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26. Telecommunications Relay Interconnection Service (TRIS)

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26.1 General Description

This section provides the rules and regulations pertaining to the provisioning of Telecommunications Relay Interconnection Service(TRIS).

TRIS is provisioned as a Switched Access Service and is only provided in conjunction with a Telecommunications Relay Service(TRS) provider to allow end user customers of TRS to reach their carrier of choice. TRIS provides the capability for a TRS provider to pass signaling information to a Telephone Company digital access tandem for routing of a TRS call to a designated interexchange carrier.

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26.2 Service Description

TRIS is a one-way originating only service utilizing a 1.544 mbps facility for the transmission of a 56 kbps channel from a TRS provider's premises to a designated Telephone Company digital access tandem. TRS provides the capacity for 24 trunks over which a TRS provider may originate calls from TRS end users. TRS is available where facilities permit.

At the TRS provider's request, the Telephone Company will establish a TRIS facility or facilities at a digital access tandem where FGD switching is provided. Only one Telephone Company digital access tandem may be designated by a TRS provider in a state.

The TRS provider will provide signaling on all calls delivered to the TRIS. Such signaling will be in the form of a two stage originating FGD format. The first stage of the signaling format will use the form "OZZ XXX" where OZZ is used to specify a particular trunk group and XXX is the CIC of the end user's carrier of choice. The second stage of the signaling format will include the Automatic Number Identification (ANI) of the calling end user (including the ANI II digits that will identify the call as being associated with TRS) as well as the end user's called number.

The TRS provider will also provide wink start start-pulsing signals, disconnect supervisory signaling and multifrequency address signaling. Multifrequency address signaling will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the transport provided.

The Telephone Company will route the TRS call to the end user's carrier of choice based upon the first stage of the signaling information provided by the TRS provider. In order for the Telephone Company's routing efforts to be successful, the end user's carrier of choice must provide service to the digital access tandem where the TRIS is terminated.

The TRS provider will provide the Telephone Company with recordings of originating TRIS usage as set forth in 26.4 (TRIS Recordings).

TRIS may not be used with any other Switched or Special Access service offering of the Telephone Company.

There are no features available with TRIS.

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26.3 Service Provisioning26.3.1 Channel Interfaces

The available network channel (NC) and network channel interface (NCI) codes for TRIS are:

<u>NC</u>	<u>NCI</u>
SH-D	04DS9.15
HC--	

Explanations of these codes are set forth in Technical Reference TR-NWT-000334.

26.3.2 Transmission Specifications

Transmission Specifications for TRIS are the same as those for Feature Group D and may be found in Technical Reference TR-NWT-000334.

Technical specifications for TRIS are the same as those for DS1 and may be found in the following Technical Reference Publications:

TP-76625
PUB 62411
TR-INS-000342

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26.3 Service Provisioning (Cont'd)26.3.3 Testing(A) Acceptance Testing

At the customer's request, and at no additional charge, the Telephone Company will cooperatively test the following parameters:

- loss
- C-notched noise
- 3-tone slope
- D.C. Continuity
- operational signaling

The Telephone Company will also test for the parameters applicable to DS1 service as specified in Technical Reference TP 76625.

(B) Testing Capabilities

Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing for which charges do apply is available as described in 13.3.6 (Testing Services for Switched Access Service) and as set forth in 13.3.7 (Testing Services for Special Access Service, MegaLink Custom Service and Self-healing Transport Network (STN)).

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The Telephone Company will administer its network to insure the provision of acceptable service levels to all telecommunications users of the Telephone Company's network services.

The Telephone Company maintains the right to apply protective controls which would generally be applied as a result of occurrences such as failure or overload of Telephone Company or customer facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands. In the event that the protective controls applied by the Telephone Company result in the complete loss of service by the customer, the customer will be granted a credit allowance in conjunction with the regulations specified in 2.5.6 (Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions). (T)

26.3.5 Design Layout Report

At the request of the TRS provider, the Telephone Company will provide the make-up of the facilities used to provide TRIS to aid the TRS provider in designing its overall service. This information will be provided in the form of a Design Layout Report. The Design Layout Report will be provided to the TRS provider at no charge and will be reissued or updated whenever the facilities are materially changed.

26.3.6 Ordering

Service ordering or modification provisions will apply as set forth in Section 5 (Ordering for Access Service). The Access Order Charge applicable for Switched Access will apply per Access order for the installation, addition, change or rearrangement of TRIS.

