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## E2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

### E2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

#### E2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)

- I. At the option of the customer, all nonrecurring charges associated with a Standard or Negotiated Interval Access Order may be billed over a three month period subject to the following:
  - 50 percent of the total nonrecurring charges will be billed in the first monthly billing period after the charges are incurred, and 25 percent of the total nonrecurring charges plus an Extended Billing Plan Charge will be billed in each of the following two monthly billing periods.
  - The Extended Billing Plan Charge is calculated at a rate of 1.0 percent per month or 12 percent annually, on the unbilled balance of the nonrecurring charges.
  - The customer must request extended billing at the time the Access Service request is placed for a Standard or Negotiated Interval Access Order.
  - If the customer disconnects service before the expiration of the plan period, all unbilled charges plus the Extended Billing Plan Charge, if applicable, will be included in the final bill rendered.
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  - If the customer fails to make any of the payments on the payment due date as set forth in B.3. preceding, late payment charges as specified in B.3.a. or b. preceding will apply.

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## **E2. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

### **E2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)**

#### **E2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)**

- B.** When A Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)
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**E5. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR BELLSOUTH SWA  
 AND SPECIAL ACCESS (A.K.A. BELLSOUTH SPA) SERVICE**

**E5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)**

**E5.2.4 Cancellation Of An Access Order (Cont'd)**

B. (Cont'd)

4. (Cont'd)

- d. When a customer cancels an Access Order, or part of an Access Order, before the service date, the Company will apply cancellation charges to the order. Cancellation charges are calculated by multiplying all the nonrecurring charges associated with the order, or that part of the order being cancelled, by the percentage shown in e. following for the critical date last completed on the order as set forth in E5.4.B.2. preceding, when a customer cancels an order prior to the Design Layout Report Date, no cancellation changes apply.
- e. The resulting cancellation charge is also shown as follows:

(1) Cancellation Charge Percentages Listing No. 1

Type Service/ Critical Dates	After: Before:	APP SID	SID LAM	LAM EIRD	EIRD DLRD	DLRD RID	RID DVA
SPECIAL ACCESS (a.k.a BellSouth SPA)							
WATS (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA)		1.6%	4.7%	6.6%	9.5%	13.2%	18.7%
Voice Grade (a. k. a. BellSouth SPA DSO VG)		1.6%	4.7%	6.6%	9.5%	13.2%	18.7%
Telegraph Grade (a. k. a. BellSouth SPA Telegraph)		1.6%	4.8%	8.9%	13.6%	17.0%	22.2%
Metallic Grade (a. k. a. BellSouth SPA Metallic)		1.6%	4.9%	6.9%	9.8%	13.5%	18.2%
High Capacity (a. k. a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity)		12.9%	29.2%	33.1%	35.5%	37.5%	42.9%
Digital Data Access (a. k. a. BellSouth SPA DSO Digital Data)		1.5%	4.6%	6.1%	9.2%	13.5%	18.6%
BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service		11.6%	33.1%	42.9%	44.8%	47.3%	53.1%
BELLSOUTH SWA							
Trunks or Lines		7.0%	18.9%	23.7%	24.9%	26.3%	35.6%
BellSouth SWA High Capacity Facilities		12.9%	29.2%	33.1%	35.5%	37.5%	42.9%
BellSouth Wavelength Service		12.9%	29.2%	33.1%	35.5%	37.5%	42.9%

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(2) Cancellation Charge Percentages Listing No. 2

Type Service/ Critical Dates	After: Before:	DVA WOT	WOT FCD	FCD PTD	PTD DD	DD
SPECIAL ACCESS (a.k.a BellSouth SPA)						
WATS (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA)		33.2%	44.6%	56.6%	83.6%	100.0%
Voice Grade (a. k. a. BellSouth SPA DSO VG)		33.2%	44.6%	56.6%	83.6%	100.0%
Telegraph Grade (a. k. a. BellSouth SPA Telegraph)		34.7%	43.9%	56.9%	84.6%	100.0%
Metallic Grade (a. k. a. BellSouth SPA Metallic)		30.3%	39.7%	53.6%	83.3%	100.0%
High Capacity (a. k. a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity)		55.7%	66.2%	69.9%	86.2%	100.0%
Digital Data Access (a. k. a. BellSouth SPA DSO Digital Data)		28.5%	35.4%	46.2%	78.2%	100.0%
BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service		53.1%	69.9%	85.6%	94.9%	100.0%
BELLSOUTH SWA						
Trunks or Lines		51.4%	58.3%	69.4%	90.3%	100.0%
BellSouth SWA High Capacity Facilities		55.7%	66.2%	69.9%	86.2%	100.0%
BellSouth Wavelength Service		55.7%	66.2%	69.9%	86.2%	100.0%

