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A42. INTEGRATED SERVICES DIGITAL NETWORK (ISDN)

A42.3 Primary Rate ISDN

A42.3.1 General

- A. Primary Rate ISDN is an intraLATA offering supported by the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) architecture.
- B. Primary Rate ISDN provides an ISDN based, DS1 access to the telecommunications network and includes the flexibility of integration of multiple voice and/or data transmission channels on the same line. The service will provide connectivity between ISDN compatible CPE and a serving central office. The Service may not be installed at a carrier hotel, a collocation cage, or any similar location. The basic channel structure for Primary Rate ISDN is twenty-three 64 Kbps B-Channels and one 64 Kbps D-Channel. The customer has the option to activate up to 23 B-Channels on the first Primary Rate ISDN arrangement and up to 24 channels on additional Primary Rate ISDN arrangements. A Digital Data Only option¹ and an Inward Data Option are also available. The 23 B-Channels can be used to connect the customer's CPE to the Public Circuit Switched Network, e.g., outward, inward and 2-way network access. Calling Number Delivery, Called Number Delivery, Outgoing Calling Name Delivery, and Hunting functionality are inherent to this service. Incoming Calling Name Delivery, an optional feature offered at rates listed in A42.3.4.D.5., is available in switch types where equipped. Redirecting Number, an optional feature described in A42.3.3, is offered at no charge to the customer in switch types where equipped. Telephone numbers for use on Primary Rate ISDN are available in this Section. One Listing will be furnished at no charge for each Primary Rate ISDN B-Channel. Additional listings can be obtained as specified in Section A6. (T)
- C. Primary Rate ISDN provides capability for the transmission of digital signals only. Clear Channel Capability and Extended Superframe Format are inherent to the service.
- D. Primary Rate ISDN is provided within a LATA from wire centers where appropriate ISDN facilities are available as determined by the Company. Special Construction charges may apply as specified in Section A5.
- E. Primary Rate ISDN Access Lines furnished between a serving wire center and a customer's premises will be offered at a non-distance sensitive rate per Primary Rate ISDN Access Line. If a customer wishes to utilize another Company provided transport facility, e.g., SMARTRing service, that can meet the required standards to carry the Primary Rate ISDN Access (DS1) Line, the customer will incur no charge for the Primary Rate ISDN Access (DS1) Line. MegaLink service cannot be utilized to provide transport for Primary Rate ISDN except where the Primary Rate ISDN is terminated in FlexServ service. Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Service can be utilized to transport Primary Rate ISDN Voice/Data – Flat Rate under the *terms and conditions* stated in A42.3.2.CC.
- F. Interoffice Channels furnished between central offices will be charged at rates based on airline distance between the central offices, except as provided in A42.3.2.Q. following.
- G. Airline distance between Company central offices shall be developed using the methodology found in B3.3.3. Fractional mileage shall be rounded up to the next full mile.
- H. The required components for Primary Rate ISDN are as follows:
 - Primary Rate ISDN Access Line where applicable
 - Interoffice Channels where applicable
 - Primary Rate ISDN Interface
 - Primary Rate ISDN B-Channels
 - Primary Rate ISDN D-Channel
 - Telephone Numbers
 - Call Types

Note 1: Effective May 1, 2014, customers may not add the Digital Data Only option, and existing term plans for this option may not be renewed.

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A42.3 Primary Rate ISDN (Cont'd)

A42.3.1 General (Cont'd)

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4. Calls may be overflowed from an ERS Dedicated Route Arrangement to an ERS Final Route Arrangement by utilizing the Overflow Feature for ERS Dedicated Route Arrangements. When all facilities are busy on the Customer's Dedicated Arrangement from a particular target local calling area, the Overflow Feature allows additional calls to be switched over interoffice trunk groups to the customer's local serving central office, where they terminate on ERS Final Route Primary Rate Interfaces and B-Channels, via an ERS FTN. A Primary Rate ISDN Access Line or other Company provided transport facility is required for connection to the customer's local serving central office.
5. ERS is jointly provided with other telephone companies only where technically feasible and where mutually agreed upon by the telephone companies involved.

- Q.** Calling Name/Number Delivery provides the user who is receiving a call with information about the calling party. Calling names/numbers will be delivered within the Common Channel Signaling System 7 serving area unless delivery is blocked by the customer's equipment.

