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ACCESS SERVICE

4. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

4.1 General (Cont'd)

4.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) Local Switching

The Local Switching rate category provides the local end office switching and end user termination functions necessary to complete the transmission of Switched Access communications to and from the end users served by the local end office. The Local Switching rate category includes Local Switching and Line Termination.

Dedicated End Office Trunk Port rate, applies per activated trunk for all trunkside services terminating at either analog or digital end offices.

There are four types of local switching functions, i.e., Common Switching functions, Transport Termination functions, Line Termination functions and Intercept functions. These are described in (1), (2), (3) and (4) following.

(1) Common Switching

Common Switching provides the local end office switching functions associated with the various access (i.e., Feature Group) switching arrangements. The Common Switching arrangements provided for the various Feature Group arrangements are described in 4.2 following.

Included as part of Common Switching are various optional features which the customer can order to meet the customer specific communications requirements. These optional features are described in 4.3.1 following.