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## **E5. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR BELLSOUTH SWA AND SPECIAL ACCESS (A.K.A. BELLSOUTH SPA) SERVICE**

### **E5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)**

#### **E5.2.5 Selection Of Facilities For Access Orders**

- A.** When a customer places an Access Order, the customer may choose to utilize facilities it previously purchased. If the customer has a high capacity interface or has purchased a facility, the customer must request that specific channels be used to implement the Access Order. If a facility assignment is not provided by the customer, the Company will provide the service from available inventory as discussed in E5.3. following.
- B.** For all other Access Orders, the option to request a specific transmission path or channel is not provided, except as provided for under Special Facilities Routing as set forth in Section E11. of this Tariff.

#### **E5.2.6 Minimum Period**

- A.** Except as set forth in B., D., and F., following, the minimum period<sup>1</sup> for which charges are applicable for access service is one month.
- B.** The minimum period for part-time Video Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Video) services is one day even though the service will be provided only for the duration of the event specified on the order (e.g. one-half hour, two hours, five hours, etc.) (D)
- C.** Service Rearrangements<sup>1</sup> and Transfer of Service as set forth in Section 6.7.1 of Tariff FCC No. 1 and Sections E7. and E29.1.4 of this intrastate Tariff for BellSouth SWA, Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) and BellSouth Wavelength services respectively may be made without a change in minimum period requirements.
- D.** The minimum service period for BellSouth Wavelength service, BellSouth Dedicated Ring, BellSouth Metro Ethernet service and SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) is 4 months.
- E.** Changes other than those identified in Section 6.7.1 of Tariff FCC No. 1 of Sections Section E7.<sup>1</sup> or E29.1.4 of this intrastate Tariff will be treated as a discontinuance of the existing service and an installation of a new service. All associated nonrecurring charges will apply for the new service. A new minimum period will be established for the new service. The customer will also remain responsible for all outstanding minimum period obligations associated with the disconnected service.

The changes listed following are those which will be treated as a discontinuance and installation of service and for which a new minimum period will be established.

1. A move to a different building as set forth in Section 6.7.7 of Tariff FCC No. 1 or Section E7. or E29.1.4 of this intrastate Tariff.
  2. A change in type of service (i.e., BellSouth SWA to Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA), one type of Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) to another, or one type of BellSouth SWA service to another or one type of BellSouth SWA Basic Service Arrangement/BellSouth SWA Basic Service Arrangement Technical Option to another except as set forth in Section 6.7.6. of Tariff FCC No. 1.
  3. A change in the type of switched Local Channel, Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service local channel or Optical Transport Access Service Wavelength Channel.
  4. A change in BellSouth SWA service or BellSouth Directory Assistance access service Interface Group.
  5. Change in BellSouth SWA service traffic type.
  6. Change from two-point to multipoint Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service or from multipoint to two-point Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service.
- F.** The minimum service period for BellSouth Remote Access Service is twelve months.
- G.** A customer may request disconnect of an access service at any time after the service has been established. The customer must give the Company at least one business day written or verbal notice prior to the desired disconnect date. The one business day notice period will begin on the date the Company first receives the disconnect notification, either written or verbal. The verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within 10 days.
- H.** When Access Service is disconnected prior to the expiration of the minimum period, the customer is obligated for payment of the minimum period charge as set forth in E5.2.7. following. When Access Service is disconnected after the expiration of the minimum period, billing for the service will be performed in accordance with the provisions set forth in E2.4.1.C. of this Tariff.

**Note 1:** Specific regulations for BellSouth Metro Ethernet service minimum period, service rearrangements (reconfigurations) and changes are provided in E7.4.32 of this Tariff.

