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SECTION 3 – SWITCHED ACCESS RATES AND CHARGES

3 Rates for Switched Access Services

There are three types of rates and charges that apply to Switched Access Service. These are Monthly Recurring Charges, Usage Rates and Non-Recurring Charges.

Monthly Recurring Charges: Monthly Recurring Charges are flat rates for facilities that apply each month or fraction thereof that a specific rate element is provided.

Usage Rates: Usage Rates are rates that are applied on a per access minute or per query basis. Usage rates are accumulated over a monthly period.

Non-Recurring Charges: Non-Recurring Charges are one time charges that apply for a specific work activity (i.e., installation of new service or change to an existing service).

Installation of Service: Non-Recurring Charges apply to each Switched Access Service installed. The charge is applied per line or trunk.

3.1 Application of Rates

3.1.1 Direct Connect:

The Direct Connect rate is assessed based on the total of the monthly Entrance Facilities charge and per minute of use End-Office switching charge. The monthly Entrance Facilities charge consists of a fixed rate based on the type of the facilities, i.e., DS3, and may include a per mile rate. Entrance Facilities charges are contained in Section 1 of Company’s New Hampshire Price List. The Tandem Switched Transport – Facility rates and the Switched Transport Usage Rates do not apply in the Direct Connect application.

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3.1.2 Tandem Connect:

The Tandem Connect rate is assessed based on the monthly usage charges for Local End-Office Switching, Carrier Common Line, and Tandem Switched Transport –Facility and may include a per mile rate.

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3.2 Billing of Access Minutes:

When recording originating calls over FGD with multifrequency address signaling, usage measurement begins when the first wink supervisory signal is forwarded from the Customer’s facilities. The measurement of originating call usage over FGD ends when the originating FGD entry switch receives disconnect supervision from either the originating End User’s Local Switching Center (indicating that the originating End User has disconnected), or the Customer’s facilities, whichever is recognized first by the entry switch.

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For terminating calls over FGD with multifrequency address signaling, the measurement of access minutes begins when a seizure signal is received from the Carrier's Trunk group at the Point of Presence within the LATA. The measurement of terminating call usage over FGD ends when a disconnect signal is received, indicating that either the originating or terminating user has disconnected.

When recording originating calls over FGD with SS7 signaling, usage measurement begins with the transmission of the initial address message by the switch for direct Trunk groups and with the receipt of an exit message by the switch for tandem Trunk groups. The measurement of originating FGD usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a release message, whichever occurs first.

For terminating calls over FGD with SS7 signaling, the measurement of access minutes begins when the terminating recording switch receives the initial address message from the terminating End User. On directly routed Trunk groups or on tandem routed Trunk groups, the Company switch receives the initial address message and sends the indication to the Customer in the form of an answer message. The measurement of termination FGD call usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a release message, whichever occurs first.

3.2.1 Determination of Charges

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(A) Except as set forth in 3.2.1(B) below, the Originating Access, per minute charge(s) apply to:

1. all Originating Access minutes of use, associated with calls placed to 700 numbers, Toll Free 8YY and 900 numbers for which the Customer furnishes service
2. all Originating Access minutes of use where the off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers.

(B) **Exception:** The following are exempted from the application of the originating access charge elements of Carrier Common Line, Local End Office Switching, End Office Port, Switched Transport Usage, Tandem Switched Transport – Facility and Switched Termination.

1. all Originating Access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700 numbers, Toll Free 8YY and 900 numbers where such traffic utilizes the Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service in Section 3.3.9.
2. all Originating Access minutes of use originating from a wireless carrier's Mobile Telephone Switching Offices (MTSOs), including any MTSO owned by the Company.

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3.3	Rates and Charges	[M]
3.3.1	Service Implementation	
A.	Installation Charge – Per Trunk	
	<u>Non-recurring Charge</u>	
	DS0-Voice Grade \$99.00	
	DS1 \$482.00	
	DS3 \$528.00	
		[M]
3.3.2	Change Charges (Per Order)	
		<u>Per Occurrence</u>
A.	Service Date	\$10.00
B.	Design Changes	\$25.00
C.	Expedite Charge	\$100.00
3.3.3	Cancellation Charges (Per Order) \$25.00	
3.3.4	Returned Check Fee For any check returned to the Company due to insufficient funds, uncollected funds, or closed account, a \$25.00 fee will be assessed per check returned.	
3.3.5	Late Payment Fee The late payment penalty shall be the portion of the payment not received by the date due, net of taxes, not compounded, multiplied by a monthly late factor on 1.5%.	
3.3.6	Terminating Switched Access	
	3.3.6.1 Local End Office Switching	
		<u>Per Access Minute of Use</u> \$0.001934
	3.3.6.2 Carrier Common Line Rates	
		<u>Per Access Minute of Use</u> \$0.026494

