

SPECIAL SERVICES

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5. Rate Regulations

This section contains the specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply for Special Services.

5.1 Types of Rates and Charges

There are two types of rates and charges. These are monthly rates and nonrecurring charges. In addition, there are three types of nonrecurring charges. The rates and charges are described as follows:

(A) Monthly Rates

Monthly rates are flat recurring rates that apply each month or fraction thereof that a Special Service is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.

(B) Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for a specific work activity (i.e., installation of service, installation of feature(s) and service rearrangements).

(1) Installation of Service

Nonrecurring charges apply to each service installed. The nonrecurring charges for the installation of service are set forth in 6. following.

For each two-point Special Service or multipoint Special Service, the Nonrecurring Charge-Initial applies per termination of a Special Service.

When more than one two-point Special Service or multipoint Special Service of the same type is installed at the same time between the same premises, a Nonrecurring Charge-Additional per termination applies after the application of the Nonrecurring Charge-Initial for the first Special Service.

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5. Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

5.1 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(2) Installation of Optional Features

Nonrecurring charges apply for the installation of some of the optional features available with Special Services. The Initial Nonrecurring Charge applies when the feature is installed coincident with the initial installation of service. The Subsequent Nonrecurring Charge applies when the feature is installed at any time subsequent to the installation of the service.

(3) Rearrangements of LATA Access Services

All changes to existing LATA Access services other than changes involving the addition of optional features having specific nonrecurring charges or changes involving administrative activities only will be treated as the discontinuance of the existing service and an installation of a new service. The nonrecurring charge described in (1) preceding will apply for this work activity. Moves that change the physical location of the point of termination are described and charged for as set forth in 5.3 following.

If the change involves the addition of B8ZS options to an existing point-to-point high capacity DS1 service, a charge equal to the channel termination nonrecurring charge will apply for each Local Channel converted. This rate application does not apply when either of these options are initially ordered with the service.

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Administrative changes will be made without charge(s) to LATA access customers. Such changes require the continued provision and billing of the service to the same customer (i.e., same customer remains responsible for all outstanding indebtedness for the LATA access service). Administrative changes are as follows:

- Change of customer name,
- Change of customer or customer's end user premises address when the change of address is not a result of a physical relocation of equipment,
- Change in billing data (name, address, or contact name or telephone number),
- Change of agency authorization,
- Change of customer circuit identification,
- Change of billing account number,
- Change of customer test line number,
- Change of customer or customer's end user contact name or telephone number, and
- Change of jurisdiction.

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5.2 Minimum Periods

Services are provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for a minimum service period of one month except as otherwise noted in the regulations applicable to the specific service.

5.3 Moves

A move involves a change in the physical location of the customer's premises which may also involve a connection to a different Rate Demarcation Point. (C)

The charges for the move are dependent on whether the move is to a new location within the same building or to a different building.

(A) Moves Within the Same Building

When the move is to a new location within the same building, the charge for the move will be an amount equal to one half of the nonrecurring (i.e., installation) charge for the service termination affected. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements.

(B) Moves to A Different Building in the Same Wire Center.

When the move is to a different building in the same wire center the charge for the move will be an amount equal to the nonrecurring charge for the service termination affected.

New minimum period requirements will be established for the new services. The customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

(C) Moves to a Different Building in a Different Wire Center.

Moves to a different building will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated nonrecurring charges will apply. However, when the move involves one or more legs of a multipoint service, the charge for the move will be an amount equal to the nonrecurring charge for the service termination(s) affected. When the move of a customer premises also requires the move of other legs on the multipoint service to a different Hub, each leg moved will incur a nonrecurring charge. New minimum period requirements will be established for the new services. The customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

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5. Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

5.3 Moves (Cont'd)

(D) Time and Material Charges

Time and Material nonrecurring charges as described in Pa. P.U.C.-No. 1, Sections 22A and 22B, and Additional Labor Charges as described in Pa. P.U.C.-No. 302, Part 13, apply to all customer-requested work performed by the Telephone Company on the customer premises beyond the Rate Demarcation Point for intraLATA and interLATA access services respectively.

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5.4 Rate Application Exception Rules

(A) Intrabuilding Services

Intrabuilding cable facilities, provided by the Telephone Company to connect two customer terminal locations in the same public building, will be rated as a Local Channel and an appropriate Transmission Function combination.