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### **E5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)**

#### **E5.2.7 Minimum Period Charges**

- A. When Access Service is disconnected prior to the expiration of the minimum period, the customer is obligated for payment of the minimum period charges as set forth following. When Access Service is disconnected after the expiration of the minimum period, billing for service will be performed in accordance with the provisions set forth in E5.2.6 preceding. The disconnect date is the final date the customer has use of the service.

The Minimum Period Charge, for service provided with a one month minimum period will be determined as follows:

1. For BellSouth SWA service usage sensitive rate elements (i.e., Carrier/Common Line, Local Switching/, Access Tandem Switching, BellSouth SWA Common Transport and Interconnection), the charge for a month or fraction thereof is equal to the applicable rates for the actual or assumed usage for the month or such fraction thereof.
  2. For BellSouth SWA Transport components which are not usage sensitive (i.e., Switched Local Channel, Switched Dedicated Interoffice Channel and Channelization Equipment), the charge for a month or fraction thereof is the applicable monthly rates for the service as set forth in E 6.8 following.
  3. For Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service, the charge for a month or fraction thereof is the applicable monthly rate for the service as set forth in Section E7. following.
- B. The Minimum Period Charge for BellSouth SWA FGD and BellSouth SWA TSBSA 3 services will be as set forth in E2.4.2. preceding.
- C. The Minimum Period Charge for part-time Video Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) services is the applicable daily rate for the service as set forth in Section E7. following. (D)
- D. All applicable nonrecurring charges for the service will be billed in addition to the Minimum Period Charge.
- E. Should billing for a service which is disconnected prior to the expiration of the Minimum Period cover multiple billing cycles, the bill reflecting the disconnect of service will be adjusted to account for that portion of the Minimum Period Charge previously billed to the customer. In no event shall the total recurring charge billed to the customer for such service exceed the applicable Minimum Period Charge.
- F. All applicable nonrecurring charges associated with the provision of service will be billed in addition to the Minimum Period Charge. Such nonrecurring charges include the nonrecurring charge for the installation of service and/or optional features. Service Order Modification Charges, Additional Engineering and Labor Charges, if any, etc.

#### **E5.2.8 Shared Use Facilities**

Shared Use occurs when BellSouth SWA and Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) services are provided over the same high capacity facility through a common interface. The facility may be ordered either as digital high capacity BellSouth SWA or Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA).

Billing will commence for the high capacity facility as soon as the facility is turned over to the IC for use (i.e., on the service date.) Such billing will include charges for the Local Channel or Switched Local Channel, the Channelization Equipment (i.e., the multiplexer) and the interoffice transport mileage, if any. Nonrecurring installation charges will also apply at this time.

Such billing will continue until such time as the IC requests, by placing an order for service, that one or more of the derived channels be used in the provisioning of an end to end BellSouth SWA or Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service. When the end to end service is turned over to the IC for use, the existing billing may be modified and billing for the end to end service will commence.

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**E7. SPECIAL ACCESS (A.K.A. BELLSOUTH SPA) SERVICE**

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## E7. SPECIAL ACCESS (A.K.A. BELLSOUTH SPA) SERVICE

### E7.1 General

Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service provides a transmission path to connect customer designated premises<sup>1</sup>, either directly or through a Company hub where bridging or channelization functions are performed. Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service<sup>2</sup> includes all exchange access not utilizing Company end office switches.

The connections provided by Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service can be either analog or digital. Analog connections are differentiated by spectrum and bandwidth. Digital connections are differentiated by bit rate.

