

SHARED USE

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Shared use (i.e., Switched Access Services provided over a digital high capacity Special Access facility ("Shared Use")) is allowed.

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The Shared Use facility will be ordered, provisioned and rated only as Special Access Service , regardless of whether individual channels of the Shared Use facility are used for Special Access Service, Switched Access Service, or any other type of service. Notwithstanding any provision of this Product Guide, the practice known as "ratcheting" (to apply non-Special Access rates on a proportional basis) shall not apply in any circumstance.

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While shared use is allowed, individual services utilizing these high capacity shared use facilities must be ordered either as Switched Access Service (under the applicable Company FCC Tariff) or Special Access Service. When placing the order for the individual service(s) the Customer must specify a channel assignment for each service ordered. In certain Shared Use cases, the customer for the Special Access Service and Switched Access Service may be different. A Switched Access customer may, with proper authorization, order Switched Access directly to the Special Access customer's DS1 to VG multiplexer. In situations where the Switched Access order consists of 24 same Line-side or Trunk-side Switched Access connections between the same End Office and/or Tandems, the Switched Access customer may, with proper authorization, order directly to a DS1 port on a DS3 multiplexer.

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Individual service rates and charges will apply from the Hub to the Customer designated premises. The rates and charges that will apply to the portion from the Hub to the Customer designated premises will be dependent on the specific type of Special Access Service that is provided (e.g., Voice Grade, etc.). The applicable rates and charges will include a Channel Termination rate and Channel Mileage, if applicable. Rates and charges for optional features and functions, if any, will apply as set forth in the applicable Parts of this Product Guide.

The Customer must place an order for each individual Switched Service utilizing the Shared Use Facilities and specify the channel assignment for each such service.

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