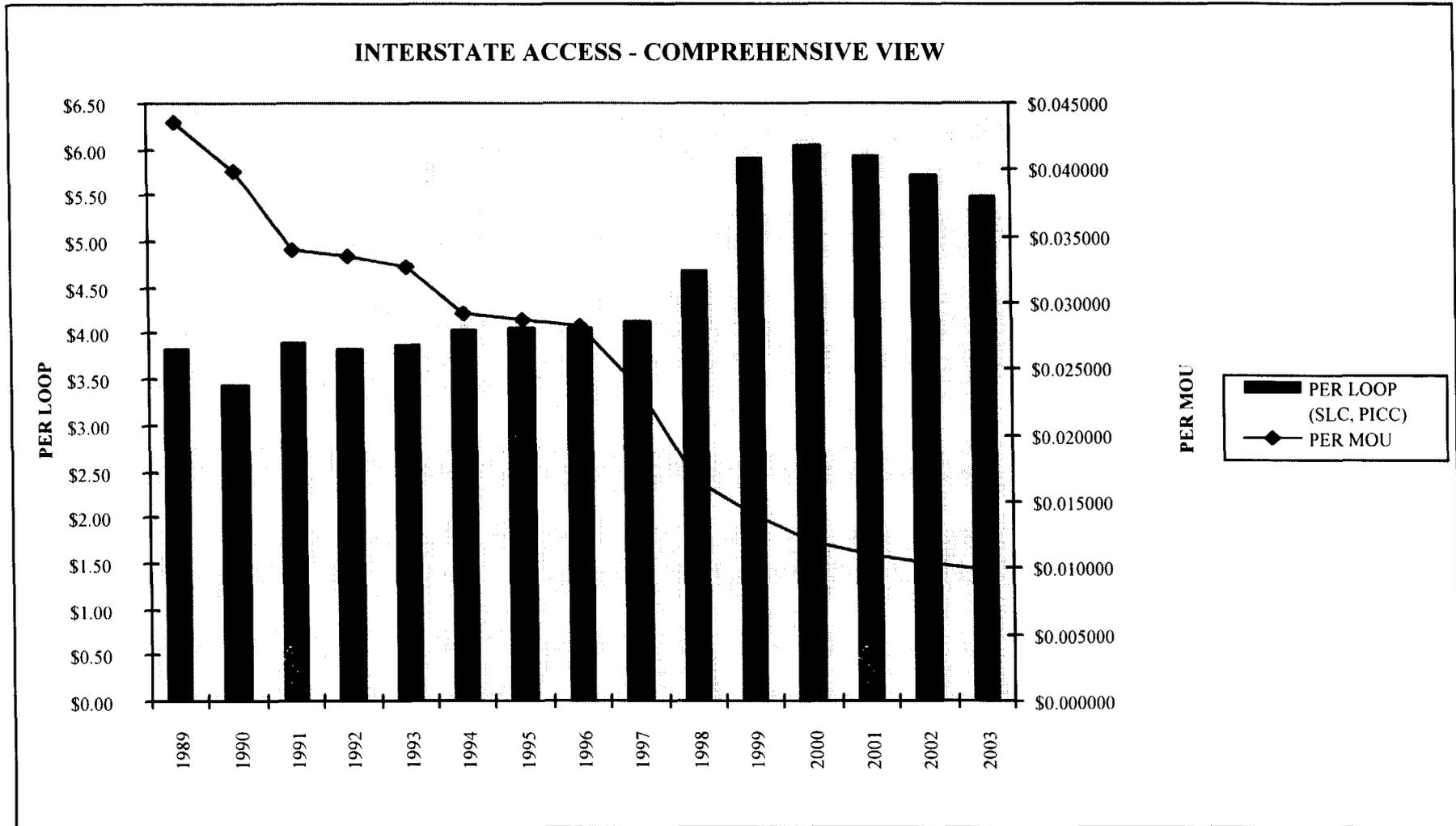


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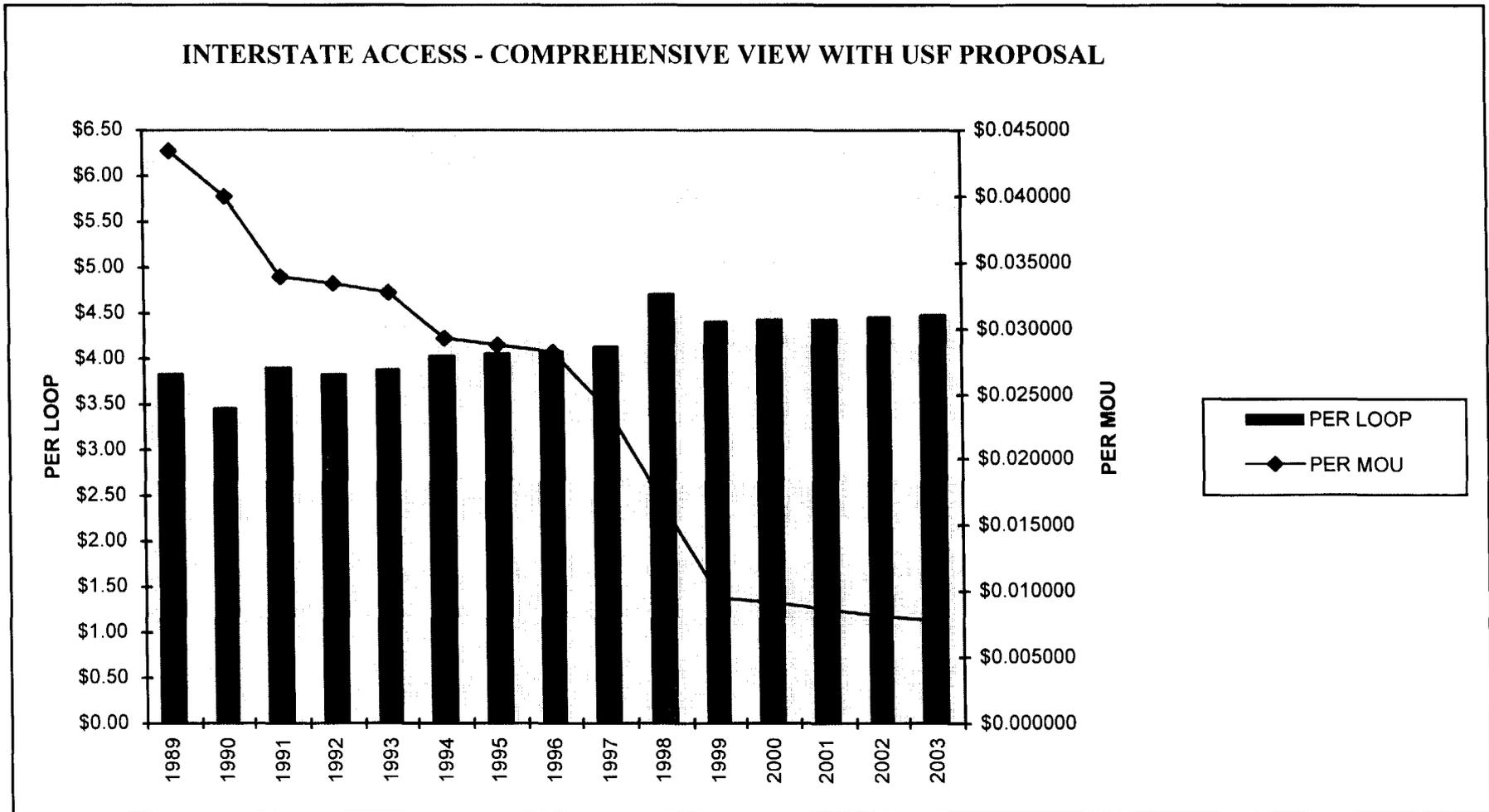
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INTERSTATE SWITCHED ACCESS - TOTAL



CURRENT PLAN RESULTS IN STEADY, CONTINUAL DECLINE IN USAGE CHARGES. LOOP CHARGES (IN AGGREGATE) INCREASE UNTIL 2000 AND BEGIN TO DECLINE.

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ADOPTION OF THE INDUSTRY PROPOSAL FOR USF WILL IMMEDIATELY DROP THE PER-MOU RATES TO \$.01 PER-MOU. LOOP CHARGES WILL ALSO IMMEDIATELY DECREASE DUE TO ELIMINATION OF THE PICC.