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E3.1 General Description

- A. The Company will provide Carrier Common Line Access service to customers in conjunction with *BellSouth SWA* service (T) provided in Section E6. of this Tariff.
- **B.** Carrier Common Line Access service provides for the use of Company common lines by customers for access to end users to furnish intrastate communications.
- C. Premium Access is: *BellSouth SWA* service provided to ICs under this Tariff which furnish intrastate MTS/*BellSouth SWA* (T) WATS and *BellSouth SWA* service in an end office converted to equal access.

E3.2 Limitations

- A. A telephone number is not provided with Carrier Common Line Access service.
- **B.** Detail billing is not provided for Carrier Common Line Access service.
- C. *BellSouth* Directory *Assistance Access* listings are not included in the rates and charges for Carrier Common Line Access (T) service.
- D. Intercept arrangements are not included in the rates and charges for Carrier Common Line Access service.
- E. All line side connections provided in the same access group will be limited to the same features and operating characteristics.
- F. All trunk side connections provided in the same access group will be limited to the same features and operating characteristics.
- G. Where *BellSouth SWA* services are connected with Special Access services (*a.k.a.BellSouth SPA*) at Company designated
 (T) *BellSouth SWA* WATS serving offices for the provision of *BellSouth SWA* WATS or *BellSouth SWA* WATS-type services,
 BellSouth SWA service minutes which are carried on that end of the service (i.e., originating minutes for outward *BellSouth SWA* WATS and *BellSouth SWA* WATS-type services and terminating minutes for inward *BellSouth SWA* WATS and *BellSouth SWA* WATS-type services) shall not be assessed Carrier Common Line Access service per minute charges.

E3.3 Undertaking of the Company

- A. Where the customer is provided *BellSouth SWA* service under other sections of this Tariff, the Company will provide the use (T) of Company common lines by a customer for access to end users at rates and charges as set forth in E3.10 following.
- **B.** The *BellSouth SWA* service provided by the Company includes the *BellSouth SWA* service provided for both interstate and (M) (T) intrastate communications. The Carrier Common Line Access service rates and charges as set forth in E3.10 following apply to intrastate *BellSouth SWA* service access minutes in accordance with the rate regulations as set forth in E3.9 following.

E3.4 Obligations of the Customer

- A. The *BellSouth SWA* service associated with Carrier Common Line Access service shall be ordered by the customer under (M)(T) other sections of this Tariff.
- **B.** The customer facilities at the premises of the ordering customer shall provide the necessary on-hook and off-hook (M) supervision.

E3.5 Payment Arrangements

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- A. The Company will bill the Carrier Common Line Access service. The bill day (i.e., the billing date of a bill for a customer for Access Service under this Tariff), the period of service each bill covers and the payment date in a month will be established by the Company. Payment for such bills is due on the payment due date. The payment due date is the date which is 31 days after the bill day, or by the next bill date (i.e., same date in the following month as the bill date), whichever is the shortest interval, except as provided herein, and are payable in immediately available funds. If such payment due date would cause the payment to be due on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday (e.g., New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and a day when Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day or Columbus Day is legally observed), payment for such bills will be due from the customer as follows:
 - 1. If such payment due date falls on a Sunday or on a Holiday which is observed on a Monday, the payment due date shall (M) be the first non-Holiday day following such Sunday or Holiday.
 - 2. If such payment due date falls on a Saturday or on a Holiday which is observed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or ^(M) Friday, the payment due date shall be the last non-Holiday day preceding such Saturday or Holiday.
- B. Further, if any portion of the Carrier Common Line Access service payment is received by the Company after the payment (M) due date as set forth in A. preceding, or if any portion of the Carrier Common Line Access service payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available to the Company, then a late payment penalty may be due to the Company. The late payment penalty shall be the portion of the Carrier Common Line Access service payment not received by the payment due date times a late factor. The late factor shall be the lesser of:

