

INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

SECTION A - DEFINITION OF TERMS

For the purpose of this tariff, the following definitions shall apply:

Access Coordination

Provides for the design, ordering, installation coordination, pre-service testing, service turn-up, and maintenance on an MCI or customer provided local access channel.

Access Line

A dedicated arrangement which connects a customer location to an MCI terminal location or an MCI switching center.

Accounting Code

A two-digit code which is available to subscribers of Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial), Option B (Credit Card) and Option C (MCI WATS) which enables them to identify individual users and thereby allocate the cost of their long distance service.

Accounting Code (Vnet Service)

Customer-defined, non-verified codes which can be used to identify a project or an account for allocating the cost of the long distance call. From a dedicated access line, an Accounting Code can consist of up to seven digits but when used with an ID Code (as defined herein), the total number of digits cannot exceed seven. From a Vnet Dial "1" telephone number, an Accounting Code will consist of two digits and cannot be dialed in conjunction with an ID Code.

Administrative Change

The modification of an existing circuit, dedicated access line or port, at the request of the customer, that involves changes to authorization codes, speed numbers, route guide, consolidation of billing within Dedicated Leased Line Service, verification of testing performed by parties other than MCI, or any other administrative change not covered by a Billing Record Change (see below for definition).

Application for Service

A standard MCI order form which includes all pertinent billing, technical and other descriptive information which will enable MCI to provide a communication service as required.

Attenuation Distortion

The difference between the amount of power lost at certain frequencies compared to the power lost at a frequency of 1004 Hz. Used in connection with C-Type conditioning.

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Authorization Code

A five-digit or 14-digit code, one or more of which are available to Metered Use Service customers to enable them to identify individual users or groups of users, and thereby allocate the costs of their long distance service.

Bandwidth

The total frequency band, in hertz, allocated for a channel.

Billing Record Change

A change in customer billing address.

Called Station

The station called, or the terminating point of a call.

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Calling Circle

For customers subscribing to the Friends & Family Program Domestic Option A (Friends & Family Original), a Calling Circle includes U.S. telephone numbers, including the number of the Subscriber, which numbers are presubscribed to MCI and enrolled in Metered Use Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial);

As used in conjunction with the Domestic Calling Promotion A, a Calling Circle includes U.S. telephone numbers, including the number of the Subscriber, which numbers are presubscribed to MCI and enrolled in Metered Use Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial);

For customers subscribing to the Friends & Family Program Domestic Option B, a Calling Circle includes U.S. telephone numbers including the number of the Subscriber, which numbers are presubscribed to MCI and enrolled in Metered Use Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial).

As used in conjunction with the Friends of the Firm Program, a Calling Circle is defined as follows:

In connection with Metered Use Service Option G (Prism Plus), a Calling Circle is a group of up to twenty (20) telephone numbers, which numbers are presubscribed to MCI ;

The telephone numbers included in a Calling Circle may be changed by the Subscriber from time to time.

Telephone numbers which are not capable of being presubscribed to an interexchange carrier (except for the Best Friends number), and telephone numbers which are associated with MCI 800 service (other than those associated with the Personal 800 Option), or MCI 900 Service, payphone numbers, institutional telephone numbers and numbers associated with MCI services other than switched services will not be eligible for inclusion in Calling Circles.

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Calling Station

The station from which a call is originated.

Cancellation of Order

A customer initiated request to discontinue processing a service order, either in part or in its entirety, prior to its completion. Cancellation charges will be assessed for each circuit-end or dedicated access line canceled from an order prior to its completion by MCI, under the following circumstances: (1) if the local Telco has confirmed in writing to MCI that the circuit-end or dedicated access line will be installed; or (2) if MCI has already submitted facilities orders to an interconnecting telephone company (this differs from a Disconnection, see page 6.1 for definition).

Casual Caller

Denotes any person who uses MCI service from an equal access end office who does not have a current account with the Company for services subject to this tariff, to include: (i) any person who has not established an account with the Company who places calls over the Company's network from an equal access area; (ii) any presubscribed customer located in an equal access area who has either voluntarily terminated his MCI account or has had his MCI account terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Sections B-5 and B-10; and (iii) new or allocated customers whose accounts are not yet established in the Company's billing system.

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Central Office Connection

Connects the Inter-Office Channel (as defined herein) of a Dedicated Leased circuit or connects the access port of a switched channel to the Local Access Channel (as defined herein).

Channel or Circuit

A communications path between two or more points, having a bandwidth or transmission speed selected by a customer.

Channel Bank (M24 or M44)

A device that converts Analog voice frequency channels into digital formats and multiplexes these channels and/or data channels into a 1.544 mbps digital signal.

