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E2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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A. Channel Services Payment Plan

1. General

- a. The regulations specified herein are applicable to Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) facilities as indicated in the appropriate sections of this Tariff for channel services.
- b. Facilities furnished under the Channel Services Payment Plan (CSPP) are subject to all general regulations applicable to the provision of service by the Company as stated elsewhere in this Tariff except as noted herein.
- c. The CSPP is a payment plan which allows customers to pay fixed or variable rates for channel service equipment and facilities over variable contractual payment periods. A specific monthly rate applies for the duration of each period as follows or as specified otherwise in this Tariff.
 - (1) 36 month Term Payment Plan - payment periods may be selected from 24 months to 48 months in length, at 36 month rates and charges.^{1, 2, 3, 4}
 - (2) 60 month Term Payment Plan - payment periods may be selected from 49 months to 72 months in length, at 60 month rates and charges.^{1, 2, 3}
 - (3) 84 month Term Payment Plan - payment periods may be selected from 73 months to 96 months in length, at 84 month rates and charges.^{1, 2, 3}
- d. When the customer extends service beyond a ninety-six month service period, the eighty-four month³ Term Payment Plan (or the longest available tariffed service period) rates will apply.
- e. When the customer orders service to be provided under a CSPP arrangement, the customer must designate to the Company the payment plan and the service period desired, e.g. eighty-four month³ Term Payment Plan and ninety-six months³.

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2. Application of Rates and Charges

- a. Rates stabilized under a CSPP arrangement are exempt from Company-initiated increases, however, decreases for any rate element will automatically flow through to the customer. Effective with this Tariff, customers under a CSPP arrangement will be billed the lower of their existing CSPP rates or the current CSPP rates for their service arrangement.
- b. In the event that all or any part of a service is disconnected at customer request prior to expiration of any selected payment period of greater than one month's duration, the customer will be required to pay a termination charge as stated in that service's section of this Tariff.
- c. When customers renew or change the length of their payment period, the rates applicable for the new period are those currently in effect at the time of the renewal or change in the length of the payment period.
- d. Recurring rates and nonrecurring charges apply according to the appropriate schedules for services offered as associated items to Channel Services, and are filed elsewhere in this Tariff.
- e. Customer requests for inside moves of service will not affect the contract period.
- f. A change in jurisdiction will not constitute a disconnect of service provided the new CSPP arrangement is a minimum twenty-four month³ service period or equals/exceeds the remaining service period, whichever is greater, provided the new CSPP arrangement is for the same customer at the same location for the same capacity service.

3. Additions

- a. Additions of services or rate elements for activating spare or unused capacities of a service under a CSPP arrangement will be considered part of the existing CSPP arrangement.

Note 1: Effective November 9th, 2013, customers may not establish new term plans greater than 36 months for Channel Service Payment Plan and term plans may not be renewed for a term greater than 36 months.

Note 2: Effective March 24, 2019, Customers may not: (1) Establish CSPPs for Digital Data Access Service and BellSouth Customer Network Management Service, (2) Establish CSPPs greater than 36 months for High Capacity Service, and (3) Convert or renew CSPPs for Digital Data Access Service, BellSouth Customer Network Management Service, and High Capacity Service.

Note 3: Effective November 1, 2022, customers may not establish new term plans of greater than 24 months for High Capacity Service Channel Service Payment Plans.

Note 4: Effective March 17, 2024, customers may not establish new term plans of greater than month-to-month for High Capacity Service Channel Service Payment Plans.

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E2. GENERAL REGULATIONS**E2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)****E2.4.9 Optional Payment Plan (Cont'd)****A. Channel Services Payment Plan (Cont'd)****7. Renewal Options (Cont'd)**

- a. The customer has the following renewal options: (Cont'd)
 - (3) If the customer does not elect an additional payment period or does not request discontinuance of service, service will be continued at the monthly rate currently in effect for the month-to-month payment rate, under the terms specified in (2) preceding.
- b. Nonrecurring charges are not applicable for services renewed under the CSPP. Any new services added at the time of renewal will be subject to all appropriate nonrecurring charges.
- c. The Company may discontinue or change any or all renewal options with approval of the appropriate regulatory authority.
- d. When a customer renews a CSPP arrangement, the rates and charges in effect on the first day of service of the renewal will apply.
- e. Recognition of previous service will be given to customers who renew an existing CSPP arrangement, for the same or larger system(s) and all associated rate elements at the same location(s), provided that the length of the new CSPP arrangement is a minimum twenty-four month^{2,3} service period or equals/exceeds the remaining service period of the original CSPP arrangement, whichever is greater. An example of a larger system is the renewal of an Analog Voice Grade (*a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG*) service with a DS1 High Capacity (*a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS1*) service. (C)
- f. Recognition of previous service will be given to month-to-month customers with a service date of January 1, 1994 or later who convert to a CSPP arrangement, provided the minimum service period has been met. For customers whose service date is January 1, 1994 or earlier, recognition will be given for the previous service back to January 1, 1994. For customers whose service date is later than January 1, 1994, recognition for the previous service will be given back to the actual service date.
- g. To determine the appropriate CSPP Payment Plan for the renewed arrangement, recognition of service will consist of the sum of months in service of the completed service arrangement and the sum of the months of the proposed service period of the CSPP arrangement. For example, a CSPP arrangement for a thirty-six month^{2,3} service period under the thirty six month^{2,3} Term Payment Plan is renewed for twenty-four months² with no changes at the end of the thirty-six month² period. The sum of months for the completed and proposed service periods would equal sixty months² and would be billed under the sixty month^{1,2,3} Term Payment Plan. Another example is a Month-to-Month customer, in service for fifteen months, who wishes to convert to a sixty month² CSPP arrangement with no changes. The combined service period of the Month-to-Month arrangement and the CSPP arrangement is equal to seventy-five months^{2,3}, which would be billed under the eighty-four month² Term Payment Plan. (C)

