

**PART C Interconnection with Interexchange Service Providers (IXSPs)**

**ITEM 302. Trunk-side Access**

**1. Feature Group D Interconnecting Circuits**

1. Trunk-side access permits the interconnection of facilities to enable the interchange of traffic between **Eastlink** and the IXSP, and can be configured for Feature Group D (FGD).
2. FGD interconnection enables the IXSP to offer end-customers access to its services by dialling directly (1+, 0+, 011+, 00- or 01+) or for casual access (10XXX or 10XXXX).
3. Trunk-side access is provided through FGD interconnecting circuits that may, subject to the availability of suitable facilities:
  1. be connected using Access Tandem (AT) Connection or Direct Connection (DC); and
  2. use MF or CCS7 signalling.
4. The facilities used for trunk-side access may be provided by **Eastlink** or any Telecommunications Provider.
5. The order processing charges specified below apply for each DS-0 Set used as FGD interconnecting circuits. A “DS-0 Set” means a group of FGD DS-0s within the same DS-1 connected at the same location and ordered at the same time.

Feature Group D Interconnecting Circuits		
Territory	Inward Order	Change Order
	each DS-0 Set (\$)	each DS-0 Set (\$)
Alberta	TCI CRTC 18008, Item 270.1(2)(d)	
British Columbia	TCBC CRTC 1017, Item 70(A)(7)	
New Brunswick	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(a)(vii)	
Newfoundland	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(a)(vii)	
Nova Scotia	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(a)(vii)	
Ontario/Quebec <sup>1</sup>	Bell CRTC 7516, Item 40(1)(g)(1)	
	Bell Aliant CRTC 21562, Item 40(1)(g)(1)	
Prince Edward Island	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(a)(vii)	

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**2. Switching and Aggregation**

1. **Eastlink** offers switching and aggregation service to IXSPs comprised of switching, transport and signaling functions at the originating or terminating end of a call, including, subject to availability:
  1. hardware answer supervision;
  2. delivery of calling line identification.
  
2. When an IXSP requests trunk-side access, a switching and aggregation charge applies to each conversation minute of originating or terminating traffic exchanged. This charge is derived by multiplying the charge based on total elapsed carrier connect time by the connect time to conversation minutes ratio.
  
3. When an IXSP requests Access Tandem Connection, the switching and aggregation charge is comprised of the combined Direct Connection and Access Tandem Connection charges listed below:

4. Charges:

Switching and Aggregation Charges						
Territory	Rate Based on Connect Time (\$)		Connect Time to Conversation Minutes Ratio		Charge Based on Conversation Minutes (\$)	
	Direct Connection	Access Tandem	Direct Connection	Access Tandem	Direct Connection	Access Tandem
Alberta	TCI CRTC 18008, Item 270.2(4)					
British Columbia	TCBC CRTC 1017, Item 70(E)(4) and (5)					
New Brunswick	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(c)(iv)					
Newfoundland	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(c)(iv)					
Nova Scotia	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(c)(iv)					
Ontario/Quebec <sup>1</sup>	Bell CRTC 7516, Item 40(4)(d) Bell Aliant CRTC 21562, Item 40(4)(d)					
Prince Edward Island	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(c)(iv)					

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**PART C Interconnection with Interexchange Service Providers (IXSPs)****4. Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) Processing**

1. Trunk-side access with FGD enables the IXSP to offer its end-customers access to its services by direct dialling. Such access is enabled by identifying the IXSP as the end-customer's PIC. PIC selections may be specified in respect of **Eastlink's** end-customer network access services ("NAS") that provide direct-dialled voice access to the PSTN. A list of specific eligible services is included in the PIC/CARE Access Customer Handbook (the "Handbook") described in Item 302.4.3. Charges associated with each of the PIC processing activities described below are set out in Item 302.4.8.
2. At least 60 calendar days before an IXSP wishes PIC processing to begin, the IXSP must establish a PIC processing account with **Eastlink**. When establishing the PIC processing account, the IXSP must provide its Customer Account Record Exchange (CARE) Profile. The CARE Profile form is provided in the Handbook and requires the IXSP to identify specified PIC processing parameters and options.

