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15. Special Federal Government Access Services

15.1 General

This section covers Special Access Services that are provided to an IC for use only by agencies or branches of the Federal Government and other users authorized by the Federal Government. Services provided to state emergency operations centers are included. These services provide for command and control communications, including communications for national security, emergency preparedness and presidential requirements. They are required to assure continuity of Government in emergency and crisis situations and to provide for national security.

Services for command and control communications and for national security and emergency preparedness sometimes require short notice and short duration service provisions. These provisions are especially needed to meet presidential requirements or in response to natural, man-made, or declared emergencies. Requirements of this type cannot be forecasted and are usually needed for a relatively short period. The provision of service under these conditions may require the availability of facilities, such as portable microwave equipment, which are provided on a temporary basis by the Telephone Company or customer.

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15.2 Emergency Conditions

These services will be provided on the date requested or as soon as possible thereafter when the emergency falls into one of the following categories:

- State of crisis declared by the National Command Authorities (includes commitments made to the National Communications System in the "National Plan for Emergencies and Major Disasters").
- Efforts to protect endangered U.S. personnel or property both in the U.S. and abroad. (Includes space vehicle recovery and protection efforts.)
- Communications requirements resulting from hostile action, a major disaster or a major civil disturbance.
- The Director (Cabinet level) of a Federal department, Commander of a Unified/Specified Command, or head of a military department has certified that a communications requirement is so critical to the protection of life and property or to the National Defense that it must be processed immediately.
- Political unrest in foreign countries which affect the national interest.
- Presidential service.

15.3 Facility Availability

In order to insure communications during periods of emergency, the Telephone Company will, within the limits of good management, make available the necessary facilities to restore service in the event of damage or to provide temporary emergency service.

In order to meet the requirements of agencies or branches of the Federal Government, the Telephone Company may utilize government-owned facilities, when necessary to provide service.

15.4 Federal Government Regulations

In accordance with Federal Government Regulations, all service provided to the Federal Government will be billed in arrears. However, this provision does not apply to other customers that obtain services under the provisions of this tariff to provide their services to the Federal Government.

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15.5 Service Offerings to the Federal Government

The following unique services are provided to a customer for use only by agencies or branches of the Federal Government, other authorized users and state emergency operations centers. The rates and charges for these services shall be developed on an individual case basis and shall be consistent with the rates and charges for services offered in other sections of this tariff.

15.5.1 Type and Description

(A) Voice Grade Special Access Services

(1) Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I

Approximate bandwidth of 10-50,000 Hz.
Furnished for two-point secure communications on two-wire or four-wire metallic facilities between a customer premises and an end user's premises.
Services are conditioned as follows:

T-3 Conditioning - The absolute loss (referenced to 1 milliwatt) with respect to frequency shall not exceed:

15 dB at 10 Hz
13 dB at 100 Hz
9 dB at 1,000 Hz
20 dB at 10,000 Hz
30 dB at 50,000 Hz

Additional conditioning (available in one or two directions on four-wire facilities only) to provide the following characteristics:

The absolute loss (referenced in one milliwatt) with respect to frequency shall not exceed:

0 dB at 1,000 Hz
+ 1 dB between 1,000 Hz and 40,000 Hz
+ 2 dB between 10 Hz and 50,000 Hz
(+ means more loss)

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15.5 Service Offerings to the Federal Government (Cont'd)

15.5.1 Type and Description (Cont'd)

(A) Voice Grade Special Access Services (Cont'd)

(1) Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I (Cont'd)

The net loss of the conditioned service (with or without additional conditioning) shall not vary by more than four dB at 1,000 Hz from the levels specified preceding. Voice frequency signaling or supervisory tones can be transmitted.

(2) Voice Grade Secure Communications Type II

Approximate bandwidth 10-50,000 Hz. Furnished on four-wire metallic facilities for duplex operation for two-point secure communications between a customer premises on an end user's premises and an end user's premises. Services are conditioned as follows:

G-1 Conditioning - The absolute loss with respect to frequency and the net loss variation shall be the same as Voice Grade Secure Communication Type I services without additional conditioning. Voice frequency signaling or supervisory tones can be transmitted.

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15.5.1 Type and Description (Cont'd)

(A) Voice Grade Special Access Services (Cont'd)

(3) Voice Grade Secure Communications Type III

Approximate bandwidth 10-50,000 Hz. Furnished on four-wire metallic facilities for duplex operation for two-point secure communications between a customer's designated premises and an end user's premises. Services are conditioned as follows:

G-2 Conditioning - The absolute loss with respect to frequency and the net loss variation from the customer's designated premises to the end user's premises shall be the same as Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I services without additional conditioning; from the end user's premises to the customer's designated premises shall be the same as Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I services with additional conditioning. Voice frequency signaling or supervisory tones can be transmitted.

(4) Voice Grade Secure Communications Type IV

Approximate bandwidth 10-50,000 Hz. Furnished on four-wire metallic facilities for duplex operation for two-point secure communication between two customer designated premises. Services are conditioned as follows:

G-3 Conditioning - The absolute loss with respect to frequency and the net loss variation shall be the same in both directions of transmission as Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I services with additional conditioning. Voice frequency signaling or supervisory tones can be transmitted.

