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## 2.5 Billing Regulations

## 2.5.1 (Reserved for Future Use)

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## 2.5 <u>Billing Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

## 2.5.2 Deposits

SWBT may, in order to safeguard its interests, require only those customers who have a proven history of late payments to SWBT or do not have established credit (except for a customer which is a successor of a company which has established credit and has no history of late payments to SWBT) to make a deposit, prior to or at any time after the provision of a service to the customer. Such deposit will be held by SWBT as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges. The deposit may not exceed the actual or estimated rates and charges for the service for a two month period. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves the customer from complying with SWBT's regulations as to the prompt payment of bills nor does it constitute a waiver or modification of the regular practices of SWBT providing for the discontinuance of the facilities for nonpayment of any sums due SWBT for facilities provided.

Simple interest, set annually by the Public Utility Commission of Texas at a rate of not less than 6% per annum or greater than 12% per annum, will be paid on deposits. {1} Payment of the interest to the customer shall be paid annually, if requested by the customer, or at the time the deposit is returned or credited to the customer's account. The deposit shall cease to draw interest on the date it is returned or credited to the customer's account.

SWBT shall promptly and automatically refund the deposit plus accrued interest to the customer in the form of cash or credit to a customer's bill, or void the guarantee, when the following conditions have been met:

- The customer has paid bills for service for twelve (12) consecutive residential billings or for twenty-four (24) consecutive commercial or industrial billings without having service disconnected for nonpayment of bills and without having more than two occasions in which a bill was delinquent, and
- The customer is not delinquent in the payment of the current bill.

At such time as the provision of service to the customer is terminated, the amount of the deposit will be credited to the customer's account and any credit balance which may remain will be refunded.

The rates of interest to be paid on customer deposits in accordance with Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann. art. 1440a (Vernon 1989), and overbillings or underbillings in accordance with P.U.C. SUBST. R. 23.45(g), are established annually on December 1 for the subsequent calendar year by the Commission, as reflected in the Order Setting Interest Rates included in the User's Guide section of this tariff.

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## 2.5 Billing Regulations (Cont'd)

## 2.5.3 Payment of Rates and Charges

For services provided under this tariff, SWBT will bill in the following manner:

- Charges or credits due to the customer for services established or discontinued during the preceding billing period will be billed on a current basis,
- Recurring rates and charges for services to be provided during the next billing period will be billed in advance, and
- Charges associated with service usage and provided to the Federal Government will be billed in arrears.

All bills are due within thirty (30) days after or by the next bill date. If the payment date would cause payment to be due on a Saturday, Sunday, or Legal Holiday, payment for such bills will be due from the customer as follows:

- If the payment due date falls on a Sunday or on a Legal Holiday which is observed by SWBT on a Monday, the payment shall be due the next workday after the due date.
- If the payment date falls on a Saturday or on a Legal Holiday which is observed by SWBT on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the payment date shall be the last non-holiday preceding such Saturday or Legal Holiday.

Adjustments for the quantities of services established or discontinued in any billing period beyond the minimum period set forth for services in other sections of this tariff will be prorated to the number days or fraction thereof based on a 30 day month.

When a rate as set forth in this tariff is shown to more than two decimal places, the charges will be determined using the rate shown. The resulting amount will be rounded to the nearest penny (i.e., rounded to two decimal places).

## (A) Past Due Charges

Bills are considered past due 30 days after the bill date or by the next bill date (i.e., same date as the bill date in the following month), whichever occurs first, and are payable in immediately available funds, except as set for in (D) following.

If the entire amount billed is received by SWBT after the payment date, except as set forth in (D) following, or if any portion of the payment is received by SWBT in funds which are not immediately available to the Telephone Company, then a late payment charge will apply to the unpaid balance. The late payment charge will be a onetime charge of five (5) percent per year (.000137 per day), compounded daily, for each day an outstanding balance remains. The late payment charge is calculated as follows:

L = A [(1 +.000137) $^{\rm N}$  -1] where L = late payment charge; A = amount past due; and N = the number of days past due.

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## 2.5 Billing Regulations (Cont'd)

## 2.5.3 Payment of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

Until such time as SWBT receives authorization to do so, late payment charges will not apply to service purchase-d by the government of the State of Texas, including service to an agency in any branch of that government.

## (B) Billing Disputes Resolved in Favor of SWBT

In the event that a billing dispute concerning any charges billed to the customer by SWBT is resolved in favor of SWBT, any payments withheld pending settlement of the dispute shall be subject to an additional charge determined in accordance with 2.5.3(A) (Past Due Charges) and applied to such disputed charges.

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#### 2.5.3 Payment of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

## Billing Disputes Resolved in Favor of the Customer

In the event that a billing dispute is resolved in favor of the customer, no late payment charge will apply to the disputed amount and the customer will receive a credit equal to the overcharged amount.

#### (1) Interest Credit

Further, the customer will receive an interest credit where an overcharge is not adjusted by SWBT within three billing cycles of the bill in error.

#### (2) Interest Credit Period

Such interest will be paid from the bill date on which the error occurred through the date of the bill to which the overbilling/interest is applied.

## Calculation of Interest Credit

Interest shall be applied to the amount of overcharge as specified in Substantive Rule  $23.45\,(g)$ . The rate of interest is set annually by the Public Utility Commission of Texas for a twelve month period and is based on an average of prime commercial paper rates for the previous twelve month period. {1}

## (D) Transport Restructure Payment Arrangement

With the restructure of Local Transport to Switched Transport charges for Entrance Facilities, Direct-Trunked Transport and Multiplexing will change from arrears advance billing. This change will occur on the customer's first bill following the restructure.

At the customer's request, SWBT will provide a one-time payment arrangement that will allow customers to defer the initial, monthly recurring flat-rated charges for Entrance Facility, Direct-Trunked Transport and Multiplexing and to pay those deferred charges in equal installments over a six month period without the imposition of late payment charges as set forth following:

The customer must request the payment arrangement within thirty calendar days of the bill date for the first bill following the restructure date by contacting SWBT's Interexchange Customer Service Center.

{1} The rates of interest to be paid on customer deposits in accordance with Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann. art. 1440a (Vernon 1989), and overbillings or underbillings in accordance with P.U.C. Subst. R. 23.45(g), are established annually on December 1 for the subsequent calendar year by the Commission, as reflected in the Order Setting Interest Rates included in the User's Guide section of this tariff.

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### 2.5 Billing Regulations (cont'd)

### 2.5.4 Minimum Periods

- A. The minimum period for which service is provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is set forth in each section of this tariff, where appropriate.
- B. When a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable whether the service is used or not as follows:
  - When a service with a one month minimum period is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, a one month charge will apply at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued.
  - 2. When a service with a minimum period greater than one month is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, with the exception of High Capacity Individual Case Basis (ICB) Services and associated multiplexing set forth in Section 7 (Special Access Services) and Section 12 (Specialized Service or Arrangements) the applicable charge will be the lesser of:
    - a. SWBT's total nonrecoverable costs, less the net salvage value, for the discontinued service, or
    - **b.** The total monthly charges, at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued, for the remainder of the minimum period.
- C. The minimum period for which service is provided and for which rates and charges are applicable for a Specialized Service or Arrangement provided on a ICB basis, as set forth in Section 12, is one month unless a different minimum period is established with the individual case filing.

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## 2.5 Billing Regulations (cont'd)

### 2.5.5 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions

### A. General

Service is considered to be interrupted when it becomes unusable to the customer because of a failure of a facility component used to furnish service under this tariff or the protective controls, specified in 6.7.11 (Network Management), result in the complete loss of service by the customer. An interruption period starts when an inoperative service is reported to SWBT and ends when the service is operative.

The credit allowance for an interruption or for a series of interruptions shall not exceed:

- The applicable monthly rate, or
- The assumed minutes of use charge.

For calculating credit allowances, every month is considered to have 30 days. When a service includes more than one communications path, the interruption allowance applies to the path interrupted. A refund may be accomplished by a credit on a subsequent bill for service.

### B. When a Credit Allowance Applies

In the event a customer's service is interrupted other than by the negligence or willful act of the customer, and it remains out of order for eight normal working hours or longer after access to the premises is made available and after being reported to be out of order, appropriate adjustments or refunds shall be made to the customer.

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3. A credit allowance for service interruptions will be applied to Switched Access Service and Directory Assistance Service depending upon whether or not the interruption is associated with a service that is usage rated or monthly recurring rated as set forth in (a) and (b) following:

## a. Credit Allowance for Usage Rated Services

If the service experiencing an interruption is billed assumed minutes of use, credit shall be allowed for an interruption of greater than 24 hours. Such credit will be at the rate of 1/30th of the assumed minutes of use charge for each period of 24 hours or fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

If the service experiencing an interruption is billed on a measured, usage sensitive basis, a credit allowance does not apply.

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## 2.5.5 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

## (B) (3) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

- (b) Credit Allowance for Monthly Recurring Rated Services
  - (1) Monthly recurring rated features that are associated with a usage rated service will be allowed a credit for an interruption of greater than 24 hours. Such credit will be at the rate of 1/30th of the applicable monthly rate for each period of 24 hours or fraction thereof that the interruption continues.
  - (2) For the following Switched Access and DA Access Services with monthly recurring rates as defined in 6.9.3 and 9.4.3:
    - Switched Transport
    - Directory Transport

the charges for which a credit will apply due to service interruptions will be the total of all monthly rate elements associated with the transport facility (i.e., per channel, or per DS1 or DS3, fixed per month and per mile per month, including any monthly rated features associated with the transport facility.

Credit allowances for monthly rates will be given for interruptions which are greater than 30 minutes. Credit will be at the rate of 1/1440 of all associated monthly rates for each period of 30 minutes or fraction thereof that the interruption continues after the initial 30 minute interruption. For Transport facilities using the multiplexing feature, credit will be allowed as set forth in (a) through (c) following:

(a) When Switched Transport is provided in a multiplexing arrangement and the multiplexer becomes inoperative, the monthly charge being credited will be the total of all monthly charges associated with the facilities being interconnected by the multiplexer. Such credit will include all monthly rated features associated with the interconnected facilities.

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## 2.5 Billing Regulations (Cont'd)

## 2.5.5 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

### (B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

- (3) (b) Credit Allowance for Monthly Recurring Rated Services (Cont'd)
  - (b) When a Switched Transport facility being provided in a multiplexing arrangement becomes inoperative, the monthly charge being credited will be the total of all monthly charges associated with the inoperative transport facility as well as that portion of all interconnected transport facilities which also becomes inoperative. Such credit will include all monthly rated features associated with the inoperative facility or that portion of the interconnected facilities which also becomes inoperative.
  - (c) When the service riding the channel of the multiplexed facility is inoperative, the monthly charge to be credited for the multiplexed facility shall be the total of all monthly rate element charges associated with the inoperative portion of the facility. The credit will include all monthly rated features associated with the inoperative transport facility.
  - (3) When a service outage occurs on a Direct-Trunked Transport facility and traffic is alternately routed to a Tandem-Switched Transport facility to avoid the service outage, SWBT may allow additional out-of-service credits as follows:

For Switched Access Service and DA Access Service, SWBT will first determine the length of time for which the customer is entitled to an adjustment on the Direct-Trunked Transport facility as set forth in (2) preceding. Because actual alternate tandem traffic cannot be captured during the service outage period, surrogate tandem usage factors have been developed based on an assumed 9,000 minutes of use per channel per month and a DA holding time of .633962 minutes.

Based on a 30 day month and 24 hour day, each half hour increment of service outage will result in an assumed alternate tandem usage level of 6.25 minutes of use per channel for Switched Access and 9.86 calls per channel for DA Access Service (i.e., 150 minutes or 237 calls per DS1 and 4,200 or 6,626 calls per DS3). This surrogate alternate traffic usage will be rated based on the airline distance between the customer's serving wire center and the end office where the Direct-Trunked Transport facility that experienced the service outage terminated. The appropriate Tandem Switched Transport subelements (i.e., Tandem Switched Transmission and Tandem Switching or Tandem-Switched Directory Transmission and Directory Tandem Switching) will be used to determine the total Alternate Traffic Credit.

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### 2.5 Billing Regulations (Cont'd)

## 2.5.5 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

## (B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

(3) (b) Credit Allowance for Monthly Recurring Rated Services (Cont'd)

If the Direct-Trunked Transport facility that experienced the service outage provided transport only for Switched Access Service, an Alternate Traffic Credit will only be calculated for Switched Access. If the facility provided transport only for DA Access Service, an Alternate Traffic Credit will only be calculated for DA Access Service. If the facility provided transport for both Switched Access Service and DA Access Service, the total Alternate Traffic Credit will be the sum for the credits calculated for both Switched Access Service.

If the amount of the Alternative Traffic Credit is greater than the amount of credit that would have been allowed as set forth in (2) preceding, SWBT will credit the customer the Alternate Traffic Credit instead of the lesser credit for the inoperative facility. If the Alternate Traffic Credit is less than or equal to the amount that would otherwise be credited to the customer (as set forth in (2) preceding), the Alternate Traffic Credit will not be allowed.

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## 2.5.5 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

## (B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

## (5) Expanded Interconnection

## (a) Virtual Collocation

An interruption period begins when an inoperative condition of a virtual collocation arrangement is reported to SWBT's designated contact point and ends when the virtual collocation arrangement is operative. No allowance for an interruption period will be provided for virtual collocation where the interruption is due to the actions or negligence of the interconnector or to an inoperative condition on SWBT provided Switched Access or Special Access Service.

When a credit allowance does apply, such credit will be determined based on the rates applicable to the specific item(s) causing the interruption; however, the credit allowance for an interruption or for a series of interruptions shall not exceed the applicable monthly rate for the item(s) involved.

For calculating credit allowances, every month is considered to have 30 days. No credit shall be allowed for an interrupted period of less than 30 minutes. The interconnector shall be credited for an interruption of 30 minutes or more at the rate of 1/1440 of the monthly rate.

When a third party vendor maintains and repairs an interconnector's designated basic termination equipment, credit allowance will not apply to any interruption of the items maintained and repaired by the third party vendor.

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## 2.5.5 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

## When a Credit Allowance Does Not Apply

- Interruptions caused by the negligence of the customer.
- Interruptions of a service due to the failure of equipment or systems provided by the customer or others.
- Interruptions of a service during any period in which SWBT is not afforded access to the premises where the service is terminated.
- When SWBT and the customer negotiate the release of the (4) service for (1) maintenance purposes, (2) to make rearrangements or (3) to implement an order for a change in the service, a credit allowance does not apply during the negotiated time of release. Thereafter, a credit allowance as set forth in (A) and (B) preceding does apply.
- (5) Interruptions of a service which continue because of the failure of the customer to authorize replacement of any element of special construction, as set forth in Section 14. The period for which no credit allowance is made begins on the seventh day after the customer receives SWBT's written notification of the need for such replacement and ends on the day after receipt of the written authorization for such replacement.
- Periods when the customer elects not to release the service for testing and/or repair and continues to use it on an impaired basis.
- Interruption of service caused by the customer's failure to provide notification to SWBT of media stimulated mass calling events as specified in 6.5.11 (Media Stimulated Mass Calling Events).
- A credit allowance for interruptions of 1.544 Mbps Access Service is not applicable unless the conditions described in 7.2.1(E) (Availability and Allowance for Interruptions on 1.544 Mbps Access Service) are satisfied.

## (D) Use of An Alternative Service Provided by SWBT

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

## Temporary Surrender of a Service

In certain instances, the customer may be requested to surrender a service for purposes other than maintenance, testing or activity relating to a service order. If the customer consents, a credit allowance will be granted. The credit allowance will be determined in the same manner as a credit for service interruptions as set forth in (A) preceding.

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## 2.5.6 Cost Assessment Charge (CAC)

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 from business Customers. 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 Telephone Company as being exempt from application of the Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF).

Description Monthly Rate
Cost Assessment Charge (CAC)

Transport services

- AT&T Switched Ethernet Service

- AT&T Dedicated Ethernet Service

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## 2.6 Jointly Provided Access Services

Switched Access, Special Access and Directory Assistance Transport may be provided jointly by two or more local exchange companies (LECs) where one end of the service is in one LEC's operating territory and the other end is in another LEC's operating territory. The joint provision of access service by two or more LECs will be in compliance with Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) {1} and Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) guidelines approved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These guidelines include common data elements which are required for the provision of verifiable and auditable bills for jointly provided access.

SWBT will provide written notice to all affected customers thirty days prior to the implementation of (1) meet point billing of a service and (2) changes to existing meet point billing arrangements. Additionally, SWBT will notify customers of the meet point billing arrangement applicable to a service at the time an order is placed with SWBT.

