# Tariff Schedule Applicable to Intrastate Access Service

Telecommunications Services Furnished by

Teliax, Inc.

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#### **SECTION 1 - GENERAL**

# 1.1 Explanation of Symbols

- (C) To signify a changed regulation
- (D) To signify a discontinued rate or regulation
- (I) To signify an increase in a rate
- (M) To signify text or rates relocated without change
   (N) To signify a new rate or regulation or other text
- (R) To signify a reduction in a rate
- (S) To signify reissued regulations
- (T) To signify a change in text but no change in rate
- (Z) To signify a correction

# 1.2 Application of the Tariff

- 1.2.1 This tariff governs the Carrier's services that originate and terminate in Maryland. Specific services and rates are described elsewhere in this tariff.
- 1.2.2 The Company's services are available to carrier customers.
- 1.2.3 The Company's service territory is statewide with local calling areas consistent with Verizon Maryland's tariff on file with the Commission, as amended from time to time.

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# SECTION 1 - GENERAL, (CONT'D.)

#### 1.3 Definitions

- 1.3.1 "Carrier," "Company" or "Utility" refers to Teliax, Inc.
- 1.3.2 "Commission" means the Maryland Public Service Commission.
- 1.3.3 "Completed call" is a call which the Company's network has determined has been answered by a person, answering machine, fax machine, computer modem device, or other answering device.
- 1.3.4 "Customer" means any person, firm, corporation, or governmental entity who has applied for and is granted service or who is responsible for payment of service.
- 1.3.5 "Residential" customer is a customer who has telephone service at a dwelling and who uses the service primarily for domestic or social purposes. All other customers are non-residential customers.
- 1.3.6 "Service" means any telecommunications service(s) provided by the Carrier under this tariff.
- 1.3.7 "Station" means a telephone instrument consisting of a connected transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus to permit sending or receiving telephone messages.

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### **SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

The Company undertakes to furnish switched and/or dedicated access communications service pursuant to the terms of this tariff.

- 2.2 Obligations of the Customer
  - 2.2.1 The customer shall be responsible for:
    - 2.2.1.1 The payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff;
    - 2.2.1.2 Reimbursing the Company for damage to, or loss of, the Company's facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the customer; or the noncompliance by the customer, with these regulations, or by fire or theft or other casualty on the customer's premises unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company.
    - 2.2.1.3 Providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed space and power to operate the Company's facilities and equipment installed on the customer's premises.
    - 2.2.1.4 Complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which the Company's employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining the Company's facilities and equipment. The customer may be required to install and maintain the Company's facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company's opinion, injury or damage to the Company's employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company. The customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material prior to any construction or installation work.

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- 2.2 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)
  - 2.2.1 The customer shall be responsible for, (Cont'd.)
    - 2.2.1.5 Complying with all laws and regulations applicable to, and obtaining all consents, approvals, licenses and permits as may be required with respect to, the location of the Company's facilities and equipment in any customer premises for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company.
    - 2.2.1.6 Making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the customer. No allowance for interruptions in service will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes.
  - 2.2.2 With respect to any service or facility provided by the Company, the customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses for:
    - 2.2.2.1 Any loss, destruction or damage to property of the Company or any third party, or injury to persons, including, but not limited to, employees or invitees of either the Company or the customer, to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligent or intentional act or omission of the customer, its employees, agents, representatives or invitees; or
    - 2.2.2.2 Any claim, loss, damage, expense or liability for infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party, arising from any act or omission by the customer.

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- 2.2 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)
  - 2.2.3 The customer is responsible for ensuring that customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The connection, operation, testing, or maintenance of such equipment shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company–provided equipment and facilities or injury to the Company's employees or other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the customer's expense.
  - 2.2.4 The Company's services (as detailed in this tariff) may be connected to the services or facilities or other communications carriers only when authorized by, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the tariffs or contracts which are applicable to such connections.
  - 2.2.5 Upon reasonable notification to the customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the customer is complying with the requirements set forth in this tariff for the installation, operation, and maintenance of customer-provided facilities and equipment that is connected to Company-owned facilities and equipment.

