

## ACCESS SERVICE

### 7. Special Access Service

#### 7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

##### 7.4.10 Optional Payment Plan (OPP) for Base Rate, DS1, DS3, OC-3, OC-12, OC-48 Services, TV Analog Video Services, SONET Xpress Service<sup>/2/</sup>, and Serial Component Video Service.

###### (A) General

The Optional Payment Plan is a provision that allows a Customer to select Base Rate, DS1, DS3, TV Analog Video Service, Wideband Analog Video Service (WAVS), Serial Component Video Service (SVS), OC-3, OC-12, OC-48 Services (excluded DS1 - 128.0, 256.0 and 384.0 Kbps transport) and SONET Xpress Service, over a 12, 24, 36, 48 or 60-month payment period.<sup>/3/</sup> Monthly rates for services installed under this Payment Plan will change as Telephone Company initiated rate changes become effective but during the OPP term will not exceed the monthly rate in effect at the beginning of the Customer's OPP term. (N)

During the term of the selected OPP, Telephone Company initiated rate changes (increases or decreases) will automatically be applied to the monthly payments for the remaining months of the current OPP term. But in no case will any rate change cause the monthly rate during the OPP term to exceed that in effect at the beginning of the Customer's OPP term.

TV Analog Video Service, Wideband Analog Video Service, and Serial Component Video Service, rates and charges for which the OPP is available are listed in Section 7.5.5 following. Base Rate, DS1, and DS3 Service rates and charges for which the OPP is available are listed in Section 7.5.9, OC-3, OC-12 and OC-48 service rates and charges for which OPP is available are listed in Section 7.5.10, and SONET Xpress Service rates and charges for which OPP is available are listed in Section 7.5.12 following.

Customers subscribing to the OPP will be subject to nonrecurring charges<sup>/1/</sup> as specified in Section 7.5.15 for installation and rearrangements of service covered by the plan. The nonrecurring charges will not be spread over the OPP term. If the Customer subscribes to the OPP on an existing service with no other changes, no nonrecurring charges will apply.

/1/ For Services ordered under MVP, refer to Section 19.3(E)(5).

/2/ Effective April 24, 2012, SONET Xpress is available only to existing Customers, for existing service arrangements. Existing Customers may continue to receive service under existing service arrangements, or on a month-to-month basis after their existing service arrangements expire, until SONET Xpress is discontinued.

/3/ Effective on September 13, 2017, 48- and 60-month Optional Payment Plans for DS1 and DS3 Services are no longer available, and Optional Payment Plans for Base Rate services are no longer available, including for any otherwise available renewals or conversions. Circuits already subject to an Optional Payment Plan, as of September 13, 2017, will continue to be provided under the then-current Optional Payment Plan term for the remainder of that term. (N)  
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#### 7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

##### 7.4.13 Discount Commitment Program (DCP)<sup>/1/</sup>

###### (A) General Description

The Discount Commitment Program (DCP) provides the customer with rate stabilization and discounted rates for Direct Analog, Base Rate and DS1 services (described in Sections 7.2.3 and 7.2.9, preceding), except the DCP is not available for DS1 Local Distribution Channels (LDC) associated with 128, 256 and 384 Kbps Channel Mileage Termination and Channel Mileage, installed after January 26, 2001. The customer agrees to a minimum service commitment per service per state when establishing a DCP. Customers may disconnect or move Local Distribution Channels within the state and not be subject to Termination Liability charges as long as commitment levels are maintained.

DCPs may be established by service by state and be of either 3 or 5 years duration.<sup>/2/</sup> A customer may have only one DCP per service per state in effect at one time. For example, a customer that has a 3 year DCP for Direct Analog service may not establish a second Direct Analog DCP in Illinois until the current DCP expires. (N)

Monthly rates for services installed under a DCP will change as Telephone Company initiated rate changes become effective but during the DCP term will not exceed the monthly rate in effect at the beginning of the customer's DCP term. During the term of the selected DCP, Telephone Company initiated rate changes (increases or decreases) will automatically be applied to the monthly rates for the remaining months of the current DCP term. But in no case will any rate change cause the monthly rate during the DCP term to exceed that in effect at the beginning of the customer's DCP term.

