

E3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS

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The Company will provide Carrier Common Line Access Service (Carrier Common Line Access) to ICs.

E3.1 General Description

- A. Carrier Common Line Access provides for the use of Company common lines by ICs for access to end users to furnish IC intrastate telecommunications service.
- B. Carrier Common Line Access is provided where the IC obtains Company BellSouth SWA services under this Tariff.
- C. Premium Access is (1) BellSouth SWA service provided to ICs under this Tariff which furnish intrastate Bellsouth SWA MTS/BellSouth SWA WATS and (2) BellSouth SWA service in an end office converted to Equal Access.
- D. **(DELETED)** (D)
- E. **(DELETED)** (D)

E3.2 Limitations

- A. A telephone number is not provided with Carrier Common Line Access.
- B. Detail billing is not provided for Carrier Common Line Access.
- C. Directory listings are not included in the rates and charges for Carrier Common Line Access.
- D. Intercept arrangements are not included in the rates and charges for Carrier Common Line Access.
- E. Where BellSouth SWA services are connected with Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) services at Company designated 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.
- F. All line side connections provided in the same combined access group will be limited to the same features and operating characteristics. Such features and characteristics will be limited to those which are available under both this Tariff and the general and/or local exchange tariff applicable to the group involved.
- G. All trunk side connections provided in the same combined access group will be limited to the same features and operating characteristics.

E3.3 Undertaking of the Company

- A. Where the IC is provided with BellSouth SWA service under other sections of this Tariff, the Company will provide the use of Company common lines by an IC for access to end users at rates and charges as set forth in E3.9 following.
- B. The BellSouth SWA service provided by the Company includes the BellSouth SWA service provided for both interstate and intrastate communications. The Carrier Common Line Access rates and charges as set forth in E3.9 following apply to intrastate BellSouth SWA minutes in accordance with the regulations as set forth in E3.8 following. (T)

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E3.4 Obligations of the IC

- A. The BellSouth SWA service associated with Carrier Common Line Access shall be ordered by the IC under other sections of this Tariff.
- B. The IC facilities at the IC terminal location shall provide the necessary on-hook and off-hook supervision.

E3.5 Payment Arrangements

- A. The Company will bill the Carrier Common Line Access. The bill day (i.e., the billing date of the bill) in a month for each IC account will be established by the Company. Payment is due from the IC 31 days after the bill day date (payment date) or by the next bill date (i.e., same date in the following month as the bill date), whichever is the shortest interval, and is payable in *immediately* available funds. If such payment date is a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday (i.e., New Year's Day, *Independence* Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, the second Tuesday in November, and a day when Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day or Columbus Day is legally Observed), payment will be due from the IC as follows:
 - 1. If such payment date falls on a Sunday or on a Holiday, which is observed on a Monday, the payment date shall be the first non-Holiday day following such Sunday or Holiday. If such payment date falls on a Saturday or on a Holiday, which is observed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the payment date shall be the last non-Holiday day preceding such Saturday or Holiday.
- B. Further, if any portion of the Carrier Common Line Access payment is received by the Company after the payment date as set forth in A. preceding, or if any portion of the Carrier Common Line Access payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available to the Company, then a late payment penalty shall be due to the Company. The late payment penalty shall be the portion of the Carrier Common Line Access payment not received by the payment date times a late factor. The late factor shall not exceed the rate of one percent per month.
- C. In the event a billing dispute concerning a month's Carrier Common Line Access billed to the IC by the Company is resolved in favor of the Company, any payments withheld pending settlement of the dispute shall be subject to the late payment penalty set forth in B. preceding. If the billing dispute is resolved in favor of the IC, no late payment penalty will apply to the disputed amount.

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

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

- A. When the IC reports interstate and intrastate use of BellSouth SWA service, the associated Carrier Common Line Access used by the IC for intrastate use will be determined as set forth in E3.8 following.
- B. **(DELETE)**
- C. When access to the local exchange is required to provide an IC (e.g. MTS/ BellSouth SWA WATS-type, telex, data, etc.) that uses service a resold Private Line Service, BellSouth SWA service Rates and Regulations, as set forth in E6.7 following will apply. Carrier Common Line Access rates and charges as set forth in E3.9 following apply in accordance with the resale rate regulations as set forth in E3.7 following.

