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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service

Carrier Common Line charges compensate the Telephone Company for the use of Telephone Company provided common lines by customers for access to end users in furnishing Interstate Communications.

The Switched Access Service associated with Carrier Common Line Access shall be ordered by the customer in accordance with regulations set forth in Section 6 following.

3.1 General Description

Carrier Common Line Access provides for the use of end users' Telephone Company provided common lines by customers for access to such end users to furnish Interstate Communications at rates and charges set forth in Section 5 following. The customer facilities at the premises of the ordering customer shall provide the necessary on-hook and off-hook supervision.

Premium access is (1) Switched Access Service provided to customers under this tariff which furnish interstate MTS/WATS, (2) Switched Access Service in an end office converted to equal access.

Nonpremium Access is Switched Access Service provided in an end office not yet converted to equal access to customers that do not furnish interstate MTS/WATS.

A Special Access Surcharge will apply to interstate special access service provided by the Telephone Company to a customer, in accordance with rates and regulations as set forth in Section 7 following.

A Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge (PICC) will apply to Interexchange carriers who furnish interstate telecommunications to end users. End users that choose not to select a primary carrier for interstate communications are subject to PICC regulations.

3.2 Access Groups

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.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.3 Limitations

(A) Exclusions

Neither a telephone number nor detail billing are provided with Carrier Common Line access. Additionally, directory listings and intercept arrangements are not included in the rates and charges for Carrier Common Line access.

(B) WATS/WATS-type Access Lines

Where Switched Access Services are connected with Special Access Services at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices for the provision of WATS/WATS-type Services, Switched Access Service minutes which are carried on that end of the service (i.e., originating minutes for outward WATS/WATS-type services and terminating minutes for inward WATS/WATS-type services) shall not be assessed Carrier Common Line per minute charges with the following exception. Carrier Common Line per minute charges shall apply when FGA or FGB Switched Access is ordered from a nonequal access Telephone Company end office or Telephone Company access tandem that does not have measurement capabilities (i.e., cannot create an Automatic Message Accounting record).

3.4 Determination of Usage Subject to Carrier Common Line Charges

Except as set forth herein, all Switched Access Service provided to the customer will be subject to Carrier Common Line charges.

3.4.1 Determination of Jurisdiction

The Switched Access Service provided by the Telephone Company includes the Switched Access Service provided for both interstate and intrastate communications. When the customer reports interstate and intrastate use of Switched Access Service, the associated Carrier Common Line Access used by the customer for interstate will be determined as set forth in 3.6.4 following (Percentage Interstate Use-PIU).

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.4 Determination of Usage Subject to Carrier Common Line Charges (Cont'd)

3.4.2 Case Involving Usage Recording By the Customer

Where Feature Group C end office switching is provided without Telephone Company recording and the customer records minutes of use used to determine Carrier Common Line Access charges (i.e., Feature Group C operator, and calls such as pay telephone sent-paid, operator-DDD, operator-person, collect, credit-card, third number and/or other like calls), the customer shall furnish such minutes of use detail to the Telephone Company in a timely manner. If the customer does not furnish the data, the customer shall identify all Switched Access Services which could carry such calls in order for the Telephone Company to accumulate the minutes of use through the use of special Telephone Company measuring and recording equipment.

3.4.3 Local Exchange Access and Enhanced Services Exemption

Where access to the local exchange is required to provide a customer service (e.g., MTS/WATS-type, telex, Data, etc.) that uses a resold private line service, Switched Access Service Rates and Regulations, as set forth in Section 6 following will apply, except when such access to the local exchange is required for the provision of an enhanced service. Carrier Common Line Access rates and charges as set forth in Section 20 following apply in accordance with the resale rate regulations as set forth in 3.5.2 following.

3.4.4 Common Channel Signaling System 7 (CCS7) Access Service

Carrier Common Line charges do not apply to CCS7 Access Service as described in Section 6.2.5.