###### (B) For DCPs established prior to September 10, 2016, the terms and conditions associated with the DCP are as follows in this section 7.4.13 (B):

###### (1) Commitment Level

A customer establishes a DCP term by committing 90 percent or more of their in service Local Distribution Channels to a term of either 3 or 5 years duration. Although the commitment is based upon Local Distribution Channels, the following rate elements will all receive DCP rates:

Channel Mileage  
Channel Mileage Termination  
DS1 to Voice/Base Rate Multiplexer  
Local Distribution Channel

/1/ DCP is not available for DS1 Local Distribution Channels (LDC) associated with 128, 256 and 384 Kbps Channel Mileage Termination and Channel Mileage, installed after January 26, 2001.

/2/ Effective on September 13, 2017, 5-year DCP Payment Plans for DS1 Service are no longer available, and DCP Payment Plans for Direct Analog and Base Rate Services are no longer available. Circuits already subject to a DCP Payment Plan, as of September 13, 2017, will continue to be provided under the then-current DCP term for the remainder of that term. (N)  
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**7. Special Access Service (cont'd)**

**7.5 Rates and Charges (cont'd)**

**7.5.3 Direct Analog Service**

**- Rates and Charges for Direct Analog Service <sup>/2/</sup>**

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		USOC	Monthly Rate	Discount Commitment Program	
				36 Months	60 Months
A. Local Distribution Channel					
1. Direct Analog Service					
- Per point of termination					
		T6E2X	\$22.40	\$20.50	\$20.00
		T6E4X	30.00	26.00	25.00
- Two-Wire					
- Four-Wire					
2. Dedicated Access Line					
- Per point of termination <sup>/1/</sup>					
		X2W	22.40	20.50	20.00
		X4W	34.00	31.00	28.00
- Two Wire					
- Four Wire					
B. Channel Mileage Termination					
- Per point of mileage termination					
		CM6	13.00	11.50	10.00
C. Channel Mileage					
- Per mile					
		1L5XX	.90	.70	.65
		USOC	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge	
D. Optional Features and Functions					
1. Bridging					
(a) Voice and DAL Bridging					
- Per Port					
		BCNV2	\$7.85	None	
		BCNV4	6.20	None	
- Two-Wire					
- Four-Wire					

/1/ One Local Distribution Channel applies per Dedicated Access Line (DAL).

/2/ Effective on September 13, 2017, DCP Payment Plans for Direct Analog Service are no longer available. Circuits already subject to a DCP Payment Plan, as of September 13, 2017, will continue to be provided under the then-current DCP term for the remainder of that term.

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**7.5 Rates and Charges (cont'd)**

**7.5.9 Base Rate Services, DS1 Service and DS3 Service<sup>/2/ /3/</sup>**

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**(A) Base Rate Service**

	USOC	Monthly	Recurring Charges Optional Payment Plan			Discount Commitment Program	
			12 Mo.	36 Mo.	60 Mo.	36 Mo.	60 Mo.
(1) Local Distribution Channel							
- Per Point of Termination							
Terminating Bit Rates 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56.0 and 64.0 Kbps Within Network Access Area:							
- Area A	1RADA	\$105.55	\$80.00	\$65.00	\$56.85	\$75.40	\$67.50
- Area B	1RADB	105.55	80.00	65.00	56.85	75.40	67.50
- Area C	1RADC	105.55	80.00	65.00	56.85	75.40	67.50
(2) DAL <sup>/1/</sup>							
- 56.0 Kbps	TNT72	117.00	95.00	70.00	65.00	78.85	74.70
(3) Channel Mileage Termination, Per Point of Mileage Termination							
- Base Rate Transport	CM6	21.40	14.00	10.00	9.00	12.00	10.75
(4) Channel Mileage Per Mile							
- Base Rate	1L5XX	2.15	1.00	.80	.68	.96	.90

/1/ A Base Rate Service (56 Kbps) DAL is available only when used for terminating Public Switched Digital Service.

/2/ Effective on September 13, 2017, 48- and 60-month Optional Payment Plans for DS1 and DS3 Services are no longer available, and Optional Payment Plans for Base Rate Services are no longer available, including for any otherwise available renewals or conversions. Circuits already subject to an Optional Payment Plan, as of September 13, 2017, will continue to be provided under the then-current Optional Payment Plan term for the remainder of that term.