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# 2.3 Liability of the Company

2.3.1 In view of the fact that the customer has exclusive control over the use of service and facilities furnished by the Company, and because certain errors incident to the services and to the use of such facilities of the Company are unavoidable, services and facilities are furnished by the Company subject to the terms, conditions and limitations herein specified:

## 2.3.2 Service Irregularities

- 2.3.2.1 The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission, or failures or defects in facilities furnished by the Company, occurring in the course of furnishing service or other facilities and not caused by the negligence of the customer, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the customer for the service or facilities affected during the period such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission, or failure or defect in facilities continues after notice and demand to Company.
- 2.3.2.2 The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any connecting carrier, underlying carrier or local exchange Company except where Company contracts the other carrier; for acts or omission of any other providers of connections, facilities, or service; or for culpable conduct of the customer or failure of equipment, facilities or connection provided by the customer.

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- 2.3 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)
  - 2.3.3 Claims of Misuse of Service
    - 2.3.3.1 The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the customer against claims for libel, slander, fraudulent or misleading advertisements or infringement of copyright arising directly or indirectly from material transmitted over its facilities or the use thereof; against claims for infringement of patents arising from combining or using apparatus and systems of the customer with facilities of the Company; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company.
    - 2.3.3.2 The Company does not require indemnification from the customer where the action for which it is seeking indemnification is based on a claim of negligence by the Company.

#### 2.3.4 Defacement of Premises

2.3.4.1 The Company is not liable for any defacement of, or damage to, the customer's premises resulting from the furnishing of service or the attachment of equipment and facilities furnished by the Company on such premises or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of negligence of the Company. For the purpose of this paragraph, no agents or employees of the other participating carriers shall be deemed to be agents or employees of the Company except where contracted by the Company.

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- 2.3 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)
  - 2.3.5 Facilities and Equipment in Explosive Atmosphere, Hazardous or Inaccessible Locations
    - 2.3.5.1 The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere. Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the customer from and against any and all claims, loss, demands, suits, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the customer or by any other party, for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, and for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, including environmental contamination, whether owned by the customer or by any other party, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, presence, condition, location, use or removal of any equipment or facilities or the service and not due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Company.
  - 2.3.6 Service at Outdoor Locations
    - 2.3.6.1 The Company reserves the right to refuse to provide, maintain or restore service at outdoor locations unless the customer agrees in writing to indemnify and save the Company harmless from and against any and all loss or damage that may result to equipment and facilities furnished by the Company at such locations. The customer shall likewise indemnify and save the Company harmless from and against injury to or death of any person which may result from the location and use of such equipment and facilities.

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- 2.3 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)
  - 2.3.7 Warranties
    - 2.3.7.1 THE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATON OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.
    - 2.3.7.2 Acceptance of the provisions of Section 2.3 by the Commission does not constitute its determination that any disclaimer of warrantees or representations imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law.
  - 2.3.8 Limitation of Liability
    - 2.3.8.1 Nothing in this tariff shall be construed to limit the Company's liability in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

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# 2.4 Application for Service

## 2.4.1 Minimum Contract Period

- 2.4.1.1 Except as otherwise provided, the minimum contract period is one month for all services furnished. However, if a customer notifies the Company within twenty days after receipt of the first bill that certain services or equipment are not desired, the Company will delete such services or equipment from the customer's account without a record keeping or service ordering charge. The customer nonetheless shall be responsible for all monthly usage and installation charges incurred for the use of such service and equipment.
- 2.4.1.2 The Company may require a minimum contract period longer than one month in connection with special, non-standard types or arrangements of equipment, or for unusual construction, necessary to meet special demands for service.

## 2.4.2 Cancellation of Service

- 2.4.2.1 Where the applicant cancels an order for service prior to the start of the installation or special construction of facilities, no charge shall apply, except to the extent the Company incurs a service order or similar charge from a supplying carrier, if any, prior to the construction.
- 2.4.2.2 Where the installation of facilities, other than those provided by special construction, has been started prior to cancellation, the lower of the following charge applies;
  - 2.4.2.2.A The total costs of installing and removing such facilities; or
  - 2.4.2.2.B The monthly charges for the entire initial contract period of the service ordered by the customer as provided in this tariff plus the full amount of any applicable installation and termination charges.
- 2.4.2.3 Where special construction of facilities has been started prior to the cancellation, and the Company has another requirement for the specially constructed facilities, no charge applies.

