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5. Ordering for Access Service (Cont'd)

5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

5.2.4 Selection of Facilities for Access Orders

When there are digital high capacity facilities to a hub for Special Access, the Customer may specify a channel assignment for each service ordered. In addition, when a Customer requests a Service Facility Move (SFM) or Reconfiguration, the Connecting Facility Assignments (CFAs) or specific point of termination (for interconnection cross connects) may be specified for the facilities involved in the SFM or Reconfiguration for each service. The Customer will provide this information to the Telephone Company/Interconnector during the order process.

For all other access orders, the option to request a specific transmission path or channel is not available unless specifically provided for under Part 1, Section 8 (Special Construction) or other parts of this Guidebook.

5.2.5 Shared Use, Shared Network Arrangement and Jointly Provided Services

Shared Use (i.e., Switched Access Services provided over analog or digital High Capacity Special Access facilities) is allowed. All Shared Use facilities will be ordered and provided as Special Access Service. While Shared Use is allowed, individual services utilizing these facilities must be ordered either as Switched Access Service or Special Access Service. When placing an order for the individual service(s) the customer must specify a channel assignment for each service ordered. Shared Use of Switched Access facilities (i.e., Special Access Services provided over Switched Access facilities) is not allowed.

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premises and the hub are a Channel Termination and Channel Mileage, if applicable.

7.2.10 Shared Use

Shared use occurs when Special Access Service and Switched Access Service are provided over the same Special Access facility through a common interface. The Special Access monthly rate for the Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, if applicable, and multiplexer will apply, regardless of whether any individual channels of the Shared Special Access facility are used for Special Access Service, Switched Access Service, or any other type of service. The practice known as "ratcheting" (to apply non-Special Access rates on a proportional basis) shall not apply in any circumstance.

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5.8 Shared Use Facilities

Shared Use (i.e. BellSouth SWA and BellSouth Expanded Interconnection services provided over Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA)) is allowed. All Shared Use facilities will be ordered and provided as Special Access (a.k.a BellSouth SPA). While Shared Use is allowed, individual services utilizing these facilities must be ordered as BellSouth SWA, Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) or Virtual Access Cross Connect, Physical Access Cross Connect, or Intra-Office Collocation Cross Connect Service. When placing the order for individual service (s) the customer must specify a channel assignment for each service ordered. Shared Use of BellSouth SWA facilities (i.e. Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA provided over BellSouth SWA) is not allowed.

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5.8 Shared Use Facilities (Cont'd)

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5.9 Available Inventory

Available inventory is limited and does not include facilities previously ordered. The Telephone Company will make every reasonable effort to maintain sufficient available inventory to provide Access Service in accordance with customer's requested service date intervals. To the extent that service can be provided, Access Orders will be satisfied from available inventory.

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7.4 General Rate Conditions

7.4.7 Facility Hubs

Cascading channelization occurs when a high capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) digital channel is channelized to provide channels with a lesser capacity and one of the lesser capacity channels is further channelized.

When cascading channelization is performed, whether in the same or a different Hub, a charge for the additional Basic Channelization System and Central Office Channel Interface(s) also applies. When cascading channelization is performed at different Hubbing locations, Interoffice Channel charges also apply between the Hubs.

7.4.8 Shared Use Analog and Digital High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) Services

Shared use occurs when Special Access (a.k.a BellSouth SPA) service and BellSouth SWA service are provided over the same High Capacity Special Access facility through a common interface. The Special Access monthly rate for the Local Channel, Interoffice Channel, if applicable Basic Channelization System and Central Office Channel Interface (s) will apply, regardless of whether any individual channels of the shared Special Access (BellSouth SPA) facility are used for Special Access (BellSouth SPA) service, BellSouth SWA service, or any other type of service. The practice known as "ratcheting" (to apply non-Special Access rates on a proportional basis) shall not apply in any circumstance.

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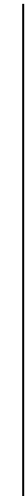
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If the customer still desires the Access Order modification, the Telephone Company will schedule a new service date. All charges for Access Order modifications will apply on a per occurrence basis as described in Part 2, Section 5 of this Guidebook.