3.4.5 Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge (PICC)

Primary Interexchange Carrier Charges (PICC) compensate the Telephone Company for Telephone Company provided common lines for access to end users. The PICC is a flat rated charge assessed on the end user's presubscribed carrier. End user customers who do not select a presubscribed carrier will be billed the PICC. Effective October 1, 2003, the PICC is not assessed on payphone lines.

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3.5 Resold Services

3.5.1 Scope

Where the customer is reselling MTS and/or MTS-type service(s) on which the Carrier Common Line and Switched Access charges have been assessed, the customer may, at the option of the customer, obtain Feature Group A, Feature Group B, or Feature Group D Switched Access Service under this tariff as set forth in Section 6 following for originating and/or terminating access in the local exchange. Such access group arrangements whether single lines or trunks or multiline hunt groups or trunk groups will have Carrier Common Line Access charges applied as set forth in Section 20 following in accordance with the resale rate regulations set forth in 3.5.2 following. For purposes of administering this provision:

Resold interstate terminating MTS and MTS-type service(s) shall include collect calls, third number calls and credit card calls where the reseller pays the underlying carrier's service charges; and shall not include intrastate minutes of use.

Resold interstate originating MTS and MTS-type service(s) shall not include collect, third number, credit card or intrastate minutes of use.

3.5.2 Customer Obligations Concerning the Resale of MTS/MTS-type Services

When the customer is reselling MTS/MTS-type service, as set forth in 3.5.1 preceding, the customer will be charged Carrier Common Line Access charges in accordance with the resale rate regulations, as set forth in 3.5.4 following, if the customer or the provider of the MTS/MTS-type service furnishes documentation of the MTS/MTS-type usage. Such documentation shall be supplied each month by the customer and shall identify the involved resold MTS/MTS-type services.

The monthly period used to determine the minutes of use for resold MTS/MTS-type service(s) shall be the most recent monthly period for which the customer has received a bill for such resold service(s). This information shall be delivered to the Telephone Company, at a location specified by the Telephone company, no later than 15 days after the bill date shown on the resold MTS/MTS-type service bill. If the required information is not received by the Telephone Company, the previously reported information, as described preceding, will be used for the next two months. For any subsequent month, no allocation or credit will be made until the required documentation has been received by the Telephone Company.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.5 Resold Services (Cont'd)

3.5.3 Resale Documentation Provided By the Customer

When the customer utilizes Switched Access Service, as set forth in 3.5.2 preceding, the Telephone Company may request a certified copy of the customer's resold MTS/MTS-type usage billing from either the customer or the provider of the MTS/MTS-type service. Requests for billing will relate back no more than 12 months prior to the current billing period.

3.5.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS/MTS-type Services

When the customer is provided an access group to be used in conjunction with the resale of MTS/MTS-type services, as set forth in 3.5.1 preceding, subject to the limitations, as set forth in 3.3, and the billing entity receives the usage information required, as set forth in 3.5.2 preceding, to calculate the adjustment of Carrier Common Line charges, the customer will be billed, as set forth in (D), (E), or (F) following, depending upon, respectively, whether the usage is from nonequal access offices, equal access offices or a combination of the two.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.5 Resold Services (Cont'd)

3.5.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS/MTS-type Services (Cont'd)

(A) Apportionment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use

When the customer is provided with more than one access group in a LATA in association with the resale of MTS/MTS-type services, the resold minutes of use will be apportioned as follows:

(1) Originating Services

The Telephone Company will apportion the resold originating MTS/MTS-type services and originating minutes of use for which the resale credit adjustment applies, among the access groups.

Such apportionment will be based on the relationship of the originating usage for each access group to the total originating usage for all access groups in the LATA. For purposes of administering this provision:

Resold originating MTS/MTS-type services minutes shall be only those attributable to interstate originating MTS/MTS-type minutes and shall not include collect, third number, credit card or intrastate minutes of use.

