

ATTACHMENT A*Special Access Expanded Interconnection:*

- In the autumn of 1992, the FCC directed the LECs to provide expanded interconnection for special access.¹ The LECs' tariffs first became effective on June 16, 1993 (although the rates, terms, and conditions continue to be under investigation by the FCC).
- In July 1993, the FCC issued an order that designates numerous issues for investigation pertaining to the rates, terms, and conditions of LECs' expanded interconnection tariffs for special access.²
- In November 1993, the FCC addressed, on an interim basis, the LECs' development of overhead loading factors and reserved all issues that were previously designated for investigation for final resolution in a subsequent order.³ The FCC has not yet issued an order that resolved the outstanding issues.

Switched Transport Expanded Interconnection (Phase I):

- As a result of an order issued by the FCC in September 1993, competitive access providers, interexchange carriers, end users, and others will be able to collocate transmission equipment and to physically interconnect circuits in LECs' central offices for the purpose of transporting interstate switched access traffic.⁴ The LECs' tariffs, proposed to become effective February 15, 1994, are under review.

Switched Transport Expanded Interconnection (Phase II):

- In Phase II of its expanded interconnection proceeding, the FCC is considering broader measures to enable the development of competitive interstate switched access networks (such as the ability to receive signalling and other functionalities from LECs).⁵

1. *Expanded Interconnection with Local Telephone Company Facilities, Report and Order*, CC Docket No. 91-141, 7 FCC Rcd 7369 (1992) (Special Access Order).

2. *Local Exchange Carriers' Rates, Terms and Conditions for Expanded Interconnection for Special Access*, CC Docket No. 93-162 8 FCC Rcd 6909 (1993) (Designation Order).

3. *Local Exchange Carriers' Rates, Terms and Conditions for Expanded Interconnection for Special Access, First Report and Order*, FCC 93-p-493, CC Docket No. 93-162, Phase I (released November 12, 1993).

4. *Expanded Interconnection with Local Telephone Company Facilities, Transport, Phase I, Second Report and Order and Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 8 FCC Rcd 7374 (1993) (Switched Transport Order).

5. *Expanded Interconnection with Local Telephone Company Facilities, Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 92-441, 7 FCC Rcd 7740 (released October 16, 1992). The Commission's order issued in September 1993 only addresses issues that have been raised in Phase I of CC Docket 91-141. Switched Transport Order,

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Intelligent Networks:

- In CC Docket No. 91-356, the FCC is investigating increased access to "intelligent networks," and its goal in this proceeding is to "encourage local exchange networks to become as open, responsive, and pro-competitive as possible, consistent with public interest goals, including maintaining network reliability and avoiding uneconomic costs.⁶ With intelligent networks, intelligence is moved from end office switches to a centralized database, which, in turn, would facilitate the creating and deployment of new and innovative services.

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6. *In the Matter of Intelligent Networks, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC No. 930380, CC Docket 91-346 (released August 31, 1993) at para. 1.