5.5 Mileage Measurement

Effective with the date of this tariff, mileage measurements of existing intraLATA multipoint services which were computed based upon combinations of airline distances between serving wire centers producing the lowest total mileage will remain unchanged.

Additions, changes and/or deletions of channels served from wire centers which are presently part of the multipoint service will be permitted.

The addition of a new wire center to an existing multipoint service will result in the recomputation of mileage between the wire centers serving the customer premises and the wire center of the Telephone Company Hub.

The mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for the Channel Mileage is calculated on the airline distance between the locations involved, i.e., the serving wire centers associated with two customer premises, a serving wire center associated with a customer premises and a Telephone Company Hub, or two Telephone Company Hubs. The serving wire center associated with a customer premises is the serving wire center from which the customer premises would normally obtain dial tone unless Alternate Serving Wire Center is also provided as described in P.U.C. No. 1, Section 15.

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5.5 Mileage Measurement (Cont'd)

Mileage is shown in 6. following in terms of mileage bands. To determine the rate to be billed, first compute the mileage using the V&H coordinates method, as set forth in the Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, then find the band into which the computed mileage falls and apply the rates shown for that band. When the calculation results in a fraction of a mile, always round up to the next whole mile before determining the mileage band and applying the rates. (C)

When Hubs are involved, mileage is computed and rates applied separately for each section of the Channel Mileage, i.e., customer premises serving wire center to Hub, Hub to Hub and/or Hub to customer premises serving wire center.

5.6 Facility Hubs

A customer has the option of ordering digital High Capacity facilities (DS1) to a facility Hub for channelizing to individual services requiring lower capacity facilities (e.g., Telegraph, Voice, Program Audio, etc.).

Different locations may be designated as Hubs for different facility capacities, e.g., multiplexing from digital to digital may occur at one location while multiplexing from digital to analog may occur at a different location. The customer will choose the desired Hub(s) from a list of available Hub locations which is set forth in the Exchange Carrier Access Tariff F.C.C.-No. 4. The Hub list will specify the type of multiplexing available at a specific location and the wire centers served from that Hub. (C)

Some of the types of multiplexing available include the following:

- from higher to lower bit rate
- from digital to voice frequency channels

End to end services may be provided on channels of these facilities to a Hub. The transmission performance for the end to end service provided between customer premises will be that of the lower capacity or bit rate. For example, when a 1.544 Mbps facility is multiplexed to voice frequency channels, the transmission performance of the channelized services will be Voice Grade, not High Capacity.

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The Telephone Company will commence billing the monthly rate for the facility to the Hub on the date specified by the customer on the service order. Individual services utilizing these facilities may be installed coincident with the installation of the facility to the Hub, or may be ordered and/or installed at a later date, at the option of the customer. The customer will be billed for a High Capacity Local Channel, Transmission Function, Channel Mileage (when applicable), and the multiplexer at the time the facility is installed. The customer will also be liable for individual service rates (by service type) for a Local Channel, Transmission Function and additional Channel Mileage (as required) for each channelized service installed.

Cascading multiplexing occurs when a High Capacity digital channel is de-multiplexed to provide channels with a lesser capacity and one of the lesser capacity channels is further de-multiplexed.

When cascading multiplexing is performed whether in the same or a different Hub, a charge for the additional multiplexing unit also applies. When cascading multiplexing is performed at different Hubbing locations, Channel Mileage Charges also apply between the Hubs.

5.7 Shared Use Analog and Digital High Capacity Services

Shared use (i.e., Switched Access Services provided over a High Capacity Special Access facility through a common interface) is allowed. The shared use facility will be ordered and rated as Special Service, i.e., Local Channel, Channel Mileage, Transmission Function, as appropriate, and Multiplexer), 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. The practice known as "ratcheting" (to apply non-Special Access rates to the shared use facility on a proportional basis) shall not apply in any circumstance. The customer must place an order for each individual Switched or Special Access Service utilizing the Special Access High Capacity Shared Use facilities and specify the channel assignment for each service. Shared use of Switched facilities (i.e., Special Access Service provided over Switched Access facilities) is not allowed. (C)

Additionally, DS1 service when provided with the Alternate Serving Wire Center (ASWC) optional feature (See P.U.C. No. 1, Section 15) will not be reduced by more than 23/24ths, i.e., at least one channel of a DS1 with ASWC will always be billed as Special Access.

