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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.9 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Cont'd)(B) Jurisdictional Reports (Cont'd)

When the Company receives insufficient call detail to determine the jurisdiction, the Company will apply the customer's projected PIU factor, provided as set forth in (1) through (4) following, to apportion the usage between interstate and intrastate.

- (1) When a customer orders Feature Group D or Toll Free Database Access Services (TFDBAS), the projected interstate percentage will be determined as set forth in (a) and (b) following: (T)  
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(a) Reserved for Future Use

- (b) For terminating Feature Group D used in the provision of MTS/MTS-like service, terminating Feature Group D used in the provision of 900 service, originating Feature Group D used in the provision of 900 service, and originating and terminating Feature Group D used in the provision of Toll Free Database Access Service, the customer shall provide the projected interstate usage percentage in its access service order. In the event the customer fails to provide a projected interstate percentage, the Company will determine the projected interstate percentage as follows: (T)

For originating access minutes, the projected interstate percentage will be developed on a monthly basis when the Feature Group D Switched Access Service minutes are measured by dividing the measured interstate originating minutes (the minutes where the calling number is in one state and the called number is in another state) by the total originating minutes when the call detail is adequate to determine the appropriate jurisdiction.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)2.5 Definitions (Cont'd)Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem

The term "Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem" denotes an end office that has final trunk group routing through that tandem.

Tandem-Switched Transport

The term "Tandem-Switched Transport" denotes switched access transport from the access tandem to an end office subtending that tandem. Tandem-switched transport consists of circuits used in common by multiple access customers from the tandem to the end office.

Toll Free Database Access Service (TFDBAS) (formerly known as Toll Free Code (TFC))

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The term "Toll Free" denotes a three-digit Numbering Plan Area (NPA) or Area Code that is specifically assigned by the telecommunications industry for use by Telecommunications Service Providers in the provision of telephone numbers that, unlike traditional telephone numbers and calls, when dialed are toll free to the originating caller. The specific codes assigned and used, or reserved for use, for this purpose are 800, 822, 833, 844, 855, 866, 877, and 888.

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Transmission Path

The term "Transmission Path" denotes an electrical path capable of transmitting signals within the range of the service offering; e.g., 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 or configuration of facilities typically used in the telecommunications industry.

Trunk

The term "Trunk" denotes a communications path connecting two switching systems in a network, used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

Trunk Group

The term "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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5. Ordering Options for Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

- When ordering FGD with SS7 Signaling, in addition to the information listed in 5.2 preceding, the customer shall specify the signaling point codes and trunk circuit identification codes. The customer must also identify the Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) Interconnection Service link associated with the FGD trunk group.
- For Toll Free Database Access Service (TFDBAS), the customer shall order in the same manner which is set forth preceding for ordering Feature Group D, except that customers may request direct connections to only those end offices equipped with TFDBAS Service Switching Point (TFDBAS SSP) functionality. All Toll Free traffic originating from end offices not equipped with the TFDBAS SSP function must be routed via an access tandem at which the function is available and the TFDBAS must be ordered accordingly. TFDBAS SSP locations are identified in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.
- For 900 Access Service, the customer shall order in the same manner which is set forth preceding for ordering Feature Group D, except that customers may request direct connections to only those end offices designated by the Company 900 Access Service screening offices. Additionally, when new NXX(s) are to be opened in the state, for exchanges served by the Company, or when existing NXX(s) are to be deleted, and such change is to occur coincident with the service date established for the order, the customer shall provide such information when placing the order for service. All 900 number assignments and administration shall be in accordance with the North American Numbering Plan (NANP).

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6. Switched Access Service6.1 General

Switched Access Service, which is available to customers for their use in furnishing their services to end users, provides a two-point electrical communications path between a customer's premises and an end user's premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, common switching, switched transport facilities, and common subscriber plant of the Company. Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate calls from an end user's premises to a customer's premises, and to terminate calls from a customer's premises to an end user's premises in the LATA where it is provided.

Rates and charges for Switched Access Service depend generally on its use by the customer. Rates and charges for Switched Access Service are contained in the Section 8. The application of rates for Switched Access Service is described in 6.4 following. Rates and charges for services other than Switched Access Service, e.g., a customer's interLATA and intraLATA toll message service, may also be applicable when Switched Access Service is used in conjunction with these other services.

6.1.1 Switched Access Service Arrangements and Manner of Provision

Switched Access Service is provided in various service categories of standard and optional features called Feature Group D, Toll Free Database Access Service, and 900 Access Service. (T)

(A) Feature Group D (FGD)

FGD Access, which is available to all customers, provides trunk side access to Company end office switches, with an associated 101XXXX access code for the customer's use in originating and terminating communications. A more detailed description of FGD Access is provided in 6.2.1 following.