Channel Options

Features which can be added to a local access channel to change and/or augment its transmission characteristics. Typical channel options are signaling and data conditioning.

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Channel Termination

The point at which MCI channel originates, terminates, or drops for the insertion or removal of a customer's signal.

CCSA

An arrangement for switched service networks in which common control MCI switching machines are used to switch network trunks. The switching machines may be shared with other users.

Collect Call

A billing arrangement which bills the charge for a long distance call to the called station's telephone number. The person agreeing to accept the call, whether they are an MCI customer or not, is responsible for all charges related to the call. Regardless of whether the person is an MCI customer or not, he or she is subject to the provisions of this tariff which are applicable to the call accepted.

Commercial Service

A switched network service which provides for dial station originations for which the subscriber pays a rate that is described as a business or commercial rate in the applicable local exchange service tariff for switched service.

Company

MCI Communications Services, Inc.

Customer

The person, firm, corporation or other entity which orders service either for its own use, as a resale carrier, or as a non-profit manager of a sharing group and which is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with MCI tariff regulations. For billing purposes, a customer is considered to be an account.

In the Metered Use Services, if a person, firm, corporation or other entity orders the service in more than one MCI originating city, or requests the assignment of more than one account number in a particular city, each such account is a separate customer for billing purposes. A customer may also function as a Casual Caller as defined in this Tariff.

Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment

Terminal equipment, as defined herein, provided by a customer.

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Disconnection

The disconnection of a circuit, dedicated access line or port connection being used for existing service. (This differs from a Cancellation, see page 5.1 for definition).

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Envelope Delay Distortion

Denotes a measure of the linearity of the phase versus frequency of a channel. It is the maximum Variation over a band of frequencies of the envelope delay, which is the derivative of the phase with respect to frequency. Used in connection with C-type conditioning.

Exemption Certification

A written notification provided by the customer certifying that his or her dedicated facility should be exempted from the monthly Special Access Surcharge because (a) the facility terminates in a device not capable of interconnecting MCI 's service with the local exchange network or (b) the facility is associated with a Switched Access Service that is subject to Carrier Common Line Charges. Credit provisions are available, as detailed in Section B-7.06.

Expedite

A service order initiated at the request of the customer, plus the accompanying installation or change to related circuits, that is processed in a time period shorter than the MCI standard service interval.

Fiber-Only Routing

A channel will be provisioned exclusively on fiber optic transmission facilities between MCI points of presence.

Four-Wire Circuit

A circuit using two one-way transmission paths, which include two carrier paths and two wire pairs.

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Installation

The connection of a circuit, dedicated access line or port for new or additional service.

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Institutional Phones

Telephones, other than payphones, located in public institutions such as universities, prisons, or public offices, or in hotels or motels, or in other premises where the subscriber to MCI service may not be able to control access to the phones.

Inter-Office Channel

The long-haul portion of a dedicated circuit that connects two or more points of presence (as defined herein) in distant cities.

Inter-Office Conditioning

Special adjustments made to the long-haul portion of a dedicated circuit (required for data circuits only) to assure specific performance levels required for high-speed data transmission.

Interswitch Trunk

A circuit which connects two CCSA switching centers.

Intermodulation Distortion

A measure of the non-linearity of a channel used in connection with D-type conditioning.

Joint Users

A person, firm or corporation designated by the customer as a user of communication facilities furnished to the customer by MCI, and to whom a portion of the charge for such facilities are billed under a joint user arrangement.

LATA (Local Access Transport Area)

A geographical area established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 17-49, within which a local exchange company provides communications services.

Local Access Channel

The dedicated line that connects the customer's premise to MCI's point of presence (as defined herein).

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MCI

MCI Communications Services, Inc. and/or one or more Concurring Carriers.

MCI Metropolitan Area Terminal City Location (called Terminal Location)

Locations specified herein where MCI maintains a terminal facility for purposes of providing Interexchange Telecommunication Services as described herein.

MCI Recognized National Holidays ^{1/}

The following are MCI recognized national holidays determined at the location of the originator of the call:

.01 For Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial) the following are applicable holidays:

Schedule A: Mother's Day (Second Sunday in May)
Father's Day (Third Sunday in June)
Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)
Christmas Day (December 25th)

Schedule B: New Year's Day; Martin Luther King's Birthday (federally observed); President's Day;
Memorial Day (federally observed); Independence Day (July 4); Labor Day (first Monday in September);
Columbus Day; Veteran's Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.*

MCI Terminal

Any location where MCI provides services as described herein.

