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For Originating 8YY Usage, the Direct Connect, Tandem Connect without Tandem Switching, and Tandem Connect with Tandem Switching are being set at parity with the FCC No. 1 Tariff rates. Only one of these usage rates will apply on a call depending on the routing of that usage as follows:

1. Direct Connect applies when a call is routed out to the 8YY Service Provider (SP) over a direct end office trunk group. Only end office functionality is provided, no tandem facilities or tandem switching functionality are provided.
2. Tandem Connect without Tandem Switching applies when a call is routed out to the 8YY Service Provider (SP) over an end office to tandem trunk group and MCImetro is not the tandem switching provider. End office functionality and end office to tandem facilities are provided, no tandem switching functionality is provided.
3. Tandem Connect with Tandem Switching applies when a call is routed out to the 8YY Service Provider (SP) over an end office to tandem trunk group and MCImetro is the tandem switching provider. End office functionality, end office to tandem facilities, and tandem switching functionality are provided.

Since the FCC order only allows the tandem provider to assess the Joint Tandem Switched Transport Access Service (JTSTAS) element (capped at 0.001/minute), the Direct Connect and Tandem Connect without Tandem Switching rates are the same for Originating 8YY Usage. Since the ILEC filed a JTSTAS rate of 0.001 (see Transmittal No. 118 for CenturyLink Operating Telephone Companies FCC No. 11, Section 6.8.1.C.1, page 6-318.1), the Tandem Connect with Tandem Switching rate is equal to the Direct Connect rate plus 0.001/minute for Originating 8YY Usage.

If you have any concerns or question, I can be reached by the information listed below:

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