#### E7.1.1 Channel Types

- A. There are nine types of channels used to provide Special Access services. Each type has its own characteristics. All are subdivided by one or more of the following:
- Transmission specifications
  - Bandwidth
  - Speed (i.e., bit rate)
  - Spectrum
- B. Customers can order a basic channel and select from a list of available transmission parameters and channel interfaces, those that they desire to meet specific communications requirements.
- C. For purposes of ordering channels, each has been identified as a type of Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service. However, such identification is not intended to limit a customer's use of the channel nor to imply that the channel is limited to a particular use. For example, if a customer's equipment is capable of transmitting voice over a channel that is identified as Metallic<sup>4</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Metallic) service in this Tariff, there is no restriction against doing so.
- D. Following is a brief description of each type of channel:
1. Metallic<sup>4</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Metallic) - a channel for the transmission of low speed varying signals at rates up to 30 baud.
  2. Telegraph<sup>4</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Telegraph) Grade - a channel for the transmission of binary signals at rates of 0 to 75 baud or 0 to 150 baud.
  3. Voice Grade<sup>4</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) - a channel for the transmission of analog signals within an approximate bandwidth of 300-3000 Hz.
  4. WATS Access Line<sup>4</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA WATS Line) (WAL) - a channel from a customer designated premises to a WATS serving office for 800, WATS or similar service.
  5. **(DELETED)** (T)
  6. **(DELETED)**
  7. Digital Data Access<sup>4</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 Digital Data) - a channel for the digital transmission of synchronous serial data at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 or 56.0 kbps.
  8. High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) - a channel for the transmission of isochronous serial digital data at rates of 1.544, 3.152, 6.312, or 44.736 Mbps.
  9. Derived Data Channel<sup>4</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Derived Data Channel) - a digital data channel derived from a two-wire local exchange facility that transmits voice and data signals simultaneously.

Note 1: Company Centrex Type Services Switches and Company Answering Service Concentrators are considered to be customer premises for purposes of administering regulations and rates contained in this Tariff.

Note 2: For purposes of administering the surcharge regulations, WATS (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA WATS Line) access lines are considered to be Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service.

Note 3: **(DELETED)** (T)

Note 4: 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 June 30, 2024.

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### E7.1 General (Cont'd)

#### E7.1.4 Alternate Use

Alternate Use occurs when a service is arranged by the Company so that the customer can select different types of transmission at different times. A customer may use a service in any privately beneficial manner. However, where technical or engineering changes are required to effectuate an alternative use, the Company will make such special arrangements available on an individual case basis.

The arrangement required to transfer the service from one operation to the other (i.e., the transfer relay and control leads) will be rated and provided on an individual case basis and filed in Section E12., Specialized Service or Arrangements. The customer will pay the stated tariff rates for the Access service rate elements for the service ordered (i.e., Local Channels, Interoffice Channels as applicable, and Optional Features and Functions, if any.)

#### E7.1.5 Special Facilities Routing

A customer may request that the facilities used to provide Special Access (*a.k.a. BellSouth SPA*) service be specially routed. The regulations, rates and charges for Special Facilities Routing (i.e., Avoidance, Diversity and Cable Only) are as set forth in Section E11. following.

#### E7.1.6 Design Layout Report

At the request of the customer, the Company will provide to the customer the make-up of the facilities and services provided under this Tariff as Special Access (*a.k.a. BellSouth SPA*) service to aid the customer in designing its overall service. This information will be provided in the form of a Design Layout Report.

The Design Layout Report will be provided to the customer at no charge, and will be reissued or updated whenever these facilities are materially changed.

#### E7.1.7 Acceptance Testing

At no additional charge, the Company will, at the customer's request, cooperatively test, at the time of installation, the following parameters:

- A. For Voice Grade<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) services, acceptance tests will include tests for loss, 3-tone slope, DC continuity, operational signaling, C-notched noise and C-message noise when these parameters are applicable and specified in the order for service. Additionally, for Voice Grade<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) services, a balance (improved loss) test will be made if the customer has ordered the improved loss optional feature.
- B. For other analog services (i.e., Metallic<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Metallic), Telegraph<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Telegraph), WATS Access Line<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA WATS Line) and for digital services (i.e., Digital Data Access<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 Digital Data), WATS Access Line<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA WATS Line) and High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity)), acceptance tests will include tests for the parameters applicable to the service as specified in the order for service. (D)

In addition to the above tests, Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing for Voice Grade<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) service to test other parameters, as described in E13.3.5.B. following, is available at the customer's request. All test results will be made available to the customer upon request.

#### E7.1.8 Ordering Options And Conditions

- A. The ordering option available to the customer in the provision of Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service is:
  - 1. Access Order
- B. This option is set forth in detail in Section E5. preceding. Also included in that section are other charges which may be associated with ordering Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service (e.g., Service Date Change Charges, Cancellation Charges, etc.).

