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SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES

5.2 Rate Categories

5.2.1 Tandem Switching Access Service (Originating and Terminating)

Tandem Switching is an access service providing transmission and tandem switching between the Customer designated premises and the Company switch(es) where the Customer's traffic is switched from or to an entity other than an End User for purposes of originating or terminating the Customer's communications. The Tandem Switching Access Service composite rate is comprised of the following rate elements: tandem switching charges, tandem termination charges, and tandem facility mileage charges.

The terminating tandem-switched transport rate schedules are bifurcated into price cap LEC end office ("PC LEC EO") and non-price cap LEC end office ("non-PC LEC EO") rates. The Company bills the PC LEC EO or the non-PC LEC EO terminating tandem-switched transport rate schedule based on the rates the competing price cap LEC would charge for tandem-switched transport traffic delivered to the same terminating entity other than an End User. In other words, the Company mirrors the tandem switched transport rates the price cap LEC would charge if it were the terminating tandem-switched transport provider rather than the Company.

Terminating Tandem-Switched Transport rates are bifurcated into "Standard" and "Affil PCL" rates. The Affil PCL terminating Tandem-Switched Transport rates<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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5.2.2 Local Switching Access Service - Direct Connection (Originating and Terminating)

Local Switching Access Service - Direct Connection is an access service providing the Customer connections to and use of end office switching equipment for the origination or termination of the Customer's communications to the Company's End Users. The Local Switching Access Service - Direct Connection rate consists of end office switching charges and may also include a DS3 trunk port charge. With Direct Connection, Customer is responsible for ordering or providing the DS3 facility to the Company's point of presence in the access tandem serving area. The DS3 trunk port charge applies on an Individual Case Basis when the Customer is not collocated with the Company's switch. The rate will not exceed that of the competing ILEC rate for the same function.

<sup>1</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 FCC Rules 51.907(g)(2) and 51.907(g).

<sup>2</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 FCC Rules 51.907(g)(2) and 51.907(g).

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SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D.)

5.2 Rate Categories (Cont'd.)

5.2.3 Local Switching Access Service - Indirect Connection (Originating and Terminating)

Local Switching Access Service - Indirect Connection is an access service providing the Customer use of and office switching equipment for the origination or termination of the Customer's communications to the Company's End Users as well as transport to or from the Customer's tandem provider. The Local Switching Access Service - Indirect Connection composite rate is comprised of the following rate elements: end office switching charges, tandem termination charges, and tandem facility mileage charges.

Terminating Tandem-Switched Transport rates are bifurcated into "Standard" and "Affil PCL" rates. The Affil PCL terminating Tandem-Switched Transport rates<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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5.2.4 Toll-Free 8YY Data Base Query

The Toll-Free 8YY Data Base Query Charge, will apply for each Toll-Free 8YY call query received at the Company's (or its provider's) Toll-Free 8YY database.

5.2.5 Toll-Free 8YY Switched Access Service

The Toll-Free 8YY Switched Access Service is an originating access service in which the Company delivers Toll Free calls to Customers. Rate elements apply as set forth in Section 5.4.5.

5.2.6 Optional Features

Other optional features may be available on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

<sup>1</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 FCC Rules 51.907(g)(2) and 51.907(g).

<sup>2</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 FCC Rules 51.907(g)(2) and 51.907(g).

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SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D.)

5.4 Rates and Charges

5.4.1 Tandem Switching Access Service (Composite Rate)

Originating	\$0.0016030 per minute of use
Terminating	
- Standard	\$0.0016030 per minute of use
- Affil PCL	\$0.0000000 per minute of use

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The Composite rate is comprised of those rate elements specified in Section 5.2.1, and assume one (1) mile of tandem facility mileage.

5.4.2 Local Switching Access Service – Direct Connection (Originating and Terminating)

A. End Office Switching

Originating	\$0.0022640 per minute of use
Terminating	\$0.0000000 per minute of use

B. DS3 Trunk Port: ICB

5.4.3 Local Switching Access Service – Indirect Connection (Composite Rate)

Originating	\$0.0022670 per minute of use
Terminating	
-Standard	\$0.0000030 per minute of use
-Affil PCL	\$0.0000000 per minute of use

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The Composite rate is comprised of those rate elements specified in Section 5.2.3, and assume one (1) mile of tandem facility mileage.

5.4.4 Toll-Free 8YY Data Base Query

Per Query	\$0.0037020
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5.4.5 Toll Free 8YY Switched Access Service

Originating from the Company’s End Users: Local Switching Access Service – Direct Connection or – Indirect Connection rates will apply, as appropriate.

Originating from parties that are not the Company’s End Users: Tandem Switching Service rate will apply.

5.4.6 Switched Access Optional Features

All Optional Features are offered on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

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