The resale credit adjustment shall apply for resold originating MTS/MTS-type services and minutes of use, provided Carrier Common Line and Switched Access charges have been assessed on such services.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.5 Resold Services (Cont'd)

3.5.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS/MTS-type Services (Cont'd)

(A) Apportionment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use (Cont'd)

(2) Terminating Services

The Telephone Company will apportion the resold terminating MTS/MTS-type services and terminating minutes of use for which the resale credit adjustment applies, among the access groups. Such apportionment will be based on the relationship of the terminating usage for each access group to the total terminating usage for all access groups in the LATA. For purposes of administering this provision:

Resold terminating MTS/MTS-type services minutes shall be only those attributable to interstate terminating MTS/MTS-type minutes of use (i.e., collect, third number, and credit card) and shall not include intrastate minutes of use or MTS/MTS-type minutes of use paid for by another party.

The resale credit adjustment shall apply for resold terminating MTS/MTS-type services and minutes of use, provided Carrier Common Line and Switched Access charges have been assessed on such services.

(B) Same State/Telephone Company/Exchange Limitation

In order for the rate regulations to apply, as set forth in (D), (E) or (F) following, the access groups and the resold MTS/MTS-type services must be provided in the same state (except when the same extended area service arrangement is provided in two different states by the same Telephone Company) in the same exchange, provided by the same Telephone Company and connected directly or indirectly. For those exchanges that encompass more than one state, the customer shall report the information by state within the exchange.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)3.5 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.5.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS/MTS-type Services (Cont'd)(C) Direct and Indirect Connections

Each of the access group arrangements used by the customer in association with the resold MTS/MTS-type services must be connected either directly or indirectly to the customer designated premises at which the resold MTS/MTS-type services are terminated. Direct connections are those arrangements where the access groups and resold MTS/MTS-type services are terminated at the same customer designated premises.

Indirect originating connections are those arrangements where the access groups and the resold originating MTS/MTS-type services are physically located at different customer designated premises in the same exchange. Such different customer designated premises are connected by facilities that permit a call to flow from access groups to resold MTS/MTS-type services.

(D) Access Groups - Non Equal Access Offices Only

The adjustments as set forth here and in (E) and (F) following will be computed separately for each access group.

When all usage on an access group originates from and/or terminates at end offices that have not been converted to equal access the Nonpremium Access Charge per minute as set forth in Section 20 following will apply. The Access Minutes which will be subject to Carrier Common Line Access charges will be the adjusted originating interstate access minutes plus the adjusted terminating interstate access minutes for such access groups. The adjusted originating access minutes will be the originating interstate access minutes less the reported resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in (A)(1) preceding; but not less than zero. The adjusted terminating access minutes will be the terminating interstate access minutes less the reported resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in (A)(2) preceding; but not less than zero.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.5 Resold Services (Cont'd)

3.5.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS/MTS-type Services (Cont'd)

(E) Access Groups - Equal Access Offices Only

When all the usage on an access group originates from and/or terminates to end offices that have been converted to equal access, the premium charge per minute, as set forth in (A)(1) will apply. The minutes billed Carrier Common Line charges will be the adjusted originating interstate access minutes and the adjusted terminating interstate access minutes for such access groups.

The adjusted originating access minutes will be the originating interstate access minutes less the reported resold originating MTS/MTS-type service minutes of use, as set forth in (A)(1) preceding, but not less than zero. The adjusted terminating access minutes will be the terminating interstate access minutes less the reported resold terminating MTS/MTS-type service minutes of use, as set forth in (A)(2) preceding, but not less than zero.

(F) Access Groups - Non Equal Access and Equal Access Offices

When an access group has usage that originates from and/or terminates at both end offices that have been converted to equal access and end offices that have not been converted, both premium and nonpremium per minute charges as set forth in Section 20 following will apply respectively. The minutes billed Carrier Common Line Access Service charges will be the adjusted originating interstate access minutes plus the adjusted terminating interstate access minutes for such access groups.