8. Transfer of Service

- a. Service may be transferred to a new customer at the same location upon prior written concurrence by the new customer as specified in this Tariff. This does not constitute a disconnect of service or a discontinuance of an existing CSPP arrangement. The new customer will be subject to all provisions and equipment configurations currently in effect for the previous customer. Regulations concerning transfer of service between subscribers as stated in other sections of this Tariff also apply under CSPP.

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Note 3: Effective March 17, 2024, customers may not establish new term plans of greater than month-to-month for High Capacity Service Channel Service Payment Plans. (N)

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E7. SPECIAL ACCESS (A.K.A. BELLSOUTH SPA) SERVICE

E7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

E7.4.1 Types Of Rates And Charges (Cont'd)

A. (Cont'd)

1. (Cont'd)

- b. A Termination Liability Charge will not be applicable at the date of termination if the customer terminates or disconnects the service prior to fulfilling the period of the contract plan for customer requested changes to a higher order of service covered by the Channel Services Payment Plan as specified in E2.4.9.A.4.b, or customer requested changes to services not covered by the Channel Services Payment Plan that are offered by the Company under a contract payment plan provided that the applicable conditions set forth in E2.4.9.A.4.b are satisfied.

Contract rates are available for 1.544 Mbps High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity service for variable periods, with rates based on lengths of thirty-six months^{1, 2}, sixty months^{1, 2}, or eighty-four months^{1, 2} under conditions specified in the Channel Service Payment Plan in E2.4 of this Tariff. A Termination Liability Charge is applicable at the date of termination. The applicable charge will be equal to the number of months remaining in the contract times the monthly contract rate. However, Termination Liability charges will not apply for customer requests for moves of service under CSPP subject to the provisions set forth in E2.4.9.A.11. preceding. (C)

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Rates applicable to a month-to-month payment option are subject to Company initiated changes.

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2. Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activity (i.e., installation or change to an existing service). The types of nonrecurring charges that apply for Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service are:

- Installation of service
- Installation of optional features and functions, and
- Service rearrangements

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E7. SPECIAL ACCESS (A.K.A. BELLSOUTH SPA) SERVICE

E7.5 Rates And Charges (Cont'd)

E7.5.8 High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) Service

A. Local Channel

1. Monthly Rates Per Point of Termination³

		Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charge		USOC	
		Rate Zone 1	Rate Zone 2	Rate Zone 3	First	Additional		
(a)	1.544 Mbps	\$168.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	\$650.00	\$275.00	TMECS	
					Nonrecurring Charge			
					Monthly Rate	First Service Installed	Additional Service Installed	USOC
(b)	3.152 Mbps ¹				\$-	\$-	\$-	TWT++
(c)	6.312 Mbps ¹				-	-	-	TWT++
(d)	44.736 Mbps ¹				-	-	-	TWT++
2. 1.544 Mbps Contract Rates³					Nonrecurring Charge		USOC	
					First	Additional		
(a)	Per Point of Termination				\$650.00	\$275.00	NA	
					Monthly Rate			
					24 to 48 Months ^{4,5,6,7}	49 to 72 Months ^{4,5,6}	73 to 96 Months ^{4,5,6}	USOC
(b)	(Obsoluted, See Section E107)							
(c)	Rate Zone 1				\$124.00	\$120.00	\$115.00	TMECS
(d)	(Obsoluted, See Section E107)							
(e)	Rate Zone 2				124.00	120.00	115.00	TMECS
(f)	(Obsoluted, See Section E107)							
(g)	Rate Zone 3				124.00	120.00	115.00	TMECS

Note 1: ICB rates and charges apply.

Note 2: Contract lengths are now flexible to allow customer choice of payment period per E2.4.9 of this Tariff.

Note 3: Rate decreases retroactive to December 27, 2004.

Note 4: Effective November 9th, 2013, customers may not establish new term plans greater than 36 months for High Capacity Service and term plans may not be renewed or extended for a term greater than 36 months.

Note 5: Effective March 24, 2019, Customers may not: (1) Establish CSPPs greater than 36 months for High Capacity Service, and (2) Convert or renew CSPPs for High Capacity Service.

Note 6: Effective November 1, 2022, customers may not establish new term plans of greater than 24 months for High Capacity Service Channel Service Payment Plans.