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- **B.** (Cont'd)
 - 1. The highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions or public utilities compounded daily for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved, or
 - 2. 0.000590 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved.
- C. In the event of a billing dispute concerning Carrier Common Line Access service billed to the customer by the Company, the customer must submit a documented claim for the disputed amount. If the dispute is submitted on or before the payment due date or within 90 days after the payment due date and the disputed amount is paid prior to resolution of the dispute, any interest credits due the customer upon resolution of the dispute shall be calculated from the date of the overpayment to the resolution date. If the dispute is submitted more than 90 days after the payment due date and the dispute date and the dispute amount is paid prior to resolution of the dispute, any interest credits due the customer upon resolution of the customer upon resolution of the dispute amount is paid prior to resolution of the dispute, any interest credits due the customer upon resolution of the dispute shall be calculated from the dispute date or the date the payment is made, whichever occurs later, to the resolution date. The Company will resolve the dispute and assess interest credits or late payment penalties to the customer as set forth in B. preceding.

E3.6 Determination of Usage Subject to Carrier Common Line Access Service Charges

Except as set forth herein, all BellSouth SWA service provided to the customer will be subject to Carrier Common Line Access service charges.

- **A**. When the customer reports interstate and intrastate use of BellSouth SWA service, the associated Carrier Common Line Access service used by the customer for intrastate use will be determined as set forth in E3.9.D. following.
- B. (DELETE)
- **C.** When access to the local exchange is required to provide a customer service, e.g., MTS/BellSouth SWA WATS-type, telex, Data, etc. that uses a resold private line service, BellSouth SWA service rates and regulations, as set forth in Section E6. following will apply, except when such access to the local exchange is required for the provision of an enhanced service. Carrier Common Line Access service rates and charges as set forth in E3.10 following apply in accordance with the resale rate regulations as set forth in E3.7 following.

E3.7 Resold Services

- A. Where the customer is reselling MTS and/or MTS-type service(s) on which the Carrier Common Line Access and BellSouth SWA service charges have been assessed, the customer may, at the option of the customer, obtain BellSouth SWA FGA, BellSouth SWA FGB, BellSouth SWA FGD, BellSouth SWA LSBSA, or BellSouth SWA TSBSA 1 and BellSouth SWA TSBSA 3 BellSouth SWA service under this Tariff as set forth in Section E6. following for originating and/or terminating access in the local exchange. Such access group arrangements, whether single lines or trunks or multiline hunt groups or trunk groups, will have Carrier Common Line Access service charges applied as set forth in E3.10 following in accordance with the resale rate regulations set forth in this section. For purposes of administering this provision:
 - 1. Resold intrastate terminating MTS and MTS-type service(s) shall include collect calls, third number calls and credit card calls where the reseller pays the underlying carrier's service charges; and shall not include interstate minutes of use.¹
 - 2. Resold intrastate originating MTS and MTS-type service(s) shall not include collect, third number, credit card or interstate minutes of use.¹

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E3.7 Resold Services (Cont'd)

- **B.** When the customer is reselling MTS and/or MTS-type service(s) as set forth in A. preceding, the customer will be charged Carrier Common Line Access service charges in accordance with the resale rate regulations as set forth in D. following if the customer or the provider of the MTS service furnishes documentation of the MTS usage and/or the customer furnishes documentation of the MTS usage. Such documentation supplied by the customer shall be supplied each month and shall identify the involved resold MTS and/or MTS-type services. The monthly period used to determine the minutes of use for resold MTS and/or MTS-type service(s) shall be the most recent monthly period for which the customer has received a bill for such resold service(s). This information shall be delivered to the Company, at a location specified by the Company, no later than 15 days after the bill date shown on the resold MTS and/or MTS-type service bill. If the required information is not received by the Company, the previously reported information, as described preceding, will be used for the next two months. For any subsequent month, no allocation or credit will be made until the required documentation is delivered to the Company by the customer.
- **C.** When the customer utilizes *BellSouth SWA* service as set forth in B. preceding, the Company may request a certified copy of the customer's resold MTS or MTS-type usage billing from either the customer or the provider of the MTS or MTS-type service. Requests for this billing will relate back no more than 12 months prior to the current billing period.
- **D.** When the customer is provided an access group to be used in conjunction with the resale of MTS and/or MTS-type services as set forth in A. preceding, subject to the limitations as set forth in E3.2 preceding, and the Company receives the usage information required to calculate the adjustment of Carrier Common Line Access service charges as set forth in B. preceding, the customer will be billed as set forth in E., F. and G.