The type of billing arrangement utilized for jointly provided access service is dependent upon the type of access service provided. Feature Group A (FGA) Switched Access Service is provided under Single Company Billing as set forth in 2.6.1 following. Meet Point Billing (MPB) is for the joint provisioning of Feature Groups B, D (FGB, FGD) Switched Access, (including Direct-Trunked Transport and Tandem-Switched Transport), Special Access, and Directory Assistance Services through multiple LEC ordering and billing arrangements. Under a meet point billing arrangement, each involved LEC is allowed to receive compensation only for its portion of the access service rendered and only at the rates approved in its access tariff. Meet Point Billing is provided as either a Single Bill-Single Tariff MPB Arrangement or a Multiple Bill MPB Arrangement as specified in 2.6.2 and 2.6.3 respectively.

SWBT is responsible for ensuring that it has accurately transmitted and/or received customer usage information which is transferred between LECs for purposes of preparing and rendering bills to the customer. If difficulties in transferring usage between LECs arise, SWBT will cooperate with the other LEC and/or LECs in resolving such difficulties in a timely manner.

Should a billing dispute arise, the terms and conditions in the Access Service tariff of the LEC providing the portion of the jointly provided access service which is in dispute will apply. SWBT will comply with MECAB bill dispute guidelines.

<sup>{1}</sup> For the purposes of this tariff, any references to <a href="interstate">interstate</a> in the MECAB document shall be interpreted to apply to intrastate usage as well.

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## 2.6.1 Single Company Billing of FGA

## (A) General

A single bill will be issued for FGA service.

## (B) Ordering Provisions

The LEC where the first point of switching is located shall accept the order for FGA service. The other LECs involved shall also receive a copy of the order from the customer.

The LECs involved in providing the access service will develop a mutually agreeable working arrangement to allow one of the LECs to perform Access Service Coordination (ASC) for all services requested.

## (C) Rating and Billing

The LEC that accepts the order for service will arrange to provide the service and will bill and collect all appropriate charges in accordance with the regulations, rate and charges in its Access Service Tariff.

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## 2.6 Jointly Provided Access Services (Cont'd)

## 2.6.2 Single Bill-Single Tariff Meet Point Billing Arrangement

The Single Bill-Single Tariff Meet Point Billing (MPB) Arrangement allows the customer to receive one bill from the billing company for the entire jointly provided service. The billing company will be billed by SWBT for that portion of the access service provided by SWBT.

## (A) General

SWBT will participate in the Single Bill-Single Tariff MPB Arrangement with GTE Southwest, Inc. only when SWBT is a non-billing LEC. In addition, for Switched Access FGB, FGD, Switched Transport, Directory Assistance Services and Directory Transport, one of the other exchange telephone companies must own or operate the end office. For Tandem-Switched Transport, when the customer has selected the direct rating option, one of the other telephone companies must own or operate the access tandem.

#### (B) Ordering

Each LEC involved in providing the service will be furnished an order for the access service by the customer.

The LECs involved in providing the access service will develop a mutually agreeable working arrangement to allow one of the LECs to perform Access Service Coordination (ASC) for all services requested.

## (C) Rating and Billing of Service

When SWBT participates in the Single Bill-Single Tariff arrangement, the billing LEC's Single Bill-Single Tariff rate structure and rates will be based on the effective local transport rates of the billing LEC, SWBT, and where appropriate, other LECs. The transport rate applicable under the Single Bill-Single Tariff Arrangement is located in the Facilities for State Access Tariff of GTE Southwest, Inc.

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#### 2.6 Jointly Provided Access Services (Cont'd)

## 2.6.3 Multiple Bill Meet Point Billing Arrangement

The Multiple Bill Meet Point Billing (MPB) Arrangement allows each LEC providing service to bill the customer for its portion of a jointly provided access service according to its Access Service Tariff.

## (A) General

The Multiple Bill-Multiple Tariff arrangement provides for the customer to be billed by each LEC provisioning a portion of the access services.

## (B) Ordering

Each LEC involved in providing the service will be furnished an order for the access service by the customer. The LECs involved in providing the access service will develop a mutually agreeable working arrangement to allow one of the LECs to perform the ASC for all services requested.

## (C) Rating and Billing of Service

Each LEC will provide its portion of the access service based on the regulations, rates and charges contained in its Access Service Tariff, subject to the following rules:

### (1) Distance Sensitive Rate Elements

The charges billed by SWBT for mileage sensitive rate elements (e.g., Switched Access Service Local Transport, Special Access Service Channel Mileage or Directory Assistance Transport) will be determined as follows:

- (a) Calculate total local transport or channel mileage for the service by using the V&H Coordinate Method set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 (NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 4).
- (b) Determine the appropriate local transport or channel mileage rate for the mileage calculated in (a).
- (c) Determine SWBT's billing percentage contained in NECA No. 4. The billing percentages represent the portion of the service provided by each LEC.
- (d) Multiply the appropriate quantities, rates and billing percentage(s) to obtain SWBT's charges.

## (2) <u>Nondistance Sensitive Rate Elements</u>

The application of nondistance sensitive rate elements varies according to the rate structure and the location of the facilities involved. The billing percentages do not apply to these elements with the exception of the Switched Transport and Directory Transport Nonrecurring Charges, which applies as set forth in (3) following.

(a) When rates and charges are listed on a per point of termination basis, SWBT's rates will be billed for the terminations within SWBT's operating territory.

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#### 2.6.3 Multiple Bill Meet Point Billing Arrangement (Cont'd)

- Rating and Billing of Service (Cont'd)
  - Nondistance Sensitive Rate Elements (Cont'd)
    - When rates and charges are listed on a per unit basis (e.g., central office bridging or multiplexing), SWBT's rates and charges will apply for units located in SWBT's operating territory.
    - When rates and charges are developed on an individual case basis, such rates will be developed for the portion of the service provided by SWBT.
    - (d) When rates and charges are listed on a per service basis, the appropriate rates and charges will be billed.
    - (e) Fifty percent (50%) of the fixed portion of Special Access Channel Mileage and Direct-Trunked Transport will be billed when the service terminates in SWBT's operating territory.
    - (f) Fifty percent (50%) of the per minute of use portion of the Tandem-Switched Transmission or the Tandem-Switched Directory Transmission will be billed when the service terminates in SWBT's operating territory.
  - Switched Access Switched Transport Nonrecurring Charges and (3) Directory Access Directory Transport Nonrecurring Charges
    - The nonrecurring charges for FGB and FGD Switched Access Service, as set forth in 6.9 (Rates and (a) Charges), and for Directory Assistance Service, as set forth in 9.5 (Rates and Charges), are used to compute the billed nonrecurring charges for SWBT.
    - The multiple bill adjustment factors are determined as follows:
      - When SWBT's facilities are the first point of switching from the customer's premises, the factor that applies is 100%.
      - When SWBT's facilities are not the first point of switching from the customer's premises, but SWBT does provide a portion of the dedicated trunks, the following factors apply:

        - First Trunk = 64%
           Additional Trunk Per Access Order = 41%.
      - 3. When SWBT is not required to activate trunks to the first point of switching, the feature group Nonrecurring Charge does not apply.
    - SWBT's charges, as set forth in (a) preceding, are then multiplied by the appropriate quantities and multiple bill adjustment factors, as set forth in (b) preceding, to obtain the appropriate nonrecurring charges for SWBT.

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## Jointly Provided Access Services (Cont'd)

## 2.6.3 Multiple Bill Meet Point Billing Arrangement (Cont'd)

#### Rating and Billing of Service (Cont'd) (C)

## (4) Applicable Charges When SWBT is an Intermediate LEC

When Access Service is jointly provided by more than two LECs and SWBT does not provide any terminations in provisioning its portion of the Access Service, the following charges apply:

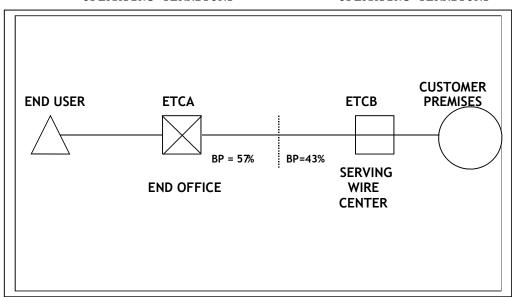
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- (a) For Switched Access Service, usage sensitive Local Transport charges apply for SWBT's portion of the overall service. While there are no termination charges associated with Switched Access, nonrecurring charges may be applicable as detailed in 2.6.3 (C) (3) (b).
- (b) For Special Access Service, only the per mile rate of the Channel Mileage charge is applicable for SWBT's portion of the overall service.

## (5) Example of Jointly Provided Direct-Trunked Transport

FGD Switched Access is ordered to End Office A. End Office A is in the operating territory of Exchange Telephone Company A. Premises of the ordering customer is in the operating territory of Exchange Telephone Company B.

EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY A EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANY B (ETCA) (ETCB) OPERATING TERRITORY OPERATING TERRITORY



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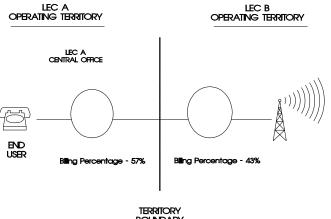
#### 2.6 Jointly Provided Access Services (Cont'd)

#### 2.6.3 Multiple Bill Meet Point Billing Arrangement (Cont'd)

- Rating and Billing of Service (Cont'd)
  - Example (Cont'd) (5)
    - Airline Mileages (Using NECA No. 4)
      - LEC A premises to LEC B premises = 22.1, rounded = 23
    - Local Transport charges for 9000 access minutes (b)
      - Assume LEC A rate for Local Transport mileband of over 1 to 25 miles is \$0.0120 per access minute
      - Assume LEC A Billing Percentage (BP) is 57
      - Assume LEC B rate for Local Transport mileband of over 1 to 25 miles is \$0.0125 per access minute
      - Assume LEC B Billing Percentage (BP) is 43
    - (C) Formula:
      - LEC A Local Access Minutes X LEC A Rate X LEC A Transport = 100 Charge
      - Calculation of Transport Charges

LEC A Local = 9000 X 
$$\$0.0120$$
 X  $57 = \$61.56$  Transport Charge

LEC B Local = 9000 X 
$$\$0.0125$$
 X  $43 = \$48.38$  Transport Charge



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## 2.6.3 Multiple Bill Meet Point Billing Arrangement (Cont'd)

## (C) Rating and Billing of Service (Cont'd)

## (6) Example of Jointly Provided Tandem-Switched Transport

FGD Switched Access is ordered as a tandem routed service to End Office A. End Office A is in the operating territory of Exchange Telephone Company A. The premises of the ordering customer, the serving wire center and the access tandem through which the service is switched is in the operating territory of Exchange Telephone Company B.

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- (a) Airline Mileages (Using NECA No. 4)
  - ETCB serving wire center to ETCA End Office = 29.3, rounded to 30 miles.
- (b) Switched Transport charges for 9000 access minutes
  - Assume ETCA rates for Tandem-Switched Transmission are \$0.000300 per minute of use and \$0.000090 per minute of use per mile.
  - Assume ETCA Billing Percentage (BP) is 57%.
  - ETCA will not bill Tandem Switching since the access tandem is in the operating territory of ETCB.
  - Assume ETCB rates for Tandem-Switched Transmission are \$0.000303 per minute of use and \$0.000037 per minute of use per mile.
  - Assume ETCB rate for Tandem-Switching is \$0.000804 per minute of use.
  - Assume ETCB Billing Percentage (BP) is 43%.

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## 2.6 Jointly Provided Access Services (Cont'd)

## 2.6.3 Multiple Bill Meet Point Billing Arrangement (Cont'd)

## (C) Rating and Billing of Service (Cont'd)

# (6) Example of Jointly Provided Tandem-Switched Transport (Cont'd)

## (c) Formula:

ETCA Tandem-Switched Transmission

(Minutes of use times ETCA's Tandem-Switched Transmission per minute of use rate times .50) plus (Minutes of use times number of miles times ETCA's Tandem-Switched Transmission per minute of use per mile rate times ETCA's Billing Percentage) equals ETCA's Tandem-Switched Transmission charge

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ETCB Tandem-Switched Transmission

(Minutes of use times ETCB's Tandem-Switched Transmission per minute of use rate times .50) plus (Minutes of use times number of miles times ETCB's Tandem-Switched Transmission per minute of use per mile rate times ETCB's Billing Percentage) equals ETCB's Tandem-Switched Transmission charge

ETCB Tandem Switching

Minutes of Use times ETCB's minute of use rate equal ETCB's Tandem Switching charge

Calculation of Tandem-Switched Transport Charges:

ETCA Total Tandem-Switched Transport Charge

 $(9000 \times \$0.000300 \times .50) + (9000 \times 30 \times \$0.000090 \times .57) = \$13.85$ 

ETCB Switched Transport Charge:

 $(9000 \times \$0.000303 \times .50) + (9000 \times 30 \times \$0.000037 \times .43) = \$5.66$ 

ETCB Tandem Switching Charge:

 $(9000 \times \$0.000804) = \$7.24$ 

ETCB Total Tandem-Switched Transport Charge:

\$5.66 + \$7.24 = \$12.90

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## 2.7 Definitions

Certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

#### Access Code

Denotes a uniform seven digit code assigned by SWBT to an individual customer. The seven digit code has the form 101XXXX or 950-XXXX.

## Access Customer Name Abbreviation (ACNA)

Denotes a three alpha character code that identifies the customer to which the Access Service bill is rendered.

#### Access Minutes

Denotes that usage of exchange facilities in intrastate, interstate or foreign service for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage. Access minutes are as described in Section 6 (Switched Access Service).

#### Access Tandem

Denotes a SWBT switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between end offices and a customer's premises.

#### Access Tandem Network

Denotes the network of trunk groups for originating and/or terminating Switched Access traffic between a single access tandem and the SWBT end offices subtending that tandem.

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#### Access Transport Parameter

Denotes the capability to transport information received from an originating end user transparently through the SS7 network to the terminating switch.

## Actual Cost

Denotes all costs charged against a specific case of special construction, including any appropriate taxes.

## Advanced Carrier Identification Service (ACIS) Code

Denotes any code assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) that is used in conjunction with ACIS.

#### Alarm Collection Device

Denotes the common equipment element required to collect and transmit the various alarms from the interconnector's designated equipment to SWBT's surveillance system.

## Alternate Billing Services (ABS)

Denotes the term for services that provides end users the ability to bill calls to an account not necessarily associated with the originating line.

## Alternate Use

Denotes when a service is arranged by SWBT so that the customer can select different types of transmission at different times.

## Annual Underutilization Liability

Denotes a per unit amount which may be billed annually if fewer services are in use utilizing specially constructed facilities at filed tariff rates than were originally specially constructed.

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## Answer/Disconnect Supervision

Denotes the transmission of the switch trunk equipment supervisory signal (off-hook or on-hook) to the customer's point of termination as an indication that the called party has answered or disconnected.

## Answer Message

Denotes an SS7 message sent in the backward direction to indicate that the call has been answered  $\,$ 

#### Area of Service (AOS)

Denotes the geographical area from which an  $800\ \mathrm{subscriber}$  can receive calls dialed to the subscriber's  $800\ \mathrm{number}$ .

## Assumed Average Access Minutes

Denotes the usage that will be billed each month to customers for Feature Group A foreign dial tone and private switched network access arrangements served from SWBT serving end offices where actual recorded minutes of use are not available.

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#### Asynchronous

Denotes the transmission of data that is not related to a specific frequency or to the timing of the transmission facility. The data transmission is characterized by individual characters, encapsulated with start and stop bits, from which a receiver derives the necessary timing for sampling bits and start/stop transmission.

## Attenuation Distortion

Denotes the difference in loss at specified frequencies relative to the loss of 1004 Hz, unless otherwise specified.

#### Average Account Life

Denotes the depreciation life prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission for each class of telephone plant.

## Balance (100 Type) Test Line

Denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides for balance and noise testing.

## Basic Transmission Equipment

Denotes, for virtual collocation, central office circuit equipment that provides functionality requested by the interconnector and also provides technical compatibility with an interconnector's equipment or support systems located on the interconnector's side of the demarcation point. Basic transmission equipment does not include enhanced services equipment, customer premises equipment or switches.

#### Billed Number Screening (BNS)

Denotes a process which utilizes a database to determine specific characteristics and/or customer preferences on a billed line number. Examples would include, whether or not the line is a public telephone and whether the billed customer associated with the line will accept a collect call.

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#### Billing Account Number (BAN)

Denotes a code that identifies the customer's billing account to which Access Services are billed.

#### Billing Clearing House

Denotes a billing and collection service bureau for Interexchange Carriers (IC) and other telecommunication companies which become members and wish to arrange for the billing and collection of long distance services provided to end users.

#### Bit

Denotes the smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

#### Building

Denotes a structure under one roof or two or more structures on one premises which are connected by an enclosed or covered passageway which is interpreted to mean the "same building". In no case can conduit be considered as an enclosed passageway nor buildings connected by a covered public mall be the "same building."

