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2 - General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.8 Optional Payment Plans

(A) Channel Services Payment Plan

(1) General

- (a) The regulations specified herein are applicable only to specific special access services as indicated in the rate regulations for such services in Section 7 of this tariff.
- (b) The terms of this Channel Services Payment Plan (CSPP) apply to such specific special access services except as noted in the rate regulations for the given service.
- (c) The CSPP allows customers to pay stabilized monthly rates for fixed service periods selected by the customer. The five payment plans offered are Plans A, B, C and Plans 1 and 2. The applicable payment plans for a particular service are set forth in the Rate Regulations section applicable to that service.

The service period for each plan is shown below.

- Payment Plan A, service periods may be selected from 24 months to 48 months in length.
- Payment Plan B, service periods may be selected from 49 months to 72 months in length.
- Payment Plan C, service periods may be selected from 73 months to 96 months in length.⁽¹⁾
- Payment Plan 1, service periods may be selected from 12 months to 36 months in length.
- Payment Plan 2, service periods may be selected from 37 months to 60 months in length.

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As of August 23, 1996, new LightGate (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Point to Point Network) system installations must be ordered under Transport Payment Plan (TPP) arrangements as specified in 2.4.8(D) following.

⁽¹⁾ Effective May 15, 2015, Plan C commitment periods of 74 to 96 months will no longer be available for new CSPPs. A Plan C commitment period of 73 months will continue to be available for new CSPPs. There is no change for existing CSPPs.

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2 - General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.8 Optional Payment Plans (Cont'd)

(B) Area Commitment Plan (ACP) (Cont'd)

The customer may choose any period of time between 24 and 72 months for the commitment.⁽¹⁾ The applicable rate for use in the ACP calculation is the ACP rate selected commitment period. ACP commitment periods are offered as follows: (N)

- ACP A, commitment periods may be selected from 24 months to 48 months in length.

- ACP B, commitment periods may be selected from 49 months to 72 months in length. (N)

Each month, the number of the appropriate commitment rate elements (e.g., DS1 Local Channels) that are to be billed by the Telephone Company in the region will be determined i.e., the in-service quantity of commitment rate elements are determined for each billing period during a month and are accumulated at the end of each month. If that number of in-service commitment rate elements is equal to or greater than the commitment level, as determined on the billing period during the month, that contains the customer's ACP plan information, the Telephone Company will credit the customer's bill. The credit will be determined based on the difference in the month-to-month billed rate and the associated ACP rate for in-service rate elements equal to the customer's commitment level. If the number of in-service rate elements are less than the commitment level, the credit will be determined based on the difference in the month-to-month billed rate and the associated ACP rate for in-service rate elements. In addition, a shortfall charge, equal to the difference in the commitment level and the in-service number multiplied by 50 percent of the ACP rate will be applied. The credit/shortfall calculations are performed at the end of each month after all of the in-service and commitment level information has been compiled for the month and the resulting credit/shortfall amounts are then applied to the customer's bill during the next month. The ACP rate that will be used is the one that is in effect on the billing date for the appropriate commitment period, i.e., the ACP rate is the rate shown in the tariff at the end of each month when the credit/shortfall calculations are performed.

⁽¹⁾ Effective May 15, 2015, Plan B commitment periods of 61 to 72 months will no longer be available. Plan B commitment periods from 49 to 60 months will continue to be available for new ACPs. There is no change for existing ACPs.

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2 - General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.8 Optional Payment Plans (Cont'd)

(C) Fast Packet Services Payment Plan (Cont'd')

(9) Prepayment (Cont'd)

- When a customer who has prepaid recurring monthly rates replaces the existing Fast Packet SPP arrangement with a new Fast Packet SPP arrangement, the customer will be credited with that portion of the prepayment amount, representing a prepayment of the monthly recurring rates remaining in the existing Fast Packet SPP arrangement.
- No Termination Liability Charge will apply to Customers who prematurely disconnect.

(D) Transport Payment Plan (TPP)

(1) General

- (a) The regulations and terms specified herein are applicable only to LightGate (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Point to Point Network), BellSouth Dedicated Ring and/or BellSouth DS1 Diverse service Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) services as indicated in the rate regulations in Sections 6 and 7 of this tariff.
- (b) The TPP allows customers to pay stabilized monthly rates for fixed service periods selected by the customer. The three payment plans offered are as follows:
 - Payment Plan A, service periods may be selected from 12 months to 36 months in length.
 - Payment Plan B, service periods may be selected from 37 months to 60 months in length.
 - Payment Plan C, service periods may be selected from 61 months to 96 months in length.⁽¹⁾

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⁽¹⁾ Effective May 15, 2015, Plan C commitment periods of 62 to 96 months will no longer be available for new TPPs. A Plan C commitment period of 61 months will continue to be available for new TPPs. There is no change for existing TPPs.

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2.4.8 Optional Payment Plans (Cont'd)

(D) Transport Payment Plan (Cont'd)

(6) Requests for Changes in Length of Service Period (Cont'd)

(a) (Cont'd)

If the new TPP arrangement has a service period shorter in length than the time remaining under the service period for the existing TPP arrangement, the change to the new TPP arrangement constitutes a disconnection of the existing TPP arrangement for which termination liability charges apply.

(b) Subsequent to the establishment of a TPP arrangement, and prior to the completion of the selected service period for that arrangement, the TPP arrangement may be extended⁽¹⁾ subject to the following conditions: (N)

- The start date of the TPP is not changed, however, with an extension the customer selects a new TPP service period (i.e., the number of months associated with the customer's TPP) that is greater than what presently exist for the current TPP.
- The maximum service period that may be selected for an extension is 96 months. After 96 months, a customer must establish a new TPP arrangement.
- If the new service period selected with an extension results in a change of Payment Plans, then the rates associated with the new Payment Plan will be effective on the first day of service under the extended TPP. For example, if a customer presently has a 36-month TPP arrangement, which is associated with Payment Plan A rates, and extends his service period to 61 months, which is associated with Payment Plan C rates, the Plan C rates will be effective on the first day of the extended TPP.
- If a TPP arrangement that has been extended is disconnected prior the expiration of the extended service period, termination liability charges will be based on the rates associated with the extended TPP arrangement at the time of the disconnect. For example, if a customer's TPP that has been extended and is receiving Plan C rates at the time the TPP is disconnected, then Plan C rates will be used to determine the applicable termination liability.

⁽¹⁾ Term extensions are not available for TPPs established on or after May 15, 2015. There is no change for existing TPPs.

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