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# 2.5 Payment for Service

- 2.5.1 Service will be billed directly by the Company on a monthly basis and is due and payable upon receipt or as specified on the customer's bill. Service will continue to be provided until canceled by the customer or discontinued by the Company as set forth in COMAR 20.45.04.05 through COMAR 20.45.04.07.
- 2.5.2 The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for service furnished to the customer. Charges based on actual usage during a month will be billed monthly in the month following the month in which the service was used. All fixed monthly and nonrecurring charges for services ordered will be billed monthly in advance.
- 2.5.3 The Company reserves the right to require from an applicant for service advance payments of fixed charges and nonrecurring charges. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the nonrecurring charge(s) and one month's charges for the service or facility. In addition, where special construction is involved, the advance payment may also include an amount equal to the estimated nonrecurring charges for the special construction. The advance payment will be applied to any indebtedness for the service and facilities for which the advance payment is made on the customer's initial bill.

Advanced payments for installation costs or special construction will be credited on the first bill in their entirety.

2.5.4 The Company will not collect attorney fees or court costs from customers.

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# 2.6 Allowance for Interruptions in Service

Credit for failure of service or equipment will be allowed only when failure is caused by or occurs in equipment owned, provided, or billed for, by the Company. The Carrier agrees to abide by the regulations associated with interruptions in service as specified by Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.05.09 as amended from time to time.

## 2.7 Special Customer Arrangements

In cases where a customer requests special or unique arrangements which may include but are not limited to engineering, conditioning, installation, construction, facilities, assembly, purchase or lease of facilities and/or other special services not offered under this tariff, the Company, may provide the requested services. Appropriate recurring charges and/or nonrecurring charges and other terms and conditions will be developed for the customer for the provisioning of such arrangements.

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#### PROVISION OF SERVICE AND FACILITIES

## 2.8 Unlawful Use of Service

- 2.8.1 Service shall not be used for any purpose in violation of law or for any use as to which the customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents, and permits. The Company shall refuse to furnish service to an applicant or shall disconnect the service without notice of a customer when:
  - 2.8.1.1 An order shall be issued, signed by a judge finding that probable cause exists to believe that the use made or to be made of the service is prohibited by law, or
  - 2.8.1.2 The Company is notified in writing by a law enforcement agency acting within its jurisdiction that any facility furnished by the Company is being used or will be used for the purpose of transmitting or receiving gambling information in interstate or foreign commerce in violation of the law.
- 2.8.2 If service has been physically disconnected by law enforcement officials at the customer's premises and if there is not presented to the Company the written finding of a judge, then upon written or verbal request of the subscriber, and agreement to pay restoral of service charges and other applicable service charges, the Company shall promptly restore such service.

#### 2.9 Interference with or Impairment of Service

Service shall not be used in any manner that interferes with other persons in the use of their service, prevents other persons from using their service, or otherwise impairs the quality of service to other customers. The Company may require a customer to immediately shut down its transmission of signals if said transmission is causing interference to others or impairing the service of others.

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- 2.10 Telephone Solicitation by Use of Recorded Messages
  - 2.10.1 Service shall not be used for the purpose of solicitation by recorded messages when such solicitation occurs as a result of unrequested or unsolicited calls initiated by the solicitor by means of automatic dialing devices. Such devices, with storage capability of numbers to be called or a random or sequential number generator that produces numbers to be called and having the capability, working alone or in conjunction with other equipment, of disseminating a prerecorded message to the number called and which are calling party or called party controlled, are expressly prohibited.
- 2.11 Overcharge/Undercharge
  - 2.11.1 Overcharge/undercharge provisions will be in accordance with COMAR 20.45.04.01.
  - 2.11.2 When a customer has been overcharged, the amount shall be refunded or credited to the customer.

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#### SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

## 3.1 General

Switched Access Service, which is available to a Customer for use in furnishing 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 and dedicated terminations, switching and trunking facilities, and for the use of common subscriber plant of the Company. Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate or terminate calls from an end user's premises to a Customer's premises. When the Customer is a CMRS provider, Switched Access Service rates apply for all interMTA traffic.

Switched Access Service is also available to pass calls between a Customer's premises and the premises of another carrier, including a CMRS provider and an Interconnected IP Wholesale provider.

The application of rates for Switched Access Service is described in Section 4 following. Rates and charges for services other than Switched Access Service, i.e., a Customer interLATA toll message service, may also be applicable when Switched Access Service is used in conjunction with these other services.

