

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOLLOW ME SERVICES

Abstract

If an access code specifying an interexchange carrier (IXC) is entered by a caller, the switch of the LEC routing such a call to the specified IXC is arranged to transmit to the IXC an indication that an access code was entered. The indication may be transmitted as a signaling system 7 (SS7) message, or a portion thereof. The IXC is arranged to provide for such a call a different call treatment, i.e., different call features and services, when the IXC receives an indication that the IXC's access code was entered by the caller, as compared to the treatment the IXC provides for the same call when such an indication is not received. One such service, the "follow me anywhere" service, permits, in accordance with the principles of the invention, a subscriber to supply an IXC with the telephone number of a telephone line to which calls to the subscriber's telephone line should be directed if the caller placing a call to the subscriber's telephone line prefixes the call with the access code of the IXC. If the caller places the call without prefixing the call with the access code of the IXC, the call is completed as in the prior art.

(Figure 7)