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### E7.1 General (Cont'd)

#### E7.1.8 Ordering Options and Conditions (Cont'd)

- C. For the purposes of ordering, there are nine categories of Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service. These are:
1. - Metallic<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Metallic) (MT)
  2. - Telegraph Grade<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Telegraph) (TG)
  3. - Voice Grade<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) (VG)
  4. - **(DELETED)**
  5. - Digital Data Access<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 Digital Data) service (DDAS)
  6. - High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) (HC)
  7. - WATS Access Line<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA WATS Line) (WAL)
  8. - Derived Data Channel<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Derived Data Channel) service (DDCS)
  9. - Self-Healing Rings (SMARTRing<sup>3</sup> service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring))
- D. Each service consists of a basic channel to which a predefined technical specifications package, channel interface(s) and, when desired, optional features and functions are added to construct the service desired by the customer. Each of the components of the service is described in this section. Terms, conditions, and rates for Physical Access Collocation Cross-Connects and Virtual Access Collocation Cross-Connects are set forth in Section E13. of this Tariff for those services that are permitted to connect directly to a carrier's collocation space.
- E. The channel description specifies the characteristics of the basic channel and indicates whether the channel is provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Company hub where bridging and/or channelization functions are performed.
- F. Information pertaining to the technical specifications packages indicates the transmission parameters that are available with each package. This information is displayed in a matrix with the transmission parameters listed down the left side and the packages listed across the top. Each package is identified by a code, e.g., VG1. The first two letters of the code indicate the category of Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service to which the parameters are applicable. These two-letter codes are shown above in parentheses following the category of Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service. The number "1" following the two-letter code indicates the technical specifications package for a voice grade<sup>2</sup> service. An alphanumeric designation following the two-letter code indicates the specific predefined package. When appropriate, the Technical Reference which contains detailed specifications for the parameters is shown following the matrix.

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**Note 3:** Effective on or after December 1, 2021, neither new nor existing customers will be permitted to purchase new SMARTRing Service (Service). In addition, (A) Service Payment Plans greater than 12-months in length will no longer be available; and (B) requests to move, add, change, upgrade, or downgrade existing service arrangements will not be accepted, with the following exceptions: (1) existing customers will be permitted to modify their existing Service and will be able to add new circuits to their existing Service, but will not be permitted to add new nodes in any locations; and (2) any such new circuits will be subject to the customer's existing term payment plan or term agreement for the Service to which they are added. Following the expiration of a customer's existing term agreement, Service will be provided on a month-to-month basis at the applicable Month-to-Month rates until the Service is discontinued.

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- G.** Channel interfaces at each point of termination on a two-point service may be symmetrical or asymmetrical. On a multipoint service they may also be symmetrical or asymmetrical. However, communications can only be provided between points of termination with compatible channel interfaces. Only certain channel interfaces are compatible. These are set forth in a combination format.

Only certain channel interface combinations are available with the predefined technical specifications packages. These are delineated in the Technical References set forth at the end of this E7.2.

- H.** The optional features and functions available with each type of Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service are described in this section. The optional features and functions information also indicates with which technical specifications packages they are available. Such information is displayed in a matrix with the optional feature or function listed down the left side and the technical specifications package listed across the top.
- I.** The Company will maintain existing transmission specifications on services installed prior to the effective date of this Tariff, except that the existing services with performance specifications exceeding the standard listed in this provision will be maintained at the performance levels specified in this Tariff.

All services installed after the effective date of this Tariff will conform to the transmission specification standards contained in this Tariff or in the following Technical References for each category of service:

Metallic <sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Metallic)	TR-NPL-000336
Telegraph Grade <sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Telegraph)	TR-NPL-000336
Voice Grade <sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DSO VG)	TR-NPL-000335 PUB 41004, Table 4
Digital Data Access <sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth DSO Digital Data) For 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 and 56.0 Kbps For 19.2 Kbps	TR-NPL-000341 BellCore PUB 62310
For 64.0 Kbps High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity)	INC. BULLETIN CB-INC-100 AT&T PUB 62310 TR-INS-000342 TR-NPL-000054
WATS Access Line <sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA WATS Line) Derived Data Channel <sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Derived Data Channel) Service	TR-NPL-000334 BellSouth TR-73548 BellSouth TR-73548, Addendum 1

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## E7. SPECIAL ACCESS (A.K.A. BELLSOUTH SPA) SERVICE

### E7.2 Service Descriptions

#### E7.2.1 Metallic<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Metallic) Service

A. Basic Channel Description

A Metallic (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Metallic) channel is an unconditioned two-wire channel capable of transmitting low speed varying signals at rates up to 30 baud. This channel is provided by metallic or equivalent facilities. Metallic (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Metallic) channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Company Hub where bridging functions are performed. Interoffice metallic facilities will be limited in length to a total of five miles per channel. Metallic (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Metallic) facilities will only be provided where available.