/3/ Effective on September 13, 2017, 60-month DCP Payment Plans for DS1 Service are no longer available, and DCP Payment Plans for Base Rate Services are no longer available. Circuits already subject to a DCP Payment Plan, as of September 13, 2017, will continue to be provided under the then-current DCP term for the remainder of that term.

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**21. Metropolitan Statistical Area Access Service (Cont'd)**

21.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

21.5.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

21.5.2.3 Direct Analog Service

- Rates and Charges for Direct Analog Service<sup>/2/</sup>

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	USOC	Monthly Rate	Discount Commitment Program	
			36 Month	60 Month
(A) Local Distribution Channel				
(1) Direct Analog Service				
- Per point of termination				
- Two-Wire	T6E2X	\$24.15	\$20.50	\$20.00
- Four-Wire	T6E4X	40.25	32.00	30.00
(2) Dedicated Access Line				
- Per point of termination <sup>/1/</sup>				
- Two Wire	X2W	Apply rates and charges as T6E2X above		
- Four Wire	X4W	Apply rates and charges as T6E4X above		
(B) Channel Mileage Termination				
- Per point of mileage termination	CM6	17.54	13.00	12.00
(C) Channel Mileage				
- Per mile	1L5XX	1.27	.80	.75

/1/ One Local Distribution Channel applies per Dedicated Access Line (DAL)

/2/ Effective on September 13, 2017, DCP Payment Plans for Direct Analog Service are no longer available. Circuits already subject to a DCP Payment Plan, as of September 13, 2017, will continue to be provided under the then-current DCP term for the remainder of that term.

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**21. Metropolitan Statistical Area Access Services (Cont'd)**

**21.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)**

**21.5.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)**

**21.5.2.7 Base Rate Services, DS1 Service and DS3 Service<sup>/3//4/</sup>**

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**(A) Base Rate Service**

	USOC	Monthly	Recurring Charges			Commitment Program	
			Optional Payment Plan 12 Mo.	36 Mo. <sup>/1/</sup>	60 Mo. <sup>/1/</sup>	36 Mo.	60. Mo.
(1) Local Distribution Channel							
- Per Point of Termination							
Terminating Bit Rates							
2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56.0 and 64.0 Kbps							
Within Network Access Area:							
Area A	1RADA	\$123.05	\$95.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$78.85	\$74.70
Area B	1RADB	123.05	95.00	70.00	65.00	78.85	74.70
Area C	1RADC	123.05	95.00	70.00	65.00	78.85	74.70
(2) DAL <sup>/2/</sup>							
- 56.0 Kbps							
2-Wire	TNT72						
4-Wire	T6EC5						
				Apply rates and charges as IRADA, IRADB and IRADC		Apply rates and charges as IRADA, IRADB and IRADC	
(3) Channel Mileage							
Termination							
Per Point of Mileage							
Termination							
- Base Rate							
Transport	CM6	20.70	15.00	11.00	9.50	12.61	11.94
(4) Channel Mileage							
Per Mile	IL5XX	2.07	1.25	.95	.90	.98	.93

/1/ For 36 and 60-month Optional Payment Plans subscribed to prior to November 3, 1998, see Section 7.5.16 following.

/2/ A Base Rate Service (56 Kbps) DAL is available only when used for terminating Public Switched Digital Service.

/3/ Effective on September 13, 2017, 48- and 60-month Optional Payment Plans for DS1 and DS3 Services are no longer available, and Optional Payment Plans for Base Rate services are no longer available, including for any otherwise available renewals or conversions. Circuits already subject to an Optional Payment Plan, as of September 13, 2017, will continue to be provided under the then-current Optional Payment Plan term for the remainder of that term. (N)

/4/ Effective on September 13, 2017, 60-month DCP Payment Plans for DS1 Service are no longer available, and DCP Payment Plans for Base Rate Services are no longer available. Circuits already subject to a DCP Payment Plan, as of September 13, 2017, will continue to be provided under the then-current DCP term for the remainder of that term. (N)