
availability of SS7 service at the end office from which the service is provided as outlined following:

Service Switching Point (SSP) capability for querying centralized databases, all such service will be provisioned from that end office.

When 800 database access service originates at an end office not equipped with SSP customer identification capability, the 800 call will be delivered to the access tandem on which the end office is homed and which is equipped with the SSP feature to query centralized databases.

3 OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPANY

The Company has certain obligations pertaining only to the provision of Switched Access Service. These obligations are as follows:

3.1 Network Management

The Company will administer its network to provide acceptable service levels to all telecommunications users of the Company's network services. Generally, service levels are considered acceptable only when both End Users and Customers are able to establish connections with little or no delay encountered within the Company's network. The Company maintains the right to apply protective controls, i.e., those actions, such as call gapping, which selectively cancel the completion of any traffic carried over its network, including that associated with a Customer's Switched Access Service. Generally, such protective measures would only be taken as a result of occurrences such as a failure or overload of Company or customer facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands.

3.2 Design and Traffic Routing of Switched Access Service

The Company shall design and determine the routing of Switched Access Service, including the selection of the first point of switching and the selection of facilities from the interface to any switching point and to the end offices where busy hour minutes of capacity are ordered. The Company shall also decide if capacity is to be provided by originating only, terminating only, or two-way trunk groups. Finally, the Company will decide whether trunk side access will be provided through the use of