(K) Shared Use

Shared use occurs when Special Access Service and Switched Access Service are provided over the same Special Access facility through a common interface. The Special Access monthly rate for the Local Distribution Channels, Channel Mileage, Channel Mileage Termination if applicable, and multiplexer will apply, regardless of whether any individual channels of the Shared Special Access facility are used for Special Access Service, Switched Access Service, or any other type of service. The practice known as "ratcheting" (to apply non-Special Access rates on a proportional basis) shall not apply in any circumstance.

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(L) Jointly Provided Service

Jointly Provided Service is also referred to as "meet-point-billing" arrangements. The service consists of one end of an OCN Point-to-Point circuit located in one exchange telephone company operating territory and the other end of service located in another exchange telephone company operating territory.

(M) Ordering Options and Conditions

The ordering options and conditions section sets forth the conditions and order related charges for Access Orders for Switched and Special Access Services and Specialized Services and Arrangements and Planned Facilities Orders for Switched Access Services as described in Part 2, Section 5 of this Guidebook.

*Wideband Analog Service is limited to circuits in place as of August 11, 1988.

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28. BellSouth Wavelength Channel Service⁽²⁾

28.2 Rate Conditions

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When BellSouth Wavelength Channel Service Wavelength Channels are setup in a Client Protection arrangement, there is no charge for establishing Client Protection if it is setup at the time the associated Wavelength Channels are activated. If Client Protection is established on Wavelength Channels subsequent to their activation, a Client Protection Rearrangement Charge applies per existing Wavelength Channel configured for Client Protection. This charge would also apply if a customer has Client Protection existing and wants to rearrange the Wavelength Channels associated with the existing Client Protection arrangement. Also, if a customer removes channels from an existing Client Protection arrangement, the Client Protection Rearrangement Charge applies to the Wavelength Channels that are removed from the Client Protection arrangement, unless the Wavelength Channels are disconnected.

For BellSouth Wavelength Channel service, the capability exists for a customer to utilize all or part of a BellSouth Wavelength Channel service to transport switched access. Special Access monthly rates for BellSouth Wavelength Channel service will apply regardless. The customer must place an order for each individual BellSouth SWA Channel provided over BellSouth Wavelength Channel service Shared Use Facilities and specify the channel assignment for each such service. When this occurs, the practice known as ratcheting of BellSouth Wavelength Channel service shall not apply in any circumstance.

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⁽¹⁾ Effective November 1, 2014, the 1.25 Gbps Wavelength service channel option is no longer available for new circuits. There is no change for existing circuits.

⁽²⁾ 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 March 30, 2024.

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29 - Optical Transport Access Services

29.3 BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service

29.3.2 Rate Conditions

(A) (Cont'd)

Amplification charges are required when the distance between Node Locations and/or characteristic of the fiber optic cable associated with a ring segment (i.e., the portion of the ring between Node Locations) results in a transmission level that is not suitable for the service's proper operation. When the transmission level of a ring segment requires equipment to increase the segment's transmission levels, the required amplification shall be specified on the Service Inquiry as an Optical Signal Amplification Node. Optical Signal Amplification Node charges apply when amplification is needed at a location where a BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring service Primary System does not exist. The Optical Signal Amplification Node does not contain the capability to add or drop services. One Optical Signal Amplification Node charge applies at the amplifier location.

(B) BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring service is available under commitment plans associated with the Transport Payment Plan, as described in Section 2 of this Guidebook. Month to month rates are only available upon completion of a commitment plan.

The minimum service period associated with BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring service rate elements is twelve months.

(C) For BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring service, the capability exists for a customer to utilize all or part of a BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring service to transport switched access. Special Access monthly rates for BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring service will apply regardless. The customer must place an order for each individual BellSouth SWA Channel provided over BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service Shared Use Facilities and specify the channel assignment for each such service. When this occurs, the practice known as ratcheting of BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring shall not apply in any circumstance.

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29.3 BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service

29.3.2 Rate Conditions

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For conversions of LightGate service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Point to Point Network), BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Network Service or SMARTGate service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Ring Network) to an arrangement utilizing BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring service and for BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring service that is being added as a part of a SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Dedicated Ring) arrangement, customers will be allowed to defer the start of BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring service ring level billing when the new service arrangement is provided under the Transport Payment Plan, as described in Section 2.4.8. The period of deferred billing shall be based on the Telephone Company's estimation of the time required for conversion, up to a maximum of 60 days. This applies to orders for new service associated with conversions, as described above. For conversions, as described above, that are completed in less than 60 days, the deferred start of ring level billing shall be associated with the completion of the conversion. The term for a customer's BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring service TPP arrangements shall begin after the deferral period and continue to completion, as described in Section 2.4.8, for the customers selected TPP commitment period.

Ring level billing is defined as billing for the following rate elements: Primary System, Expansion System and Amplification charges. Billing for Wavelength Channel recurring charges will be effective upon activation of the Wavelength Channel and is not available for deferred billing.

In case of a service outage associated with BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring service ring level rate elements that have deferred billing, as described above, for new service associated with conversions, a service outage credit will not apply.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.10 Shared Use

Shared use occurs when Special Access Service and Switched Access Service are provided over the same Special Access facility through a common interface. The Special Access monthly rate for the Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, if applicable, and multiplexer will apply, regardless of whether any individual channels of the Shared Special Access facility are used for Special Access Service, Switched Access Service, or any other type of service. The practice known as "ratcheting" (to apply non-Special Access rates on a proportional basis) shall not apply in any circumstance.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.10 Shared Use (Cont'd)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.10 Shared Use (Cont'd)

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19. Self-healing Transport Network⁽¹⁾ (Cont'd)

19.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

19.3.10 Upgrades (Cont'd)

(B) Minimum Period Upgrades

The STN customer may choose to upgrade a particular STN 36 Month Minimum Period to a 60 Month Minimum Period.

The only charge for the upgrade will be the normal Access Order charge as specified in Section 5.4. No termination liability will be applied to this upgrade provided conditions are met as set forth in Section 19.3.15(A) (1) (e).

19.3.11 Shared Use

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(1) The Company currently plans to discontinue this Service on or after October 15, 2022.
(Ref: WC Docket Nos. 09-185 and 11-179)

19. Self-healing Transport Network⁽¹⁾ (Cont'd)

19.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

19.3.11 Shared Use (Cont'd)

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⁽¹⁾ The Company currently plans to discontinue this Service on or after October 15, 2022. (Ref: WC Docket Nos. 09-185 and 11-179)

20. MegaLink Custom Services (Cont'd)

20.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

20.4.11 Shared Use

Shared Use occurs when Special Access Service and Switched Access Service are provided over the same MegaLink Custom Services Special Access facility through a common interface. The Special Access monthly rate for the Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, if applicable, and multiplexer will apply, regardless of whether any individual channels of the Shared Special Access facility are used for Special Access Service, Switched Access Service, or any other type of service. The practice known as "ratcheting" (to apply non-Special Access rates on a proportional basis) shall not apply in any circumstance. (C)

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20. MegaLink Custom Services (Cont'd)

20.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

20.4.11 Shared Use (Cont'd)

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7 - Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) Service (Cont'd)

7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.4.8 Shared Use Analog and Digital High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) Services

Shared use occurs when Special Access (a.k.a BellSouth SPA) service and BellSouth SWA service are provided over the same High Capacity Special Access facility through a common interface. The Special Access monthly rate for the Local Channel, Interoffice Channel, if applicable Basic Channelization System and Central Office Channel Interface (s) will apply, regardless of whether any individual channels of the shared Special Access (BellSouth SPA) facility are used for Special Access (BellSouth SPA) service, BellSouth SWA service, or any other type of service. The practice known as "ratcheting" (to apply non-Special Access rates on a proportional basis) shall not apply in any circumstance.