When the customer is provided with more than one access group in a LATA in association with the resale of MTS and/or MTS-type services, the resold minutes of use will be apportioned as follows:

- 1. The Company will apportion the resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type services and originating minutes of use for which the resale credit applies, among the access groups. Such apportionment will be based on the relationship of the originating usage for all access groups in the LATA. For purposes of administering this provision:
 - a. Resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type services minutes shall be only those attributable to intrastate originating MTS and/or MTS-type minutes and shall not include collect, third number, credit card or interstate minutes of use.¹
 - b. The resale credit adjustment shall apply for resold originating MTS and MTS-type services and minutes of use, provided Carrier Common Line *Access* and *BellSouth SWA* charges have been assessed on such services.
- 2. The Company will apportion the resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type services and terminating minutes of use for which resale credit applies, among the access groups. Such apportionment will be based on the relationship of the terminating usage for each access group to the total terminating usage for all access groups in the LATA. For purposes of administering this provision:
 - a. Resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type services minutes shall be only those attributable to intrastate terminating MTS and/or MTS-type (i.e., collect calls, third number calls, and credit card calls) and shall not include interstate minutes of use or MTS and MTS-type minutes of use paid for by another party.
 - b. The resale credit shall apply for resold terminating MTS and MTS-type services and minutes of use, provided Carrier Common Line *Access* and *BellSouth SWA* charges have been assessed on such services. ¹
- 3. In order for the rate regulations to apply as set forth in E., F. or G., following, the access groups and the resold MTS and/or MTS-type services must be provided in the same state (except when the same extended area service arrangement is provided in two different states by the same Company) in the same exchange, provided by the same Company and connected directly or indirectly. For those exchanges that encompass more than one state, the customer shall report the information by state within the exchange.
- 4. Each of the access group arrangements used by the customer in association with the resold MTS and/or MTS-type services must be connected either directly or indirectly to the customer designated premises at which the resold MTS and/or MTS-type services are terminated. Direct connections are those arrangements where the access groups and resold MTS and/or MTS-type services are terminated at the same customer designated premises.
- 5. Indirect originating connections are those arrangements where the access groups and the resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type services are physically located at different customer designated premises in the same exchange. Such different customer designated premises are connected by facilities that permit a call to flow from access groups to resold MTS and/or MTS-type services.
- 6. Indirect terminating connections are those arrangements where the access groups and resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type services are physically located at different customer designated premises in the same exchange. Such different customer designated premises are connected by facilities that permit a call to flow from resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type services to access groups.
- 7. The adjustments as set forth following will be computed separately for each access group.

Note 1: Effective July 28, 2016, Collect calls and Third Number billing are discontinued.

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E3.7 Resold Services (Cont'd)

- E. Access Groups Equal Access Offices
 - 1. When all the usage on an access group originates from and/or terminates at end offices that have been converted to equal access, the access charge per minute as set forth in E3.10 following will apply. The minutes billed Carrier Common Line Access service charges will be the adjusted terminating intrastate access minutes and the adjusted originating intrastate access minutes for such access groups.
 - 2. The adjusted terminating access minutes will be the terminating intrastate access minutes less the reported resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in D. preceding; but not less than zero. The adjusted originating access minutes will be the originating intrastate access minutes less the reported resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use; but not less than zero.
- **F.** The adjustment as set forth in E. preceding will be made to the involved customer account no later than either the next bill date, or the one subsequent to that, depending on when the usage report is obtained.
- **G.** When the MTS and/or MTS-type usage is shown in hours, the number of hours shall be multiplied by 60 to develop the associated MTS and MTS-type minutes of use. If the MTS and/or MTS-type usage is shown in a unit that does not show hours or minutes, the customer shall provide a factor to convert the shown units to minutes.
- **H.** The adjustment as set forth in E. preceding will be made to the involved customer account after making the adjustments to the customer account as set forth in E3.9 following.

