

PART 2 – CARRIER ACCESS TARIFF

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40. INTERCONNECTING CIRCUITS WITH TRUNK-SIDE ACCESS

1. General

- (a) An interconnecting circuit “with trunk-side access” refers to a connecting arrangement provided by the Company over which traffic from the IXC’s network can be routed for termination in the local Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN).
- (b) An interconnecting circuit with trunk-side access may be arranged for Feature Group D service, which provides the IXC with the capability of offering subscribers access to its network by dialing 1+ or 011+. Interconnecting circuits with trunk-side access arranged for Feature Group D service are connected to an Access Tandem (AT Connection) and may use Multi-Frequency (MF) signalling or CCS7 signalling, subject to the availability of suitable facilities.
- (c) An interconnecting circuit with trunk-side access may be arranged to provide for the routing of toll-free calls destined for the IXC’s network. This arrangement is available for AT Connections only and may use MF or CCS7 signalling.
- (d) When CCS7 signalling is requested, CCS7 links are required. CCS7 links refer to the DS-0 channels between designated Canadian gateway Signalling Transfer Points (STPs) and the IXC’s STPs or between the Canadian gateway STPs and the IXC’s switch(es). This interconnecting arrangement may be provided by the Company, subject to the availability of suitable facilities, or by another designated Canadian Operating Company as determined by network design requirements to carry CCS7 signalling information associated with interconnecting circuits with trunk-side access which connect the Company to an IXC for the purposes of call set-up and take-down.
- (e) The facility over which interconnecting circuits with trunk-side access and CCS7 links are provided is furnished at the rates and charges specified in Tariff CRTC 3003, Item 1112.
- (f) In addition to the service charges associated with the Tariff Item referenced in (e) above, the following services charges associated with the provision of interconnecting circuits with trunk-side access and CCS7 links will apply for each DS-0 Set. A DS-0 Set is defined as a group of DS-0s which are of the same type (ie., Feature Group D or 800/888), within the same DS-1, connected at the same location and ordered at the same time.
  - 1. Inward Order, each DS-0 Set..... \$1,219.00
  - Change Order, each DS-0 Set..... \$ 791.00
- (g) An STP-to-STP port connection or Switch-to-STP connection is required for each DS-0 CCS7 link connected to the Company’s designated gateway STP.
- (h) Interconnection is permitted only through circuits with trunk-side access.

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**2. Bundled CAT**

- (a) When an IXC requests an interconnecting circuit with trunk-side access, a Bundled CAT applies, as specified below, for each minute of traffic originating or terminating in the Company's territory. The chargeable time begins when connection is established between the calling and called numbers (conversation minutes) and ends when that connection is terminated.

Bundled CAT per minute of traffic (originating or terminating) .....\$0.0415

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- (b) When an IXC uses a DAL to originate or terminate traffic in the Company's territory, a bundled CAT charge applies based on a loading of 8,000 minutes per month per DAL.

Monthly Bundled CAT charge per DAL  
= 8,000 x \$0.0415= \$332.00

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- (c) For each minute of traffic accessing or egressing Bell Canada's Access Tandem Switch in Montreal, a Satellite Proxy Transport charge applies, in addition to the Bundled CAT rate described in (a).

Satellite Proxy Transport Charge per minute (originating or terminating) .....\$0.034

**3. Toll-Free Carrier Identification Charge**

- (a) 800/888 dialed calls routed to the IXC are subject to a carrier identification charge as specified in (b) below. This charge will also be attributed to the Company.

(b) Toll-Free Carrier Identification Charge .....\$0.007914

**4. PIC Processing**

- (a) When the IXC is provided with interconnecting circuits with trunk-side access arranged for Feature Group D service, the IXC can offer its subscribed customers access to its network through 1+ and 011+ dialing. Such access is enabled through the identification of the IXC as the customer's Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC). PIC selections may be specified for eligible Company-provided primary monopoly exchange services which provide direct voice access to the PSTN through "1+" dialing and which are provisioned in End Offices which support Feature Group D. A list of specific eligible services is included in the PIC/CARE Access Customer Handbook (the Handbook) described in (c) below.

- (b) An IXC with Feature Group D service is required to establish a PIC processing account with the Company at least 90 calendar days prior to the requested commencement of PIC processing. When the account is established, the IXC must identify the PIC processing parameters and options required, as specified in the IXC's Customer Account Record Exchange (CARE) Profile which is provided in the Handbook. The establishment of the PIC processing account is subject to a service charge as specified in (h)(2) below. Subsequent changes to these parameters and options must be provided in writing at least 30 calendar days prior to the requested date for implementation of the changes.

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4. PIC Processing (cont'd)

- (c) The Company will provide each IXC, which establishes a PIC processing account with two copies of the User Handbook. The Handbook reflects standards and procedures for the processing of PIC transactions between the Company and the IXC. Additional copies of the Handbook are provided subject to the charge as specified in (h)(3) below.
- (d) PIC processing charges apply for establishing or changing the PIC selection for a customer's access line, such as for new or additional access lines, customer moves and customer-initiated number changes. Charges for processing customer PIC transactions are assessed to the IXC selected by the customer and are as specified in (h)(4) below.
- (e) In the case of PIC selection changes, which are disputed by the customer or an IXC on behalf of the customer, the customer's PIC selection will be reinstated to the previous PIC. The IXC must then provide evidence to customer authorization as described in section 4.5 of Schedule 4 (PIC Information Processing) of the CSG Agreement. If such customer authorization is not provided within 15 business days from the date of the request from the Company, the IXC will be deemed to have requested an unauthorized PIC change, and will be assessed the charge specified in (h)(5) below. A PIC processing charge as described in (d) above will also be assessed to the IXC having requested the unauthorized PIC change, to cover the reinstatement of the unauthorized PIC to the previous PIC selection.
- (f) To enable the IXC to validate or place PIC subscription orders at the Working Telephone Number (WTN) level, the IXC may request and obtain from the Company a detailed record transaction in CARE format of all WTNs subscribed to a specific Billing telephone Number (BTN). Service charges apply as specified in (h)(6) below.
- (g) To enable the IXC to perform reconciliation between the IXC's billing records and the Company's PIC database, the IXC may request a Verification Record from the Company. Verification Record transactions are subject to the service charge specified in (h)(7) below.

(h) Rates and Charges

1. Account Set-up charge, each PIC processing account .....	\$ 781.46
2. Changes to CARE profile, each request.....	195.36
3. User Handbook (each additional copy over 2) .....	97.68
4. PIC Processing charge, each access line.....	9.32
5. Unauthorized PIC Change charge, each access line .....	102.12
6. BTN Detail charge, each WTN provided .....	0.55
7. Verification Record charge, each access line.....	0.20

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- (i) The PIC processing charges specified in (h)(4) and (h)(5) above will also be attributed to the Company.