

4.0 RATES CATEGORIES AND CHARGES

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The rate categories that apply to Switched Access Service, as provided by Company, are:

Switched Access Service, which is available to customers for their use in furnishing their services to End Users, provides a two-point communications path between a customer-designated premises and an End User's premises. It provides for the use of terminating, switching, switched transport facilities and common subscriber plant of the telephone company. Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate calls from an End User's premises to a customer-designated premises, and to terminate calls from a customer-designated premises to an End User's premises in the LATA were it is provided.

The provision of each feature group requires Switched Transport and the appropriate Local Switching functions. Switching Transport provides for the transmission facilities between the customer's premises and the end office Switch where the customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate traffic. Local Switching provides for the local end office switching and end user termination functions necessary to complete the transmission of the Customer's communications over Switched Access facilities to and from the end users served by the local end office

A Customer is agreeing to order Switched Access service by routing traffic to the Company, or accepting traffic to the Company, or accepting traffic from the Company, through the tandem of another local exchange carrier to which the Customer is connected (the "tandem provider"). Rates and charges are set forth the in 4.2 in this tariff.

4.2 PSIN - PSIN Rates

The following rates apply to carrier billing:

4.2.1 Local Switching

Local switching provides local end office switching and end user termination functions necessary to complete the transmission of Intrastate Switched Access communications to and from the end users served by the local end office.

Blended Local Switching \$0.000970/Per Minute (R)

4.2.2 800 Service Charges

The following charges are assessed for 800 Query provisioning and the associated usage. These charges are in addition to any Switched Access FGD charges assessed for use of the Company's Network, i.e. originating local switching.

4.2.3 800 Query Transport

A recurring, per query charge, assessed for each SS7 transported 800 query, sent to the

