

ACCESS SERVICE

18. Incidental InterLATA Service

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A customer ordering Incidental InterLATA Service must, at a minimum, subscribe to a telephone company access service.

18.1 Miscellaneous Services

18.1.1 Signaling System 7 (SS7) Gateway Signaling

(A) General Description

SS7 Gateway Signaling provides for the switching and transport of SS7 messages by the Telephone Company's SS7 network and routes these messages to the global title address or the signaling point code address based on the translation performed at the Signal Transfer Point (STP)

The provision of SS7 Gateway Signaling on an interLATA basis by the Telephone Company is limited to SS7 signaling used in connection with the provision of telephone exchange services or exchange access services by a local exchange carrier and to common carriers offering interLATA services at any location within the area in which the Telephone Company provides telephone exchange services or exchange access service.

(B) Provisioning

SS7 Gateway Signaling is subject to the screening and routing information contained in the Telephone Company's STPs.

When the Telephone Company's STP routes messages for the purpose of establishing trunk voice paths between switching machines, call set-up times may be adversely affected when the customer employs Intermediate Access Tandems in its network. The Telephone Company makes no warranties with respect to call set-up times when multiple STPs are involved or when the signaling traffic is exchanged between two non-Telephone Company signaling points. This provision will be applied uniformly to all customers including Telephone Company affiliates.

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18. Incidental InterLATA Service (Cont'd)

18.1 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

18.1.1 SS7 Gateway Signaling (Cont'd)

(B) Provisioning (Cont'd)

SS7 Gateway Signaling will provide a signaling route to only those signaling points for which the Telephone Company STP has established a route. When the customer or the Telephone Company, pursuant to an Access Service Request, arranges to establish a route to a signaling point such route will be used by all messages delivered to the Telephone Company's signaling network per the standard requirements of the SS7 protocol.

The Access Order Charge applicable for STP Access will apply per Access Order for the installation, addition, change or rearrangement of SS7 Gateway Signaling.

(C) Rate Regulations

Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling usage charges apply to SS7 Gateway Signaling as set forth in Section 6.9.1 preceding. The application of usage charges

is set forth in 18.1.1(D), following. Originating Point Codes apply as set forth in 6.9.1 preceding for each code added or changed.

(D) Rate Application

Signal Transport

A Signal Transport usage charge will be assessed for each Initial Address Message (IAM) or Transaction Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) message that is transported from the originating LATA's local STP to the terminating LATA's local STP.

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18. Incidental InterLATA Service (Cont'd)

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18.1.1 Signaling System 7 (SS7) Gateway Signaling (Cont'd)

(D)Rate Application (Cont'd)

Signal Switching

A Signal Switching usage charge will be assessed for each IAM or TCAP message that is switched at the originating LATA's local STP.

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