

## Access Tariff

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**SECTION 3 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)****3.5 ADVANCE PAYMENTS**

The Company reserves the right to require an advance payment from the Customer instead of or in addition to a security deposit. The advance payment shall be in an amount equal to or less than estimated installation charges plus two months estimated billing.

**3.6 DISPUTED BILLS**

In the case of a billing dispute between the Customer and the Company for service furnished to the Customer, which cannot be settled with mutual satisfaction, the Customer may, within (90) days of the date of the bill containing the disputed amount, request an in-depth investigation and review of the disputed amount. The Company shall comply with the request. The undisputed portion and subsequent bills must be paid on a timely basis. The Company shall communicate to the Customer the results of such investigation and review as soon as reasonably possible. If the dispute notification is not made within ninety (90) days of the bill date, the bill will be considered final. If the Customer and the Company are unable to resolve the dispute to their mutual satisfaction the customer may file a complaint with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in accordance with the Commission's rules and procedure at: (T) (T)

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

(800)-686-7826 (voice)  
(800)-686-1570 (TDD)  
(614) 752-8351 (Fax)

### **SECTION 3 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)**

#### **3.8 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE**

##### **3.8.1 Suspension or Termination for Nonpayment**

In the event that any bill rendered or any deposit required is not paid, the Company may suspend service or terminate service until the bill or the required deposit has been paid. If service is suspended or terminated for nonpayment, the Customer must remit a Connection Charge as well as any payment due and any applicable deposits prior to re-connection.

Suspension or termination shall not be made until:

- A) At least thirty (30) days after written notification has been served (T) personally on the Customer, or at least twenty (20) days after written notification has been mailed to the billing address of the Customer or;
- B) At least thirty (30) days after the Customer has either signed for or (T) refused a registered letter containing written notification mailed to the billing address of the Customer.

Access service shall not be suspended or terminated for nonpayment on weekends, public holidays, other federal and state holidays proclaimed by the President or the Governor, or on days when the main business office of the Company is not open for business.

**SECTION 4 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (cont'd)****4.2 RATE CATEGORIES (Cont'd)****4.2.1 Service Definition**

Tandem Switched Transport facilities are shared trunks that carry the combined traffic of more than one Interexchange Carrier from an end office to an access tandem where the calls are then switched onto trunks that are dedicated to individual Interexchange Carriers for transport from the access tandem to the serving wire center. Tandem Switched Transport service is provisioned in two parts: (1) transmission from the end office to the tandem over shared circuits; (2) the tandem switching function itself.

**4.2.2 Billing Components**

Tandem Switched Transport service is billed in two parts as applicable: (1) A usage-based, distance sensitive Tandem Switched Facility charge applied to the shared interoffice transmission between the end office and the tandem. In addition, a usage-based Tandem Switched Termination charge is applied at each end of each measured Tandem Switched Facility segment. Distance is measured in airline miles between the end office and the tandem. Additionally, if the mileage is zero, no Facility or Termination charges apply; (2) A usage-based Tandem Switching charge is applied at each tandem that performs a tandem switching function.

**4.2.3 Access Rate Element Descriptions**

- A. Common Transport Multiplexing provides for multiplexing, on a per access minute basis, in conjunction with Tandem Switched Transport. Switched access facilities are connected to tandem and end office switches at the DS1 level. Multiplexing is required to convert common switched facilities from a typical operating speed of 44.736 Mbps to an operating speed of 1.544 Mbps.
- B. The Common Trunk Port provides for termination of common transport trunks in common end office trunk ports in conjunction with tandem routed traffic. The Common Trunk Port rate is assessed on a per access minute basis.

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**SECTION 6 - RATES AND CHARGES****6.1 Switched Access Service**

## Tandem Switched Transport

6.1.1	Tandem Switched Facility, Per Minute/Per Mile*		(R)
	AT&T areas	0.0000140	↑
	Frontier areas	0.0000100	
	Embarq areas	0.0000350	
6.1.2	Tandem Switched Termination, Per Minute/Per Term		
	AT&T areas	0.0001030	
	Frontier areas	0.0024177	
	Embarq areas	0.0004120	
6.1.3	Tandem Switching, Per Minute/Per Tandem		
	AT&T areas	0.0011160	
	Frontier areas	0.0002000	
	Embarq areas	0.0001240	
6.1.4	Common Transport Multiplexing (DS3/DS1), Per Minute		
	AT&T areas	0.0000170	
	Frontier areas	0.0000000	
	Embarq areas	0.0004050	
6.1.5	Common Truck Port, Per Minute		
	AT&T areas	0.0003710	
	Frontier areas	0.0002000	
	Embarq areas	0.0004050	(R) ↓

- maximum mileage charge 10 miles