B. Technical Specifications Packages

Parameter	Package MT-		
	1	2	3
DC Resistance Between Conductors	X	X	
Loop Resistance			X
Shunt Capacitance			X

The technical specifications are delineated in Technical Reference TR-NPL-000336.

C. Channel Interfaces

Compatible channel interfaces are set forth in Technical Reference TR-NPL-000336.

D. Optional Features And Functions

1. Central Office Bridging Capability

- a. Three Premises Bridging - Provision of tip-to-tip and ring-to-ring connection in a central office of a metallic pair to a third customer designated premises.

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### E7.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

#### E7.2.6 High Capacity (*a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity*) Service (Cont'd)

##### D. Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

##### 3. Channelization

###### a. DS3 to DS1

An arrangement that channelizes a 44.736 Mbps channel to 28 DS1 channels.

###### b. DS2 to DS1

An arrangement that channelizes a 6.312 Mbps channel to four DS1 channels.

###### c. DS1C to DS1

An arrangement that channelizes a 3.152 Mbps channel to two DS1 channels.

###### d. DS1 Basic Channelization System

An arrangement that channelizes a 1.544 Mbps channel to a maximum of twenty-four channels that may be used to activate both analog and digital service, e.g., voice grade, and digital data access service. A DS1 Basic Channelization System requires a Central Office Channel Interface for each channel of lesser capacity. (D)

###### e. DS0 Basic Channelization System<sup>1</sup>

An arrangement that channelizes a 64.0 Kbps channel to subspeeds of up to twenty 2.4 Kbps, ten 4.8 Kbps, or five 9.6 Kbps channels. A DS0 Basic Channelization System requires a Central Office Channel Interface for each channel of lesser capacity.

##### 4. Channel Interface

###### a. DS1 Level Channel Interface

An arrangement for the connection of DS1 (1.544 Mbps) channels to higher order DS3 (44.736 Mbps) services in Company central office locations.

###### b. DS1 Level Customer Channel Interface

An arrangement for the connection of DS1 (1.544 Mbps) channels to higher order DS3 (44.736 Mbps) services at customer locations.

###### c. DS0 Level Central Office Channel Interface<sup>1</sup>

An arrangement for the connection of VG/DS0 (2.4-64.0 Kbps) channels to higher order DS1 (1.544 Mbps) services in Company central office locations.

###### d. Subrate Level Central Office Channel Interface<sup>1</sup>

An arrangement for the connection of subrate (2.4-9.6 Kbps) channels to higher order DS0 (64.0 Kbps) services in Company central office locations.

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### E7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

#### E7.4.1 Types Of Rates And Charges (Cont'd)

##### A. (Cont'd)

##### 2. Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

- Voice Grade<sup>(3)</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG),
  - **(DELETED)**
  - Digital Data Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 Digital Data) service<sup>(1)(3)</sup>,
  - High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) service
  - SMARTRing<sup>(5)</sup> service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring)
- Provided, however, that the following services are not eligible for such credit.
- FlexServ service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Customer Reconfiguration)
  - Derived Data Channel<sup>(3)</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Derived Data Channel) service
  - BellSouth Metro Ethernet<sup>(4)</sup> service

##### a. Installation of Service

Nonrecurring charges apply to each service installed. When one service is ordered and installed, it is billed at the First Service Installed rate. When more than one of the same type of service, between the same locations, for the same customer is ordered and installed at the same time, one at each location is billed at the First Service Installed rate and the others are billed at the Additional Service Installed rate.

##### b. Installation of Optional Features and Functions

Nonrecurring charges apply for the installation of some of the optional features and functions available with Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service. The Initial nonrecurring charge applies if the feature or function is installed coincident with the primary service. The Subsequent nonrecurring charge applies if the feature or function is installed after the installation of the primary service.

