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32. Incidental InterLATA Service

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

32.1 Miscellaneous Services32.1.1 Incidental InterLATA SS7 Transport (SS7 Transport)(A) General Description

The SS7 Transport provides for the routing and screening of SS7 messages by a Telephone Company STP. SS7 Transport will route messages to the global title address (e.g., LIDB query, NPA-NXX) or to the signaling point code address based on the translation done at the Telephone Company's STP. SS7 Transport includes the screening of intraLATA and interLATA SS7 messages based on the originating signaling point code (SPC) and the routing of intraLATA and interLATA SS7 messages by a Telephone Company STP.

The provision of SS7 Transport 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 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. The terms "interLATA," "telephone exchange services," "exchange access," "local exchange carrier" and "common carriers" are used as defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 153.

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32. Incidental InterLATA Service (Cont'd)32.1 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)32.1.1 Incidental InterLATA SS7 Transport (SS7 Transport) (Cont'd)(B) Provisioning

- (1) SS7 Transport 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.

SS7 Transport 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.

- (2) The Access Order Charge applicable for CCS/SS7 Interconnection Service will apply per Access Order for the installation, addition, change or rearrangement of SS7 Transport.

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32. Incidental InterLATA Service (Cont'd)32.1 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)32.1.1 Incidental InterLATA SS7 Transport (SS7 Transport) (Cont'd)(C) Rate Regulations

This section contains specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply for SS7 Transport.

Usage rates apply to SS7 Transport service. Usage rates are rates that apply on a per unit basis, when a specific rate element is used. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have thirty (30) days.

Specific rates and charges are set forth in 32.2 (Rates and Charges). In addition, the CCS/SS7 Interconnection Service Customer Signaling Point Code, as set forth in 23.4 (Rates and Charges), will apply per code.

Jurisdictional reporting requirements are set forth in 2.4 (Jurisdictional Reports).

SS7 Transport

The SS7 Transport rate element provides for the screening and routing of messages per Telephone Company STP.

The SS7 Transport is measured in octets and applies per million octets of information generated by the customer's signaling point or by a signaling point connected via the customer's signaling point, and screened and routed by a Telephone Company's STP. When signaling messages use multiple Telephone Company's STPs, the SS7 Transport rate applies for each STP utilized.

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Usage charges are developed by the Telephone Company based upon recordings of octets generated by the customer's signaling point or octets that are generated by a signaling point connected via the customer's signaling point. If such recordings are not available, the Telephone Company will develop usage charges through the use of assumed usage as described in (2) following.

(1) Determining Usage Charges from Recordings

Octets are accumulated and records are generated by the Telephone Company identifying the number of octets screened and routed by the Telephone Company's STPs. This information is delivered to the accounting office for processing and billing. SS7 Transport charges will be accumulated per signaling link and billed to the customer each month.

(2) Determining Usage Charges from Assumed Usage

Assumed usage will be used when the Telephone Company's SS7 records are not available to determine charges. When assumed usage applies, the assumed usage will be an average of customer's most recent three months of actual usage. The assumed usage will be used in the development of the customer's SS7 Transport usage charges.

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32.2 Rates and Charges

All rates and charges contained in this section are applicable to Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. The applicable USOC's are included where appropriate.

Incidental InterLATA SS7 Transport (SS7 Transport)

	<u>Rate</u>
Per million octets	\$ 2.39

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