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- A.** Where the IC is reselling MTS or MTS-type service(s) on which the Carrier Common Line and BellSouth SWA charges have been assessed, the IC may, at the option of the IC, obtain BellSouth SWA FGA, BellSouth SWA FGB or BellSouth SWA FGD 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 charges applied as set forth in E3.9 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 (N)
 2. Resold intrastate originating MTS and MTS-type service(s) shall not include collect, third number, credit card or interstate minutes of use. ¹ (N)
- B.** When the IC is reselling MTS and/or MTS-type service as set forth in A. preceding, the IC will be charged the Carrier Common Line Access charges in accordance with the resale rate regulations as set forth in D. following if the IC or the provider of the MTS service furnishes documentation of the MTS usage and/or the IC furnishes documentation of the MTS-type usage. Such documentation supplied by the IC 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 IC 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 fifteen 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 IC.
- C.** When the IC utilizes BellSouth SWA service as set forth in B. preceding, the Company may request a certified copy of the IC's resold MTS and/or MTS-type usage billing from either the IC or the provider of the MTS and/or MTS-type service. Requests for billing will relate back no more than twelve months prior to the current billing period.
- D.** When the IC 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 limitation as set forth in E3.2 preceding, and the Company receives the usage information required to calculate the adjustment of Carrier Common Line Access Charges as set forth in B. preceding, the customer will be billed as set forth following.

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 or MTS-type services and originating minutes of use for which resale credit adjustment applies, among the access groups. Such apportionment will be based on the relationship of the originating usage for each access group to the total 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 (N)
 - b. The resale credit adjustment shall apply for resold originating MTS and /or MTS-type services and minutes of use, provided Carrier Common Line and BellSouth SWA charges have been assessed on such services. ¹ (N)
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/or MTS-type minutes of use paid for by another party. ¹ (N)
 - b. The resale credit adjustment shall apply for resold terminating MTS and MTS-type services and minutes of use, provided Carrier Common Line and BellSouth SWA charges have been assessed on such services.

Note 1: Effective July 30, 2016, Collect Calls and Third Number Billing are discontinued. (N)

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3. In order for the rate regulations to apply as set forth 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 IC shall report the information by state within the exchange.
4. Each of the access group arrangements used by the IC in association with the resold MTS and/or MTS-type services must be connected either directly or indirectly to the IC 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 IC 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 IC designated premises in the same exchange. Such different IC 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 IC designated premises in the same exchange. Such different IC 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.

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F. Access Groups - Equal Access Offices Only

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 E3.9 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 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.

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- H.** The adjustment as set forth in F. preceding will be made to the involved IC account no later than either the next bill date, or the one subsequent to that, depending on when the usage report is obtained.
- I.** When the MTS-type and/or MTS usage is shown in hours, the number of hours shall be multiplied by sixty to develop the associated MTS-type and/or MTS minutes of use. If the MTS-type and/or MTS usage is shown in a unit that does not show hours or minutes, the IC shall provide a factor to convert the shown units to minutes.
- J.** The adjustment as set forth in F. and H. preceding will be made to the involved IC account after making the adjustments to the IC account as set forth in E3.8 following.