The provision of FGD Access is subject to local availability.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.1 Switched Access Service Arrangements and Manner of Provision (Cont'd)

(B) Toll Free Database Access Service (TFDBAS)

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Toll Free Database Access Service is an originating only trunk side service. When a Toll Free+NXX+XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Telephone Company will perform customer identification based on screening of the full ten-digits of the Toll Free number to determine the customer location to which the call is to be routed.

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When Toll Free traffic is combined in the same trunk group arrangement with other traffic, usage for the Toll Free Database Access Service traffic will be aggregated with the other traffic for billing purposes. When separate trunk groups are provided for Toll Free Database Access Service, usage will be provided separately. A more detailed description of Toll Free Database Access Service is as set forth in 6.2.2.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.1 General (Cont'd)6.1.1 Switched Access Service Arrangements and Manner of Provision (Cont'd)(D) Manner of Provision

FGD is furnished on a per-trunk basis.

Trunks are differentiated by type and directionality of traffic carried over a Switched Access Service arrangement. Differentiation of traffic is necessary for the Company to properly design Switched Access Service to meet the traffic carrying capacity requirement of the customer.

There are two major traffic types. These are: Originating and Terminating. Originating traffic type represents access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the end user to the customer; while Terminating traffic type represents access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the customer to the end user. When ordering capacity for FGD Access, the customer must at a minimum specify such access capacity in terms of Originating traffic type and/or Terminating traffic type.

6.1.2 Rate Categories

There are two rate categories which apply to Switched Access Service:

- Switched Transport
- Local Switching

In addition to these three rate categories, there are also charges that apply only to Toll Free Database and 900 Access Services. The description and application of Toll Free Database Access Service is located in section 6.2.2 following. The description and application for 900 Access Service is located in section 6.2.3 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.1 General (Cont'd)6.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont'd)(A) Switched Transport (Cont'd)(2) Direct-Trunked Transport

Direct-Trunked Transport provides the communication path between the serving wire center of a customer's premises and an end office or between the serving wire center and an access tandem when transport from the access tandem to the end office is routed on circuits used in common by multiple access customers. Direct-Trunked Transport is dedicated to the use of a single customer and does not require switching at an access tandem. Direct-Trunked Transport is available for use with all trunk side Switched Access services.

Direct-Trunked Transport is not available to end offices that lack recording and measuring capabilities needed to provide Direct-Trunked Transport. Direct-Trunked Transport is also not available for Toll Free Database Access Service when the required SSP function is located at the access tandem. (T)

Direct-Trunked Transport provides for the transmission facilities between the Company's serving wire center and an end office when such facilities are not switched through an access tandem, or between the Company's serving wire center and the access tandem. This includes the transmission medium itself as well as certain circuit equipment that is used at the ends of the interoffice links and employed to provision the channels on the transmission medium and circuit equipment used within the network to manage the circuits at intermediate locations.

Direct-Trunked Transport also provides for the transmission facilities between the Company's serving wire center and a hub that interconnects facilities for both Tandem-Switched Transmission and Direct-Trunked Transport.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(C) 900 Access Service Nonrecurring Charges

The 900 Access Service nonrecurring charge is assessed depending upon how the service is ordered:

- (1) If the service is ordered to only one end office performing six digit screening, the customer charge for the assembly of route tables is assessed for each end office subtending the access tandem. A second nonrecurring charge element applies per NXX activated or deactivated, times the designated Company end office(s) modified to perform six digit screening for 900 Access Service. This option can be applied repetitively to different tandems to customize the intended offering area.

The route pattern nonrecurring charge applies only once, on the customer's initial request to the Company for 900 Access Service for each end office

(D) Toll Free Database Access Service (TFDBAS)

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The Toll Free Database Access Service (TFDBAS) Database Query Charge will apply for each TFDBAS query received at the Company's Toll Free SMS800 Database. Per query charges will be accumulated over a monthly period and billed to the customer on a monthly basis.

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6.1.3 Ordering Options and Conditions

Switched Access Service is ordered under the Access Order provisions set forth in 5 preceding. Also, included in that section are other charges which may be associated with ordering Switched Access Service (e.g., Service Date Change Charges, etc.).

