

26. Integrated Service Package Offerings

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26.1 Access Advantage Plus Transport Service

26.1.1 General Description

Access Advantage Plus (AA+) Transport Service is an integrated service package, which enables an end user's voice, data and other special access service connections to be consolidated onto a single interstate DS1 High Capacity Special Access Service. AA+ Transport Service provides the customer with a service package that includes a DS1 High Capacity Special Access Service between an end user's designated premises and an AA+ Transport Service Node, DS1-to-DS0 central office multiplexing, Multiplexer Cross-Connection and the flexibility to configure individual DS0 channels as bonded channel groups.

26.1.2 Service Provisioning

AA+ Transport Service Node

An AA+ Transport Service Node is a Telephone Company hubbing office at which digital DS1-to-DS0 multiplexing is provided through a Digital Cross Connect System (DCS) to derive twenty-four DS0 level channels (64 Kbps per channel). The Telephone Company will determine the AA+ Transport Service Node, which serves an end user's designated premises and from which AA+ Transport Service will be provided.

Bonded Channel Groups

The DS0 channels derived from an AA+ Transport Service may be digitally cross connected on an individual channel basis as well as by Bonded Channel Group. A Bonded Channel Group consists of consecutively assigned DS0 channels configured to provide the following capacity arrangements:

Bonded Channel Group 2 - Two consecutively assigned DS0 channels configured to provide 128 Kbps of capacity.

Bonded Channel Group 4 - Four consecutively assigned DS0 channels configured to provide 256 Kbps of capacity.

Bonded Channel Group 6 - Six consecutively assigned DS0 channels configured to provide 384 Kbps of capacity.

Bonded Channel Group 8 - Eight consecutively assigned DS0 channels configured to provide 512 Kbps of capacity.

Bonded Channel Group 12 - Twelve consecutively assigned DS0 channels configured to provide 768 Kbps of capacity.

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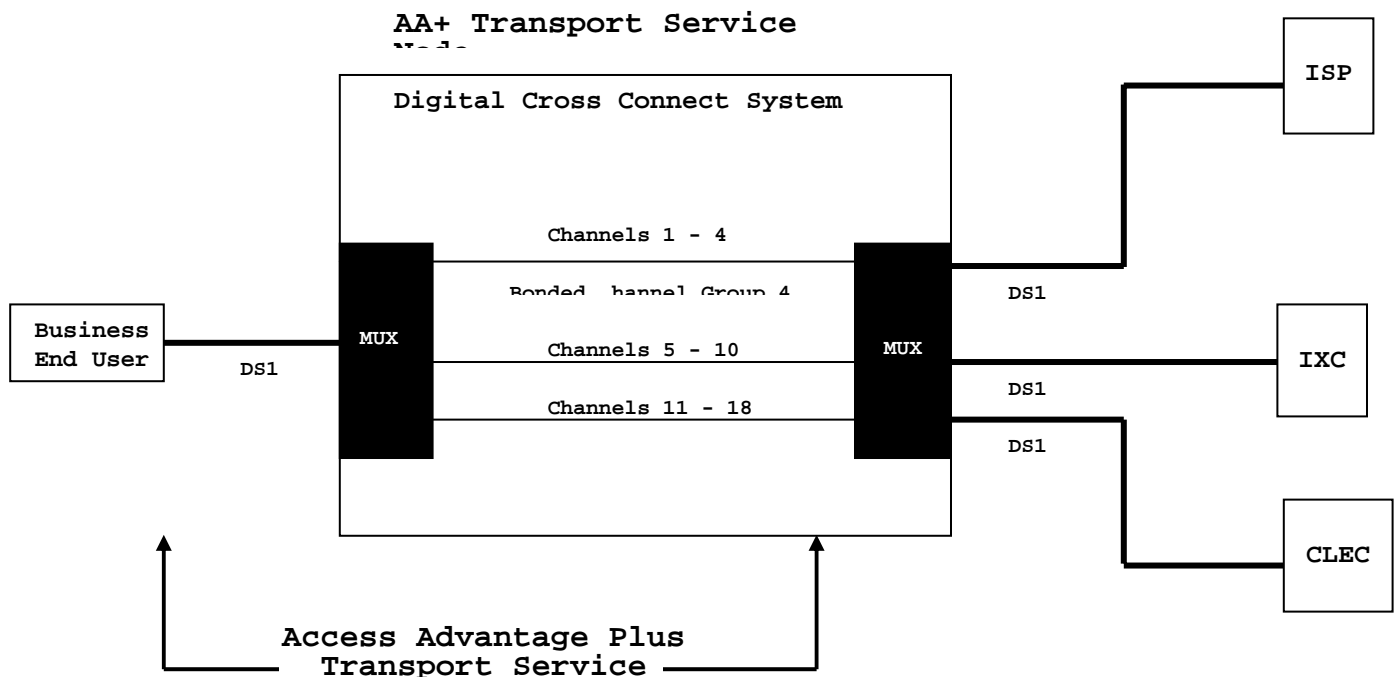
AA+ Transport Service Configurations

(1) AA+ Transport Service DS0 channels are digitally cross connected at the AA+ Transport Service Node to DS0 channels derived from two or more multiplexed high capacity service arrangements. Each digital DS0 cross connect is referred to as a Multiplexer Cross-Connection.