E3.8 Rate Regulations

- A.** The Carrier Common Line Charges will be billed per access minute to each IC BellSouth SWA service provided under this Tariff in accordance with the regulations as set forth in E3.7 preceding and **D.** following.
- B.** The access minutes which are used to determine the Carrier Common Line Charges will be accumulated using call detail recorded by Company equipment except as set forth in **C** following. The Company measuring and recording equipment, except as set forth in **C** (D) following, will be associated with end office or local tandem switching equipment and will record each originating and terminating access minute where answer supervision is received. The accumulated access minutes will be summed by line group or end office, whichever type of account is used by the Company, for each IC and then rounded to the nearest minute. For FX/ONAL BellSouth SWA FGA, the access minutes will be reported on a line by line basis.
- C.** When Carrier Common Line Access is provided in association with BellSouth SWA FGA and BellSouth SWA FGB service in Company end offices that are not equipped for measurement capabilities, an assumed average access minutes will be used to determine the Carrier Common Line charges. The assumed average access minutes are as follows:
1. When a BellSouth SWA service is provided where neither the originating access minutes nor the terminating access minutes are measured, the assumed average access minutes are 4076 minutes for each such FX/ONAL provided and 9000 minutes for each BellSouth SWA MTS/BellSouth SWA WATS-type BellSouth SWA FGA and BellSouth SWA FGB service. When originating only BellSouth SWA service is provided where the originating access minutes are not measured, the originating assumed average access minutes are 4076 and 9000 minutes respectively for FX/ONAL and BellSouth SWA MTS/BellSouth SWA WATS-type service, no terminating access minutes will apply. When terminating only BellSouth SWA service is provided where the terminating access minutes are not measured, the terminating access minutes are 4076 and 9000 minutes respectively for FX/ONAL and BellSouth SWA MTS/BellSouth SWA WATS-type service, no originating access minutes will apply.
 2. When a BellSouth SWA service arranged for both originating and terminating use is provided where terminating access minutes are measured but the originating access minutes are not measured, the assumed average originating access minutes are 2297 and 4500 originating minutes respectively for each FX/ONAL and BellSouth SWA MTS/BellSouth SWA WATS-type service provided.
 3. When a BellSouth SWA service arranged for both originating and terminating use is provided where originating access minutes are measured but the terminating access minutes are not measured, the assumed average terminating access minutes are 1779 and 4500 terminating minutes respectively for each FX/ONAL and BellSouth SWA MTS/BellSouth SWA WATS-type service provided.
 4. When Foreign Exchange Service is provided as BellSouth SWA FGA service it is *a* BellSouth SWA MTS/BellSouth SWA WATS-type equivalent.

The assumed average access minutes as set forth in 1., 2., 3. and 4. preceding apply in the operating area of the Company except when the Company specifies a different number of assumed average access minutes as set forth in E6.7.8 following. When the Company specifies a different number of assumed average access minutes in E6.7.8 following, the appropriate assumed average access minutes as set forth in E6.7.8 following will be used in lieu of the assumed average access minutes as set forth in 1., 2., 3. and 4. preceding in that Company's operating area to determine the Carrier Common Line Charges for the BellSouth SWA service involved.

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- D.** When the IC reports interstate and intrastate use of BellSouth SWA service, the Carrier Common Line Access minutes will be adjusted as follows. The Carrier Common Line Access minutes developed by the billing entity will be multiplied by the intrastate percentage reported by the IC as set forth in E2.3.14. This result will then be used to determine the Carrier Common Line Charges as set forth in *E.* following. (C)
- E.** After the adjustments as set forth in E3.7D and *D.* preceding have been applied, when necessary, to the Carrier Common Line Access minutes, the charges for the involved IC account will be determined as follows: (T)
1. The access minutes for a Facility Based Interexchange Carrier and/or Non Facility Based Interexchange Carrier will be multiplied by the Carrier Common Line Charges as set forth in E3.9 following to determine the charges.
 2. Carrier Common Line Access service charges shall not be reduced as set forth in E3.7.D. preceding unless BellSouth SWA charges, as set forth in Section E6. following, are applied to the IC'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 services where the off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the IC's equipment when the called party answers;
 - all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800, and 900 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, 800, and 900 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, 800, and 900 numbers which terminate on a BellSouth SWA service assessed Carrier Common Line Access service charges, the IC shall report as follows: On or before the fifteenth day of each March, June, September and December the IC shall provide the Company a report of the percentage of total interstate 700, 800 and 900 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 IC's current monthly bill for the originating minutes of use for which the report was provided as set forth in 4. following. The IC reported percentage should reflect any under or over estimate in the prior quarter. In the event the IC 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 IC provided quarterly percentage report, the Company may request the IC to provide the data the IC used to determine the percentage. The IC shall keep records from which the reported percentage credit can be ascertained. Upon request of the Company, the IC 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 services where off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the IC's equipment when the called party answers;
 - less all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 and 900 numbers;
 - plus all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 and 900 numbers for which the IC 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 3. preceding.

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E3.9 Rates and Charges

A. The rate for Carrier Common Line Access is:

1. Carrier Common Line Charge

	Rate	USOC	
(a) Originating Access Minute, each			(C)
8YY	\$.00000	NA	(C)
Non-8YY	.00000	NA	(N)
(b) Terminating Access Minute, each ¹	.00000	NA	(D)
			(D)

Note 1: The surcharge on the Terminating Carrier Common Line Charge is \$.0000.