The adjusted originating access minutes will be the originating interstate access minutes less the reported resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in (A)(1) preceding; but not less than zero. The adjusted terminating access minutes will be the terminating interstate access minutes less the reported resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in (A)(2) preceding; but not less than zero.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)3.5 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.5.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS/MTS-type Services (Cont'd)(F) Access Groups - Non Equal Access and Equal Access Offices (Cont'd)

The adjusted originating access minutes and the adjusted terminating access minutes will be apportioned between premium and nonpremium access minutes using end-office specific usage data when available, or when usage data are not available, the premium and nonpremium ratios developed as set forth in Section 6.7.1(B) following. The Premium and Nonpremium per minute charges set forth in Section 20 following will apply to the respective premium and nonpremium access minutes determined in this manner.

(G) When the Adjustment Will be Applied to Customer Bills

The adjustment as set forth in (D), (E) and (F) preceding will be made to the involved customer account no later than either the next bill date, or the one subsequent to that, depending on when the usage report is obtained.

(H) Conversion of Billed Usage to Minutes

When the MTS and/or MTS-type usage is shown in hours, the number of hours shall be multiplied by 60 to develop the associated MTS and/or MTS-type minutes of use. If the MTS and/or MTS-type usage is shown in a unit that does not show hours or minutes, the customer shall provide a factor to convert the shown units to minutes.

(I) Percent Interstate Use (PIU)

The adjustment as set forth in (D), (E) and (F) preceding will be made to the involved customer account after making the adjustments to the customer account as set forth in 3.6.4 following (PIU).

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.6 Rate Regulations

3.6.1 Billing and Charges

Carrier Common Line charges will be billed to each Switched Access Service provided under this tariff in accordance with the regulations as set forth in 3.6.5 following (Determination of Premium and Nonpremium Charges) except as set forth in 3.5.4 preceding (Resale) and 3.6.4 following (PIU).

3.6.2 Measuring and Recording of Call Detail

When access minutes are used to determine Carrier Common Line charges, they will be accumulated using call detail recorded by Telephone Company equipment except as set forth in 3.6.3 following (Unmeasured FGA and B Usage) and Feature Group C operator and automated operator services systems call detail such as pay telephone sent-paid, operator-DDD, operator-person, collect, credit-card, third number and/or other like calls recorded by the customer. The Telephone Company measuring and recording equipment, except as set forth in 3.6.3 following (Unmeasured FGA and B Usage), will be associated with end office or local tandem switching equipment and will record each originating and terminating access minute where answer supervision is received. The accumulated access minutes will be summed on a line by line or trunk by trunk basis, by line group or by end office, whichever type of account is used by the Telephone Company, for each customer and then rounded to the nearest minute.

3.6.3 Unmeasured Feature Group A and B Usage

When Carrier Common Line Access is provided in association with Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Service in Telephone Company offices that are not equipped for measurement capabilities, an assumed average interstate access minutes will be used to determine Carrier Common Line Access charges. These assumed access minutes are as set forth in Section 6.7.4(A) and Section 20 following.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.6 Rate Regulations

3.6.4 Percent Interstate Use (PIU)

When the customer reports interstate and intrastate use of in-service Switched Access Service, Carrier Common Line charges will be billed only to interstate Switched Access Service access minutes based on the data reported by the customer as set forth in Section 6.6.4 following except where the Telephone Company is billing according to actual usage by jurisdiction. Interstate Switched Access Service access minutes will, after adjustment as set forth in 3.5.4 preceding (Resale), when necessary, be used to determine Carrier Common Line Charges as set forth in 3.6.5 following.

3.6.5 Determination of Premium and Nonpremium Charges

The application of premium and nonpremium rates for a specific customer, as described in Section 6.7.1(B), is dependent upon the Switched Access feature group and the availability of equal access capabilities in the end office or the WATS Serving Office from which the service is provided.

