interval.

   3.4.3   Access Service Request Modifications

   The Customer may request a modification of its ASR prior to the Service Commencement
   Date.  All modifications must be in writing using the industry ASR process.  The Company,
   in its sole discretion, may accept a verbal modification from the Customer.  The Company
   will make every effort to accommodate a requested modification when it is able to do so with
   the normal work force assigned to complete such an order within normal business hours.

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