#### Business Day

Denotes the times of day that SWBT is open for business. Generally these are 8:00 or 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 or 6:00 P.M., respectively, with an hour for lunch, Monday through Friday, resulting in a standard forty (40) hour work week. However, Business Day hours for SWBT may be based on company policy, union contract and location. To determine such hours for an individual SWBT location, SWBT should be contacted at the address shown on the Title Page of this tariff.

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## Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)

Denotes the customer specified maximum amount of Switched Access Service and/or Directory Assistance Service access minutes the customer expects to be handled  $i\hat{n}$  an end office switch during any hour in an 8:00 A. $\hat{ ext{M}}$ . to 11:00 P.M. period for the Feature Group and/or Directory Assistance Service ordered. This customer furnished BHMC quantity is the input data SWBT uses to determine the number of transmission paths for the Feature Group and/or Directory Assistance Service ordered.

## Call

Denotes a customer attempt for which the complete address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the serving dial tone office.

### Carrier or Common Carrier

See Interexchange Carrier

## Carrier Identification Code (CIC)

Denotes a numeric code that is assigned by Bellcore to long distance carriers for the provisioning of Feature Group B and/or D trunk side Access Service. The three digit numeric code uniquely identifies the carrier.

## Carrier Identification Code Parameter (CIP)

Denotes the transmission of the Carrier Identification Code (CIC) to the customer within the Initial Address Message (IAM) of an originating FGD call.

## CCS

Denotes a hundred call seconds, which is a standard unit of traffic load that is equal to 100 seconds of usage or capacity of a group of servers (e.g. trunks).

## Central Office

Denotes a local SWBT switching system where Telephone Exchange Service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

## Central Office Bridging Capability

Denotes the capability of a central office to connect one circuit to another circuit. Central office bridging capability is specified in SWBT's FCC Tariff No. 4.

## Channel(s)

Denotes an electrical or photonic, in the case of fiber optic based transmission systems, communications path between two or more points of termination.

## Channelize

Denotes the process of multiplexing - demultiplexing wider bandwidth or higher speed channels into narrower bandwidth or lower speed channels.

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## Channel Service Unit

Denotes equipment which performs one or more of the following functions; termination of a digital facility, regeneration of digital signals, detection and/or correction of signal format errors, and remote loop back.

## Clear Channel Capability

Denotes the utilization of increased bandwidth per facility.

## Closed-End

Denotes the end of a telecommunication service on which the end user customer is connected to a WATS serving office via WATS Access Line Service or on which the end user customer is connected to the carrier via a dedicated (private line) service. The closed-end of OutWATS is the originating end. The closed-end of inward 800 service is the terminating end.

## C-Message Noise

Denotes the frequency weighted average noise within an idle voice channel. The frequency weighting, called C-message, is used to simulate the frequency characteristic of the 500-type telephone set and the hearing of the average subscriber.

## C-Notched Noise

Denotes the C-message frequency weighted noise on a voice channel with a holding tone, which is removed at the measuring end through a notch (very narrow band) filter.

## Coin Station

Denotes a location where SWBT equipment is provided in a public place where SWBT customers can originate telephonic communications and pay the applicable charges by inserting coins into the equipment.

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## Common Channel Signaling (CCS)

Denotes a high speed packet switched communications network which is separate (out of band) from the public packet switched and message networks. Its purpose is to carry addressed signaling messages for individual trunk circuits and/or database related services between Signaling Points in the CCS network.

## Commingling(1)

Commingling means the connecting, attaching or otherwise linking of an unbundled network element, or a combination of unbundled network elements, to one or more facilities or services that a requesting telecommunications carrier has obtained at wholesale from SWBT, or the combining of an unbundled network element, or a combination of unbundled network elements with one or more such facilities or services. Commingle means the act of commingling.

#### Common Line

Denotes a line, trunk, pay telephone line or other facility, provided under SWBT's general and/or local exchange service tariffs, terminated on a central office switch. A common line-residence is a line or trunk provided under the residence regulations of the general and/or local exchange service tariffs. A common line-business is a line provided under the business regulations of the general and/or local exchange service tariffs.

### Communications System

Denotes channels and other facilities which are capable, when not connected to the Telecommunications Network, of two-way communications between customer provided terminal equipment.

(1) In the event the Federal Communications Commission or a court, pursuant to any regulatory or judicial review of the FCC's Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 01-338, FCC 03-36, para. 582 (released Aug. 21, 2003) (Triennial Review Order), vacates, stays, remands, reconsiders, or rejects the portion of the Triennial Review Order requiring ILECs to permit commingling, the terms and conditions of this tariff authorizing commingling, which are identified with a footnote, shall cease to be effective as of the effective date of the FCC order or the issuance of the court's mandate. In that event, SWBT will provide customers that have commingled UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) with wholesale services obtained under this Tariff written notice that, within 30 days, customers must either convert such UNE(s) or UNE Combination(s) to a comparable service, or disconnect such UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) from those wholesale services. Failure to provide SWBT instructions to convert or disconnect such UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) within 30 days, as described above, shall be deemed authorization to convert the UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) to comparable access services at month-to-month rates.

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## Connecting Facility Assignment (CFA)

Denotes a code that identifies the Exchange Company carrier system and channel to be used from a Wide Band Analog or a High Capacity Facility.

## Customer(s)

Denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, corporation or governmental entity or any other entity which subscribes to the services offered under this tariff, including both Interexchange Carriers (ICs) and End Users.

#### Customer Carrier Name Abbreviation (CCNA)

Denotes a three alpha character code that identifies the Access Customer submitting the Access Order and receiving confirmation of the Order.

## Customer Circuit Identification (CKR)

Denotes a circuit number or a range of circuit numbers assigned, administered and utilized by the customer as a cross reference to SWBT possessive circuit numbers.

## Customer Signaling Point Code (CSPC)

Denotes a code that identifies the customer's signaling point in the the CCS network.

## Data Transmission (107 Type) Test Line

Denotes an arrangement which provides for a connection to a signal source which provides test signals for one-way testing of data and voice transmission parameters.

## Detail Billing

Denotes the listing of each message and/or rate element charged to a customer on a bill prepared by SWBT.

## Direct-Trunked Transport Facility

Denotes a Switched Transport facility between a Telephone Company serving wire center and an end office that provides a customer with dedicated transport without routing through an access tandem.

## Directory Assistance

Denotes the provision of access to a Directory Assistance Location and a SWBT Directory Assistance operator.

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#### Demarcation Point

The point of demarcation and/or interconnection between SWBT communications facilities and terminal equipment, protective apparatus or wiring at a subscriber's premises. SWBT-installed facilities at, or constituting, the demarcation point shall consist of wire or a jack conforming to Subpart F of Part 68 of the Commission's rules. "Premises" as used herein generally means a dwelling unit, other building or a legal unit of real property such as a lot on which a dwelling unit is located, as determined by SWBT's reasonable and nondiscriminatory standard operating practices. The "minimum point of entry" (MPOE) as used herein shall be either (1) the closest practicable point to where the wiring crosses a property line or (2) the closest practicable point to where the wiring enters a multiunit building or buildings. SWBT's reasonable and nondiscriminatory standard operating practices shall determine which of (1) or (2) shall apply. SWBT is not precluded from establishing reasonable classifications of multiunit premises for purposes of determining which of (1) or (2) above shall apply. Multiunit premises include, but are not limited to, residential, commercial, shopping center and campus situations.

- (a) Single Unit Installations. For single unit installations existing as of June 9, 1994 and installations installed after that date the demarcation point shall be a point within twelve inches of the protector or, where there is no protector, within twelve inches of where the telephone wire enters the customer's premises.
- (b) Multiunit Installations. (1) In multiunit premises existing as of June  $\overline{9}$ ,  $\overline{1994}$ , the demarcation point shall be determined in accordance with SWBT's reasonable and nondiscriminatory standard operating practices. Provided, however, that where there are multiple demarcation points within the multiunit premises, a demarcation point for a customer shall not be further inside the customer's premises than a point twelve inches from where the wiring enters the customer's premises.
- (2) In multiunit premises in which wiring is installed after June 9, 1994, the multiunit premises owner shall determine the location of the demarcation point or points. The multiunit premises owner shall determine whether there shall be a single demarcation point location for all customers or separate such locations for each customer. Provided, however, that where there are multiple demarcation points within the multiunit premises, a demarcation point for a customer shall not be further inside the customer's premises than a point twelve inches from where the wiring enters the customer's premises.

At this time, SWBT has elected not to establish a practice of placing the demarcation point at the MPOE for multiunit premises. However, at the customer's request, SWBT will place the demarcation point at the MPOE in existing installations, and as appropriate, in new installations. SWBT will relocate multiple demarcation points to a single demarcation point at an MPOE in a manner that minimizes any resultant charges or other adverse impact to either building owners or customers.

If conforming to the twelve inch limitation is unrealistic or technically impossible, the demarcation point will be the most practicable MPOE.

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Demarcation Point (Cont'd)

For Expanded Interconnection provided as virtual collocation, the demarcation point denotes the virtual network interface between SWBT and the interconnector. The virtual network interface is the location at which SWBT ownership and responsibility for maintenance of the entrance cable begins. This location is normally a point on the public right-of-way near SWBT's entrance manhole. The demarcation point is specified by SWBT.

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#### Directory Assistance Location

Denotes a SWBT office where SWBT equipment first receives the Directory Assistance call from a customer's end user and selects the first operator position to respond to the Directory Assistance call.

#### Distance Learning

Instruction, learning, and training that is transmitted from one site to one or more sites by telecommunications services that are used predominantly for such instruction, learning, or training, including video, data, voice, and electronic information.

#### Dual Gateway Network Element

Denotes the network element that is capable of supporting two access ports to the data communications channel which is used to transport messages within the SONET network. (See Gateway Network Element.)

#### Echo Control

Denotes the control of reflected signals in a telephone transmission path.

#### Echo Path Loss (EPL)

Denotes the measure of reflected signal at a 4-wire point of interface without regard to the send and receive Transmission Level Point (TLP).

#### Echo Return Loss (ERL)

Denotes a frequency weighted measure of return loss over the middle of the voiceband (approximately  $500\ \text{to}\ 2500\ \text{Hz}$ ), where talker echo is most annoying.

#### Educational Institution

Accredited primary or secondary schools owned or operated by state and local government entities or by private entities: institutions of higher education as defined by the Education Code, 61.003(13); the Central Education Agency, its successors and assigns; regional education service centers established and operated pursuant to the Education Code, 11.32 and 11.33; and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; its successors and assigns.

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#### Effective 2-Wire

Denotes a condition which permits the simultaneous transmission in both directions over a channel; however, it is not possible to ensure independent information transmission in both directions. Effective 2-wire channels may be terminated with 2-wire or 4-wire interfaces.

#### Effective 4-Wire

Denotes a condition which permits the simultaneous independent transmission of information in both directions over a channel. The method of implementing effective 4-wire transmission is at the discretion of SWBT (physical, time domain, frequency-domain separation or echo cancellation techniques). Effective 4-wire channels may be terminated with a 2-wire facility, simultaneous independent transmission cannot be supported because the two wire interface combines the transmission paths into a single path.

#### Electronic Access

Denotes the capability to electronically transmit data messages between customer's computer and SWBT's computer.

#### End Office Switch

Denotes a local SWBT switching system where Telephone Exchange Service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to trunks. Included are Remote Switching Modules (RSM) and Remote Switching Systems (RSS) served by a host office in a different wire center.

#### End User

Denotes any customer of an intrastate, interstate or foreign telecommunications service that is not a carrier, except that a carrier other than a LEC shall be deemed to be an "end user" to the extent that such carrier uses a telecommunications service for administrative purposes and a person or entity that offers telecommunications services exclusively as a reseller shall be deemed to be an "end user" if all resale transmissions offered by such reseller originate on the premises of such reseller.

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#### Entity

Denotes something that exists as a particular and discrete unit (e.g., corporations or subsidiary company).

#### Entrance Cable

Denotes a single mode dielectric fiber optic cabling arrangement that consists of a fiber optic cable from the Expanded Interconnection virtual network interface, the riser tail to which the fiber optic cable is spliced and the termination of the riser tail onto a fiber termination shelf within SWBT's wire center.

#### Entry Switch

See First Point of Switching.

#### Envelope Delay Distortion (EDD)

Denotes a measure of the linearity of the phase versus frequency of a channel.

#### Equal Level Echo Path Loss (ELEPL)

Denotes the measure of Echo Path Loss (EPL) at a 4-wire interface which is corrected by the difference between the send and receive Transmission Level Point (TLP). ELEPL = EPL - TLP (send) + TLP (receive).

#### Equalized

Denotes a procedure which provides for the component frequencies of the material transmitted having about the same relationship at the two ends of the channel.

#### Estimated Cost

Denotes all estimated costs that will be incurred in providing a specific case of special construction, including any appropriate taxes.

Expanded interconnection is offered under protest. Its availability is subject in all respects to the Stipulation and Agreement entered into in Docket No. 12879.

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#### Exchange

Denotes a unit, generally smaller than a Local Access and Transport Area, established by SWBT for the administration of communications service in a specified area which usually embraces a city, town or village and its environs. It consists of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area. One or more designated exchanges comprises a given Local Access and Transport Area.

#### Exchange Company Signaling Point Code (ECSPC)

Denotes a code that identifies SWBT's signaling point in the CCS network.

#### Exit Message

Denotes an SS7 message sent to an end office by the SWBT tandem switch to mark the Carrier Connect Time when SWBT's tandem switch sends an Initial Address Message to an Interexchange Customer.

#### Expanded Interconnection

Denotes an arrangement that provides an interconnector with the ability to interconnect its fiber optic facilities with certain SWBT-provided intrastate Switched Access Services and Special Access Services.

#### Extended Superframe Format

Extended Superframe Format passes a customer providing framing format for 1.544 Mbps High Capacity service. Extended Superframe Format extends the customer's 1.544 Mbps framing structure from 12 to 24 frames and divides the 8 kbps 193rd bit position pattern into three distinct functionalities: 2 kbps for frame synchronization, 2 kbps for cyclic redundancy checking, and 4 kbps used primarily to send performance monitoring information over the Facilities Data Link.

#### Facility

Denotes any one of the elements of physical telephone plant that is needed to provide access service, including switching systems, cables, fiber optic and microwave radio transmission systems.

#### Feature Group

Denotes a category of Switched Access Service differentiated by its technical characteristics, e.g., line side vs. trunk side connection at SWBT entity switch.

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#### Facility Signaling Point of Interconnection (FSPOI)

Denotes SWBT-designated transport termination facility used in connection with the provisioning of STP Access Mileage used for CCS/SS7 Interconnection Service.

#### Field Identifier (FID)

Denotes a two to four character alphanumeric code used to identify data, give instructions, or associate data that is to be processed as a group.

#### First Come - First Served

Denotes the practice for processing access orders. The first access order received will be the first access order processed.

#### First Point of Switching

Denotes the first SWBT location at which switching occurs on the terminating path of a call proceeding from the customer premises to the terminating end office and, at the same time, the last SWBT location at which switching occurs on the originating path of a call proceeding from the originating end office to the customer premises.

#### Foreign Exchange (FX)

Denotes local exchange service from a central office which is outside (foreign to) the subscriber's exchange area.

#### Frequency Shift

Denotes the change in the frequency of a tone as it is transmitted over a channel.

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#### Gateway Network Element (GNE)

Denotes the network element that provides message concentration for an x.25 data communication network. The GNE provides an x.25 virtual circuit, between the network and the operational support system, which is used to transport messages to and from the operation support system and other subtending SONET network elements on the network. The data communication channel is used to transport the messages within the SONET network.

#### High Capacity Channel

Denotes a channel for the transmission of isochronous serial digital data at a rate of  $1.544~\mathrm{Mbps}$ .

#### Host Office

Denotes an electronic switching system which provides call processing capabilities for one or more Remote Switching Modules or Remote Switching Systems.

#### Hub

Denotes a SWBT designated serving wire center at which bridging, multiplexing or Network Reconfiguration Service functions are performed.

#### Immediately Available Funds

Denotes a corporate or personal check drawn on a bank account and funds which are available for use by the receiving party on the same day on which they are received and includes U.S. Federal Reserve bank wire transfers, U.S. Federal Reserve notes (paper cash), U.S. coins, U.S. Postal Money Orders and New York Certificates of Deposit.

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#### Impulse Noise

Denotes any monetary occurrence of the noise on a channel over a specified level threshold. It is evaluated by counting the number of occurrences which exceed the threshold.

#### Individual Case Basis (ICB)

Denotes a condition in which the regulations, if applicable, rates and charges for an offering under the provisions of this tariff are developed based on the circumstances in each case.

#### Inserted Connection Loss (ICL)

Denotes the 1004 Hz power difference (in dBs) between the maximum power available at the originating end and the actual power reaching the terminating end through the inserted connection.

#### Installed Cost

Denotes the total investment (estimated or actual) required by the company to provide specially constructed facilities.

#### Interactive Multimedia Communications

Real-time, two way, interactive voice, video, and data communications conducted over networks that link geographically dispersed locations. This definition includes interactive communications within or between buildings on the same campus.

#### Interexchange Carrier (IC) or Interexchange Common Carrier

Denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged for hire in intrastate, interstate or foreign communication by wire or radio, between two or more exchanges.

## Intermediate Bridging Hub

Denotes the connection of three or more customer designated premises to form a Special Access multipoint service serving itself and a specified number of subtending wire centers.

#### Intermediate Multiplexing Hub

Denotes the conversion from higher to lower bit rate, or bandwidth, or from digital to voice grade channels, serving itself and a specified number of subtending wire centers.

#### Intermodulation Distortion

Denotes a measure of the nonlinearity of a channel. It is measured using four tones, and evaluating the ratios (in dBs) of the transmitted  $\frac{1}{2}$ composite four-tone signal power to the second-order products of the tones (R2), and the third order products of the tones (R3).

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#### Interstate Communications

A call is an interstate communication if the call originates from a telephone number within the boundaries of one state and terminates to a telephone number within the boundaries of another state.

#### Intrastate Communications

A call is an intrastate communication if the call both originates from and terminates to a telephone number within the boundaries of the same state.

#### Joint Provided 800 Service

Denotes 800 service where end user 800 service customers are billed by the LECs for intraLATA usage and by the IXCs for interLATA usage.

#### Library

Public library or regional library system as defined by Government Code 441.122, or a library operated by an institution of higher education or a school district.

#### Line Information Data Base (LIDB)

Denotes a data base containing billing validation data to support Alternate Billing Services.

#### Line Side Connection

Denotes a connection of a transmission path to the line side of a local exchange switching system.

#### Link Type (LT)

Denotes the functionality of the signaling link providing interconnection/signaling paths between nodes of the Common Channel Signaling (CCS) network.

## Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)

Denotes a geographic area established for the provision and administration of communications service. It encompasses one or more designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.

## Local Exchange Calling Area

Denotes a geographical area, as defined in SWBT's Local or General Exchange Service tariff, in which an end user (Telephone Exchange Service subscriber) may complete a call without incurring Message Telecommunications Service (MTS) charges.

#### Local Tandem Switch

Denotes a local SWBT switching unit by means of which local or access telephonic communications are switched to and from an End Office Switch.

#### Loop Around Test Line

Denotes an arrangement utilizing a SWBT central office to provide a means to make certain two-way transmission tests on a manual basis. This arrangement has two central office terminations, each reached by means of separate telephone numbers and does not require any specific customer premises equipment. Equipment subject to this test arrangement is at the discretion of the customer.

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#### Loss Deviation

Denotes the variation of the actual loss from the designed value.

Denotes an enclosure that provides access to subterranean SWBT facilities. Manholes are normally completely below ground or pavement and are accessed via a chimney or neck with a covered top. This term shall also include handholes, which also provide physical access to subterranean SWBT facilities, but which are smaller than manholes and are recessed into the ground or pavement.

#### Maximum Termination Liability

Denotes the maximum amount which may be billed if all services using specially constructed facilities are terminated prior to the expiration of the maximum termination liability period.

#### Maximum Termination Liability Period

Denotes the length of time for which a termination charge may apply if all services using specially constructed facilities are terminated. liability period is equal to the average account life of the specially constructed facilities up to a maximum of ten years. When construction involves multiple classes of plant with differing lives, the liability period is equal to the weighted average of the account lives involved in the special construction case, using nonrecoverable investment as the basis for weighting. If the weighted average exceeds ten years the liability will be ten years.

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#### Media Stimulated Mass Calling Events

Denotes the use of Switched Access Service for calls placed to 800, 900, POTS, etc. telephone numbers in response to television and radio advertising for which a substantial call volume is anticipated during a short period of time. Media stimulated mass calling is highly peaked and often used in conjunction with call counting services for public opinion polls, marketing surveys, entertainment, etc.

#### Merger

Denotes the union of two or more interests or corporations.

#### Message

Denotes a "call" as defined preceding.

 $\frac{\texttt{Message}}{\texttt{Service-Type}} \quad \frac{\texttt{Telecommunications}}{\texttt{(MTS)/Message}} \quad \frac{\texttt{Telecommunications}}{\texttt{Service-Type}} \quad \{1\}$ 

Interexchange services provided via access to a common line on both the originating end and the terminating end of a long distance call.

#### Metallic Channel

Denotes a channel for the transmission of low speed varying signals at rates up to 30 baud.

#### Milliwatt (102 Type) Test Line

Denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides a  $1004~\mathrm{Hz}$  tone at  $0~\mathrm{dBm0}$  for one-way transmission measurements towards the customer's premises from the SWBT end office.

#### Multipoint Service

Denotes the connection of three or more customer designated premises through a SWBT hub.

#### {1} This definition is applicable only to 3.3.

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#### Net Salvage

Denotes the estimated scrap, sale, or trade-in value, less the estimated cost of removal. Cost of removal includes the costs of demolishing, tearing down, or otherwise disposing of the material and any other applicable costs. Since the cost of removal may exceed salvage value, net salvage may be negative.

#### Network Interface

See Demarcation Point.

#### Non-Joint Provided 800 Service

Denotes 800 service where end user 800 service customers are billed by the IXCs for all intrastate (both intraLATA and interLATA) usage.

#### Nonrecoverable Cost

Denotes the cost of specially constructed facilities for which SWBT has no foreseeable use should the service be terminated.

#### Nonsynchronous Test Line

Denotes an arrangement in step-by-step end offices which provides operational tests which are not as complete as those provided by the synchronous test lines, but can be made more rapidly.

#### North American Numbering Plan (NANP)

Denotes a three-digit Number Plan Area (NPA) code and a seven-digit telephone number made up of a three-digit Central Office code plus a four-digit station number.

#### Off-hook

Denotes the active condition of Switched Access or a Telephone Exchange Service line.

#### On-hook

Denotes the idly condition of Switched Access or a Telephone Exchange Service line.

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#### Open Circuit Test Line

Denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides an ac open circuit termination of a trunk or line by means of an inductor of several Henries.

## Operator Service System (OSS)

Denotes the group of interacting hardware (switching equipment, data links, and operator terminals) and software components for the provision of operator service functionality.

#### Originating Direction

Denotes the use of access service for the origination of calls from an end user premises to an IC premises.

#### Originating Point Code (OPC)

Denotes a code assigned to identify each Operator Service System (OSS) location.

#### Packet

Denotes the continuous sequence of data, with associated control information, i.e., routing, sequencing and error checking information, that is switched and transmitted through the packet switching network. Multiple packets may be required to carry one complete document or a lengthy block of information.

#### Pay Telephone

Denotes SWBT provided instruments and related facilities that are available to the general public for public convenience and necessity, including public and coinless telephones.

#### Personal Communications Service (PCS)

Denotes a set of capabilities that allows some combination of personal mobility, terminal mobility and service profile management.

#### Phase Jitter

Denotes the unwanted phase variations of a signal.

#### Point of Termination

Denotes the point (referred to as Demarc Point or Network Interface) of interconnection between SWBT's facilities and the wiring at the subscriber's premises. The Demarc Point shall consist of wire or a jack conforming to Subpart F of Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

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#### 2.7 Definitions (Cont'd)

#### Premises

- 1. All portions of the same building occupied by the same customer, provided that:
  - The portions are not separated from each other by intervening (A) offices, rooms or suites not occupied by the customer.
  - (B) The portions of different floors are contiguous and that the portion on the upper floor is directly above the portion occupied on the lower floor.
- 2. All of the buildings occupied by the same customer, provided that all of the buildings are located on the same continuous property, which is owned  $\operatorname{and/or}$  leased by the same customer,  $\operatorname{and}$  are not separated by a public highway.

Note: A public highway is considered to mean a vehicular thoroughfare which is governmentally owned.

#### Program Audio Channel

Denotes a channel for the transmission of audio signals. The nominal bandwidths are from 50 to 15000 Hz, from 200 to 3500 Hz, from 100 to 5000 Hz or from 50 to 8000 Hz.

#### Projected Average Account Life

The expected average depreciation life for each class of telephone plant.

#### Protection

Denotes an arrangement, on a fiber optic facility, which provides a "backup" channel in the event service over the primary channel or channels is interrupted. The primary channel and the protection channel are normally common at the conduit level.

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#### Query

Denotes a request for specific information generated by a computer processor and sent to an application, i.e., a database, with predefined set of possible responses.

#### Rating Point

Denotes a point used in calculating mileage for Special Access Services and Switched Access Services.

#### Recoverable Cost

Denotes the cost of the specially constructed facilities for which SWBT has a foreseeable reuse, either in place or elsewhere, should the service be terminated.

#### Registered Equipment

Denotes the customer's premises equipment (CPE) which complies with and has been approved within the Registration Provisions of Part 68 of the F.C.C.'s Rules and Regulations.

#### Release Message

Denotes an SS7 message sent in either direction to indicate that a specific circuit is being released.

#### Remote Switching Modules (RSM) or Remote Switching Systems (RSS)

Denotes small, remotely controlled electronic end office switches which obtain their call processing capability from an electronic switching system type Host Office. The RSM/RSS cannot accommodate direct trunks to a customer.

#### Response

Denotes one response from a set of predefined possible responses to a request for information contained in a query from a computer processor.

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#### Return Loss

Denotes a measure of the similarity between the two impedances at the junction of two transmission paths. The higher the return loss, the higher the similarity.

#### Riser Tail

Denotes a cable that terminates on a fiber termination shelf and has flammability and smoke characteristics which allow it to be routed in a central office area without being enclosed in a conduit.

#### Secondary Channel Capability

This arrangement provides for a secondary channel which operates at a speed equivalent to one third of the primary channel speed. This secondary channel operates independently from, but over the same physical facility as, the primary channel, and is normally used by the customer for performing Network Management Operations such as on-line diagnostics, data monitoring, traffic measurements and network configuration management.

#### Service Control Point (SCP)

Denotes a transaction processor-based system that provides a network interface to various database services. For 800 Number Portability Access Service, the SCP contains routing instructions for 800 service records that were downloaded from the SMS/800.

#### Service Management System/800 (SMS/800)

Denotes the main operations support system of 800 Number Portability Access Service used to create and maintain subscriber 800 call processing records.

#### Service Switching Point (SSP)

Denotes the switches in the telephone network that distinguishes dialed 800 calls from ordinary telephone calls and then communicates with SCPs for information on how the 800 calls should be routed.

#### Service Termination

Denotes the connection of Access Service at a customer premises, or a Centrex C.O.

#### Serving Wire Center

Denotes the end office from which the customer designated premises would normally obtain dial tone from SWBT for Local Exchange Service purposes.

#### Seven Digit Access to Balance (100 type) Test Line

Denotes an arrangement which allows the customer to select balance, milliwatt and synchronous test lines by manually dialing a seven digit number over the associated access connection.

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#### Short Circuit Test Line

Denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides for an ac short circuit termination of a trunk or line by means of a capacitor of at least four microfarads.

#### Signal-to-C-Notched Noise Ratio

Denotes the ratio in dB of a test signal to the corresponding C-Notched Noise.

#### Signaling Link (SL)

provides specialized digital а data link that interconnection/signaling paths between the various signal and processing nodes of the common Channel Signaling network. Signaling Links may be routed directly between signaling points or indirectly via a Signal Transfer Point (STP).

#### Signaling Link Code (SLC)

Denotes a code that identifies a signaling link within the Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) link set.

#### Signaling Point (SP)

Denotes a node in the Common Channel Signaling network that originates and/or receives signaling messages.

#### Signaling System 7 (SS7)

Denotes the signaling protocol Version 7 used in the Common Channel Signaling network based on the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards.

### Signaling Transfer Point (STP)

Denotes a packet switch in the Common Channel Signaling network that is used to route signaling messages between signaling nodes. STPs also transfer signaling messages to other CCS networks.

#### Special Order

Denotes an order for a Billing and Collection Service.

 $\frac{\text{Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem}}{\text{Denotes an end office that has final trunk group routing through the}}$ tandem.

### Super Intermediate Multiplexing Hub

Denotes the conversion from higher to lower bit rate, or bandwidth, or from digital to voice grade channels, serving itself and/or subtending wire centers in an entire LATA, or one or more Numbering Plan Areas (NPAs).

#### Switching System

Denotes an assembly of equipment, hardware and/or software, utilized by SWBT for establishing connections between lines and/or trunks. Switching System may either be an end office or an access tandem.

#### Synchronous

Denotes the type of data transmission where the characters or bits are sent at a fixed rate, with the transmitting and receiving devices synchronized, so that start and stop bits are not required.

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#### Synchronous Test Line

Denotes an arrangement in an end office which performs marginal operational tests of supervisory and ring-tripping functions.

#### Tandem-Switched Transport Facility

Denotes a Switched Transport facility between a SWBT serving wire center or a SWBT hub office (when multiplexing occurs at an office other than the serving wire center) and an end office that provides a customer with transport to or from the end office by routing through an access tandem.

#### Telegraph Grade Channel

Denotes a channel for the transmission of low speed binary signals at rates of 9 to 75 baud or 1 to 150 baud.

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#### Terminating Direction

Denotes the use of Access Service for the completion of calls from an IC premises to an End User premises.

#### Termination Charge

Denotes a charge that is applicable should a customer discontinue special construction or specialized service or arrangements, etc., prior to the expiration of its termination liability period. This charge is computed at the time of discontinuance and in no case will it ever exceed the maximum termination liability (charge) which was agreed to by the customer at the time the special construction or specialized service or arrangements, etc., was undertaken.

#### Terminus Bridging Hub

Denotes the connection of three or more customer designated premises to form a Special Access multipoint service within that bridging hub.

#### Terminus Multiplexing Hub

Denotes the conversion from higher to lower bit rate, or bandwidth, or from digital to voice grade channels, serving customers in that wire center only.

#### Transmission Measuring (105 Type) Test Line/Responder

Denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides far-end access to a responder and permits two-way loss and noise measurements to be made on trunks from a near end office.

#### Transmission Path

Denotes an electrical path capable of transmitting signals within the range of the service offering. A voice grade transmission path is capable of transmitting voice frequencies within the approximate range of 300 to 3000 Hz. A transmission path is comprised of physical or derived channels consisting of any form of configuration of facilities typically used in the telecommunications industry.

#### Trunk

Denotes a communications path connecting two switching systems in a network used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

#### Trunk Group

Denotes a set of trunks which are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between switching systems in which all of the communications paths are interchangeable.

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#### Trunk Side Connection

Denotes the connection of a transmission path to the trunk side of a local exchange switching system.

#### Two-Point Service

Denotes the connection of two customer designated premises, either on a directly connected basis or through a hub where multiplexing or Network Reconfiguration Service functions are performed.

#### Two-Wire to Four-Wire Conversion

Denotes an arrangement which converts a four-wire transmission path to a two-wire transmission path to allow a four-wire facility to terminate in a two-wire entity.

#### UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS (UNES) {1}

Denotes the network elements SWBT is required to provide on an unbundled basis pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

#### Uniform Service Order Code (USOC)

Denotes a three or five character alphabetic, numeric or an alphanumeric code that identifies a specific item of service or equipment. Uniform Service Order Codes are used in SWBT billing system to generate recurring rates and nonrecurring charges.

#### V and H Coordinates Method

Denotes a method of computing airline miles between two points by utilizing an established formula which is based on the vertical (V) and horizontal (H) coordinated of the two points.

(1) In the event the Federal Communications Commission or a court, pursuant to any regulatory or judicial review of the FCC's Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 01-338, FCC 03-36, para. 582 (released Aug. 21, 2003) (Triennial Review Order), vacates, stays, remands, reconsiders, or rejects the portion of the Triennial Review Order requiring ILECs to permit commingling, the terms and conditions of this tariff authorizing commingling, which are identified with a footnote, shall cease to be effective as of the effective date of the FCC order or the issuance of the court's mandate. In that event, SWBT will provide customers that have commingled UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) with wholesale services obtained under this Tariff written notice that, within 30 days, customers must either convert such UNE(s) or UNE Combination(s) to a comparable service, or disconnect such UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) from those wholesale services. Failure to provide SWBT instructions to convert or disconnect such UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) within 30 days, as described above, shall be deemed authorization to convert the UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) to comparable access services at month-to-month rates.