First and Additional nonrecurring charges are applicable to activate each individual Central Office Channel Interface of a DS1 or DS0 Basic Channelization System<sup>(3)</sup>, and are in addition to the nonrecurring charges for the DS1 or DS0 Basic Channelization System<sup>(3)</sup>. A "First" Central Office Channel Interface nonrecurring charge is applicable to the first Central Office Channel Interface installed coincident with the installation of a DS1 or DS0 Basic Channelization System<sup>(3)</sup>, per service request. The "Additional" nonrecurring charge applies for each additional Central Office Channel Interface, of the same type, ordered and installed at the same location, for the same customer, at the same time, on the same order request. Future requests for a Central Office Channel Interface on an existing DS1 or DS0 Basic Channelization System<sup>(3)</sup> will be treated as new requests and will require "First" and "Additional" Central Office Channel Interface nonrecurring charge application in addition to any other applicable charges.

One nonrecurring charge is applicable for each individual DS1 level central office or customer channel interface and is in addition to any other applicable charges.

The nonrecurring charges for the installation of optional features and functions are set forth in E7.5 following as nonrecurring charges for optional features and functions associated with the specific services.

**Note 1:** The Data Over Voice Channel optional feature is not eligible for such credit.

**Note 2:** **(DELETED)**

**Note 3:** 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 June 30, 2024.

**Note 4:** Effective on or after August 22, 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 31, 2023.

**Note 5:** Effective on or after December 1, 2021, neither new nor existing customers will be permitted to purchase new SMARTRing Service (Service). In addition, (A) Service Payment Plans greater than 12-months in length will no longer be available; and (B) requests to move, add, change, upgrade, or downgrade existing service arrangements will not be accepted, with the following exceptions: (1) existing customers will be permitted to modify their existing Service and will be able to add new circuits to their existing Service, but will not be permitted to add new nodes in any locations; and (2) any such new circuits will be subject to the customer's existing term payment plan or term agreement for the Service to which they are added. Following the expiration of a customer's existing term agreement, Service will be provided on a month-to-month basis at the applicable Month-to-Month rates until the Service is discontinued.

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### E7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

#### E7.4.7 Facility Hubs

A customer has the option of ordering Voice Grade<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) facilities or digital high capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) facilities (i.e., DS1, DS1C, DS2, or DS3) to a facility Hub for channelizing to individual services requiring lower capacity facilities (e.g., Telegraph<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Telegraph), Voice<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG), etc.). (D)

Different locations may be designated as Hubs for different facility capacities, e.g., channelization from digital to digital may occur at one location while channelization from digital to analog may occur at a different location. When ordering, the customer will specify the desired channelization Hub(s) selected from the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 4. This tariff identifies the type(s) of channelization functions which are available and the serving wire centers at which they are available.

Some of the types of channelization available include the following:

- from higher to lower bit rate
- from digital to voice frequency channels

End to end services may be provided on channels of these facilities to a hub. The transmission performance for the end to end service provided between customer designated premises will be that of the lower capacity or bit rate. For example, when a 1.544 Mbps facility is channelized to voice frequency channels, the transmission performance of the channelized services will be Voice Grade<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG), not High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity).

The Company will commence billing the monthly rate for the facility to the Hub on the date specified by the customer on the service order. Individual services utilizing these facilities may be installed coincident with the installation of the facility to the Hub or may be ordered and/or installed at a later date, at the option of the customer. The customer will be billed for a Voice Grade<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) or digital Local Channel, Interoffice Channel, if applicable and the Basic Channelization System at the time the facility is installed. DS1 and DS0 Basic Channelization Systems<sup>2</sup> require a Central Office Channel Interface for activation of each lesser capacity channel. DS3 to DS1 channelization arrangements, for transport of intrastate DS1 (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS1) high capacity service channels via LightGate<sup>®</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Point to Point Network) and SMARTRing<sup>®3</sup> services (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Dedicated Ring), require a DS1 channel interface for activation of each DS1 channel. Individual service rates (by service type) will apply for a Local Channel, additional Interoffice Channel and Central Office Channel Interface(s) (as required), if applicable, for each channelized service. These will be billed to the customer as each individual service is installed.

