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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: (T)

- 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.⁽¹⁾

Each month the Telephone Company will determine the number of in-service rate elements, by type (Local Channel, Multiplexer or Channel Mileage), for which the Telephone Company will apply credits during the following month. The amount of any ACP credit will be based on the difference between the month-to-month rate and the associated ACP rate. Credit and shortfall calculations will be performed at the end of each month, and the resulting credit/shortfall amounts will be applied to the Customer's bill during the following month. (C)
(C)
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(N)

The Telephone Company will apply credits to Local Channel and Multiplexer rate elements, by applying the following steps in the following order:

1. Credits will be applied by state, in proportion to the percentage of the relevant rate element type purchased by the Customer in each state. For example, if a Customer purchases 40 percent of its Local Channels in Florida, then the Telephone Company will apply 40 percent of the Customer's ACP credits to Local Channels to Florida.
2. Within each state, Local Channel and Multiplexer credits will be applied by Rate Zone, beginning with Rate Zone 1 and proceeding to Zone 3.
3. Within each Rate Zone, credits will be applied according to the applicable monthly charge for each rate element, beginning with the highest billed rate elements and proceeding to the lowest billed rate elements. (N)

⁽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)

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

The Telephone Company will apply credits to mileage rate elements, by applying the following steps in the following order:

(N)

1. Credits will be applied by state, in proportion to the percentage of the relevant rate element type purchased by the customer in each state. For example, if a Customer purchases 40 percent of its Local Channels in Florida, then the Telephone Company will apply 40 percent of the Customer's ACP credits to channel mileage in Florida.
2. Within each state, credits will be applied beginning with the longest mileage circuit and proceeding to the shortest mileage circuit.
3. If circuits have the same mileage, credits will be applied by Rate Zone, beginning with Rate Zone 1 and proceeding to Zone 3.
4. Within a Rate Zone, credits will be applied according to the applicable monthly charge for each mileage rate element, beginning with the highest billed rate element and proceeding to the lowest billed rate element.

(N)

If the number of in-service rate elements is less than the commitment level, a shortfall charge will apply. The shortfall charge will be equal to the difference between the Customer's commitment level and the number of in-service rate elements of the relevant type (Local Channel, Multiplexer or Channel Mileage); multiplied by 50 percent of the ACP rate applicable to each rate element to which a shortfall charge is applied. To calculate shortfall charges, the Telephone Company will apply the ACP Plan B, Price Cap Zone 2 rate that is in effect on the billing date for the appropriate commitment period, i.e., the ACP rate that is effective at the end of each month for which the credit/shortfall calculations are performed.

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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)

Services available under ACP and the ACP rates are specified in the rate regulations of the individual services.

Credit and shortfall amounts will be distributed to billing areas based on each billing area's portion of a Customer's regional ACP eligible in-service units. Each state in the region is considered to be one billing area. (T)

Effective March 4, 2006, a Customer may have only one ACP. For Customers with multiple ACP commitments prior to March 4, 2006, upon expiration of the multiple commitments, only one ACP may be maintained. In those cases as of March 4, 2006, where the Customer has more than one ACP agreement, the credits and shortfall charges will be determined in chronological order, starting with the earliest agreement. For Interoffice Mileage Commitments under ACP, circuits will be assigned with the longest mileage circuit assigned first and continuing in descending order by circuit length until the number of circuits subscribed to are assigned starting with the earliest agreement. (T)

The Customer may add or disconnect services as desired, subject to the minimum service periods set forth in Section 7.4.4 for special access services or as set forth in Section 6.7.2 for switched access services and subject to applicable nonrecurring charges. Credits for services under an ACP will be made at the circuit level. (T)

If any rate element is subject to both a Service Assurance Warranty (SAW) credit, as described in Section 2.4.4(B)(18), and an ACP credit during the same billing period, the total amount of the SAW credit plus the ACP credit shall not exceed the monthly recurring charge for that rate element. The ACP credit will be adjusted such that the total of the SAW credit plus the ACP credit does not exceed the monthly recurring charge. (N)

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