Subsequent changes to the IXSP's parameters and options must be provided to **Eastlink** in writing at least 30 calendar days before the requested effective date of the change.

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3. **Eastlink** will provide each IXSP that establishes a PIC processing account with 2 copies of the Handbook. The Handbook contains standards and procedures for the processing of PIC transactions between **Eastlink** and the IXSP.
4. **Eastlink** will apply a PIC processing charge to the IXSP selected by an end-customer for establishing or changing a PIC selection in respect of that end-customer's NAS. Changes include adding new or additional NAS, end-customer moves and end-customer initiated telephone number changes.
5. In the case of PIC selection changes that are disputed by the end-customer or an IXSP on behalf of the end-customer, the end-customer's PIC selection will be reinstated to the previous PIC. The IXSP must then provide evidence of end-customer authorization as described in Schedule 4 of the CLEC-IXC Agreement. If such end-customer authorization is not provided within 15 business days from the date of the request from **Eastlink**, the IXSP will be deemed to have requested an unauthorized PIC change. In addition to the unauthorized PIC change charge set out below, the PIC processing charge set out below and associated with Item 302.4.4 is assessed to the IXSP that requested an unauthorized PIC change to cover the reinstatement of the unauthorized PIC to the previous PIC selection.
6. To enable the IXSP to validate or place PIC subscription orders at the working telephone number level, the IXSP may request and obtain from **Eastlink** a detailed record transaction in CARE format of all working telephone numbers subscribed to a specific billing telephone number ("BTN").
7. To enable the IXSP to perform reconciliation between the IXSP's billing records and **Eastlink's** PIC database, the IXSP may request a verification record from **Eastlink**.
8. The PIC processing service charges described in Items 302.4.2 and 302.4.3 set out below apply at the rate established for the territory where interconnection first occurs. The remaining PIC processing service charges apply at the rates set out below for each territory where **Eastlink** and the IXSP interconnect.

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**4. Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) Processing – continued**

Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) Processing							
Territory	Account Set-up per PIC processing account (\$) Item 302.4.2	Changes to CARE profile, per request (\$) Item 302.4.2	Handbook, each additional copy (\$) Item 302.4.3	PIC Processing, per NAS (\$) Item 302.4.4	Unauthorized PIC Change, per NAS (\$) Item 302.4.5	BTN Detail per working telephone number provided (\$) Item 302.4.6	Verification of record per NAS (\$) Item 302.4.7
Alberta	TCI CRTC 18008, Item 270.4(7)						
British Columbia	TCBC CRTC 1017, Item 70(F)(8)						
New Brunswick	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(d)(viii)						
Newfoundland	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(d)(viii)						
Nova Scotia	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(d)(viii)						
Ontario/Quebec <sup>1</sup>	Bell CRTC 7516, Item 40(5)(h) Bell Aliant CRTC 21562, Item 40(5)(h)						
Prince Edward Island	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(d)(viii)						

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**5. Carrier Network Profile Change**

1. **Eastlink** will implement the network and translation options selected by the IXSP at the time of the IXSP’s initial order for trunk-side access. The IXSP will indicate its selections by completing a carrier profile questionnaire (“CPQ”) in respect of each carrier identification code (“CIC”) used.
  
2. The following service charges will apply in respect of changes requested by the IXSP to its CPQ at any time subsequent to the initial programming in **Eastlink’s** switch. The service charges apply to each switch in which modifications are required due to an IXSP’s change request.

Carrier Network Profile Change Charge (\$)				
Territory	International Calling	Abbreviated Dialing No. 1	Pre-subscription Indication	Flexible ANI
Alberta	TCI CRTC 18008, Item 270.6(3)			
British Columbia	TCBC CRTC 1017, Item 70(H)(3)			
New Brunswick	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(f)(iii)			
Newfoundland	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(f)(iii)			
Nova Scotia	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(f)(iii)			
Ontario/Quebec <sup>1</sup>	Bell CRTC 7516, Item 40(7)(c) Bell Aliant CRTC 21562, Item 40(7)(c)			
Prince Edward Island	Aliant CRTC 21491, Item 608(6)(f)(iii)			

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