^{1/} For holidays falling on a Saturday or Sunday, customers will receive the holiday discount on calls placed on the previous Friday or the following Monday.

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Member

As used in conjunction with the Friends & Family Program or the Friends of the Firm Programs, a Member is a MCI customer whose telephone number is included in a Calling Circle. An MCI customer may be a Member of an unlimited number of Calling Circles.

Multiline Terminating Device

Denotes switching equipment, key telephone type systems or other similar customer premise terminating equipment which is capable of terminating more than one access line.

Multipoint Arrangement

An arrangement whereby an Inter-Office Channel connects customer locations serviced by more than two MCI Points of Presence and/or where an Inter-Office Channel connecting two or more MCI Points of Presence connects three or more customer locations.

Network Trunks

Access lines, interswitch trunks, and circuits connecting services and facilities of MCI or other carriers to MCI CCSA switching centers.

Off-Network Access Line

A local exchange, foreign exchange, or WATS line connecting both incoming and outgoing traffic from an MCI switched service network to the DDD network.

Non-Qualified Commercial Affinity Group:

an association or affiliation of business entities whose members/individuals are not organized for the sole purpose to qualify for the discounts described herein.

Non-Qualified Residential Affinity Group:

an association or affiliation of residential users whose members/individuals are not organized for the sole purpose to qualify for the discounts described herein.

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One-Way Transmission

The capability of transmission in only one direction.

Other Common Carrier

A person, firm, corporation or entity which subscribes to MCI 's communication services and facilities and resells these communication services and facilities to the public for profit. Unless otherwise indicated herein, the term "other common carrier" when used in this tariff also means "customer" and includes entities which are brokers of the service (act as intermediaries for the purposes of reselling), those entities which are processors of the service (enhance the value of the service through substantial incurred costs), and those entities which are underlying carriers (own transmission facilities).

Person-to-Person

A service for which the person originating the call specifies to the Company operator a particular person, mobile station, department, extension, or office to be reached. If the called party is unavailable and the calling party requests or agrees to speak to a party other than the party initially specified, the call is still billed as a Person-to-Person.

Physical Change

The modification of an existing circuit, dedicated access line or port, at the request of the customer, requiring some physical change or retermination.

Point of Presence

MCI 's physical presence in a LATA (as defined herein). Locations where MCI maintains a Terminal Facility for purposes of providing Interexchange Telecommunications Services.

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Premises

The space designated by a customer at its place or places of business for termination of MCI service, whether for its own communications needs or for the use of its resale customers. In the case of the non-profit sharing group, this term includes space at each sharer's place or places of business, as well as space at the customer's place of business.

Redundancy

The offering of alternate Interexchange Telecommunication Services which may be provided using one or more different routings, circuits, and/or additional equipment.

Residential Service

A switched network service which provides for dial station originations for which the subscriber pays a rate that is described as a residential, non- commercial, or non-business rate in the applicable local exchange service tariff for switched service.

Restoration

The re-establishing of service by rerouting, substitution of component parts, or otherwise, as determined by the carrier(s) involved.

Route Diversity

Two channels which are furnished partially or entirely over two physically separate routes.

Service Group

The term "Service Group" as used in connection with MCI WATS denotes one or more MCI WATS dedicated access lines terminated in the same multiline terminating device at the same customer premises.

Shared Access

Utilization of the local exchange network facilities for origination of Vnet calls.

Shared Termination

Utilization of the local exchange network facilities for termination of Vnet calls.

Shared Transport

Utilization of MCI's switched network for the long-haul portion of Vnet calls.

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Signaling

Line status communications between MCI terminal and/or local exchange carrier central offices, required for voice grade dedicated circuits only.

Signal to Noise Rates

The ratio in dB of a tone signal to the corresponding noise. Used in connection with D-Type Conditioning.

Special Promotional Offering

Special discounts or modifications of its regular service offerings which MCI may, from time to time, offer to its customers for a particular service. Such offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and locations subject to tariff or commission approval.

Subscriber

As used in conjunction with the Friends of the Firm Program, a Subscriber is an MCI customer who undertakes to establish a Calling Circle by giving MCI a list of proposed Members and their telephone numbers (ANIs). As used in conjunction with the Friends & Family program, a Subscriber is an MCI customer who enrolls in a Friends & Family program. An MCI customer cannot be a Subscriber for more than one Calling Circle. As used in conjunction with other MCI services, a Subscriber is an MCI customer who has ordered the MCI service.

Two-Way Transmission

The capability of transmission in either direction or in both directions at once.

Two-Wire Circuit

A circuit using two one-way carrier transmission paths, plus one wire-pair.