Note 7: Effective March 17, 2024, customers may not establish new term plans of greater than month-to-month for High Capacity Service Channel Service Payment Plans. (N)

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E7.5 Rates And Charges (Cont'd)

E7.5.8 High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) Service (Cont'd)

B. Interoffice Channel (Cont'd)

2. 1.544 Mbps¹

a. Contract Rates³

Mileage Bands

(1) Nonrecurring Charge (Per Channel)

	Nonrecurring Charge	USOC
(a) 0 mile	\$-	NA
(b) 1 mile and over	130.00	NA

(2) Recurring Rate - 0 mile

	Fixed Monthly Rate			Monthly Rate Per Mile			USOC
	24 to 48 Months^{1,5,6,7}	49 to 72 Months^{4,5,6}	73 to 96 Months^{4,5,6}	24 to 48 Months^{4,5,6,7}	49 to 72 Months^{4,5,6}	73 to 96 Months^{4,5,6}	
(a) Rate Zone 1	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	1L5XX
(b) Rate Zone 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1L5XX
(c) Rate Zone 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1L5XX

(3) Recurring Rate - 1 thru 8 miles

(a) Rate Zone 1	65.00	60.00	55.00	4.90	3.90	3.00	1L5XX
(b) Rate Zone 2	65.00	60.00	55.00	7.20	5.45	3.00	1L5XX
(c) Rate Zone 3	65.00	60.00	55.00	10.85	10.12	3.00	1L5XX

(4) Recurring Rate - 9 thru 25 miles

(a) Rate Zone 1	65.00	60.00	55.00	4.90	3.90	3.00	1L5XX
(b) Rate Zone 2	65.00	60.00	55.00	7.20	5.45	3.00	1L5XX
(c) Rate Zone 3	65.00	60.00	55.00	10.85	10.12	3.00	1L5XX

(5) Recurring Rate - Over 25 miles

(a) Rate Zone 1	65.00	60.00	55.00	4.90	3.90	3.00	1L5XX
(b) Rate Zone 2	65.00	60.00	55.00	7.20	5.45	3.00	1L5XX
(c) Rate Zone 3	65.00	60.00	55.00	10.85	10.12	3.00	1L5XX

3. 3.152 Mbps

Mileage Bands

	Fixed Monthly Charge	Monthly Charge Per Mile	Nonrecurring Charge	USOC
(a) 0 miles	\$-	\$-	\$-	1L5XX
(b) 1 thru 8 miles ²	-	-	-	1L5XX
(c) 9 thru 25 miles ²	-	-	-	1L5XX
(d) Over 25 miles ²	-	-	-	1L5XX

Note 1: Contract lengths are now flexible to allow customer choice of payment period per E2.4.9.

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Note 4: Effective November 9th, 2013, customers may not establish new term plans greater than 36 months for High Capacity Service and term plans may not be renewed or extended for a term greater than 36 months.

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Note 6: Effective November 1, 2022, customers may not establish new term plans of greater than 24 months for High Capacity Service Channel Service Payment Plans.

Note 7: Effective March 17, 2024, customers may not establish new term plans of greater than month-to-month for High Capacity Service Channel Service Payment Plans.

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E7.5 Rates And Charges (Cont'd)

E7.5.8 High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) Service (Cont'd)

C. Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

2. Channel Interfaces (Per Interface)¹

a. Sub-DS3 Interfaces

(1) DS1 Level Central Office Channel Interface

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	24 to 48 Months ^{2,5,6}	49 to 72 Months ^{2,3,5}	73 to 96 Months ^{2,3,5}	USOC
(a) Asynchronous	\$160.00	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	1D3CA
(b) Synchronous	135.00	36.00	31.00	28.00	25.00	1D3CS

(2) DS1 Level Customer Channel Interface

(a) Asynchronous	280.00	17.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	1D3DA
(b) Synchronous	245.00	45.00	36.00	33.00	30.00	1D3DS

b. Sub-DS1 Level Interfaces⁴

(1) VG/DS0 Level Central Office Channel Interface

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	USOC
(a) Switched Access	\$0.00	\$0.00	1D1SW
(b) Voice Grade	7.00	5.00	1D1VG
(c) WATS Access Line	7.00	5.00	1D1WT

(d) DDAS	7.00	7.00	12.55	1D1DD
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c. Sub-DS0 Level Interfaces⁴

(1) Subrate Central Office Channel Interface

(a) Subrate (2.4, 4.8, & 9.6 Kbps)	7.00	5.00	12.55	1DOSR
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Note 3: Effective March 24, 2019, Customers may not: (1) Establish CSPPs greater than 36 months for High Capacity Service, and (2) Convert or renew CSPPs for High Capacity Service.

Note 4: Effective June 30, 2021, this Service will no longer be available for purchase by new or existing customers. In addition, requests to move, add, change, or renew existing service arrangements will not be accepted. Following the expiration of a customer's existing term agreement, service will be provided on a month-to-month basis at the applicable Monthly rates until the service is discontinued. The Company currently plans to discontinue this service on or after June 30, 2024.

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