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4. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

4.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Feature Groups

Switched Access Service is provided in four different Feature Group arrangements. The provision of each Feature Group requires Local Switching and Transport facilities and the appropriate Local Switching functions.

There are three specific transmission specifications (i.e., Types A, B and C) that have been identified for the provision of Feature Groups. The specifications provided are dependent on the Interface Group and the routing of the service, i.e., whether the service is routed directly to the end office or via an access tandem. The parameters for the transmission specifications are set forth in 4.4.1 following.

Feature Groups are arranged for originating, terminating or two-way calling, based on the customer end office switching capacity ordered. Originating calling permits the delivery of calls from Telephone Exchange Service locations to the customer's premises or a collocated interconnection location. Terminating calling permits the delivery of calls from the customer's premises or a collocated interconnection location to Telephone Exchange Service locations. Two-way calling permits the delivery of calls in both directions, but not simultaneously. For Direct Trunked Transport, the Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine the directionality required.

There are various Local Transport and Local Switching optional features available with the Feature Groups. Unless specifically stated otherwise, these optional features are available at all Telephone Company end office switches.

Following are detailed descriptions of each of the available Feature Groups, Entrance Facilities and Direct Trunked Transport. Each Feature Group is described in terms of its specific physical characteristics and calling patterns, the transmission specifications with which it is provided, the optional features available for use with it and the standard testing capabilities.

Each type of Entrance Facility and Direct Trunked Transport is described in terms of its specific physical characteristics, the transmission specifications with which it is provided and the capacity of transmission paths which may be carried over it.