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3.3.6.3 Switched Transport Usage Rates

	<u>Access Rate Per Minute</u>	
-Local Transport	\$0.000716	
-Tandem Switching Charge	\$0.000503	
-Switched Transport per Mile Originating	\$0.000150	[N]
-Switched Transport Termination Originating	\$0.001452	[N]

3.3.6.4 Direct-Trunked Transport

Monthly Recurring Rate

	<u>Fixed</u>	<u>Per Mile</u>
-DS0		
	\$33.39	\$3.89
-DS1		
	\$66.00	\$21.25
-DS3		
	\$702	\$120

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		<u>Per Minute of Use</u>	
3.3.7	Originating Switched Access		[T]
	Local Switching	\$0.036679[R]	[T]
3.3.8	Toll Free Data Base Access Service		
	<p>Toll Free Data Base Access Service is a service offering that utilizes originating trunk side Switched Access Service to deliver Toll Free calls to the Company's Interexchange Carrier Customers. The service provides for the forwarding of end user dialed Toll Free calls to a Company Service Switching Point which will initiate a query to the database to perform the Customer identification and delivery function. The call is forwarded to the appropriate Interexchange Carrier Customer based on the dialed Toll-Free number. Records exchange, rating and billing for Toll Free Data Base Access Service is subject to the provisions of the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing Guidelines (MECAB).</p>		[C]
	(A) Customer Identification		
	<p>The Toll Free Data Base Access Service Customer Identification Charge applies for the identification of the appropriate Interexchange Carrier Customer. The charge is assessed to the Customer on a per query basis and may include an area of service which may range from a single NPA/NXX to an area consisting of all LATAs and NPAs in the State of New Hampshire.</p>		[N]
	- Per Query	\$0.005046	[N]

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3.3.9 Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service

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Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service is an access service in which the Company transports Toll Free traffic originated by a third party who is not an end user or other user of the Company's local exchange or exchange access service through its wire center to an Interexchange Carrier Customer. It provides for the use of the Tandem Switching, Tandem Termination, and Tandem Transport facilities of the Company. In a Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service call, the Company will not charge Carrier Common Line, Local End Office Switching, or End Office Port charges. The rates for Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service are usage sensitive. Records exchange, rating, and billing for Toll Free Inter-Exchange Delivery Service is subject to the provisions of the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing Guidelines (MECAB).

	<u>Per Minute of Use</u>
Tandem Switching	\$0.000503
Tandem Termination	\$0.000716
Tandem Transport per Mile	\$0.000004

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3.3.10 Pay Telephone Compensation

When a Toll-Free number is dialed from a payphone and carried over the Company's facilities to an Interexchange Carrier Customer, the Interexchange Carrier Customer, or a successive carrier, may be responsible for compensating the Pay Telephone Service Provider ("PSP") in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If the Interexchange Carrier Customer is not capable of reporting and/or remitting Pay Telephone Compensation as prescribed by the FCC, it may contract with the Company to provide that service for an additional fee. Unless the Interexchange Carrier requests such service, no Pay Telephone Compensation charge will be assessed by the Company to the Interexchange Carrier.

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3.4 Non-routine Installation/Maintenance Charges

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As stated in 2.9, at the Customer’s request, installation and/or maintenance may be performed outside the Company’s regular business hours or in hazardous locations. In that case, the following rates apply:

Basic Time - per quarter hour:	\$21.44
Overtime - per quarter hour:	\$28.01
Premium Time - per quarter hour:	\$34.59

3.5 Individual Case Basis Arrangements

Arrangements will be developed on a case-by-case basis in response to a bona fide request from a Customer or prospective Customer to develop a competitive bid for a service offered under this tariff. Rates quoted in response to such competitive requests may be different than those specified for such service in this tariff. ICB rates will be offered to the Customer in writing. Notice of such arrangements will be provided to the Commission according to Commission rules.

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