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9. SPECIAL FACILITIES ROUTING OF FIA

9.1 Description of Special Facilities Routing of FIA

The FIA provided under this tariff are provided over such routes and facilities as the Telephone Company may elect. Special routing is involved where, in order to comply with requirements specified by the customer, the Telephone Company provides Switched Access, Special Access or Special Federal Government Services in a manner which includes one or more of the following conditions.

9.1.1 Diversity

Where two or more FIA must be provided over not less than two different physical routes. Diversity is a Basic Service Element (BSE) under the Telephone Company's Open Network Architecture (ONA) plan.

9.1.2 Avoidance

Where a FIA must be provided on a route which avoids specified geographical locations.

9.1.3 Cable-Only Facilities

Where certain voice grade FIA are provided on cable-only facilities to meet the particular needs of a customer. FIA is provided subject to the availability of cable-only facilities. In the event of FIA failure, restoration will be made through the use of any available facilities as selected by the Telephone Company.

Avoidance and Diversity are available on Switched Access as set forth in Section 4 and Special Access as set forth in Section 5. Cable-only facilities are available for Switched Access as set forth in Section 4.

In order to identify any special routing requirement, the Telephone Company will provide the ordering customer with the required routing information for each specially routed FIA. If requested by the customer, this information will be provided when the FIA is installed and prior to any subsequent change in routing.

The rates and charges for Special Facilities Routing of FIA as set forth in 9.2 are in addition to all other rates and charges that may be applicable for FIA provided under other sections of this tariff.

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9. SPECIAL FACILITIES ROUTING OF FIA (Cont'd)

9.2 Rates and Charges

The rates and charges for Special Facilities Routing of FIA are as follows:

9.2.1 Diversity

For each FIA provided in accordance with 9.1.1 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an Individual Case Basis.

9.2.2 Cable-Only Facilities

For each FIA provided in accordance with 9.1.3 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an Individual Case Basis.

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