Arrangements for indirect or direct interconnection by Local Exchange Carriers, Competitive Local Exchange Carriers, Wireless Providers (Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) and Personal Communications Services (PCS)) and Interconnected Wholesale Providers with the Company's facilities for the completion of local and intraLATA toll traffic will be negotiated on a case by case basis, provided that, in cases where no agreement is in place for completion of such calls, the Company may charge one of the following rates: the state authorized UNE Switching rate(s) or the rate being charged by the other carrier for the Company's traffic terminating on the other carrier's network.

#### 3.1.1 Ordering Conditions

Except as provided elsewhere in this tariff, all services offered under this tariff will be ordered using an Access Service Request (ASR). The format and terms of the ASR will be as specified in the industry Access Service Order Guidelines (ASOG), unless otherwise specified herein.

#### 3.1.2 Access Service Intervals

Access Service is provided with one of the following Service Date intervals:

- -Standard Interval
- -Negotiated Interval

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# 3.1 General, (Cont'd.)

#### 3.1.2 Access Service Intervals, (Cont'd.)

The Company will specify a Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) and the Service Commencement Date contingent on the ASR being complete as received. To the extent the Access Service can be made available with reasonable effort, the Company will provide the Access Service in accordance with the Customer's requested internal, subject to the following conditions:

#### 3.1.2.1 Standard Interval

The Standard Interval for Access Service will be specified at the time the order is placed. This interval only applies to standard service offerings for a Customer which is On-Net and at locations where there are pre-existing facilities to the Customer Premises. Access Service provided under the Standard Interval will be installed during Company business hours.

## 3.1.2.2 Negotiated Interval

The Company will negotiate a Service Date Interval with the Customer when:

- A. the Customer requests a Service Date before or beyond the applicable Standard Interval Service Date; or
- B. there is no existing facility connecting the Customer Premises with the Company; or
- C. the Customer requests a service that is not considered by the Company to be a standard service offering (i.e., if additional engineering is required to complete the order); or
- D. The Company determines that Access Service cannot be installed within the Standard Interval.

The Company will offer a Service Date based on the type and quantity of Access Service the Customer has requested. The Negotiated Interval may not exceed the Standard Interval Service Date by more than six (6) months, or, when there is no Standard Interval, the Company offered Service Date.

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## 3.1 General, (Cont'd.)

#### 3.1.3 Access Service Request Modifications

Any increase in the number of Access Service lines, Trunks, Access transport facilities, Out of Band Signaling connections or any change in engineering or functionality of a service will be treated as a new ASR with a new Service Date Interval.

## 3.1.3.1 Service Commencement Date Changes

ASR service date for the installation of new services or rearrangement of existing services may be changed, but the new service date may not exceed the original Service Commencement Date by more than thirty (30) calendar days. When, for any reason, the Customer indicates that service cannot be accepted for a period not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days, and the Company accordingly delays the start of service, a Service Date Change Charge will apply. In addition, when the Customer submits a request for Service Date Change that is less than five (5) business days from the date of notification by the Customer, a Service Date Charge will apply if the Customer requests a Service Date Change that is more than five (5) business days from the date of request by the Customer but earlier than the original requested Service Commencement Date.

If the Customer requested service date is more than thirty (30) calendar days after the original service date, the order will be canceled by the Company on the thirty-first day. Appropriate cancellation charges will be applied. If the Customer still requires the service, the Customer must place a new ASR with the Company.

The Service Date Change Charge will apply on a per order, per occurrence basis for each service date changed. The applicable charges are set forth in Section 4.

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# 3.1 General, (Cont'd.)

#### 3.1.3 Access Service Request Modifications, (Cont'd.)

## 3.1.3.2 Design Change Charge

The Customer may request a Design Change to the service order. A Design Change is any change to an ASR which requires Engineering Review. An Engineering Review is a review by Company personnel of the service ordered and the requested changes to determine what changes(s) in the design, if any, are necessary to meet the Customer's request. Design Changes include such changes as the addition or deletion of optional features or functions, a change in the type of Transport Termination (Switched Access only) or type of Channel interface. Any other changes are not considered Design changes for purposes of this subsection and will require issuance of a new ASR and the cancellation of the original ASR with appropriate cancellation charges applied.

The Design Change Charge will apply on a per order, per occurrence basis, for each order requiring a Design Change. The applicable charges, as set forth in Section 4, are in addition to a Service Date Change Charges that may apply.