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15.5 Service Offerings to the Federal Government (Cont'd)

15.5.1 Type and Description (Cont'd)

(B) Wideband Digital Special Access Service

Service arrangements for secured communications to accommodate the transmission of binary digital baseband signals in a random polar format.

(1) Wideband Secure Communications Type I

For transmission at the rate of 18,750 bits per second.

(2) Wideband Secure Communications Type II

For transmission at the rate of 50,000 bits per second.

(3) Wideband Secure Communications Type III

To accommodate the transmission of restored polar two-level facsimile signals with a minimum signal element width of twenty micro-seconds at a rate of 50,000 bits per second.

To accommodate the transmission of binary digital baseband signals in a random polar format at the rate of 50,000 bits per second.

(C) Government Emergency Telecommunications

The Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) provides authorized federal government end users with a national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) switched voice and data communications service utilizing the public switched network through the activation of a special code(s) in the telephone company end offices and tandem switching offices as requested by the Federal Government or its authorized agent. Access to GETS is accomplished through the use of the 710 non-geographical numbering plan area (NPA) code utilizing the public switched network and

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15.5.1 Type and Description (Cont'd)

(C) Government Emergency Telecommunications

an interexchange carrier (IC) designated by the Federal Government or its authorized agent as a GETS-designated IC. Applicable access charges under other provisions of this tariff will apply for the underlying switched access services provided. The jurisdictional nature of GETS features is 100 percent interstate. GETS facilities may not be used for non emergency government telecommunications, non GETS services or by unauthorized end users.

(1) GETS Alternate Carrier Routing (ACR) Feature

ACR is an advanced intelligent network feature available in suitably equipped offices. The ACR feature provides for the routing of the GETS universal access number to a sequence of GETS ICs. ACR allows NS/EP users to utilize the public switched network to provide enhanced call completion capability on calls made during times of national emergency or disaster. ACR provides alternate route lines served by end offices equipped with the ACR feature to the GETS universal access number.

When the presubscribed is a participating GETS IC, GETS ACR enables calls first to be routed for completion to the presubscribed IC of the originating line. When the presubscribed IC is not a participating GETS IC, then an office selection table determines the GETS IC. The office selection table contains three alternatives for a GETS IC and is preselected on a per end office basis using data provided by the Federal Government or its authorized agent. Monthly and non-recurring charges apply at each office as set forth in 8.4.5 preceding.

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15.5.1 Type and Description (Cont'd)

Government Emergency Telecommunications

(2) GETS High Probability of Completion (HPC) Feature

HPC is a set of enhanced features, available in suitably equipped offices, which improves the probability of the completion of GETS traffic via the public switched telephone network (PSTN) during times of a national emergency or disaster when the PSTN is congested due to heavy traffic or damage to the network. The HPC feature sets the call priority value and provides the capability to queue the GETS NS/EP access trunk group in a route list until a member of that trunk group member becomes idle, it is offered to the queued GETS NS/EP access call before any other calls are processed. The HPC feature works with switched access trunk groups equipped with SS7 out of band signaling or equal access multifrequency address signaling.

15.5.2 Mileage Application

Mileage, when used for rate application between the serving wire centers of two customer designated premises, shall be determined by the V and H Coordinates Method as set forth in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4 and administered as set forth in 7.2.5 preceding.

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15.6 Rates and Charges

15.6.1 General

The rates and charges for special offerings to the Federal Government, such as those set forth in 15.5.1(A) and (B) preceding, are developed on an individual case basis and are set forth in 15.4.5 preceding. The rates and charges for GETS are set forth in 15.4.5 preceding.

15.6.2 Voice Grade Special Access

The provision of T-3 and G conditioned services contemplates station and tandem switching operations, using customer provided equipment, as well as Special Access Service. Separate narrowband or voice grade services, where required by the customer provided equipment or switching operation, are furnished in accordance with the applicable sections of this tariff.

15.6.3 Move Charges

- (A) When a service without a termination charge associated with that service, as set forth in 15.4.5 preceding, is moved to different building, the nonrecurring charge applies; when moved to a new location in the same building, a charge of one-half of the nonrecurring charge applies.
- (B) When service with a termination charge associated with that service, as set forth in 15.4.7 preceding, is moved and reinstalled at a new location, the customer may elect:
- to pay the unexpired portion of the termination charge for the service, if any, with the application of a nonrecurring charge and the establishment of a new termination charge for such service at the new location, or
 - to continue service subject to the unexpired portion of the termination charge, if any, and pay the estimated costs of moving such service, provided that the customer requests these charges be quoted prior to ordering the service move. Charges for moving such service will be based on estimated costs attributable to the move.

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15.6.3 Move Charges (Cont'd)

(B) (Cont'd)

Move charges include the estimated costs of removal, restoration of services or facilities necessitated by the move, transportation, storage, reinstallation, engineering, labor, supervision, materials, administration and any other specific items of cost directly attributable to the move.

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