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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.3 Rate Categories (Continued)

3.3.1 Switched Transport (Continued)

D. Switched Transport TST Rate Category

Tandem Switched Transport (TST) provides the transmission facilities between an access tandem and end offices subtending that tandem utilizing tandem switching functions. TST consists of circuits used in common by multiple customers from the access tandem to an end office. The TST rate category is composed of the rate elements set forth in (1) through (4), following.

(1) Tandem Transmission

Tandem Transmission is composed of a fixed per-MOU rate ("Tandem Switched Transport - Termination") and per-mile/per-MOU rate ("Tandem Switched Transport - Facility"). The fixed rate provides for the circuit equipment at the end of the interoffice transmission paths. The per-mile rate provides for the transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment between the end points of the interoffice circuit. For purposes of determining the per-mile rate, mileage will be measured as airline mileage using the V & H coordinates method in accordance with standard industry practices.

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**SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)****3.3 Rate Categories (Continued)****3.3.1 Switched Transport (Continued)****(2) Common Transport Multiplexing**

Common transport multiplexing equipment is utilized in the end office side of the access tandem when common transport is provided between the access tandem and the subtending end offices. This rate is assessed on a per-MOU basis. (Multiplexing equipment associated with a DTT facility ordered to the access tandem is provisioned on the SWC side of the access tandem. Multiplexing rates for EF and DTT facilities are priced on an individual case basis, and if assessed, are in addition to the common transport multiplexing rates.)

**3.3.2 Local Switching**

The Local Switching rate category provides the local end office switching, end user line termination and intercept functions necessary to complete the transmission of Switched Access Communications to and from the end users served by the local end office. The Local Switching rate categories are described following.

**1. Local End Office Switching Functions****a. Common Switching**

Common Switching provides the local end office switching functions associated with the various access switching arrangements.

**b. Transport Termination**

Transport Termination provides for the arrangements which terminate the Switched Transport facilities.

**2. Intercept Function - The Intercept Function provides for the termination of a call at a Company Intercept operator or recording. The operator or recording tells a caller why a call, as dialed, could not be completed, and if possible, provides the correct number.**

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**SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)****3.7 Composite Rates**

The Company bills access rates on a composite basis. The composite rates are developed using the switched access rate elements identified in Section 3.8. Applicable per call Query charges are in addition to the per MOU composite charges.

Composite Switched Access Service rate per MOU<sup>1</sup>:

<u>Originating</u>	<u>Terminating</u>
\$0.0063270	\$0.005523

<sup>1</sup> Composite includes Tandem Switched Transport – Termination, Tandem Switched Transport – Facility (per mile), Common Transport Multiplexing, Common Switching, and End Office Shared Port. Transport mileage is 111 measured as airline mileage using the V & H coordinates method in accordance with standard industry practices. The relevant V & H coordinates for the End Office switching location are V – 06366 and H – 05245 (Kimball). The relevant V & H coordinates for the Tandem Switching location are V – 06280 and H – 04906 (Sioux Falls).

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.8 Elemental Rates and Charges (Continued)

3.8.1 Switched Transport Service (Continued)

B. Monthly Recurring Charges

1. Direct-Trunked Transport

All elements of Direct-Trunked Transport are priced on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

C. Usage Charges

1. Tandem Switched Transport

A.	Tandem Switched Transport - Termination - Per Access Minute	\$0.000240
B.	Tandem Switched Transport – Facility - Per Access Minute, per Mile	\$0.000030
C.	Common Transport Multiplexing - Per Access Minute	\$0.000036