## 3.1.3.3 Expedited Order Charge

When placing an Access Order for services(s) for which a Standard Interval exists, a Customer may request a Service Commencement Date that is earlier than the Standard Interval Service Date, in which case an Expedited Order Charge will apply. The Expedited Order Charge will not apply if the new Service Commencement Date is more than five (5) days from the date of the request to the Company of the expedited order request. The request for an earlier service date may be received from the Customer prior to its issuance of an ASR, or after the ASR has been issued but prior to the service date. The Company has the exclusive right to accept or deny the Expedited Order request. However if, upon reviewing availability of equipment and scheduled work load, the Company agrees to provide service on an expedited basis and the Customer accepts the Company's proposal, an Expedited Order Charge will apply.

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# 3.1.3 Access Service Request Modifications, (Cont'd.)

## 3.1.3.3 Expedited Order Charge, (Cont'd.)

If the Company is subsequently unable to meet an agreed upon expedited service date, then the Expedited Order Charge will not apply.

In the event the Company provides service on an expedited basis on the Customer's request, and the Customer delays service or is not ready for delivery of service at the time of installation, a Service Date Change Charge will apply in addition to the Expedited Order Charge.

In the event the Customer cancels an expedited request, the Expedited Order Charge will be added to all applicable Cancellation Charge specified herein.

In the event the Customer requests a Service Date Change after the Company has received the original expedite request, the Expedited Order Charge will still apply.

An Expedited Order Charge will not be applied to orders expedited for Company reasons.

If costs other than additional administrative expenses are to be incurred when the Access Order is expedited, the regulations and charges for Special Construction as set forth in this tariff will apply.

The Expedited Order Charge will apply on a per order, per occurrence basis, as specified in Section 4 Rates.

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- 3.1 General, (Cont'd.)
  - 3.1.4 Application of Access Charges to Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic
    - 3.1.4.1 All Toll VoIP-PSTN traffic will be assessed switched access charges at the rates set forth in Section 4 of this tariff.
    - 3.1.4.2 The Company shall assess and collect switched access rate elements under this tariff for access services, regardless of whether the Company itself delivers such traffic to the called party's premises or delivers the call to the called party's premises via contractual or other arrangements with an affiliated or unaffiliated provider of VoIP service that does not itself seek to collect switched access charges for the same traffic. The Company will not charge for functions not performed by the Company, its affiliated or unaffiliated provider of VoIP service. For purposes of this provision, functions provided by the Company as part of transmitting telecommunications between designated points using, in whole or in part, technology other than TDM transmission in a manner that is comparable to a service offered by a local exchange carrier constitutes the functional equivalent of carrier access service.

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# 3.2 Rate Categories

The Company applies traditional per minute of use switched access rate elements to originating and terminating traffic including Tandem Services. Switched Access Services may include charges for 1+ domestic and international traffic and 8XX traffic, 500, 700, & 900 access traffic, 950 traffic, and etc. The rate elements may include the following rate categories:

- Carrier Common Line
- Local Switching
- Transport
- 8XX Database Query
- Last Resort LNP Queries

The Company assesses the per minute of use rate elements plus 8XX Data Base Query rates for originating 8XX Access services.

For Tandem Services, including for CMRS, and Interconnected Wholesale Providers, the Company assesses traditional per minute of use switched access rate elements and 8XX Database Query charges, as applicable. The rate elements may include the following rate categories:

- Tandem Switching
- Transport
- 8XX Database Query

Ancillary access charges are billed in addition to the primary access charge rate categories listed above. Ancillary access rate elements are billed in addition to the rate element per minute of use charges and may include, but are not limited to 500/900 Access Service, Inward Operator Services, Operator Pass Through Service, Billing Name and Address, and recording services.

#### 3.2.1 Carrier Common Line

The Carrier Common Line rate category includes the charges related to the use of common lines by Customers and end users for intrastate access, and the terminations in the local end office of end user lines.

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# 3.2 Rate Categories, (Cont'd.)

#### 3.2.2 End Office Local Switching

The Local Switching rate category establishes the charges related to the use of local office switching equipment, the terminations of calls at Company Intercept Operators or recordings, the use of common trunk port, the use of Signaling Transfer Point (STP), and the SS7 signaling function between the end office and the STP. End Office Local Switching may include any functional equivalent of the incumbent local exchange carrier End Office Local Switching access service provided by the Company via analogous facilities.

Where local end offices are appropriately equipped, international dialing may be provided. International dialing provides the capability of switching international calls with service prefix and address codes having more digits than are capable of being switched through a standard equipped end office.

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## 3.2 Rate Categories, (Cont'd.)