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E3.9 Rate Regulations

- A. Carrier Common Line Access service charges will be billed to each BellSouth SWA service provided under this Tariff in accordance with the regulations as set forth in E3.7.D. preceding and D. following.
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- **C.** When Carrier Common Line Access service is provided in association with BellSouth SWA FGA, BellSouth SWA FGB, BellSouth SWA LSBSA or BellSouth SWA TSBSA 1 BellSouth SWA service in Company offices that are not equipped for measurement capabilities, an assumed average access minutes will be used to determine the Carrier Common Line Access service charges. These assumed average access minutes are as set forth in E6.7.8 following.
- **D.** When the customer reports interstate and intrastate use of in-service BellSouth SWA service, the Carrier Common Line Access service charges will be billed only to intrastate BellSouth SWA service access minutes based on the data reported by the customer as set forth in E2.3.10 preceding except where the Company is billing according to actuals by jurisdiction. The intrastate BellSouth SWA service access minutes will, after adjustment as set forth in E3.7.D. preceding, when necessary, be used to determine the Carrier Common Line Access service charges as set forth in E. following.

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E3.9 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

- **E.** After the adjustments as set forth in E3.7.D. and D. preceding have been applied, when necessary, to the BellSouth SWA service access minutes, the charges for the involved customer account will be determined as follows:
 - 1. The access minutes for all rated BellSouth SWA service subject to Carrier Common Line Access service charges will be multiplied by the access per minute rate as set forth in E3.10 following.
 - 2. Carrier Common Line Access service charges shall not be reduced as set forth in E3.7.A. preceding unless BellSouth SWA charges, as set forth in Section E6.of this Tariff following, are applied to the customer's BellSouth SWA services.
 - 3. Terminating access per minute charge(s) apply to:
 - all terminating access minutes of use;
 - all originating access minutes of use associated with BellSouth SWA FGA and BellSouth SWA LSBSA access services where the off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers;
 - all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700 and 800 numbers, less the percentage of originating access minutes of use reported by the customer, as set forth following, that are associated with calls placed to 700 and 800 numbers that terminate in a BellSouth SWA service that is assessed Carrier Common Line Access service charges.

For originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700 and 800 numbers which terminate on a BellSouth SWA service assessed Carrier Common Line Access service charges, the customer shall report as follows: On or before the fifteenth day of each March, June, September and December the customer shall provide the Company a report of the percentage of total interstate 700 and 800 originating minutes of use that will terminate in a BellSouth SWA service that is assessed Carrier Common Line Access service charges for the forthcoming quarter. The reported percentage will be used by the Company to determine the customer's current monthly bill for the originating minutes of use for which the report was provided as set forth in 5. following. The customer reported percentage should reflect any under or over estimate in the prior quarter. In the event the customer does not supply a report, the Company will assume the percentage to be the same as that provided in the previous quarterly report.

If a dispute arises concerning the customer provided quarterly percentage report, the Company may request the customer to provide the data the customer used to determine the percentage. The customer shall keep records from which the reported percentage credit can be ascertained. Upon request of the Company, the customer shall make records available for inspection as reasonably necessary for purposes of verification of the percentages and shall supply the data within 30 days of the Company's request. The Company will not request such data more than twice a year.

- 4. The originating access per minute charge(s) apply to all originating access minutes of use:
 - less those originating access minutes of use associated with BellSouth SWA FGA and BellSouth SWA LSBSA services where off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers;
 - less all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700 and 800 numbers;
 - plus all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700 and 800 numbers for which the customer furnishes a report of the percentage of minutes that terminate in a BellSouth SWA service that is assessed Carrier Common Line Access service charges, and for which a corresponding reduction in the number of terminating access minutes of use has been made as set forth in 4. preceding.

E3.10 Rates and Charges

- A. The rates for Carrier Common Line Access service are:
 - 1. Access

	Rate	USOC
(a)Originating per minute		(C)
844	\$.000000	NA (C)
Non-8YY	.000000	NA (N)
(b) Terminating per minute ¹	.000000	NA
Note 1: Rate reduction effective December 1, 2001		

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