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#### Virtual Collocation

Denotes a type of Expanded Interconnection that provides a transmission path between an interconnector's facility and certain SWBT-provided Intrastate Switched and Special Access Services. Virtual collocation includes central office basic transmission equipment designated by the interconnector and dedicated to its exclusive use but which is owned, installed and maintained by SWBT. SWBT maintains exclusive physical control over all equipment placed on its premises, however, the interconnector must perform remote monitoring and control functions on its designated equipment.

#### Virtual Network Interface

See Demarcation Point (for Expanded Interconnection).

#### Voice Grade Channel

Denotes a channel for the transmission of analog signals within an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000  $\rm Hz\,.$ 

#### WATS Access Line (WAL)

Denotes a dedicated connection between a customer designated premises and the WATS serving office.

#### WATS Access Line Service

WATS Access Line Service combines Switched Access Service with a WATS Access Line that connects an end user premises with a WATS Serving office.

## WATS Serving Office

Denotes a SWBT designated End Office where switching, screening and/or recording functions are performed in connection with the closed-end of WATS Access Line Services.

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Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS)/
Wide Area Telecommunications Service-Type (WATS-type) {1}

Interexchange services provided via a WATS Access Line, private line, special access line or other dedicated line on the originating closed end.

#### Wideband Analog Channel

Denotes a channel for the transmission of wideband signals. The bandwidths are from 60 to 108 kHz (Group), from 312 to 552 kHz (Supergroup), from 564 to 3084 kHz (Mastergroup), from 300 Hz to 18 kHz, from 20 to 44 kHz or from 28 to 44 kHz.

#### Wideband Data Channel

Denotes an analog channel for the transmission of synchronous serial data at rates of 19.2, 50.0 or 230.4 kbps or asynchronous serial data at rates of 19.2, 50.0 or 230.4 kbps.

#### Wire Center

Denotes a building in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of Telephone Exchange Services, are located.

#### 800 Service Provider

Denotes the entity that offers 800 access services to 800 subscribers.

#### 800 Subscriber

Denotes a customer that has arranged with an 800 Service Provider for 800 service and has been assigned an 800 number.

### 900 Access Service Screening Office

An end office or access tandem that performs the customer identification function required to provide 900 Access Service to all customers.

#### 2.8 Distance Learning

Upon submission of an affidavit that complies with the requirements of Public Utility Commission of Texas Substantive Rule 23.93, 16 T.A.C. 23.93, an educational institution (as defined in Texas Education Code, Sections 11.32, 11.33 and 61.003), library (as defined in Section 441.122 of the Government Code) or a library operated by an institution of higher education or school district may obtain a 25% discount on the tariff rate for any tariffed service, except customer-specific contracts, that is used predominantly for distance learning purposes. Services qualifying under the provisions of Substantive Rule 23.93 will receive the 25% discount on each tariffed rate.

#### 2.9 Educational Percentage Discount Rate (E-Rate)

The percentage discount rates available pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations part 54, subpart F to eligible schools, libraries, and consortia as defined by 47 Code of Federal Regulations part 54, subpart F shall apply to the tariffed rates contained herein. Schools, libraries, and consortia eligible for E-Rates pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations part 54, subpart F shall comply with the provisions of 47 Code of Federal Regulations part 54, subpart F in order to receive the intrastate E-rates.

{1} This definition is applicable only to 3.3.

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1. For service involving stations located in the territory of central office codes listed below, the rates for digital access lines, equipment and arrangements are as set forth in Section 2.

SWBT Digital Serving Central Office	Area <u>Code</u>	Involv Whic	Office Code ing Stations th Require Type 1 Access Lines	and M Involvir Which Typ	office Code Mileage ag Stations Require be 2 Access Lines Mileage
Dallas, Texas (V8436) (H4034)	214	421 426 428 464 521 522 526 559 565 655 658 670 698 741 742 744	745 746 747 748 749 760 761 767 820 821 823 824 826 827 828 871 880 922 939 954 969 993	221 {1} 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 231 233 234 235 236 {2} 238 239 241 242 {1} 243 245 {1} 247 248 251 {1} 252 {1} 253 {1} 255 {1} 256 {1} 257 {1} 258 {1} 257 {1} 258 {1} 276 {1} 276 {1} 2776 {1} 278 {1} 278 {1} 279 285 286 287 288 289	18 {1} 15 15 11 11 14 13 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11

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SWBT Digital Serving Central Office	Area <u>Code</u>	Central Office Code Involving Stations Which Require Type 1 Digital Access Lines	Central Off and Mi Involving Which Re Type Digital Acc Central Office Code	leage Stations quire 2
Dallas, Texas (V8436) (H4034) (Cont'd)	214		291 292 296 297 298 299 320 321 323 324 327 328 330 331 333 337 339 340 341 343 347 348 349 350 351 352 353 357 358 361 363 367 358 361 363 367 373 374 375 376 377 378 380 381 382 385 386	17 28 13 119 13 17 5 18 5 18 8 8 8 7 7 31 7 6 6 6 6 5 5 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7

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SWBT Digital Serving Central Office	Area Code	Central Office Code Involving Stations Which Require Type 1 Digital Access Lines	Involving Which R Typ	ffice Code Stations equire pe 2 ccess Lines Mileage
Dallas, Texas (V8436) (H4034) (Cont'd)	214		387 388 391 392 398 422 {1} 423 {1} 424 {1} 434 {1} 436 {1} 437 438 {1} 445 {1} 445 {1} 450 {1} 453 {1} 455 {1} 457 458 {462 {1} 463 465 {1} 471 472 474 487 {1} 492 {1} 492 {1} 494 {1} 495 {1} 496 {1} 496 {1} 496 {1} 496 {1} 496 {1} 496 {1} 496 {1} 496 {1} 497 {1} 498 {1} 498 {1} 498 {1} 499 {1} 491 {1} 491 {1} 492 {1} 493 {1} 494 {1} 495 {1} 496 {1} 496 {1} 497 {1} 498 {1} 498 {1} 499 {1} 491 {1} 491 {1} 492 {1} 493 {1} 494 {1} 495 {1} 496 {1} 497 {1} 498 {1} 498 {1} 499 {1} 491 {1} 491 {1} 492 {1} 493 {1} 494 {1} 495 {1} 496 {1} 497 {1} 498 {1} 498 {1} 499 {1} 498 {1	11 6 8 11 8 17 {1} 17 {1} 18 {1} 17 {1} 18 {1} 11 {1} 47 47 47 16 47 47 11 18 47 47 11 18 47 47 11 18 47 47 11 18 47 47 11 18 47 11 18 41 18 68 68 18 11 15 41 15 15 11 11
			542 556 557	31 12 11
			561 {2} 563	93 {2}
			563 566 {2} 570 {1} 572 {2} 574 {2} 576	30 97 {2} 13 {1} 110 {2} 16 {1}
			576 578 {1} 579 {1} 581 {2}	17 {1} 9 {1} 93 {2}

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		Involving Stations		g Stations
SWBT		Which Require	Which R	
Digital Serving	Area	Type 1	Тур	
Central Office	Code	Digital Access Lines	Digital Acc	
	·		Central	
			Office	
			Code	Mileage
Dallas, Texas	214		583 {1}	65 {1}
(V8436) (H4034)			592 {2}	92 {2}
(Cont'd)			593 {2}	92 {2}
			595 {2} 596 {1}	92 {2} 18 {1}
			597 {2}	92 {2}
			620	12
			626 630	105 6
			631	6
			634	6
			635 637	30 6
			638	6
			641	15
			642	107 (0)
			643 {2} 644	127 {2} 11
			647	15
			659 {1}	13 {1}
			660 661	15 11
			663 {2}	120 {2}
			669	11
			676 681	15 9
			688	6
			689	6
			690	11
			691 692	5 5
			696	5
			699	11
			721 {1} 722	9 {1} 22
			727	23
			733	15
			736 739	33
			750	5 5
			753 {2}	122 {2}
			757 {2} 758 {2}	122 {2} 122 {2}
			758 {2} 759 {2}	122 {2} 119 {2}
			775	24
			780	13
			782 783	37 11
			105	11

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SWBT Digital Serving Central Office	Area <u>Code</u>	Central Office Code Involving Stations Which Require Type 1 Digital Access Lines	and M Involvi Whic T	Office Code Tileage Ing stations In Require Type 2 Type 2 Type State Mileage
Dallas, Texas (V8436) (H4034) (Cont'd)	214		784 785 788 830 837 840 {1} 851 856 {2} 867 {1} 869 872 874 875 8875 881 {1} 882 {2} 888 890 891 892 {1} 893 {1} 924 931 933 934 935 {2} 937 938 {2} 944 946 948 960 980 985 {1} 987	94 94 11 12 37 13 {1} 11 108 {2} 18 {1} 12 51 51 51 51 60 {1} 60 6 42 15 15 11 143 {2} 27 143 {2} 5 5 5 5 11 18 {1} 18 {1} 11 11 11 11 11

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. (Cont'd)			Control	Office Code
		a . 1 2551 a 1		
		Central Office Code		ileage
		Involving Stations		ng Stations
SWBT		Which Require	Which	Require
Digital Serving	Area	Type 1	Ty	pe 2
Central Office	Code	Digital Access Lines		ccess Lines
			Central	
			Office	
				Miller
	015		Code	<u>Mileage</u>
Dallas, Texas	817		232	33
(V8436) (H4034)			236 237	40 41
(Cont'd)			244	41
			246	39
			249	39
			261	20
			265	20
			267	17
			268	23
			273	20
			274 275	20 20
			277	20
			280	23
			281	27
			282	23
			283	17
			284	26
			292	36
			293	33
			294 295	36 35
			297	38
			322	125
			325	77
			328	77
			332	33
			334	33
			335	33
			336 338	33 33
			346	36
			355	17
			390	33
			429	34
			430	30
			439	36
			441	48
			443 447	47 35
			448	47
			451	34
			452	20
			457	34
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			461	20
			465	21
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			473	20 26
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CMDT		Involving Stations		ng Stations
SWBT Digital Serving	Area	Which Require Type 1	Тур	Require
Central Office	Code	Digital Access Lines		e z ccess Lines
CCITCLE OTTICC	coac	Digital Necess Hines	Central	CCCSS HINCS
			Office	
			Code	Mileage
Dallas, Texas	817		481 {1}	20 {1}
(V8436) (H4034) (Cont'd)			483 485	27
			488 {1}	20 {1}
			489 491	43 30
			493	21
			496	34
			498	27
			531 534	30
			535	30 30
			536	30
			540	17
			548	38
			549 {2}	107 {2}
			551	33
			552 {2}	173 {2}
			553 {2} 560	173 {2}
			567 {2}	86 {2}
			571	17
			572 573	27 63
			577 577	27
			588	20
			589	
			592 {2} 594	135 {2} 59
			595	26
			599	59
			624	35
			625 626	35 35
			640	17
			641	46
			645	46
			649 654	17 34
			656	
			662 {2}	91 {2}
			666 {2} 679	93 {2}
			691 {2}	126 {2}
			692 {2} 723 {2}	126 {2} 125 {2}
			731	37

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	Dallas, Texas (V8436) (H4034) (Cont'd)	817		Code 733 735 737 738 752 {1} 753{1} 754{1} 755{1} 756{1} 761{1} 763{1} 776{1} 771{1} 772{1} 773{1} 774{1} 775{1} 779{1} 83 792 794 795{1} 789 822 {1} 829 {1} 831 834 836 {1} 838 840 {1} 838 840 {1} 851 {1} 855 {1} 857 {1} 859 {1} 860 863 {1} 870 875 {1} 877 881 {1} 921	Mileage  37 37 37 386 {1} 86 {1} 86 {1} 86 {1} 86 {1} 125 {1} 125 {1} 120 {1} 90 {1} 120 {1} 120 {1} 120 {1} 120 {1} 120 {1} 36 20 20 20 {1} 83 74 {1} 107 {1} 31 83 31 99 {1} 129 {1} 129 {1} 129 {1} 20 79 {1} 33 87 {1} 85 {1} 95 {1} 34

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SWBT		Central Office Code Involving Stations Which Require	Central Off: and Milea Involving S Which Re	age Stations quire
Digital Serving	Area	Type 1	Type 2	
Central Office	Code	Digital Access Lines	Digital Acces	ss Lines
			Central	
			Office	
			Code	Mileage
Houston, Texas	713	220	230 232	16
(V8938) (H3536)		221 222	235	30 6
		223	251	23
		224	255	28
		225 226	256 259	25 35
		227	266	10
		228	270	11
		229	271	11
		236 237	277 {3} 280	19 {3} 19
		241	284	6
		546	285	6
		650 651	288	29
		652	292 320	29
		654	332 {1}	24 {1}
		656	333	22
		658 659	337 {1} 338 {1}	28 {1} 24 {1}
		750	341	30
		751	342	30
		754 757	350 351	23 28
		759	353	23
		888	356	35
			363	29
			367 370	29 23
			371 {2}	28 {2}
			373	25
			376 390	23 3
			420 {1}	24 {1}
			422 {1}	24 {1}
			424 {1}	21 {1}
			427 {1} 428 {1}	24 {1} 24 {1}
			432	6
			433	16
			434	16
			436 437	12 14
			101	7-7

the purpose of this tariff.
Fort Bend Telephone Company is a connecting carrier for the purpose of this tariff.

Sugarland Tol. General Telephone Company of the Southwest is a concurring carrier for {1}

<sup>{2}</sup> 

<sup>{3}</sup> Sugarland Telephone Company is a connecting carrier for the purpose of this tariff.

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SWBT Digital Serving Central Office	Area <u>Code</u>	Central Office Code Involving Stations Which Require Type 1 Digital Access Lines	and Mi Involvi Which Typ Digital A Central Office	ng Stations Require De 2 CCESS Lines
			<u>Code</u>	<u> Mileage</u>
Houston, Texas (V8938) H3536) (Cont'd)	713		438 439 444 444 4445 445 455 457 458 457 457 457 457 457 457 457 457 457 457	14 16 18 10 16 18 12 12 10 10 15 10 17 15 12 12 10 15 10 19 22 21 10 15 19 14 19 14 19 15
			487	10

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(oone a)			Central Of	fice Code
		Central Office Code	and Mile	
		Involving Stations	Involving	
CLIDT				
SWBT	7	Which Require	Which R	
Digital Serving	Area	Type 1	Туре	
Central Office	Code	Digital Access Lines	Digital Acc	cess Lines
			Central	
			Office	
			Code	Mileage
Houston, Texas	713		489	18
(V8938) (H3536)			491 {1}	19 {1}
(Cont'd)			492	20
			493 494 {1}	19 {1}
			495	15 (1)
			496	15
			497	15
			498	15
			499 {3}	16 {3}
			520 521	3 3
			522	3
			523	3
			524	3
			525 526	3
			527	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
			528	3
			529	3
			530	15
			531	15
			534 {3} 537	28 {3} 18
			541	11
			550	21
			551	10
			552	6
			554 {3}	24 {3}
			556	15
			558 574 {2}	15 28 {2}
			578	20 (2)
			580	18
			583	18
			590 591	10 12
			599	6
			620	6
			621	6
			622	6
			623 626	6

Sugarland Telephone Company is a connecting carrier for the purpose of {1}

this tariff.
Fort Bend Telephone Company is a connecting carrier for the purpose of {2} this tariff.

General Telephone Company of the Southwest is a concurring carrier for {3} the purpose of this tariff.

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SWBT Digital Serving Central Office	Area <u>Code</u>	Central Office Code Involving Stations Which Require Type 1 Digital Access Lines	and Mile Involvin	g Stations Require 2
Houston, Texas (V8938( (H3536)	713		629 631 6335 6441 6445 6445 6646 6646 6667 6671 6773 6774 6775 6789 6881 6881 6881 6881 6881 6881 6881 68	636666666666666666665555555555888888806666666000011000666

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SWBT Digital Serving Central Office	Area <u>Code</u>	Central Office Code Involving Stations Type 1 Digital Access Lines	and Mil Involvin Type Digital Ac Central Office	g Stations e 2 ccess Lines
Houston, Texas (V8938) (H3536) (Cont'd)	713		Code  738  741  747  748  749  771  772  774  776  777  778  780  781  782  783  784  785  789  790  791  792  795  797  799  820  821  827  840  841  847  850  859  861  862  864  868  869  870  871  877  879  880  890  891  891  891  892  921  923  924	Mileage  6 4 4 4 11 11 11 11 11 11 10 10 10 10 10 10 10

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			Central	Office Code
		Central Office Code	and Mi	leage
		Involving Stations		ing Stations
SWBT		Which Require		Require
Digital Serving	Area	Type 1	Туре	
Central Office	Code	Digital Access Lines	Digital Ac	cess Lines
			Central	
			Office	
			Code	<u>Mileage</u>
Houston, Texas	713		928	4
(V8938) (H3536)			929	14
(Cont'd)			930	15
			931	12
			932	10
			933	15
			937	15
			939	12
			940	6
			941	11
			943	11
			944	11
			946	11
			947	11
			951	12
			952	10
			953	10
			954	10
			955	19
			956	8
			957	8
			960	6
			961 965	6 6
			966	6
			972	10
			973	10
			974	10
			975	10
			977	10
			978	10
			980 {1}	19 {1}
			981	11
			984	10
			987	10
			988	11
			991	10
			993	6
			995	11
			996	18
			997	14
			998	15

<sup>{1}</sup> Sugarland Telephone Company is a connecting carrier for the purpose of this tariff.