A42.3.2 Terms and Conditions

- A.** Primary Rate ISDN is available on a month-to-month basis or under variable rate periods, with rates based on lengths of twelve to twenty-three months, twenty-four to forty-eight¹ months or forty-nine¹ to seventy-two¹ months under conditions specified in the Channel Services Payment Plan (CSPP) in B2.4 of the Private Line Guidebook and as stated following:

1. A volume discount schedule is available to customers under month to month or contract rates as described in A42.3.4.E. A rate discount for Primary Rate ISDN Interfaces is calculated based upon the quantity of Primary Rate ISDN Interfaces on a billing account. In addition, a discount for Primary Rate ISDN B-Channels is calculated based upon the number of Primary Rate ISDN B-Channels on a billing account.
2. A Termination Liability Charge is applicable if service is terminated prior to expiration of the contract. The applicable charge is equal to the number of months remaining in the contract times fifty percent (50%) of the monthly rate provided under the contract.
3. A Termination Liability Charge shall not apply for the termination of B-Channels prior to the expiration of the contract.
4. During the last ninety (90) days of a CSPP contract or an existing term extension as provided in this paragraph, in addition to the Renewal Options stated in B2.4.9.A.7., customers may extend their CSPP contract with the same rates, terms and conditions for **an additional 12-, 24- or 36-months**. Term extensions may include associated transport rate elements as provided in A42.3.4. However, term extensions are not available for other Company provided transport facilities services being utilized to provide Primary Rate ISDN, as described in A42.3.1.E. The availability of this term extension option at any time is subject to the Company's right to discontinue or to otherwise change this option. Customers who exercise the term extension are not entitled to a different rate based on the overall term as extended (e.g., customers who initially have a 36-month CSPP and extend it by an additional 24 months are not entitled to the rates allowed under a 60-month CSPP). An extension will begin on the expiration date of the existing CSPP or term extension. The customer will be required to sign an addendum to their CSPP contract for each term extension.

During the **12-, 24- or 36-month** contract extension period(s), the customer may terminate the service, or any service components, at any service location on thirty (30) days' notice without incurring a Termination Liability Charge.

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Terms outlined in the Private Line Guidebook, paragraph B2.4.9 A.2.a, disallowing any Company-initiated rate increases for the duration of either the 12-,24-, or 36-month Service Term, do not apply to 12-, 24- or 36-month Service Term extension rates. AT&T reserves the right to change 12-, 24- or 36-month Service Term extension rates (increase or decrease) at any time. Pursuant to applicable requirements, the Customer will be notified in advance of any price increases to their 12-, 24- or 36-month Service Term contract extension rates.

5. If Customer migrates a Primary Rate ISDN service or service component (the "Terminated ILEC Service") to a qualifying AT&T Business Voice over IP (BVoIP) Service, then AT&T will waive the Termination Liability Charge associated with the Terminated ILEC Service if:

- a. the Terminated ILEC Service has been installed at the Customer site for new fewer than 12 months, and

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- b. the replacement AT&T BVoIP Service is installed or available at the same Customer site as the Terminated ILEC Service.

It is at the Company's sole determination whether a product change satisfies these requirements.

Note 1: Effective October 1, 2013, customers may not establish new term plans greater than 36 months for Primary Rate ISDN, and existing term plans greater than 36 months may not be renewed or extended for a term greater than 36 months.

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A42.3.2 Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

- B. Nonrecurring charges associated with the Primary Rate ISDN Access Line or Interoffice Channel facilities will not be applicable when upgrading from an existing MegaLink service to Primary Rate ISDN. A Type 1 Service Change Charge as specified in A42.3.4.G. will be applicable for the MegaLink service upgrade in addition to nonrecurring charges for other Primary Rate ISDN rate elements ordered. (M1)
- C. No nonrecurring charges will be applicable when converting MegaLink ISDN service to Primary Rate ISDN or for converting from one Primary Rate ISDN option to another, e.g., Voice/Data to Inward Data or Inward Data to Inward Data Extended Reach Service (ERS). The term "conversion" means that the Primary Rate Interface(s) remain in place in the same central office. If the Primary Rate Interface(s) are moved in connection with ERS, the change is considered a rearrangement and terms and conditions stated in D. following are applicable. No termination charges are applicable for conversions when:
 1. The contract selected for the new Primary Rate ISDN arrangement is coterminous with the previous contract or is for a 24 month period, whichever is longer, and,
 2. The service orders to disconnect the previous arrangement and to install the new Primary Rate ISDN arrangement are related together and received by the Company at the same time with no lapse in billing of service.
- D. Rearrangement charges stated in A42.3.4.G. are applicable for moves of Primary Rate Interfaces from one central office to another in connection with the initial installation of Inward Data ERS or for subsequent moves of Primary Rate Interfaces from one central office to another for ERS Final or Dedicated arrangements. Termination Liability charges are not applicable if the number of Primary Rate Interfaces is not reduced.
- E. Upgrades, from a MegaLink service and/or a MegaLink channel service contract arrangement, are permitted with no Termination Liability when:
 1. A new contract is selected for the Primary Rate ISDN equal to or greater in length than the arrangement being terminated, and
 2. The service orders to disconnect the MegaLink channel service arrangement and to install the Primary Rate ISDN are related together and received by the Company at the same time with no lapse in billing of service.
- F. The minimum subscription period for which month-to-month Primary Rate ISDN is furnished and for which charges are applicable is one month.
- G. Unless otherwise specified, the terms and conditions for Primary Rate ISDN stated herein apply in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in A2.
- H. Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) that is compatible with the Primary Rate ISDN interface is the responsibility of the customer.
- I. The Company shall not be responsible if changes in any of the equipment, operations, or procedures of the Company utilized in the provisioning of Primary Rate ISDN render any facilities provided by the customer obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment or system, or otherwise affect its use or performance. Digital transmission rates at speeds less than those indicated may be accomplished as a function of the particular CPE furnished by the customer.
- J. Suspension of service is not allowed.
- K. Terms and Conditions for Allowance of Interruptions apply as specified in B2.
- L. Service Charges in A4. do not apply
- M. Hunting rates, Direct Inward Dialing (DID) rates, Customized Code Restriction rates, Selective Class of Call Screening, and Foreign Exchange rates, do not apply.
- N. **(DELETED)**
- O. Calling telephone numbers transmitted via the Primary Rate ISDN are intended solely for the use of the Primary Rate ISDN subscriber. Resale of this information is prohibited by this Guidebook, except the caller's telephone numbers may be provided to the subscriber's client for those calls sponsored or provided by that client where the client's identity is disclosed to the caller and the client agrees not to distribute such information to others.