Cascading channelization occurs when a high capacity analog or 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 Interfaces(s) also applies. A DS1 Basic Channelization System and DDAS<sup>2</sup> Central Office Channel Interface are required for highspeed or lowspeed DDAS<sup>2</sup> activations when channelized from a DS1 (1.544 Mbps) channel. A DS0 Basic Channelization System<sup>2</sup> and Subrate Central Office Channel Interface<sup>2</sup> are required for subrate activations of 2.4, 4.8 and 9.6 Kbps when channelized from a DS0 (64 Kbps)<sup>2</sup> channel. When cascading channelization is performed at different Hubbing locations. Interoffice Channel charges also apply between the Hubs.

A customer can order service(s) between customer designated premises and a hub and will be billed accordingly at the rates set forth in E7.5.5 following for the service, as appropriate. The customer will be charged for each such connection made at the rates for Other Labor as set forth in E13.2.6.(c) following. The rates that apply for the service between each customer designated premises and the hub are a Local Channel and Interoffice Channel, if applicable. (D)

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**E7.5 Rates And Charges (Cont'd)**

**E7.5.3 Voice Grade<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) Service (Cont'd)**

**D. WATS Access Line<sup>2</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA WATS Line)**

2. Interoffice Channel

a. Mileage Bands

(1) Fixed Rate

	<b>Fixed Monthly Charge</b>	<b>Monthly Charge Per Mile</b>	<b>Nonrecurring Charge</b>	<b>USOC</b>
(a) 0 mile	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1LFFX
(b) 1 thru 8 miles	39.90	2.70	121.00	1LFFX
(c) 9 thru 25 miles	36.30	2.60	121.00	1LFFX
(d) Over 25 miles	36.30	2.50	121.00	1LFFX

3. Optional Features

a. Improved Two-Wire Voice Transmission Specifications

(1) For WATS Access Line (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA WATS Line)

	<b>Monthly Rate</b>	<b>Nonrecurring Charge</b>		<b>USOC</b>
		<b>Initial</b>	<b>Subsequent</b>	
(a) Two-Wire	\$ 24.20	\$ 43.50	\$ 106.40	X2T

b. WATS Access Line (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA WATS Line) Bridging

(1) Two-Wire/Four-Wire, per port

	<b>Monthly Rate</b>	<b>Nonrecurring Charge</b>	<b>USOC</b>
(a) Two-Wire	\$ 14.52	\$ 41.80	BCNV2
(b) Four-Wire	16.94	41.80	BCNV4

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### E7.5 Rates And Charges (Cont'd)

#### E7.5.6 High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth® SPA High Capacity) Service (Cont'd)

C. Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

2. Channel Interfaces (Per Interface)

a. Sub-DS3 Interfaces

(1) DS1 Level Central Office Channel Interface

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	24 to 48 Months <sup>1, 4</sup>	49 to 72 Months <sup>1, 4</sup>	73 to 96 Months <sup>1, 4</sup>	USOC
(a) Asynchronous	\$170.00	\$12.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 6.00	1D3CA
(b) Synchronous	150.00	36.00	31.00	28.00	25.00	1D3CS
(2) DS1 Level Customer Channel Interface						
(a) Asynchronous	\$315.00	\$17.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	1D3DA
(b) Synchronous	245.00	45.00	36.00	33.00	30.00	1D3DS

b. Sub-DS1 Level Interfaces

(1) VG/DS0 Level Central Office Channel Interface

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	USOC
(a) BellSouth® SWA	\$0.00	\$0.00	1D1SW
(b) Metallic <sup>3</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth® SPA Metallic)	7.00	6.00	1D1ME
(c) Telegraph <sup>3</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth® SPA Telegraph)	7.00	6.00	1D1TE
(d) Voice Grade <sup>3</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth® SPA DS0 VG)	7.00	6.00	1D1VG
(e) WATS Access Line <sup>3</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth® SPA WATS Line)	7.00	6.00	1D1WT
(f) <b>(DELETED)</b>			
(g) <b>(DELETED)</b>			
(h) DDAS <sup>3</sup>	7.00	6.00	1D1DD

c. Sub-DS0 Level Interfaces<sup>3</sup>

(1) Subrate Central Office Channel Interface

(a) Subrate (2,4, 4.8, & 9.6 Kbps)	7.00	6.00	13.00	1DOSR
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Note 1: Effective March 27, 2019, