

ACCESS SERVICE

4. End User Access Line Service

The Telephone Company will provide End User Access Service (End User Access) to end users who obtain local exchange service from the Telephone Company under its general and/or local exchange tariffs.

4.1 General Description

End User Access provides for the use of an End User Common Line (EUCL).

4.2 Limitations

(A) Exclusions

Telephone number detail billing, directory listings and intercept arrangements are not included with End User Access.

(B) Lifeline Service

The Federal Lifeline Service program is designed to provide a credit to monthly end user access charges for qualifying low income residential subscribers. When a carrier is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier for Lifeline Service and when an eligible residential end user qualifies for Lifeline Service in association with local residential exchange service of that carrier, the EUCL Residence rate as set forth in 8.1.2 following is credited per the Telephone Company's residential basic local service tariff.

4.3 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

The Telephone Company will provide End User Access at rates and charges as set forth in 8.1.2 as follows:

- Use of an EUCL for intrastate Access Services provided under this tariff. Such use will be provided when the end user obtains local exchange service.
- The Telephone Company will be responsible for contacts and arrangements with customers for the billing of End User Access charges.

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4.4 Obligations of Radio Common Carriers

When the end user is a Radio Common Carrier (RCC) or provider of paging service, such end users shall designate whether the local exchange service they are provided by the Telephone Company is used as an access line for RCC or paging services, or used as an administrative line.

4.5. Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances

4.5.1 Minimum Period

The minimum period for which EUALS Enduser Access is provided to an end user and for which charges are applicable is the same as that in the general and/or local exchange tariffs for the associated local telephone exchange service.

4.5.2 Cancellation of Orders

EUALS is cancelled when the order for the associated local telephone exchange service is cancelled. No cancellation charges apply.

4.5.3 Changes to Orders

When changes are made to orders for the local telephone exchange service associated with End User Access any necessary changes will be made for EUALS. No charges will apply.

4.5.4 Allowance for Interruptions

When there is an interruption to an EUALS, requested EUAL credit allowances for interruptions will be provided as set forth for credit allowance for interruptions in 2.4.4 preceding.

4.5.5 Temporary Suspension of Service

When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service which is associated with the EUAL, one-half of the EUAL per month charge will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.

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4.6 Rate Regulations

4.6.1 Who Is Billed

EUAL per month charges will be billed to the end user of the associated Local Exchange Service.

4.6.3 Pay Telephone Service

The EUCL-Multiline Business rate will be assessed when a Payphone Service Provider obtains an exchange service line for the purposes of offering pay telephone service.

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4.6.5 Radio Common Carriers

For each local exchange service used only as a path for the transmission of Radio Common Carrier (RCC) traffic between the Telephone Company serving wire center and the RCC's radio equipment, End User Access Charges do not apply. End User Access Charges will apply to the Radio Common Carrier's local exchange service used for administrative purposes. This shall also include those Radio Common Carriers providing maritime service under Part 80 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

A Radio Common Carrier is described as a common carrier engaged in the provision of Public Mobile Service, as defined in Part 22 of the FCC Rules and Regulations which is not also in the business of providing landline local exchange telephone service.

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4.7 Federal Universal Service Charge

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) recovers the Telephone Company's contribution to various federal universal service funds. The Telephone Company will apply a surcharge factor each month to the billed charges for interstate access services provided to end users from this Tariff.

FUSC will not apply to interstate access services purchased by Customers that resell these services to end users as part of an Interstate telecommunications service and are required to contribute to the various federal universal service funds. In case of a dispute regarding whether the customer is reselling services and contributing to the various federal universal service funds, the Telephone Company may request a signed certification to that effect from the customer.

4.7.1 Rate Regulations

The Telephone Company will bill FUSC each month as described below.

(A) FUSC Surcharge Factor

The Telephone Company will multiply the FUSC Surcharge Factor against the end user's billed interstate access services charges.

The terms and conditions of the FUSC Surcharge Factor are further described in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER, INC., TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 5, SECTION 17.1.3(A).

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