

**Schedule No. A-27**

**CARRIER SELECTION PROCESS FOR EQUAL ACCESS**

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APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all end user intrastate telecommunications services, both within a service area (intraLATA) and between service areas (interLATA).

TERRITORY

Within the exchange areas, as said areas are defined on maps filed as part of the tariff schedules.

RATES

	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>	
1. Carrier Selection Charges - Manual		(T)
Per Local Exchange Service line or trunk*		
a. IntraLATA Service	\$5.00	
b. InterLATA Service	@	(C)
c. IntraLATA/InterLATA Service – single carrier, same transaction **	2.50	(C)
2. Carrier Selection Charges - Electronic		(N)
Per Local Exchange Service line or trunk*		
a. IntraLATA Service	\$1.25	
b. InterLATA Service	@	
c. IntraLATA/InterLATA Service – single carrier, same transaction **	0.62	(N)

\* In the event an end user is incorrectly presubscribed due to misassignment on the part of the Utility, no charge shall apply. In the event an end user is incorrectly presubscribed due to a misassignment on the part of the carrier, and the carrier is unable to document such an assignment, the Utility will apply charges, as described preceding to the carrier responsible for the misassignment of the end user and assign the end user to a carrier of the end user's choice.

@ This PIC is charged in accordance with NECA's Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 and is reported to NECA. The charges are set forth in [http://www.neca.org/source/NECA\\_AccessSupport\\_1206.asp](http://www.neca.org/source/NECA_AccessSupport_1206.asp), Tariff 5, Section 17.4.4. (C)  
(N)  
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\*\* This rate is in addition to half the NECA charge. (C)

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Carrier Selection is a procedure whereby:
  - a. An end user or an agent (the person or persons who has legal authority to subscribe service(s) provided by the Utility for the end user) may select a carrier to place intraLATA toll calls without the 101XXXX access code. This carrier is referred to as the end user's **IntraLATA** Primary Interexchange Carrier (IPIC).
  - b. An end user or an agent may select a carrier to place interLATA, intrastate calls without the 101XXXX access code. This carrier is referred to as the end user's Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC).
  - c. Existing local exchange carrier customers, as of July 22, 1999, who do not elect to change their intraLATA toll provider shall continue to receive intraLATA toll service from their current provider.
  
2. Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) or IntraLATA Primary Interexchange Carrier (IPIC) Charge Application
  - a. New end users may **presubscribe** to the IPIC and/or PIC of their choice at the time an order is placed for service.
  - b. If an IPIC and/or PIC is not chosen at the time the order for service is submitted, the end user or agent will be sent a list of carriers approved by the California Public Utilities Commission to offer intraLATA and/or **interLATA** service. There will be no charge for this initial selection if made within six months of implementation of intraLATA **presubscription**. Until the end user or agent chooses an intraLATA and/or interLATA carrier, the end user may access an intraLATA and/or interLATA carrier by dialing the appropriate 101 XXXX carrier identification code.
  - c. If an end user or agent in a single transaction, requests the same carrier for intraLATA and interLATA service, charges as set forth in Rates 1 .c., preceding, will be applied to the end user.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

3. End User/Agent Choice Discrepancy

The current Federal Communications Commission and California Public Utilities Commission Rules and Regulations will apply.

4. Customer Access Records Exchange (CARE) Lists

The CARE list must be in paper format or tape format specified by the Utility or Utility's billing agent.

5. Provisions

a. If the carrier elects to discontinue Feature Group D service, the carrier is obligated to contact in writing all end users and agents who have selected the canceling carrier as their Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) and/or IntraLATA Primary Interexchange Carrier (IPIC), they must:

- (1) inform the end users and agents of the cancellation;
- (2) request the end users and agents to select a new carrier; and
- (3) state that the canceling carrier will pay for the change charge.

b. The Utility will bill the carrier the amount equal to Rates 1.a. or 1.b., preceding, multiplied by the total number of end users and agents assigned to the carrier at the time the carrier notifies the Utility of discontinuance of Feature Group D.

c. For a change in identity, which results in a change in the carrier's Carrier Identification Code (CIC) assigned to the end user, the carrier will be charged the amount equal to Rates 1.a. or 1.b., preceding, multiplied by the total number of end user's and agent's access lines assigned to the carrier.

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