# 3.2.3 Transport

The Transport rate category provides the transmission and transport termination facilities between the Customer premises and the switch(es) where the Customer traffic is switched to originate or terminate its communications. Transport may include any functional equivalent of the incumbent local exchange carrier Transport access service provided by the Company via analogous facilities. The rate components may include:

Transport - Termination Transport - Facility Interconnection Charge

The Company will work cooperatively with the Customer in determining (1) whether the service is to be directly routed to an end office switch or through an access tandem switch, and (2) the directionality of the service.

#### 3.2.3.1 Transmission Paths

The number of Transport transmission paths provided is based on the Customer's order and is determined by the Company.

## 3.2.3.2 Interconnection

Interconnection of non-Company switched access transport facilities is available between an end office and a Customer point of presence where such facilities are provided.

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## 3.2 Rate Categories, (Cont'd.)

#### 3.2.4 Tandem Switching

The Tandem Switching category establishes the charges associated with "switching" the call through the Company's switching office from the "incoming" trunk group to the "outgoing" trunk group.

Tandem Switching charges apply when the Company passes a call between the Customer and another carrier, including CMRS providers and Interconnected Wholesale providers. Tandem switching charges may include charges for multiplexing and associated trunk ports, where applicable. Tandem Switching may include any functional equivalent of the incumbent local exchange carrier Tandem Switching access service provided by the Company via analogous facilities.

The terminating Tandem-Switched Transport rate schedules are bifurcated into "Standard" and "Affil PCL" rates. The Affil PCL terminating Tandem-Switched Transport rates apply to terminating traffic traversing a Company tandem switch when the terminating carrier is a Company-affiliated price cap carrier. All other terminating Tandem-Switched Transport traffic is subject to the Standard terminating Tandem-Switched Transport rates.

## 3.2.5 8XX Data Base Query Service

8XX Data Base Query Service is a service offering utilizing originating trunk side Switched Access Service. When an 8XX + NXX + XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Company will perform Customer identification based on screening of the full ten-digits of the 8XX number to determine the Customer location (Carrier identification Code or destination routing number) to which the call is to be routed. This service is billed based on a per query charge.

# 3.2.6 Local Routing Number (LRN) Query Service of Last Resort

LRN Query Service of Last Resort can be used when a call is routed to the Company's local or tandem switching office where the dialed telephone number is portable and a query has not been performed to identify the correct Carrier for routing of the call. A LRN query will be performed and the call will be re-routed to the correct Carrier. This service charge is a per query charge and will be billed to the Carrier originating the call.

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- 3.3 Individual Case Basis ("ICB") Offerings
  - 3.3.1 The tariff may not specify the price of a service in the tariff as ICB. The Company may or may not have an equivalent service in its tariff on file with the Commission, and the quoted ICB rates may be different than the tariffed rates. An ICB must be provided under contract to a customer and the contract filed (can be under seal) with the Commission. All customers have non-discriminatory access to requesting the service under an ICB rate.

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# SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES

# 4.1 Switched Access Service

# 4.1.1 Service Implementation

# 4.1.1.1 Installation Charge (Per Trunk)

# **Entrance Facility**

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•	Installation Charge (per channel)
	Nonrecurring Charge
2-wire	\$100.00
Each additional 2-wire	\$100.00
4-wire	\$150.00
Each additional 4-wire	\$150.00
First DS1	\$313.25
Each additional DS1	\$313.25

# 4.1.2 Change Charges (per order)

Charge per Occurrence	Nonrecurring Charge
Service Date Change Charge, per order	\$50.00
Design Change Charge, per circuit	\$150.00
Design Change Charge,	
per DS3 and higher circuit	\$300.00
Expedited Order Charge,	
per location, per order	\$250.00
Service Order Charge, per order	\$25.00
Access Carrier Name Abbreviation (ACNA)	
Change (per trunk)	\$170.00
Billing Account Number (BAN) Change	\$170.00
Customer Circuit Identification (CKR) Change	\$22.00
Returned Check Charge	\$35.00
Cancellation	
(after 3 business days from order placement)	Full NRC plus \$250.00, per order

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# SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D.)

- 4.1 Switched Access Service, (Cont'd.)
  - 4.1.3 Cancellation Charges (per order)

Cancellation charge - Individual Case Basis.

4.1.4 Direct Connect Charges

Entrance Facility Type	Monthly Recurring Charge		
2-wire	\$30.00		
4-wire	\$45.00		
Per DS1	\$150.00		

- 4.1.5 Local Switching
  - 4.1.5.1 The Local Switching rate is applied per minute of use rate.