After the adjustments, as set forth in 3.5.4 preceding, have been applied, when necessary, to Switched Access Service access minutes, charges for the involved customer account will be determined as follows:

- (A) Premium rated Switched Access Service minutes subject to Carrier Common Line charges will be multiplied by the premium access per minute rate as set forth in Section 20.
- (B) Nonpremium rated Switched Access Service minutes subject to Carrier Common Line charges will be multiplied by the nonpremium access per minute rate as set forth in Section 20.
- (C) Carrier Common Line charges shall not be reduced, as set forth in 3.5.1, unless Switched Access charges, as described in Section 6, are applied to the customer's Switched Access Services.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.6 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

3.6.5 Determination of Premium and Nonpremium Charges (Cont'd)

- (D) Terminating premium access or nonpremium access, per minute charge(s) apply to:

all terminating access minutes of use;

less those terminating access minutes of use associated with Mobile Telephone Switching Offices (MTSOs);

all originating access minutes of use associated with FGA Access Services used to provide Foreign Exchange Services; and

all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to Service Access Code numbers, less those originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800, 888 and 900 numbers for which the customer furnishes a report of either the number of minutes or a report of the percent of minutes that terminate to a subscriber or common line, rather than a dedicated access line. This report will be provided by the customer on a quarterly basis, indicating for each month thereof or quarter, the information as set forth preceding in order to calculate the common line charges.

The customer will provide a report indicating separate common line information for 700, 800, 888 and 900 access minutes, at a statewide level and by jurisdiction.

The report will be based on the calendar year and will be due by the 15th day of the month preceding the quarter for which it is to be applied in order to become effective with the first full month of usage. Should the report be received after the 15th day of the month, the Telephone Company will make every effort to process the report as set forth above. When received by the Telephone Company as described herein, the quarterly report will be used for calculating common line charges on a current bill basis for the next three months usage.

Prorating or backbilling will not occur based on the report. Any under or over estimation should be reflected in the subsequent quarterly report.

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(D) (Cont'd)

If a billing dispute arises concerning the customer provided report, the Telephone Company will request the customer to provide the data used to develop the report. The Telephone Company will not request such data more than once a year. The customer shall supply the data within 30 days of the Telephone Company's request.

In the event the customer fails to provide a quarterly report, the Telephone Company will use the previously reported information to calculate the common line charges.

(E) The originating premium or nonpremium per minute charge(s) apply to:

all originating access minutes of use;

less those originating access minutes of use associated with Feature Group A Access Services used to provide Foreign Exchange Service;

less all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to Service Access Code numbers;

less those originating access minutes of use associated with Mobile Telephone Switching Offices (MTSOs);

plus all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800, 888 and 900 numbers for which the customer furnishes a report of either the number of minutes or a report of the percent of minutes that terminate to a subscriber or a common line, and for which a corresponding reduction in the number of terminating access minutes of use has been made as set forth in (D).

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.6 Rate Regulations

3.6.6 Universal Service Recovery Charge

Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as implemented by the Federal Communications Commission, the Telephone Company is required to pay into a federally mandated Universal Service Fund by means of contribution factors assessed on the Telephone Company's interstate retail end user revenues. The Universal Service Fund provides federally subsidized affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services for schools, libraries, and rural health care facilities that meet specific eligibility standards, as well as providing support to subsidize basic telephone service in high cost areas and for low income subscribers.

The Telephone Company recovers its costs of contributing to the Universal Service Fund through the Universal Service Fund (USF) Recovery Charge element. The USF Recovery Charge is a percentage surcharge applied to the interstate charges which give rise to the Telephone Company's obligation. These services are any interstate services provided to an end user that are not resold, either individually or as part of a bundle of services, to another party.

The USF Recovery Charge will apply to End User Common Line Charges except for Lifeline customers. The USF Recovery Charge will apply to PICC charges billed directly to the end user. The USF Recovery Charge will also apply to Special Access charges billed to the end user. The USF Recovery charge will not apply to End User Common Line Charges, PICC charges, or Special Access charges that are billed to a reseller of local exchange service in connection with services offered for resale. The USF Recovery charge will not apply to PICC charges or Special Access charges that are billed to interexchange carriers.

The USF Recovery Charge rate is set forth in Section 20, following.