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SWBT Digital Serving Central Office	Area <u>Code</u>	Central Office Code Involving Stations Which Require Type 1 Digital Access Lines		Stations equire 2
			Code	Mileage
Houston, Texas (V8938) (H3536) (Cont'd)	409		233 234 238 239 258 265 273 {1} 297 299 336 {2} 372 539 {1} 756 {1} 760 {1} 865 885 935 938 942 945 948	55 60 55 55 55 35 50 34 {1} 49 40 {2} 40 {1} 40 {1} 40 {1} 56 48 36 36 36 36 38 38

<sup>{1}</sup> Lufkin-Conroe Communications Company is a concurring carrier for the

purpose of this tariff.
Continental Telephone Company is a connecting carrier for the purpose {2} of this tariff.

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SWI Digital Central	Serving	Area <u>Code</u>	Central Office Code Involving Stations Which Require Type 1 Digital Access Lines	and Mi Involvi Which Typ	Office Code leage ng Stations Require e 2 .ccess Lines  Mileage
San Ar (V9225	ttonio, Tex (H4062)	as 512	220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230 231 246 270 271 299	278 3334 3347 3442 33496 3496 42623 4334 4356 4356 4356 4356 4356 4356 435	81 6 52 6 7 7 7 7 96 23 41 5 5 5 5 88 103 10 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 13 13 10 12 12 12 12 13 13 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10

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SWBT Digital Serving Central Office	Area Code	Central Office Code Involving Stations Which Require Type 1 Digital Access Lines	Central Of and Miles Involving Which Re Type Digital Acc Central Office Code	age g Stations equire e 2
			<u> </u>	11110090
San Antonio, Texas (V9225) (H4062) (Cont'd)	512		659 661 662 667 671 671 677 679 681 688 688 6991 6995 6998 6992 7334 7356 737 742 751 7784 821 824 828 827 828 828 828 828 829 923 925 927 928 928 929 929 929 929 929 929 929 929	15 77 32 15 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11

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SW.	BT Serving	Area	Central Office Code Involving Stations Which Require Type 1	Central Of and Milead Involving Which Re	ge Stations equire
<u>Central</u>		<u>Code</u>	Digital Access Lines	Digital acc Central Office	cess Lines
Austin, (V9004)		512	397 471 472 473 474 475 476 477 478 482 870	Code 237 243 244 255 255 255 263 266 267 2782 288 327 345 62 288 327 345 444 447 445 455 455 455 455 836 7734 455 455 455 455 455 455 455 455 455 4	Mileage 40 12 17 12 14 14 17 14 13 16 13 20 13 20 13 10 24 12 28 5 8 8 29 27 3 3 3 52 3 3 4 4 4 4 61 75 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 6 5

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# 5.1 General

This section contains the regulations and order related charges for Access Services provided in this tariff. These charges are in addition to applicable charges contained in other sections of this tariff.

An access order is the customer's request for SWBT to provide the customer with Access Services or to provide modifications to existing services. An access order may be submitted by Access Service Request (ASR) or by such other ordering processes as SWBT may provide. Depending upon the services, facilities or service interval dates requested, one or more access orders may be required to provide the customer with access service.

Access orders are processed on a first-come first-served basis. First-come first-served shall be based upon the received time and date stamped by SWBT on customer orders which contain the information as required for each respective service as delineated in this tariff. Customer orders shall not be deemed to have been received until such information is provided. When necessary, SWBT will attempt to seek clarification on a verbal basis. SWBT will initiate the order process within one working day of receipt of the customer's order.

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#### 5.2.1 Ordering Conditions

An order for Access Service is subject to the following conditions:

- A customer may order an number of services of the same type and between the same premises on a single access order provided all details are for the same service (except for those for multipoint service).
- The customer shall provide all information necessary for SWBT to provide and bill for the requested service. Such information is described in 5.2.2 (Ordering Requirements).
- SWBT will establish a service date when the customer has provided an access order that contains the required information for each respective service. The date on which the service date is established is considered to be the application date. SWBT will provide a firm order confirmation to the customer and will advise the customer of the application date and the service date.
- (D) For Expanded Interconnection, an interconnector may, within a single wire center, order multiple quantities of designated basic transmission equipment associated with a single entrance cable on the same virtual collocation application form.

The interconnection cross connect is limited to one single point of termination address (e.g., aisle, bay, panel and jack) per access order.

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# 5. Ordering for Access Service (Cont'd)

## 5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

#### 5.2.1 Ordering Conditions (Cont'd)

Except as provided below, SWBT shall permit a requesting telecommunications carrier to commingle an unbundled network element or a combination of unbundled network elements with wholesale services obtained from SWBT, to the extent provided by and subject to the terms and conditions of the requesting telecommunications carrier's interconnection agreement with SWBT (or, if applicable, of SWBT intrastate tariffs). (1)

SWBT need not provide access to (1) an unbundled DS1 loop in combination, or commingled, with a dedicated DS1 transport or dedicated DS3 transport facility or service, or to an unbundled DS3 loop in combination, or commingled, with a dedicated DS3 transport facility or service, or (2) an unbundled dedicated DS1 transport facility in combination, or commingled, with an unbundled DS1 loop or a DS1 channel termination service, or to an unbundled dedicated DS3 transport facility in combination, or commingled, with an unbundled DS1 loop or a DS1 channel termination service, or to an unbundled DS3 loop or a DS3 channel termination service, unless the requesting telecommunications carrier certifies that all of the following conditions are met. (1)

- (1) The requesting telecommunications carrier has received state certification to provide local voice service in the area being served or, in the absence of a state certification requirement, has complied with registration, tariffing, filing fee, or other regulatory requirements applicable to the provision of local voice service in that area.
- (1) In the event the Federal Communications Commission or a court, pursuant to any regulatory or judicial review of the FCC's Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 01-338, FCC 03-36, para. 582 (released Aug. 21, 2003) (Triennial Review Order), vacates, stays, remands, reconsiders, or rejects the portion of the Triennial Review Order requiring ILECs to permit commingling, the terms and conditions of this tariff authorizing commingling, which are identified with a footnote, shall cease to be effective as of the effective date of the FCC order or the issuance of the court's mandate. In that event, SWBT will provide customers that have commingled UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) with wholesale services obtained under this Tariff written notice that, within 30 days, customers must either convert such UNE(s) or UNE Combination(s) to a comparable service, or disconnect such UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) from those wholesale services. Failure to provide SWBT instructions to convert or disconnect such UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) within 30 days, as described above, shall be deemed authorization to convert the UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) to comparable access services at month-to-month rates.

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## 5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

#### 5.2.1 Ordering Conditions (Cont'd)

- (2) The following criteria are satisfied for each combined circuit, including each DS1 circuit, each DS1 enhanced extended link, and each DS1-equivalent circuit on a DS3 enhanced extended link:
  - Each circuit to be provided to each end user customer (i) will be assigned a local number prior to the provision of service over that circuit;
  - (ii) Each DS1-equivalent circuit on a DS3 enhanced extended link must have its own local number assignment, so that each DS3 must have at least 28 local voice numbers assigned to it;
  - (iii) Each circuit to be provided to each end user customer will have 911 or E911 capability prior to the provision of service over that circuit;
  - (iv) Each circuit to be provided to each end user customer will terminate in a collocation arrangement that meets the requirements detailed below;
  - Each circuit to be provided to each end user customer (V) will be served by an interconnection trunk that meets the requirements detailed below;
  - (vi) For each 24 DS1 enhanced extended links or other facilities having equivalent capacity, the requesting telecommunications carrier will have at least one active DS1 local service interconnection trunk that meets the requirements detailed below; and
  - (vii) Each circuit to be provided to each end user customer will be served by a switch capable of switching local voice traffic.

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## 5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

#### 5.2.1 Ordering Conditions (Cont'd)

A collocation arrangement meets the requirements in (iv) above if it is:

- (1) Established pursuant to section 251(c)(6) of the Act and located at SWBT's premises within the same LATA as the customer's premises, when SWBT is not the collocator; and
- (2) Located at a third party's premises within the same LATA as the customer's premises, when SWBT is the collocator.

An interconnection trunk meets the requirements of (v) and (vi) above in this certification if the requesting telecommunications carrier will transmit the calling party's number in connection with calls exchanged over the trunk and the trunk is located in the same LATA as the customer premises served by the EEL.(1)

(1) In the event the Federal Communications Commission or a court, pursuant to any regulatory or judicial review of the FCC's Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 01-338, FCC 03-36, para. 582 (released Aug. 21, 2003) (Triennial Review Order), vacates, stays, remands, reconsiders, or rejects the portion of the Triennial Review Order requiring ILECs to permit commingling, the terms and conditions of this tariff authorizing commingling, which are identified with a footnote, shall cease to be effective as of the effective date of the FCC order or the issuance of the court's mandate. In that event, SWBT will provide customers that have commingled UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) with wholesale services obtained under this Tariff written notice that, within 30 days, customers must either convert such UNE(s) or UNE Combination(s) to a comparable service, or disconnect such UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) from those wholesale services. Failure to provide SWBT instructions to convert or disconnect such UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) within 30 days, as described above, shall be deemed authorization to convert the UNE(s) and/or UNE Combination(s) to comparable access services at month-to-month rates.

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When placing an order for Access Service the customer is required to provide the following information:

- Customer name and premises address(es)Billing name and address (when different from customer name and address)
- Customer contact name(s) and telephone number(s) for the provisioning activities of order negotiation, order confirmation, interactive design, installation and billing

In addition to the information listed above, the customer shall provide, at a minimum, information for the specific service requested as described herein.

Where Access Services are jointly provided, additional regulations are set forth in 2.6 (Jointly-Provided Access Services).

For services which involve remote switching offices, remote switching office to host relationships are provided to all customers by SWBT. This information is contained in the Southwestern Bell End Office Profile report. Customers who want to receive this report may obtain ordering information from the User's Guide section of this tariff.

Except for virtual collocation, selection of facilities, equipment and traffic routing of Switched Access Services are based on standard engineering methods, available facilities and equipment, SWBT traffic routing plans, and the customer's order for FGA and FGB Switched Access Service as set forth in 6.7.2 (Design and Traffic Routing of Switched Access Service). If the customer desires routing or directionality different from that determined by SWBT, SWBT will work cooperatively with the customer in determining the routing and directionality of the service.

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#### Ordering Requirements (Cont'd) 5.2.2

For virtual collocation, selection of the general type of equipment to be dedicated to the interconnector's use will be done by the interconnector. Selection of locations within the wire center for the placement of all virtual collocation facilities and basic transmission equipment will be done by SWBT. All other ordering requirements set forth in 5.2.2 apply.

For services which require Switched Transport or Directory Transport services, the customer must also specify the ordering minimum information as set forth in 5.2.2 (Switched Transport and Directory Transport Services).

All line side connections provided in the same access group will be limited to the same features and operating characteristics. All trunk side connections provided in the same access group will be limited to the same features and operating characteristics. The features and operating characteristics for line side and trunk side connections are specified in 6.4 (Switched Access Features) and 6.5 (Service Provisioning).

Regulations concerning the ordering of Testing Service, Additional Labor, Telecommunications Service Priority, Special Facilities Routing and Special Construction are contained in 5.2.6 (Provision of Other Services).

## (A) Feature Group A (FGA) Switched Access Service

The customer shall specify the Interexchange Carrier to which the FGA service is connected or, in the alternative, specify the means by which the FGA access communication is transported to another LATA.

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# 5.2.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

## (A) Feature Group A (FGA) Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

The customer shall also specify the number of lines and the first point of switching (i.e., dial tone office), the directionality of the service, and the Switched Transport and Local Switching features desired. The first point of switching cannot be an end office served by a Remote Switching System (RSS) or Remote Switching Module (RSM) because all traffic originating or terminating at a remote switching office must switch through its host office. In addition, the customer shall specify whether the ordered lines are for MTS/WATS-type or FX-ONAL services. The customer shall also specify which MTS/WATS-type FGA lines are to be arranged in multiline hunt group arrangements and which lines are to be provided as single lines.

The customer shall indicate if the FGA Switched Access Service is to be provided with an extension to a different LATA. When an extension is indicated on the order, the customer must specify the customer designated premises within the LATA of the Switched Access FGA service at which the FGA extension is to be terminated.

The customer must also specify if new or existing Switched Transport facilities will be used. If a new Switched Transport facility or facilities are specified, additional information as set forth in (C) following is also required. If an existing Switched Transport facility or facilities are specified, such facilities must have a compatible interface and available capacity to install the FGA service. In addition, the customer must also specify the circuit facility assignment for the FGA or being installed.

# (B) Feature Group B (FGB) or Feature Group D (FGD), Switched Access Service

The customer shall specify the number of trunks directionality of the service, the entry switch and the Switched Transport and Switched Switching features desired. The first point of switching cannot be an end office provided by an (RSS) or (RSM) because all traffic originating or terminating at a remote switching office must switch through its host office. When an end office is the specified entry switch, SWBT will work cooperatively with the customer to determine if direct trunking to the end office will be provided.

When the customer orders trunk quantities to an access tandem, SWBT may request an estimate of the amount of traffic the customer will generate to and from each end office subtending the access tandem to assist SWBT in its own efforts to project further facility requirements. Traffic estimates to end offices provided by remote switching offices should be uniquely identified and not included in traffic estimates to the host. The traffic type must also be specified using the categories described in 6.7.1 (Manner of Provisioning), to enable efficient provisioning and billing functions.

When ordering FGB the customer shall specify the Interexchange Carrier to which the FGB service is connected or, in the alternative, specify the means by which the FGB access communication is transported to another LATA.

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## Feature Group B (FGB) or Feature Group D (FGD), Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

When FGD Switched Access Service is ordered for the provision of MicroLink I Access Capability the customer must  $\hat{h}$ ave digital facilities between the customer designated premises and the access tandem or end office for originating and terminating traffic. The customer must also specify the traffic type as described in 6.5.1 (Manner of Provisioning).

# (C) Switched Transport and Directory Transport Services

When the customer orders Switched Transport Service or Directory Transport Service, the customer must designate at least one line side or trunk side Switched Access Servcice or Directory Assistance Access Service that will use the transport facility or facilities.

When a customer orders Switched Transport Service or Directory Assistance Access Service and specifies that the facility is to be interconnected with another transport facility, the customer must specifiy compatible channel interfaces.

The minimum information required to order Switched Transport Service or Directory Transport Service is set forth in (C)(1) through (C)(3) following. Such information is in addition to the information required to order line side or trunk side Switched Access Service or Directory Assistance Access Service.

# (1) Entrance Facility

If the Entrance Facility is new, the customer must specify the customer premises, the connection type (Voice Grade, DS1 or DS3), the interface group and the Switched Transport features (including multiplexing, if this feature is desired at the serving wire center).

If the Entrance Facility is existing, the customer must provide the information set forth in 5.2.2(A) and (B) above.

## Direct-Trunked Transport

If the Direct-Trunked Transport is new, the customer must specify the connection type (Voice Grade, DS1 or DS3), the channel interface and the Switched Transport features desired (including multiplexing). If multiplexing is requested, the customer must specify the type of multiplexing required and each hub where the multiplexer or multiplexers are to be installed.

The customer must also specify the Entrance Facility to which the Direct-Trunked Transport is interconnected and whether or not the Entrance Facility is new or existing. The Entrance Facility must have an interface that is with the Direct-Trunked Transport compatible requested.

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# Switched Transport and Directory Transport Services (Cont'd)

# (2) Direct-Trunked Transport (Cont'd)

If the Entrance Facility to which the Direct-Trunked Transport is to be interconnected is new, additional information as specified in (C)(1), is required. If either the Direct-Trunked Transport or the Entrance Facility (to which the Direct-Trunked Transport is to be interconnected) is existing, additional information, as set forth in 5.2.2(A) and (B) preceding must be provided.

# Tandem-Switched Transport

If the Tandem-Switched Transport is new, the customer must specify the connection type (Voice Grade, DS1 or DS3) to be used between the serving wire center and the access tandem. The customer must also specify the Switched Transport features desired (including multiplexing) and whether the direct rating option or the tandem rating option is to be used. If multiplexing is requested, the customer must select the direct rating option and specify the type of multiplexing required and each hub where the multiplexer or multiplexers are to be installed.

