

DIGITAL DATA SERVICE

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A. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

Facilities for Digital Data Service (DDS) are furnished for the simultaneous two-way transmission of synchronous data and are available at transmission speeds of: 2.4 kbps, 4.8 kbps, 9.6 kbps, 19.2 kbps, 56 kbps or 64 kbps. Digital Data facilities may be provided on a two-point or multipoint basis with the exception of 19.2 kbps and 64 kbps which are available only on a two-point basis.

The following rate elements are applicable to Digital Data Service:

1. Special Access Line

The Special Access Line (SAL) provides the transmission facilities to a customer designated location or the facilities between a customer designated location and the serving wire center.

2. Transport Facility

The Transport Facility rate element provides for the transmission facilities between the serving central offices of a multioffice exchange or serving wire centers associated with two customer designated locations or between the serving wire center associated with a customer designated location and a Hub Wire Center if bridging services are required. The Transport Facility rate element is distance sensitive and based on airline mileage between two wire centers.

3. Bridging

Provides for a multi-junction unit (MJU) arrangement to bridge 2.4 kbps, 4.8 kbps, 9.6 kbps, or 56 kbps DDS facilities. Different speeds cannot be mixed on the same bridge. This function is provided on a per port basis.

B. APPLICATION OF RATES

1. Ordering Charges

The Service Ordering Charges as set forth in Section 3 of this tariff will apply to the ordering of Digital Data Service.

2. Special Access Line

a. One installation charge applies per DDS Special Access Line.

b. One DDS Special Access Line monthly charge applies per customer designated location at which the DDS facility is terminated. This charge applies even if the facilities to the customer designated location do not transit a serving wire center. The charge also applies if the customer designated location and the serving wire center are co-located in a Telephone Company building.

3. Transport Facility

The mileage used to determine the monthly rate for the DDS Transport Facility is calculated on the airline distance between the serving wire centers involved. Where the calculated miles include a fraction, the value is always rounded up to the next full mile. Where the calculated value is zero, no Transport mileage is charged.

When a Hub Wire Center is involved for bridging purposes, the Transport mileage will be measured from the Hub Wire Center to the serving wire center of each customer designated location connected to the hubbed facilities. Mileage is calculated for each section and rates are applied accordingly.

The rates for the mileage are applied per airline mile.

4. Bridging

One DDS Bridging charge applies per port.

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B. APPLICATION OF RATES (Cont'd)

5. DDS Optional Payment Plan (OPP)

a. General

- (1) Only the Special Access Line (SAL) rate element is available under an OPP. All other associated rate elements or additional features are available at the standard month-to-month tariffed rates and regulations.
- (2) Installation charges do not apply to DDS OPP arrangements.
- (3) Three year and five year OPP rates will be equal to or less than the one year OPP rates. Decreases to the one year OPP will flow through to the three year and five year OPP.
- (4) Payment periods of one year, three year, and five year are available to all customers at the applicable rates set forth in Paragraph D. regardless of when they subscribe to an OPP arrangement.
- (5) The customer must designate on the order the payment period for the OPP.
- (6) Inside moves, provided in accordance with Paragraph 5.6.4 in Tariff Telephone-Pa. P.U.C. No. 9, will not incur termination liability charges.
- (7) Outside moves, provided in accordance with Paragraph 5.6.4(B) in Tariff Telephone-Pa. P.U.C. No. 9, will allow the customer to retain the same OPP payment period. Any other move will be treated as a disconnect of the service and termination liability charges will apply.

b. Changes in Length of OPP Period

Prior to the completion of the selected OPP period, the customer may elect to convert to a new OPP period of the same or different length, subject to the following conditions:

- No credit toward the new payment period will be given for payments made under the original OPP arrangement.
- No applicable nonrecurring charges will be reapplied for existing service(s).
- If the new OPP period is shorter in length than the time remaining under the existing OPP, the change to the new OPP period constitutes a disconnect of the existing OPP service and termination liability charges apply.

c. Renewal Options

- (1) At the expiration of an OPP period, the Telephone Company will automatically renew the service at the same OPP period unless the customer chooses to convert to a different OPP period, convert to month-to-month rates or discontinue service.
- (2) Conversion to a different OPP period will require the customer to submit a change order. Conversion to a different OPP period will be allowed without application of any nonrecurring or ordering charges.
- (3) Conversion to month-to-month rates will be treated as a disconnect of service and establishment of new service.

d. Notification of Discontinuance

An order for discontinuance of an OPP arrangement must be received by the Telephone Company at least thirty (30) days prior to actual disconnect of service. Monthly charges will apply for a period of thirty (30) days from the date the Telephone Company receives disconnect notification or until the requested disconnect date, whichever period is longer.

(C) Indicates Change

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