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**E2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)**

**E2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)**

**C. When Credit Allowance Does Not Apply (Cont'd)**

3. Interruptions of a service during any period in which the Company is not afforded access to the premises where the service is terminated.
4. Interruptions of a service when the IC or end user has released that service to the Company for maintenance purposes, to make rearrangements, or for the implementation of an order for a change in the service during the time that was negotiated with the IC or End User prior to the release of that service. Thereafter, a credit allowance as set forth in B. preceding applies.
5. Interruptions of a service which continue because of the failure of the IC or End User to authorize replacement of any element of special construction, as set forth in E14 following. The period for which no credit allowance is made begins on the seventh day after the IC or End User receives the Company's written notification of the need for such replacement and ends on the day after receipt by the Company of the IC's or End User's written authorization for such replacement.
6. Periods when the IC or End User elects not to release the service for testing and/or repair and continues to use it on an impaired basis.
7. Periods of temporary discontinuance as set forth in E2.2.2 preceding.
8. An interruption or a group of interruptions, resulting from a common cause, for amounts less than one dollar.
9. Periods of interruption as set forth in E13.3 following.
10. (DELETED)
11. (DELETED)
12. (DELETED)

**D. Use of an Alternative Service Provided by the Company**

Should the IC elect to use an alternative service provided by the Company during the period that a service is interrupted, the IC must pay the tariffed rates and charges for the alternative service used.

**E. Temporary Surrender of a Service**

In certain instances, the IC may be requested by the Company to surrender a service for purposes other than maintenance, testing or activity relating to a service order. If the IC consents, a credit allowance will be granted. The credit allowance will be 1/1440 of the monthly rate for each period of 30 minutes or fraction thereof that the service is surrendered. In no case will the credit allowance exceed the monthly rate for the service surrendered in any one monthly billing period.

**E2.4.5 Cost Assessment Charge (CAC)**

- A.** A Cost Assessment Charge is assessed on a percentage basis against all billed revenue for business Customers subscribing to the transport services listed below. The CAC is established to recover property taxes. This charge is not a tax or fee that the government requires AT&T to collect from Customers. The CAC will not apply to Federal, State or Local Government Accounts, or to any accounts identified in the billing systems of the Company as being exempt from application of the Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF).

<u>Description</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
Cost Assessment Charge (CAC)		(N)
Transport services	2.85%	(N)
- BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service		(N)
- BellSouth Wavelength Service		(N)
- AT&T Switched Ethernet Service		(N)
- AT&T Dedicated Ethernet Service		(N)

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### E2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

#### E2.4.6 Re-establishment of Service Following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence

##### A. Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply

Charges do not apply for the re-establishment of service following a fire, flood or other occurrence attributed to an Act of God provided that:

1. The service is of the same type as was provided prior to the fire, flood or other occurrence.
2. The service is for the same IC or End User.
3. The service is at the same location on the same premises.
4. The reestablishment of service begins within sixty days after Company service is available. (The sixty day period may be extended a reasonable period if the renovation of the original location on the premises affected is not practical within the allotted time period.)

##### B. Nonrecurring Charges Apply

Nonrecurring Charges apply for establishing service at a different location on the same premises or at a different premises pending reestablishment of service at the original location.

#### E2.4.7 Title or Ownership Rights

- A. The payment of rates and charges by ICs or end users for the services offered under the provisions of this Tariff does not assign, confer or transfer title or ownership rights to proposals or facilities developed or utilized, respectively, by the Company in the provision of such services.

#### E2.4.8 Billing of Access Service Provided by Multiple Companies

##### A. Feature Group A (FGA) Service<sup>1</sup>

When a Feature Group A (or LSBSA)<sup>2</sup> Switched Access Service is ordered by an IC or end user where one end of the Transport Element is in the Company's operating territory and the other end is in another Exchange Telephone Company's operating territory, the Exchange Telephone Company in whose territory the FGA dial-tone office is located will accept the order. In addition, the Exchange Telephone Company in whose territory the IC terminal location or end user serving wire center is located must also receive a copy of the order from the IC or end user. The Exchange Telephone Company that accepts the order will then determine the charges involved, arrange to provide the access service ordered and bill the charges in accordance with its Access Service Tariff.

Upon agreement of the Exchange Telephone Companies involved in the provision of FGA service, the dedicated portion of FGA service (i.e., Switched Dedicated Interoffice Channel, Switched Local Channel and Channelization Equipment) will be billed in accordance with the provisions of B. and C. following. For non-dedicated portions of FGA service, including the Interconnection charge, the rates of the billing Company will apply.

**Note 1:** Except where indicated herein, references to feature groups will also include the applicable Basic Serving Arrangement (BSA) as detailed in the matrix of Section 6.1.3 (A) of Tariff FCC No. 1 (e.g., the term FGA represents both FGA and Line Side Basic Service Arrangement (LSBSA)).

**Note 2:** Where LSBSA is provisioned with a DNAL, this sub-section, E2.4.8 shall also apply to the DNAL.

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