(2) A Bonded Channel Group requires one Multiplexer Cross-Connection for each consecutively assigned DS0 channel in the group. The AA+ Transport Service architecture consists of one Bonded Channel Group 4 plus any combination of the Bonded Channel Groups and individual DS0 channels. However, the total number of DS0 channels per AA+ Transport Service that can be digitally cross connected cannot exceed twenty-four.

(3) AA+ Transport Service DS0 channels may be activated when service is initially installed, or they may be activated at a later date as a service rearrangement.

(4) The following diagram provides an example of AA+ Transport Service configurations:



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26.1.3 Rate Regulations

**A. Types of Rate and Charges**

- (1) Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activities.
  - (a) A nonrecurring charge applies to install each AA+ Transport Service and to activate initial Multiplexer Cross-Connections.
  - (b) A nonrecurring charge applies on a "per DS0 channel" basis to service rearrangements that add or rearrange Multiplexer Cross-Connections associated with an existing AA+ Transport Service.
- (2) Monthly rates are fixed recurring rates that apply each month, or fraction thereof, that AA+ Transport Service is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have thirty days.
  - (a) A TPP Rate is a monthly rate that applies based on the term period selected by the customer.
  - (b) A Monthly Extension Rate is a monthly rate that applies when service is continued after the term period has expired and the customer has not selected another term period.
  - (c) The Special Access Surcharge applies on a per equivalent voice grade channel basis in accordance with 7.4.4.

**B. Minimum Period**

Minimum Period regulations and charges apply in accordance with 2.10.

**C. Term Pricing Plan**

The AA+ Transport Service Term Pricing Plan (TPP) provides customers with rate stabilization and an option to select a one, two or three year term period. The following terms and conditions apply to TPP:

- (1) The TPP rate and the terms and conditions of this TPP subsection will not change during the term period in which the customer has taken service, unless noted herein or required by the FCC. All other tariff changes made to this section and to other applicable sections of this tariff will apply regardless of the time remaining in the TPP.
- (2) One month prior to the expiration date of a term period, the customer may select one of the following options:
  - (a) Option 1: Continue service by selecting another term period at the TPP rates, terms and conditions that are in effect after the current term period expires.

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(b) Option 2: Provide the Telephone Company with written notice of the intent to discontinue service upon expiration of the term period.

(3) If the customer does not select Option 1 or Option 2, service will continue at the Monthly Extension rates that are in effect after the customer's current term period expires. Monthly Extension rates are subject to change and will be billed until the customer either selects another term period or discontinues service.

(4) If the customer discontinues AA+ Transport Service prior to the expiration of the term period, a termination charge applies, except as described in 26.1.3C(5). The termination charge is fifty percent of the remaining monthly payments due for the balance of the term period. The termination charge is calculated as follows:

$$(\text{Monthly rate}) \times (\text{Months remaining in term period}) \times (50\%)$$

(5) The customer may elect to discontinue the AA+ Transport Service TPP at any time prior to the expiration of the term period without incurring the termination charges described in 26.1.3C(4) when all of the following conditions are met:

(a)The customer establishes a new interstate special access service of equal or greater capacity, and,

(b)The new service is provided to the same end user's premises to which AA+ Transport Service was provided, and,

(c)The new service has a term period that exceeds the time remaining in the customer's existing AA+ Transport Service term period, and,

(d)The revenue value of the new service over the life of its term period exceeds the revenue value associated with the time period remaining in the customer's existing AA+ Transport Service term period.

D. Moves

Regulations and charges for moves apply in accordance with 2.11.5E.

E. Other Discount Pricing Plans

AA+ Transport Service is not eligible for other discount pricing plans.

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26.1.4 Rates and Charges

<u>Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>USOC</u>	<u>USOC</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Nonrecurring</u>	<u>CRIS</u>	<u>CABS</u>
A. <u>TPP Rates</u>							
1 Year Term Period	\$350.00	\$1,000.00	TSR11	TSR11			
2 Year Term Period	\$310.00	\$500.00	TSR12	TSR12			
3 Year Term Period	\$250.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0.00	TSR13	TSR13			
3 Year Term Period	\$200.00	\$0.00	TSR13	TSR13			(C)
B. <u>Monthly Extension</u> \$425.00 N/ATSR1X TSR1X (N)							
C. <u>Service Rearrangement</u> N/A \$103.00 NRMDC							
D. <u>Special Access Surcharge</u> \$25.00 N/A S25 S25							

<sup>(1)</sup>Effective November 12, 2004, this rate will no longer be available to new customers, however there will be no change in rates to existing customers.

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