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements

Switched Access Service is provided via Feature Group D arrangements and as Toll Free Database Access Service and 900 Access Service. The provision of each service type requires Switched Transport facilities and the appropriate Local Switching functions. (T)  
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Feature Group D is arranged for either originating, terminating or two-way calling, based on the customer end office switching capacity ordered, while Toll Free Database Access Service and 900 Access Service are arranged for originating calling only. Originating calling permits the delivery of calls from Telephone Exchange Service locations to the customer's premises. (T)

Terminating calling permits the delivery of calls from the customer's premises to Telephone Exchange Service locations. Two-way calling permits the delivery of calls in both directions, but not simultaneously. The Company will determine the type of calling to be provided unless the customer requests that a different type of directional calling is to be provided. In such cases, the Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine the directionality.

There are various chargeable and nonchargeable optional features available with Switched Access Service. These additional optional features are provided as Switched Transport and Local Switching options.

Following are detailed descriptions of each of the available Switched Access Services. Each service is described in terms of its specific physical characteristics and calling capabilities and optional features available for use with it.

The Local Switching optional features, which are described in 6.3 following, unless specifically stated otherwise, are available at all suitably equipped Company end office switches.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)

6.2.2 Toll Free Database Access Service (TFDBAS)

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(A) Description

Toll Free Access Database Service (TFDBAS) is an originating only trunk side service. When a Toll Free+NXX+XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Telephone Company will perform customer identification based on screening of the full ten-digits of the Toll Free number to determine the customer location to which the call is to be routed. Customers have the option of specifying an area of service from which to receive calls.

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The Telephone Company will perform additional TFDBAS database queries to determine how to route Toll Free calls when the calls have Toll Free vertical features defined. Therefore, an additional TFDBAS database query charge will apply along with the customer identification TFDBAS database query charge. The Toll Free vertical features supported by the Telephone Company are:

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)

6.2.2 Toll Free Database Access Service (TFDBAS)

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(A) Description (Continued)

Toll Free Vertical Features:

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- .1 POTS Translation – translates dialed Toll Free numbers to a ten-digit Plain Old Telephone number to facilitate routing the Toll Free call to Toll Free subscribers' defined termination location.
- .2 Alternate POTS Translation - allows Toll Free subscribers to vary the routing of their inbound Toll Free calls based on factors such as time of date, place of origination of the call, etc.
- .3 Multiple Carrier Routing – allows Toll Free subscribers to route to different carriers based on similar factors.

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No access code is required for TFDBAS. Toll Free Database Access Service calls (i.e. "Toll Free") may be delivered to the customer directly from an end office only when the end office is equipped with TFDBAS database query functionality, i.e., ability to query the Toll Free SMS800 database to perform ten-digit customer identification. When the end office does not have TFDBAS database query functionality, the Toll Free call is routed to an access tandem to perform ten-digit customer identification (all access tandems have TFDBAS database query functionality). After performing a TFDBAS database query the originating Toll Free call is delivered to the customer, if possible.

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TFDBAS Database query charges will be applied for each completed customer TFDBAS identification query. A query is deemed to have been completed when the signaling information enabling the Toll Free call to be directed to the appropriate carrier is returned by the TFDBAS database to the switch that originated the TFDBAS query. The TFDBAS database query will be performed from suitably equipped end offices or access tandems. Toll Free calls may be routed to multiple carriers based on the local access transport area in which the call originates. However, Toll Free calls originating from an end office switch that is not included in the customer's area of service for TFDBAS will not be completed.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)

6.2.2 Toll Free Database Access Service (TFDBAS) (Cont'd)

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(A) Description (Cont'd)

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Unless prohibited by network considerations (e.g., different dialing plans), the customer's TFC Access Service traffic may, at the option of the customer, be combined in the same trunk group arrangement with the customer's non-TFC switched access traffic except as follows. Combining TFC Access Service traffic with the customer's direct routed switched access traffic will be allowed only when the end office is equipped to perform the TFC database query. When required by network considerations, a separate trunk group must be established for TFC Access Service.

When Toll Free traffic is combined in the same trunk group arrangement with other traffic, usage for the Toll Free Database Access Service traffic will be aggregated with the other traffic for billing purposes. When separate trunk groups are provided for Toll Free Database Access Service, usage will be provided separately.

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The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has concluded that hoarding, defined as the acquisition of more Toll Free numbers than one intends to use for the provision of Toll Free service, as well as the sale of Toll Free numbers by a private entity for a fee, is contrary to the public interest in the conservation of the scarce Toll Free number resource and contrary to the FCC's responsibility to promote the orderly use and allocation of Toll Free numbers.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)6.2.3 900 Access Service(A) Description

Originating 900 Access Service is a trunk side switched service that is available to the customer via 900 Access Service trunk groups, or can be provided to the customer in conjunction with FGD service. When combined with FGD, 900 Access Service traffic can, at the option of the customer, be carried on the same group with non-900 Access traffic. When a 1+900+NXX+XXXX or 0+900+NXX+XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Company will perform the customer identification function based on the dialed digits to determine the customer to which the call is to be routed. If the call originates from an end office not equipped to provide the customer identification function, the call will be routed to an office where the function is available. Once customer identification has been established, the call will be routed to the customer.