Until July 1, 1994, only one rating option can be selected per customer per access tandem. If both tandem routed Switched Access Services and tandem routed DA Access Services are to be provided at the same access tandem, the rating option selected must be the same for both. In addition, when the Tandem-Switched Transport is jointly provided, as set forth in 2.6 (Jointly Provided Access Service), the rating option selected (or its equivalent) must be the same for all exchange telephone companies involved in providing the service.

The customer must also specify the Entrance Facility to which the Tandem-Switched Transport is to be interconnected and whether or not the Entrance Facility is new or existing. The Entrance Facility must have an interface that is compatible with the Tandem-Switched Transport being requested.

If the Entrance Facility to which the Tandem-Switched Transport is to be interconnected is new, additional information as specified in (C)(1) preceding is required. If either the Tandem-Switched Transport or Entrance Facility (to which the Tandem-Switched Transport is to be interconnected) is existing, additional information, as set forth in 5.2.2(A) and (B) must also be provided.

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## (C) Switched Transport and Directory Transport Services (Cont'd)

To determine the number of lines or trunks to order, the customer may first wish to calculate the Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMCs) and then use those BHMCs to determine the number of lines or trunks. BHMCs may be determined by the customer in the following manner:

- (1) For each day, determine the highest number of minutes of use for a single hour (e.g., 55 minutes in the 10-11 AM hour).
- (2) For the same hour period (i.e., busy hour), determine the sum of the twenty consecutive days in a calendar year which represent the largest number of minutes of use.
- (3) Determine the average Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (i.e., BHMC) by dividing the sum from Step (2) by 20.

When the customer orders a change to the rating option for Tandem-Switched Transport, the rating change must be made for all tandem routed services provided at the access tandem.

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## (D) 800 Number Portability Access Service (NPAS)

Direct routing will be provided from SSP equipped end offices, i.e., end offices equipped to provide customer identification. All 800 traffic originating from end offices not equipped to provide customer identification will require routing to an access tandem where the customer identification function is available. Information regarding 800 NPAS identification function is contained in the Southwestern Bell End Office Profile report. Customers wishing to receive this report may obtain ordering information from the Reference to Technical Publications Section of this Tariff.

800 NPAS requires FGD or BSA-D Switched Access Service. customer shall designate which originating FGD or BSA-D Switched Access Service trunk groups are to be associated with 800 NPAS. Calls originating from an Area of Service in which the customer has not ordered sufficient originating FGD or BSA-D Switched Access Service will be blocked.

## (E) 900 Access Service

Customers shall specify the LATAs from which they wish to receive originating 900 Access Service calls, the 900-NXX codes to be activated in a given LATA and the desired due date of the order. 900 Access Service calls originating from LATAs in which the customer has not ordered 900 Access Service will be blocked.

900 Access Service may be combined with either FGB or FGD Switched Access Service. The customer must have LATA-wide originating Switched Access Service in order to receive 900 Access Service traffic. The customer shall designate which FGB, or FGD Switched Access Service trunk groups are to be associated with 900 Access Service. 900 Access Service traffic may be originated over FGB Switched Access Service from a non-equal access end office. However, when FGD Switched Access Service becomes available in an end office, 900 Access Service traffic originating from that end office must be provided with FGD Switched Access Service.

Information regarding 900 Access Service Screening Offices is contained in the Southwestern Bell End Office Profile report. Customers who want to receive this report may obtain ordering information from the User's Guide section of this tariff.

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## (F) Directory Assistance (DA) Access Service

When Directory Asistance Access Service is ordered, the customer must also specify if new or existing Directory Transport services or interconnection cross connects are to be used. If a new Directory Transport facility or interconnection cross connects is specified, additional information as set forts in 5.2.2.(C) (Switched Transport and Directory Transport Services) is also required. If an existing Directory Transport facility or facilities are specified, such facilities must have a compatible interface and available capacity to install the service. In addition, the customer must specify the circuit facility assignment for the service being ordered.

# (G) Special Access Service

For all Special Access Services, the customer must specify the customer designated premises, interconnection cross connects, or hubs involved, the type of service (e.g., Voice Grade or WATS Access Line, High Capacity, etc.), the channel interface, technical specification package and features desired. For multipoint services, the customer may request different channel interfaces at each premises; however, all such interfaces must be compatible.

If Special Access Services are exempt from the Special Access Surcharge, as described in 7.2.5 (Special Access Surcharge), the customer shall furnish the required certification when placing the access order.

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## (H) WATS Access Line Service

In addition to the ordering requirements for Special Access Service specified in (F) preceding, for WATS Access Line Service the customer must also specify the originating or terminating type of calling for which the service is to be provided, the type of address signaling and the type of supervisory signaling desired. A WATS Access Line shall be ordered in lines for use with FGD Switched Access Service on an originating or terminating basis. A WATS Access Line shall be ordered in lines for use with FGA and FGB Switched Access Service on a terminating basis only. WATS Access Line Service may be ordered by all customers, both end users and Interexchange Carriers. Additionally, when the necessary screening functions are not provided at the wire center which serves the customer's premises, SWBT will provide the service to the nearest wire center where capacity exists. In these circumstances, the customer will be so notified and the order will be changed to designate the appropriate premises. No charge will apply for the order modification.

- (I) For Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) Interconnection Service, the customer must provide the following information to the Telephone Company at the time of ordering:
  - -Number of access links
  - -Link Type
  - -Signaling Link Code

  - -Customer Signaling Point Code -Common Language Location Identifier (CLLI) code of the Telephone Company interconnecting Signal Transfer Point
  - -Contact telephone number for installation and maintenance of the customer's designated premises

When ordering CCS/SS7 Interconnection Service, the customer will provide an estimate of total annual volume and busy hour busy month volume projected for a period of three years. The forecast should be itemized by message type. The Telephone Company will utilize this forecast in its own efforts to project further facility requirements.

# (J) Line Information Data Base (LIDB) Validation Service

Line Information Data Base (LIDB) Validation Service is provided in conjunction with CCS/SS7 Interconnection Service, as set forth in Section 23 (Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7). order to utilize LIDB Validation Service, the customer must have  ${\tt CCS/SS7}$  Interconnection Service to the two SWBT Signaling Transfer Points (STPs) designated by SWBT as the interconnecting STP pair to be utilized for interconnection to the CCS/SS7 SWBT's STP locations are provided in the National network. Exchange Carriers Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4

The customer must provide a LIDB Validation Service Order Form which specifies the originating point codes (OPCs) of the customer's designated Operator Service Systems (OSSs) sending the query or queries and the desired due date of the order.

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- (K) Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling is provided in conjunction with CCS/SS7 Interconnection Service as set forth in Section 22 and is only available with FGD Switched Access Service. The customer must specify at the time of ordering the:
  - -switching point codes -trunk identification codes

The customer must also identify the CCS/SS7 Interconnection Service Link associated with the FGD trunk group.

## (L) Reserved for Future Use

# (M) Multiple 64 Clear Channel Capability (64 CCC)

When FGD switched Access Service is ordered for the provision of Multiple 64 CCC, the customer must have direct routed digital transport facilities between the customer designated premises and the multiple 64 CCC end office for originating and terminating traffic. To ensure availability of transporting Multiple 64 CCC rates at speeds up to 1536 Kbps, the customer must, at a minimum, order 24 FGD trunks or contiguous increments of 24 FGD trunk groups, equipped with the following:

- SS7 Signaling
- 64 CCC
- Multiple 64 CCC

In addition, the customer must specify one of three trunk allocation schemes: fixed, floating or flexible. In the fixed allocation scheme, the FGD trunks selected for a Multiple 64 CCC call are contiguous and the first FGD trunk is constrained to certain fixed starting points. In the floating allocation scheme, the FGD trunks selected for a Multiple 64 CCC call are contiguous, but the position of the first trunk can float. For the flexible allocation scheme, the FGD trunks selected for a Multiple 64 CCC call may occupy non-contiguous positions within a group of 24 FGD trunks.

Customer may segregate their originating and terminating Multiple 64 CCC traffic by specifying dedicated Multiple 64 CCC trunk group(s) on the order. A Multiple 64 CCC trunk group(s) represents access capacity for carrying only Multiple 64 CCC traffic.

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# (N) Network Components

On arrangements where Network Components are billed to more than one entity, the following terms and conditions apply:

- (1) The end-to-end Network Components must be ordered on one Access Service Request (ASR) by one ordering entity.
- (2) The ordering entity, as specified in (1) above, placing the ASR must provide all the information specified in 5.5.2 (Ordering Requirements) for each entity to be billed.
- (3) Requests for additions, changes, or disconnects must be placed by the ordering entity, as specified in (1) above.
- (4) In the event of a billing dispute, it must be initiated by the ordering entity, as specified in (1) above. SWBT will negotiate with the ordering entity as set forth in 2.5 (Billing Regulations).

# (O) Carrier Identification Code Parameter (CIP)

The customer must specify per trunk group or tandem, and all associated Carrier Identification Codes, the end offices that will be used to pass originating Carrier Identification Code Parameter (CIP) to the customer s designated premises. The customer s end office must be equipped with SS7 Signaling and is provided in conjunction with Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) Interconnection Service as set forth in Section 22. End offices so equipped may be found in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

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# (R) Expanded Interconnection/Virtual Collocation

## (1) Bona fide Request

The interconnector must specify the SWBT central office desired for virtual collocation. In addition, SWBT must be in receipt of the written description of the interconnector-designated equipment and the engineering design charge. The engineering design charge is specified in 25.7.5 (Rates and Charges) and is required per collocation request, per central office. The written description must include, at a minimum, the following:

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- manufacturer's name,
- equipment name,
- equipment type or model number, and
- the quantity of equipment.

In addition, if the interconnector desires to be considered a potential vendor of the equipment being designated, the bona fide request must include an attachment with a price quote for the designated equipment as well as information sufficient for SWBT to determine the reasonableness of the offered price as set forth in 25.2.1(C) (Designation of Dedicated Equipment).

Receipt of the application form and fifty percent of the quotation of the nonrecurring charges, as set forth in  $25.5.2\,(\text{A})$  (Nonrecurring Charges for Installation) constitutes a bona fide request.

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# 5.2.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

# (R) Expanded Interconnection/Virtual Collocation (Cont'd)

## (1) Bona fide Request (Cont'd)

Receipt of the engineering design charge and the Expanded Interconnection application form(s) will determine the order of priority (i.e., first come-first served basis) of interconnectors' requests. If the equipment requested on the application form is not tariffed in Section 25, SWBT will tariff such equipment within 30 days of receipt of the application form and fifty percent of the quotation of the nonrecurring charges to become effective on 30 days' notice.

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# (2) Minimum Ordering Requirements

The interconnector shall specify the description of the equipment (including manufacturer's name, equipment name, equipment type and model number and quantity of equipment), the release date of the software/firmware, cabling specifications and facility assignments between designated equipment. The interconnector will provide remote monitoring and control as described in Section 25.

The interconnector may specify a maximum of two single mode dielectric fiber optic cables per wire center. The interconnector shall specify the number of fibers in each cable and the number of riser tails needed to splice all fibers provided at the time of installation.

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# 5.2.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

# (R) Expanded Interconnection/Virtual Collocation (Cont'd)

(2) Minimum Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

The interconnector must also designate basic transmission equipment to be dedicated to its use. The interconnector must also specify the number and type of interconnection cross connects desired for the interconnection of their designated arrangement.

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(3) Interconnection Cross Connect

For the interconnection cross connect specified in 25.5 (Rate Regulations for Virtual Collocation), an order is limited to a single point of termination address. The interconnector must identify each interconnection cross connect as either switched, special or shared use. When ordering the interconnection cross connect to be provided as switched or shared use, the interconnector must specify the number of channels to be used for switched access services.

When ordering the interconnection cross connect, the interconnector must specify the existing SWBT-provided tariffed service or switched transport connection that connects to its interconnection cross connect. The SWBT-provided service or switched transport connection so specified may be either an existing or new circuit. If new, it must be ordered at the same time as the interconnection cross connect. The interconnector must also provide the frame address information (e.g., floor, aisle, bay, panel and jack) on the Access Order.

(4) Access Order Charges, as set forth in 5.4 (Access Order Charges) will apply to orders for virtual collocation.

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## 5.2 Access Order (cont'd)

# 5.2.3 Service Provisioning Intervals

The time required to provision the service (i.e., the period between the application date and the service date) is known as the service interval. Such intervals will be established in accordance with published interval guidelines and where possible, will reflect the customer's requested service date.

Schedules that specify installation intervals will also specify the services and quantities of the services that can be provided as specified in Section 5.2.3.1(B) and (C). SWBT will adhere to the intervals as specified in Section 5.3.2(C) (1), except during circumstances beyond its direct control (i.e., acts of God, governmental requirements, work stoppages and civil commotions).

A schedule of intervals applicable for Expanded Interconnection is located in SWBT's Technical Publication for Expanded Interconnection. SWBT's intervals for equipment are subject to equipment availability from the manufacturer and the published intervals will be adhered to except:

- During circumstances beyond its direct control (i.e., acts of God, governmental requirements, work stoppages and civil commotions), and
- When an interconnector designates equipment that is not used by SWBT to provision its other access services and SWBT must, therefore, first obtain training regarding the installation, maintenance and administration of the equipment designated as well as obtain the equipment itself.

Access Services will be installed during SWBT business days. If a customer requests that installation be done outside of normally scheduled work hours, and SWBT agrees to this request, the customer will be subject to applicable charges described in 13.2 (Additional Labor).

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## 5.2 Access Order (cont'd)

# 5.2.3 Service Provisioning Intervals (cont'd)

# 5.2.3.1 Negotiated Interval

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{SWBT}}$  will negotiate a service date interval with the customer when:

- There is no standard interval for the service, or
- The quantity of Access Services ordered exceeds the quantities specified in Section 5.3.2(C)(1), or
- The customer requests a service date beyond the applicable standard interval service date.

Standard	d Intervals
Analog/Voice Grade/DS0	10 days
DS1	5 days

SWBT will offer a service date based on the type and quantity of Access Services the customer has requested. The negotiated interval may not exceed by more than six months the standard interval service date, or, when there is no standard interval, SWBT's offered service date.

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# 5.2.4 Selection of Facilities for Access Orders

When there are analog or digital high capacity facilities to the customer's serving wire center for Switched Access or to a hub for Special Access, or STP Access Connection or when there are digital high capacity facilities to an interconnecting STP or FSPOI for CCS/SS7 Interconnection Service, the customer must specify a channel assignment or transmission path for each service ordered.

When a customer requests a Rollover, the Connecting Facility Assignments (CFAs) or specific point of termination (for interconnection cross connects) must be specified for the facilities involved in the Rollover for each service. The customer will provide this information to SWBT or the Interconnector during the order process.

For all other access orders, the option to request a specific transmission path or channel is not provided except as described in Section 11.

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## 5.2.5 Shared Use Facilities

Shared Use (i.e., Switched and Special Access Services provided over the same analog or digital high capacity facility) is allowed. Shared Use facilities to a hub will be ordered and provided as Switched Access Service or Special Access Service. While Shared Use is allowed, individual services utilizing these facilities must be ordered as either Switched Access Service or Special Access Service. When placing an access order for the individual service(s), the customer must specify a channel assignment for each service ordered. In addition, when a customer requests a Rollover, the Connecting Facility Assignments (CFAs) must be specified for the facilities involved in the Rollover for each service.

When placing an order for the individual service(s), the customer must specify a channel assignment for each service ordered. In addition, when a customer/interconnector requests a Rollover or Reconfiguration, the Connecting Facility Assignments (CFAs) must be specified for the facilities involved in the Rollover or Reconfiguration for each service.

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#### 5.2.6 Provision of Other Services

# (A) Testing Service, Additional Labor and Special Facilities Routing

Testing Service, Additional Labor, Telecommunications Service Priority and Special Facilities Routing may be ordered with an access order concurrent with the associated Access Services. Alternatively, with the agreement of SWBT, Testing Service, Additional Labor and Special Facilities Routing may subsequently be added to the access order at any time, up to and including the service date for the Access Service. When added subsequently, Design Change Charges described in 5.3.2(A) (Design Change Charges) may apply.

In addition to the rates and charges specified in this tariff for Testing Service, Additional Labor and Special Facilities Routing, rates and charges for the associated Access Services and ordering charges contained in this section will also apply.

# (B) Additional Engineering

Additional Engineering is not an ordering option but will be applied to an access order when SWBT determines additional engineering is necessary to accommodate a customer request. Additional engineering will only be required as specified in 13.1 (Additional Engineering). When additional engineering is required, the customer will be notified and furnished with a written statement setting forth the justification for the additional engineering as well as an estimate of the charges. If the customer agrees to the additional engineering, a firm order will be established. If, after being notified that additional engineering of SWBT facilities is required, the customer does not want the service or facilities, the order will be withdrawn and no charges will apply. Once a firm order has been established, the total charge to the customer for the additional engineering may not exceed the estimated amount by more than 10%.