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A42.3 Primary Rate ISDN (Cont'd)

A42.3.2 Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

- P. Non-facility Associated Signaling (NFAS) provides the capability to control multiple DS1s with a single D-Channel. This feature can be ordered where switch capabilities exist as stipulated in the vendor technical documentation and where switch capacity exists. When NFAS is selected, the customer will order one Primary Rate ISDN arrangement with one D-Channel and up to 23 B-Channels. Additional Primary Rate ISDN arrangements are ordered with up to 24 B-Channels at rates and charges provided in A42.3.4. The D-Channel activated on the initial arrangement serves the additional Primary Rate ISDN arrangements. If the customer desires, he may also request a back-up D-Channel with the NFAS option. The Voice/Data (Standard) Primary Rate ISDN and Digital Data Only option¹ Primary Rate ISDN arrangements may not be mixed in the same NFAS group. (M)
- Q. When a customer's normal serving central office is not equipped to provide Primary Rate ISDN, the customer may be served, at the Company's option, from an equipped central office without incurring interoffice channel charges. Primary Rate ISDN customers to be served under this arrangement must sign an agreement that the service may be moved back at the Company's discretion to the normal serving central office and to a probable number change when/if that office is equipped with ISDN. This is referred to as the Alternate Network Serving Arrangement (ANSA). If a customer, under ANSA, requests Primary Rate ISDN from an ISDN equipped central office other than that determined by the Company, interoffice channel charges as specified in A42.3.4.B will apply. Also, if a customer requests Primary Rate ISDN from a central office other than their normal serving office and ANSA does not apply, interoffice channel charges will apply as specified in A42.3.4.B. ANSA does not apply for Inward Data Extended Reach Service.
- R. The Primary Rate ISDN - Digital Data Only option¹ provides for the transmission of data mode calls only. The Primary Rate ISDN - Digital Data Only arrangement will be provisioned with the customer's requested number of Digital Data Only B-channels with no B-channels capable of transmitting voice mode calls in the same arrangement.
- S. The Primary Rate ISDN Inward Data option provides for the transmission of inward analog and digital data calls only.
- T. *Terms and conditions* in Section A2. prohibiting the mixing of flat and message or flat and measured service do not apply for Primary Rate ISDN
- U. No usage charges apply for Primary Rate ISDN calls within the local calling area. Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service rates as specified in Section A18. apply for intraLATA calls terminated beyond the local calling area.
- V. The Next Route Index Feature allows a Primary Rate ISDN Digital Data Only¹ customer to arrange analog calls to overflow to a Voice/Data arrangement in the same switch or allows the customer to overflow analog and digital calls to a Voice/Data arrangement in the same switch. These same capabilities are available to a Primary Rate ISDN Inward Data customer to overflow calls to a Voice/Data arrangement in the same switch. It does not allow Voice/Data or Inward Data calls to overflow to a Digital Data Only arrangement nor does it allow Voice/Data or Digital Data Only calls to overflow to an Inward Data arrangement.
- W. Primary Rate ISDN Digital Data Only¹ Signaling Groups may be configured in one of the following four standard arrangements of call types:
1. Inward Calls: The number of Inward calls accommodated by the Signaling Group will be equal to the number of activated B-channels.
 2. Outward calls: The number of Outward calls accommodated by the Signaling Group will be equal to the number of activated B-channels.
 3. Inward calls and Outward calls: The maximum number of simultaneous calls for each call type is determined by the customer. For each call type, the maximum number of simultaneous calls must be less than or equal to the number of activated B-channels in the Signaling Group.
 4. 2-Way calls: The number of 2-Way calls accommodated by the Signaling Group will be equal to the number of activated B-Channels.

Note 1: Effective May 1, 2014, customers may not add the Digital Data Only option, and existing term plans for this option may not be renewed.