The manner in which 900 Access Service is provided depends on whether the end office from which the call originates has equal access capability and/or the customer identification function. In equal access end offices which have customer identification function capability, 900 Access Service is provided in accordance with technical characteristics available with FGD (however, ANI is required with 900 Access Service), either direct to the end office or via an equal access tandem on existing trunk groups. At the customer's option, 900 Access Service and Toll Free Database Access Service may be combined on the same trunk group. 900 Access Service calls which are routed through operator services will be delivered at the equal access tandem over FGD. At the customer's option, 900 Access Service can be provided from both equal access and non-equal access end office switches over a FGD trunk group from the access tandem to the customer's premises if the customer can accept, on that trunk group, both exchange access and conventional signaling.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)(C) Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for a specific work activity (i.e., installation or change to an existing service) and are developed at full cost recovery on a labor hours per labor time basis. Under the Multiple Bill Method, the nonrecurring charges reflect only the Company's costs and are applicable only when the nonrecurring function occurs within its territory. The types of nonrecurring charges that apply for Switched Access Service are: installation of service, service rearrangement, installation of optional features and 900 Access Service.

(1) Installation of Service

Nonrecurring charges apply to each Switched Access Service installed. For FGD Toll Free Database Access Service and 900, the per trunk installation charge is applicable on a per end office or tandem basis.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)(C) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)(2) Service Rearrangements

Service rearrangements are changes to existing services installed which do not result in either a change in the minimum period requirements or a change in the physical location of the point of termination at the customer's premises or the customer's end user's premises. Changes which result in the establishment of new minimum period obligations are treated as disconnects and starts. Changes in the physical location of the point of termination are treated as moves.

For all service rearrangements without separate nonrecurring charges, a charge equal to one half the Switched Transport nonrecurring (i.e., installation) charge will apply.

(3) 900 Access Service

A nonrecurring charge applies each time a change is made which involves the addition or deletion of 900 NXX codes to be routed to the customer. The charge is assessed per 900 NXX code added or deleted for each Company end office switch or access tandem in which translation changes are required. This charge applies to the initial loading of one or more 900 NXX codes required to establish service for the customer, and to any subsequent changes (i.e., additions or deletions) to those codes. There is also an Assembly of Route Pattern nonrecurring charge which applies once for each Company end office, but only on the customer's initial request to the Company for 900 Access Service in each state, LATA, access tandem or end office.

(D) Application of Rates

Switched access usage rates apply to all access minutes that originate or terminate at end offices. Switched access usage rates also apply to all Toll Free Database and 900 Access Service minutes that originate from end offices.

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8. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

8.3 Toll Free Database Access Service (TFDBAS) (T)

8.3.1 TFDBAS Data Base Query (T)

(A) Customer Identification Function TFDBQ Basic Query Charge\* (T)

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Maximum Rate</u>
- Per Query	\$0.01623	\$0.03246

(B) TFDBAS – Vertical Feature Query Charge\*\* (N)

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Maximum Rate</u>
- Per Query	\$0.001365	\$0.00273

8.4 900 Access Service

	<u>Current Nonrecurring Charges</u>	<u>Maximum Nonrecurring Charges</u>
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8.4.1 Assembly of Route Pattern

- Per end office switch (including end offices collocated with access tandem)	\$23.80	\$47.60
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8.4.2 900 NXX Code Activation or Deactivation

- Per NXX Code added or deleted per end office	\$7.70	\$15.40
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\* This charge applies to all Toll Free Calls – both attempted and successfully delivered calls to the customer.

\*\* Toll Free calls that have vertical features will incur a TFDBQ Vertical Query Charge in addition to the TFDBQ Basic Query Charge. When a combination of one or more Toll Free vertical features is defined for a given Toll Free call, only one TFDBQ Vertical Feature Query Charge will apply.

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8. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

8.5 Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Con't)

8.5.1 Additional Labor Rates

		First Half Hour or Fraction <u>Thereof</u>	Each Add'l Half Hour or Fraction <u>Thereof</u>
<u>Additional Labor Periods</u>			
(A)	Basic Time, normally scheduled working hours, per engineer or technician		
	Current rate	\$40.00	\$30.00
	Maximum rate	80.00	60.00
(B)	Overtime, outside of normally scheduled working hours, per engineer or technician		
	Current rate	\$45.00	\$35.00
	Maximum rate	90.00	70.00
(C)	Premium time, outside of scheduled work day, per engineer or technician		

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