The regulations, rates and charges for Additional Engineering as specified in 13.1 (Additional Engineering) are in addition to the regulations, rates and charges specified in this section.

# (C) Special Construction

Special Construction, as provided in Section 14, is not an ordering option, but will be applied to an access order when special construction is necessary to accommodate a customer

The regulations, rates and charges for special construction as specified in Section 14 are in addition to the regulations, rates and charges specified in this tariff.

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# 5.3 Rate Regulations

# 5.3.1 Access Order Charges

An Access Order Charge will apply **per Switched and Special** Access Order as follows.

- For Chargeable Administrative Changes, as set forth in 6.6.2(C)(2) (Nonrecurring Charges for Service Rearrangements) and 7.2.4(D) (Service Rearrangements).

An Access Order Charge will apply **per Switched** Access Order as follows:

- For the establishment, addition, change or deletion of a Carrier Identification Code, as set forth in 6.6.2(B)(1) (Nonrecurring Charges for Installation of Features).
- When a change of customer name or a change in billing data (name, address, contact name or telephone number) is requested in conjunction with a change in the customer of record, as set forth in 6.6.2(C) (Nonrecurring Charges for Service Rearrangements).

Access Order Charges are as specified in 5.4 (Rates and Charges).

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## 5.3.2 Access Order Modification Charges

The customer may request a modification of its access order at any time prior to the service date or notification by SWBT that service is available for the customer's use, whichever is later. SWBT will make every effort to accommodate a requested modification when it is able to do so during normal business hours with the normal work force assigned to complete such an order. If the modification cannot be made with the normal work force during normal business hours, SWBT will notify the customer. If the customer still desires the access order modification, SWBT will schedule a new service date. All charges for access order modifications will apply on a per occurrence basis.

- Special Access Service channels;

- Switched Access Service lines and trunks;

Switched Transport channels or Directory Transport channels;

- STP Access Connection

MicroLink II Service Access Terminations;

CCS/SS7 STP port terminations;

- LIDB OPCs

 Interconnection arrangement, basis arrangements, conversion arrangements, arrays, termination cards, and interconnection cross connects.

Any increase in the number of Special Access Service channels, Switched Access Service lines, trunks or busy hour minuts of capacity, STP Access Connection, CCS/S7 STP Port Terminations or LIDB IPCs, MicroLink II Service access terminations, or Expanded Interconnection entrance cables, basic arrangements, conversion arrangements, arrays, terminaitoncards, and interconnection cross connects and switched transport connection will be treated as a new access order (for the increased amount only).

If SWBT specifies that order modifications are necessary to satisfy the transmission performance for a Special Access Service ordered by a customer (e.g., the upgrading by SWBT of the channel termination from effective two-wire to effective four-wire) and the customer authorizes the suggested order modifications, these changes will be made without order modification charges being incurred by the customer. However, charges for the Special Access Service provided to the customer will apply.

Rate regulations for access order modification charges are specified following.

# (A) Design Change Charge

The customer may request a design change to the service ordered. A design change is any change to an access order which requires engineering review. An engineering review is a review by SWBT personnel of the service ordered and the requested changes to determine what changes in the design, if any, are necessary to meet the changes requested by the customer. Design changes to a pending order include such things as the addition or deletion of Switched Access features, the addition or deletion of Special Access optional features or functions, and a change in the type of transport termination (Switched Access only), type of channel interface, type of interface group or technical specification package.

A design change also includes changes to an Expanded Interconnection arrangement.

Design changes do not include a change of customer premises, end user premises, end office switch, feature group type, Switched Transport or Directory Transport channel type, Special Access channel type, or type of MicroLink II Service access terminations. Changes of this nature will require the issuance of a new access order and the cancellation of the original access order.

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#### 5.3 Rate Regulations (cont'd)

# 5.3.2 Access Order Modification Charges (cont'd)

#### A. Design Change Charge (cont'd)

SBC will review the requested change and notify the customer whether the change is a design change, if it can be accommodated and if a new service date is required. If a change of service date is required, the Service Date Change Charge described in (B) following will also apply.

The Design Change Charge will apply on a per access order per occurrence basis for each access order requiring a design change. Design Change Charges are specified in 5.4 (Rates and Charges).

# B. Service Date Change Charge/Dispatch Charge

1. A customer may request a change in the access order service date for the installation of new services or rearrangements of existing services provided the new service date is not more than 45 calendar days beyond the original service date. When such a request is made, SBC will accordingly delay the start of service and a Service Date Change Charge will apply. The application date will not change as a result of a service date change.

If a design change has been requested as described in (A) preceding, and the engineering review cannot be completed within the 45 calendar day timeframe, the new service date may need to exceed the original service date by more than 45 calendar days. If such a service date change is necessary to accommodate a customer requested design change, both the Service Date Change Charge and the Design Change Charge apply.

In all other cases, if the customer requests a service date which exceeds the allowable service date change period previously described, the order must be cancelled by the customer. The customer must issue a new order specifying the desired service date if Access Service is still required.

- 2. A new service date may be established that is prior to the original service date if SBC determines it can accommodate the customer's request without delaying service dates for orders of other customers. If the service date is changed to an earlier date, and SBC determines that additional labor or extraordinary costs are necessary to meet the earlier service date requested by the customer, the customer will be notified by SBC that an Expedited Order Charge, as specified in (C) following, applies. The Expedited Order Charge is in addition to the Service Date Change Charge.
- 3. Failure to notify, as noted below, SBC prior to the original service date to request a different service date will result in the application of a Service Date Change Dispatch Charge for installation, moves and rearrangement of services.

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#### 5.3 Rate Regulations (cont'd)

# 5.3.2 Access Order Modification Charges (cont'd)

# B. Service Date Change Charge/Dispatch Charge (cont'd)

If a SWBT technician is dispatched to the customer's premises on the scheduled service date and the customer is not ready to accept service or the customer has failed to notify SBC before 3:00PM (CT) on the business day prior to the scheduled service date that the service date needs to be changed, a Service Date Change Dispatch Charge will apply.

If the customer reschedules the service date, a Service Date Change Charge, as set forth following will also apply. If the customer cancels the service date, cancellation charges will also apply in accordance with terms and conditions for cancellation charges as set forth in Section 5.3.3. Cancellation of the order will not preclude the application of the Service Date Change Charge and/or the Service Date Change Dispatch Charge assessed for prior occurrences on the same order.

A Service Date Change Charge is applicable on a per order per occurrence basis for each service date changed. Service Date Change Charges are specified in Section 5.4 (Rates and Charges).

(4) An exception to the Service Date Change Charge provisions in Section 5.3.2.B.1 and 2, above, applies for AT&T Switched Ethernet Service. The following provisions apply:

If a customer is unable to accept service on the original due date, the customer may issue one or more supplements to an access order to change the original due date to a date no more than 120 calendar days after the original due date. When such requests are made, SWBT will accordingly delay the start of service and the customer will incur a Service Date Change Charge. The first supplement to the access order must be received by SWBT on or before 30 calendar days after the original due date.

If a customer issues a supplement to an access order to extend the original due date but is unable to accept Service within 121 calendar days after the original due date, one of the following will apply:

- If Service has not been fully provisioned, SWBT will cancel the order on the 121st calendar day after the original due date and the charges specified in Section 5.4 will apply, or
- the charges specified in Section 5.4 will apply, or

   If Service has been fully provisioned, SWBT will begin billing
  for the Service on the 121st calendar day after the original due
  date.

If a customer is unable to accept Service within 31 calendar days after the original due date, and SWBT has not received a supplement to the access order to extend the due date within 30 calendar days after the original due date, one of the following will apply:

- If Service has not been fully provisioned, SWBT will cancel the order on the  $31^{\rm st}$  calendar after the original due date and charges specified in Section 5.4 will apply, or
- If Service has been fully provisioned, SWBT will begin billing for the Service on the  $31^{\rm st}$  calendar day after the original due date.

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## 5.3 Rate Regulations (cont'd)

#### 5.3.2 Access Order Modification Charges (cont'd)

# C. Expedited Order Charge

# (1) Analog (Metallic, Telegraph, Video and Wideband Analog), Voice Grade, DS0 (Wideband Data and Digital Link) and DS1 Access Services

If a customer desires that service be provided on a due date earlier than the standard interval, the customer may request that service be provided on an expedited service interval. To qualify for an expedited interval the customer must provide End User premises access, where needed, until 11PM (CT), Monday-Friday.

If, upon reviewing availability of equipment, facilities and scheduled workload, SBC agrees to provide service on an expedited basis and the customer accepts this proposal, an Expedite Order Charge will apply.

The maximum number of circuits, which may be expedited, is limited to twelve (12) two-point or six (6) multi-point Analog/DSO circuits at the same location; and a limit of nine (9) DS1 circuits at the same location. When the number of access circuits exceeds the maximum threshold the interval will be negotiated and expediting will not be an option.

If SBC determines that service can be provided on an expedited basis, the following charges will apply based upon agreed upon expedited service interval. The Expedited Order Charge applies on a per order basis, regardless of the number of circuits on the order.

	Analog/Voice Grad	de/DS0 Access Services
	Expedited Service	
USOC	Intervals	Expedited Order Charge
EODXN	9 days	\$ 375.00
EODXL	8 days	425.00
EODXJ	7 days	475.00
EODXG	6 days	525.00
EODXE	5 days	575.00
EODXC	4 days	625.00
EODXA	3 days	675.00
EODWR	2 days	1,500.00
EODWQ	1 days	2,000.00
EODWP	0 days	2,500.00

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#### 5.3.2 Access Order Modification Charges (cont'd)

# (C) Expedited Order Charge (cont'd) DS1 Access Service

	Expedited Service	
USOC	Intervals	Expedited Order Charge
EODXR	4 days	\$ 625.00
EODXP	3 days	675.00
EODWO	2 days	1,500.00
EODWN	1 days	2,000.00
EODWM	0 days	2,500.00

- (a) In addition to expedited order charges, special construction charges may apply, if SWBT determines that additional cost will be incurred.
- (b) When the request for expediting occurs subsequent to the issuance of the Access Order, a Service Date Change Charge as specified in Section 5.3.2(B) also applies.
- (c) If SWBT is subsequently unable to meet an agreed upon expedited service date, no Expedited Order Charge will apply, unless the missed service date was caused by the customer.

# (2) For all Access Services, excluding Analog, Voice Grade, DSO and DS1 Access Services

If the customer desires that service be provided on an earlier date than that which has been established for the access order or the provision of the Access Service, the customer may request that service be provided on an expedited basis. If SWBT determines that service can be provided on the requested date and that additional labor costs or extraordinary costs are required to meet the requested service date, the customer will be notified and will be provided with an estimate of the additional charges involved. The total charges to the customer for the Additional Engineering may not exceed the estimate amount by more than 10%. If the customer instructs SWBT to proceed, such additional charges will be determined and billed to the customer as follows:

To calculate the additional labor charges, SWBT will, upon authorization from the customer to incur the additional labor charges, keep track of the additional labor hours used to meet the request of the customer and will bill the customer at the applicable additional labor charges as set forth in 13.4.

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    - (C) Expedited Order Charge
      - (2) For all Access Services, excluding Analog, Voice Grade, DSO and DS1 Access Services (cont'd)
        - (a) Extraordinary Costs: The special construction terms and conditions specified in Section 14 will be used by SWBT to determine charges to recover the extraordinary costs, which may be involved. Authorization to incur the costs and to bill the customer will be in accordance with the terms and conditions in Section 14. Extraordinary costs for Expanded Interconnection are developed on an Individual Case Basis (ICB) as described in 25.3 (Individual Case Basis).
        - (b) When the request for expediting occurs subsequent to the issuance of the access order, a Service Date Change Charge as specified in (B) preceding also applies.
        - (c) If SWBT is subsequently unable to meet an agreed upon expedited service date, no Expedited Order Charge will apply, unless the missed service date was caused by the customer.

# (D) Partial Cancellation Charge

Any decrease in the number of the following Access Services or Arrangements ordered will be treated as a partial cancellation and the charges described in 5.3.3 (Access Order Cancellation Charges) will apply.

- CCS/SS7 STP port terminations
- MicroLink II Service access terminations
- Special Access channels
- Switched Access Service lines, trunks, Switched Transport channels or Directory Transport channels

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#### 5.3.3 Access Order Cancellation

- (A) A customer may cancel an access order at any time prior to notification by SWBT that service is available for the customer's use. The cancellation date is the date SWBT receives written notice from the customer that the order is to be cancelled.
- (B) Except as specified in Sections 5.3.3(C) and 5.3.3(E), when a customer cancels an Access Order on, or after, the Application Date a Cancellation Charge applies as follows:
  - (1) Costs incurred by SWBT in conjunction with the installation of the Access Service start on the Application Date. {1} This date is also known as the order date.
  - (2) Where the customer cancels an Access Order prior to the Application Date, no charges shall apply.
  - (3) When the customer cancels an Access Order on or after the Application Date, a cancellation charge will apply.

Calculation of the Cancellation Charge is as follows:

- (a) If the customer has requested a Service Date Change beyond the original service date, the resulting additional business days are included in the Service Interval.
- (b) When counting the number of business days in the Service Interval or the number of business days from the Access Order Application Date through the Access Order Cancellation Date, count the Application Date as day one.

{1} The application date is the date on which the service date is established and given to the customer. It is not necessarily the date the customer initially requests service or contacts SWBT.

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- (B) (Cont'd)
  - (c) Cancellation Charge Formula:

Daily Charge (Installation Charges Rearrangement Charges) divided by the number of Business Days in the Service Interval.

The number of Business Days from Access Order Application Date through the Access Order Cancellation Date multiplied by the Average Daily Charge plus the Access Order Charge is equal to the Cancellation Charge.

- When the customer cancels an order for the discontinuance of service, no charges apply for the cancellation. {1}
- Any decrease in the number of the following Access Services or Arrangements ordered will be treated as a partial cancellation and the charges described in 5.3.3 (Access Order Cancellation Charges) will apply.
  - CCS/SS7 STP port terminations
  - Dark Fiber Facility Arrangement strands
  - LIDB OPCs
  - MegaLink Custom Service channels
  - MicroLink II Service access terminations
  - FRS links or ports
  - Special Access channels
  - STN access nodes, DTL volume option or additional DTLs
  - Switched Access Service lines, trunks, DNAL channels, Switched Transport channels or Directory Transport channels
- (E) Provisions in this Section 5.3.3(E) apply to the service(s) listed below:
  - AT&T Switched Ethernet

Cancellation charges for services are applied based upon the tiered fee schedule outlined below.

When a customer cancels an Access Order for a service, cancellation charges will apply, even when nonrecurring installation charges would otherwise be waived, as follows:

When an order for a service is cancelled, applicable charges will be calculated based on the number of calendar days between SWBT's receipt of the Access Order and the cancellation date. A cancellation charge will apply on a per port connection basis as shown in the table below:

USOC	Cancellation	Cancellation
	Date - Calendar	Charge
	Days After	(Per Port
	Receipt of Order	Connection)
NRFSC	0-10	\$0.00
NRFSD	11-30	\$0.00
NRFSE	31-61	\$2,000.00
NRFSF	61+	\$3,000.00

In those cases where the customer has requested a Service Date Change, the number of business days beyond the original service date will be included for purposes of calculating this charge.

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#### 5.3.4 Minimum Period Charges

When a monthly recurring rate applies to Access Service, the minimum period for which Access Service is provided and for which charges are applicable is one month, except where specified otherwise in this tariff.

When Access Service is disconnected prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable for the balance of the minimum period. A disconnect constitutes facilities being returned to available inventory. This terminology does not refer to when billing is stopped, but rather distinguishes a disconnect from a service rearrangement.

Service rearrangements may be made without a change in minimum period requirements where so specified in this tariff.

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## 5.4 Rate and Charges

The following charges are shown with their associated USOCs.

# A. Access Order Charges (NRB1X)

1.	The following access	order charge applies	to Switched Access Service,
	Directory Assistance	Service and Operator	Call Processing Service.
			Charge per
			Access Order

Switched Access Order Charge ...... \$17.00

 The following access order charge applies to Special Access Service, Network Reconfiguration Service, and Expanded Interconnection. Charge per

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Special Access Charge.....\$13.00

The following access order charge applies to LIDB Validation Service, per order form.

> Charge per Access Order

LIDB Validation Charge......\$19.00

# B. Access Order Modification Charges

Charge per order per occurrence

Charge per order per occurrence per service date changed

2. Service Date Change Charge (OMC).....\$26.50

Charge per order Per occurrence

3. Service Date Change Dispatch Charge (VT6DN) ...... \$200.00