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26.4 TRIS Recordings

The TRS provider will furnish the Telephone Company with recordings of TRS usage on a weekly basis so that the Telephone Company can render timely bills to its customers. These weekly recordings must be in standard Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) format. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the TRS provider to develop and test the data format as well as the medium to be used for the delivery of the recorded information. The development and testing efforts of the Telephone Company and the TRS provider shall be completed prior to the availability of TRIS. The first TRIS recording provided by the TRS provider must be received by the Telephone Company one week from the date TRIS is made available for use. Subsequent recordings must be received by the Telephone Company on a weekly basis.

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26.5 Rate Regulations

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

There are two types of rates and charges which apply to TRIS. These are monthly recurring rates and nonrecurring charges.

Specific rates and charges are set forth in 26.7 (Rates and Charges). Jurisdictional reporting requirements are set forth in 2.4 (Jurisdictional Reports).

26.5.1 Rate Elements(A) TRIS Termination

The TRIS Termination rate element provides for the communications path between a TRS provider's premises and the serving wire center of that premises. Included as part of the TRIS Termination is a standard channel interface arrangement which defines the technical characteristics associated with the type of facilities to which the Switched Access Service is to be connected at the point of termination.

(B) TRIS Mileage

The TRIS Mileage rate element provides for the transmission facilities between the serving wire center of the TRS provider's premises and the Telephone Company's digital access tandem where the TRIS terminates.

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26.5 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)26.5.2 Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for a specific work activity. Nonrecurring charges are applicable for installation of the service and for rearrangement of the service. In addition, an Access Order Charge may apply as set forth in 5.3.1 (Access Order Charges).

A nonrecurring charge applies for the installation of each TRIS facility ordered. This charge is applied on a first and additional basis. If a customer orders multiple TRIS facilities on the same access order, the first facility is assessed the "first" charge and each additional facility is assessed the "additional" charge.

26.5.3 Monthly Rates

Monthly rates are fixed recurring rates that apply each month, or fraction thereof, that a specific rate element is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have thirty (30) days.

(A) TRIS Termination

A monthly rate applies to each TRIS facility on a per point of termination basis.

(B) TRIS Mileage

The TRIS Mileage charge applies only to the TRIS facility and is calculated according to mileage band. There are two rates that apply per band: a fixed monthly rate and a rate per mile.

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26. Telecommunications Relay Interconnection Service (TRIS) (Cont'd) (N)26.5 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)26.5.3 Monthly Rates (Cont'd)(B) TRIS Mileage (Cont'd)

A fixed monthly rate applies, per mileage band, for each TRIS facility between the serving wire center of the TRS provider's premises and the Telephone Company's digital access tandem where the TRIS facility is terminated.

A monthly rate per mile applies to each airline mile between the serving wire center of the TRS provider's premises and the Telephone Company's digital access tandem where the TRIS facility is terminated.

26.5.4 Determining TRIS Access Mileage and Charges

The mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for TRIS Mileage is calculated on the airline distance between the locations involved, i.e., the Telephone Company's serving wire center for the TRS premises and the Telephone Company's digital access tandem where the TRIS facility terminates.

Mileage is shown in terms of mileage bands as specified in 26.7 (Rates and Charges). To determine the rate to be billed, first compute the mileage using the V&H coordinates method, as set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, then find the band into which the computed mileage falls and apply the rate shown for that band. When the calculation results in a fraction of a mile, always round up to the next whole mile before determining the mileage band and applying the rates.

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26. Telecommunications Relay Interconnection Service (TRIS) (Cont'd) (N)26.5 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)26.5.5 Minimum Period

TRIS is provided for a minimum period of one month. When service is disconnected prior to the expiration of the minimum period, monthly charges are applicable for the balance of the minimum period.

If service is disconnected after the minimum period, monthly charges will be based on the actual number of days the service is furnished. In order to determine the charges for a fractional portion of a month, every month is considered to have 30 days.

26.5.6 Moves

The regulations for moves and application of charges are set forth in 6.7.10 (Moves).

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

	<u>Rate per Month</u>
(A) <u>TRIS Termination</u> per point of termination (XXXX)	\$164.71
(B) <u>TRIS Mileage</u> Fixed (XXXX)	
0 Miles	\$ 0.00
Over 0 miles	\$ 58.28
Per Mile (XXXX)	
0 Miles	\$ 0.00
Over 0 miles	\$ 23.82
	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
(C) <u>Installation</u> first termination (XXXX)	\$628.00
additional terminations (XXXX)	\$456.00

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