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7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.4.8 Shared Use Analog and Digital High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) Services (Cont'd)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.4.8 Shared Use Analog, Digital High Capacity and SONET Ring and Access Services

Shared Use occurs when Special Access Service and Switched Access Service are provided over the same High Capacity Special Access facility through a common interface. The Special Access monthly rate for the Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, if applicable, and multiplexer will apply, regardless of whether any individual channels of the Shared Special Access facility are used for Special Access Service, Switched Access Service, or any other type of service. The practice known as "ratcheting" (to apply non-Special Access rates on a proportional basis) shall not apply in any circumstance.

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7.4.9 Extension of WATS Access Service

WATS Access Service is available with extensions, i.e., additional terminations, of the service at different customer designated premises in the same or different LATAs. Extensions are provided and charged for as separate Voice Grade Special Access Service. The rate elements which apply are: WATS Access Line Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, if applicable, and Signaling Capability (Optional Features and Functions), if applicable. All appropriate charges as set forth in Part 14, Section 31 will apply.

7.4.10 Reserved for Future Use

- (1) Effective January 3, 2006, SONET Ring and Access Service is limited to existing customers at existing locations except where spare capacity exists; customers may add additional locations on existing rings. New SONET ring services will be provided via Dedicated SONET Ring Service.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.7 Shared Use Analog and Digital High Capacity Services

Shared Use occurs when Special Access Service and Switched Access Service are provided over the same High Capacity Special Access facility through a common interface. The Special Access monthly rate for the Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, if applicable, and multiplexer will apply, regardless of whether any individual channels of the Shared Special Access facility are used for Special Access Service, Switched Access Service, or any other type of service. The practice known as "ratcheting" (to apply non-Special Access rates on a proportional basis) shall not apply in any circumstance.

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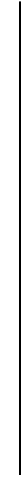
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7.2.7 Shared Use Analog and Digital High Capacity Services (Cont'd)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.4.9 Shared Use

Shared Use occurs when Special Access Service and Switched Access Service are provided over the same Special Access facility through a common interface. The Special Access monthly rate for the Local Distribution Channels, Channel Mileage, Channel Mileage Termination if applicable, and multiplexer will apply, regardless of whether any individual channels of the Shared Special Access facility are used for Special Access Service, Switched Access Service, or any other type of service. The practice known as "ratcheting" (to apply non-Special Access rates on a proportional basis) shall not apply in any circumstance.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.4.12 Shared Network Arrangement⁽¹⁾

Each customer entering into a Shared Network Arrangement is solely responsible to the Telephone Company for charges associated with **that customer's portion** of the shared network. Disconnection of service by the Host Subscriber does not relieve another user of the network of any obligation to pay access charges associated with the portion of the shared network to which that user subscribes. Billing for services and facilities will continue until a disconnect request from the Service User has been received by the Telephone Company. The Host Subscriber is solely responsible for notifying the connecting Service User in the event of disconnection of the Host service which affects that portion of the shared network service to which the Service User has subscribed.

For administrative purposes, one "Arrangement" under the Shared Network Arrangement offering shall be limited to the agreement between one Host Subscriber and one Service User permitting the Service User to connect a specified number of subtending circuits to one specified multiplexer on the Host's service. Agreements between one Host Subscriber and two (or three, etc.) Service Users shall be deemed to comprise two (or three, etc., respectively) separate "Arrangements". However, an agreement to expand the scope of an existing Arrangement by subsequently increasing the number of subtending circuits on the same multiplexer shall not constitute a new or separate "Arrangement".

Shared Use as described in Section 7.4.9 will apply to both the (T) Host Subscriber's and Service User's portion of the service for which they are billed. Any reconciliation of Shared Use as described in Section 7.4.9 must be negotiated between the Host Subscribers and Service Users.

(1) Effective 05/26/06, this regulation is limited to existing customers. For new customers purchasing Shared Network Arrangement, terms and conditions set forth in Part 2, Section 5, paragraph 5.2.5, will apply.