	Originating	Originating	
	Non-8YY	<u>8YY</u>	<b>Terminating</b>
Per minute of use	\$0.0024060	\$0.0000000 ( <b>R</b> )	\$0.0000000

# 4.1.5.2 Common Trunk Port

The Common Trunk Port (CTP) rate element is applied per minute of use when traffic is delivered from an access tandem for local switching or switched from a host office to a remote end office.

	Originating	Originating	
	Non-8YY	<u>8YY</u>	<b>Terminating</b>
Per minute of use	\$0.00168800	\$0.0000000 ( <b>R</b> )	\$0.0000000

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# SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D.)

- 4.1 Switched Access Service, (Cont'd.)
  - 4.1.6 Tandem Switching and Transport Rate Elements
    - 4.1.6.1 The Tandem Switching rate element is applied per minute of use for traffic switched through an access tandem.

	Originating	Originating	
Tandem Switching, per minute of use	Non-8YY	<u>8YY</u>	<b>Terminating</b>
Standard <sup>1</sup>	\$0.0015740	\$0.0010000	$\$0.001574\bar{0}$
Affil PCL <sup>2</sup>	\$0.0015740		\$0.0000000

## 4.1.6.2 Common Transport

Common Transport applies to traffic routed to or from an access tandem or from a host office to or from a remote end office. The Transport Termination rate element is applied per minute of use for the facility termination and per minute per mile for the Transport Facility.

	Originating Non-8YY	Originating 8YY	<u>Terminating</u>
Transport Termination Per Minute of Use	\$0.00000000	\$0.00000000	\$0.00000000
Transport Facility Per Minute of Use Per Mile			
Standard <sup>1</sup> Affil PCL <sup>2</sup>	\$0.0000200 \$0.0000200	*	\$0.00000200 \$0.00000000

# 4.1.7 8XX Data Base Access Service

The 8XX Data Base Access Service query charge rate may vary depending on the locality. POTS Translation and Call Handling charges are optional features which apply in addition to the Number Delivery charge.

800 Query

Basic, per query \$0.000200 (**R**)
Vertical Feature Package (rate applies in addition to \$0.0019890
Number Delivery Charge)

# 4.1.8 Direct-Trunked Transport

Offered on an individual case basis.

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<sup>\*</sup>Rate included in Originating 8YY Tandem Switching rate.

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  Standard terminating Tandem-Switched Transport rates are benchmarked to the price cap LEC rates which are not subject to the step down specified in Commission Rules 51.907(g)(2) and 51.907(g).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Affil PCL terminating Tandem-Switched Transport rates are benchmarked to the price cap LEC rates which are subject to the step down specified in Commission Rules 51.907(g)(2) and 51.907(g).

# SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D.)

- 4.1 Switched Access Service, (Cont'd.)
  - 4.1.9 Other Switched Access Charges

A. BNA (Billing Name & Address) per 10-digit ANI requested

\$0.20

B. Media Options Charge

Customers who elect to receive a paper or CD-ROM version of their invoice will incur a surcharge of \$15.00 per bill cycle.

C. Automatic Number Identification (ANI)
Per ANI delivered

\$0.000080

D. LRN Query of Last Resort - per Query

\$.0029720

- 4.2 Carrier Identification Code Opening Charge
  - 4.2.1 General

A Customer may request the opening of its Carrier Identification Code (CIC) on the Company's switches to allow the Company's end users to select the Customer as their interLATA, IntraLATA, interstate and/or international service provider. A Charge is applicable for each switch in which the CIC is opened.

4.2.2 Rates and charges

CIC/ASR Charge per switch

\$50.00

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#### SECTION 5 - CUSTOMER SPECIFIC CONTRACTS

## 5.1 General

The Company may provide any of the services offered under this Access Service Tariff, or combinations of services, to Customers on a contractual basis. The terms and conditions of each contract offering are subject to the agreement of both the Customer and Company. Such contract offerings will be made available to similarly situated Customers in substantially similar circumstances. Rates in other sections of this Access Service Tariff do not apply to Customers who agree to contract arrangements, with respect to services within the scope of the contract.

Services provided under this Section are not eligible for any promotional offerings which may be offered by the Company from time to time.

Contract terms and conditions pursuant to this section are available to any similarly situated Customer that places an order within 90 days of the contract effective date.

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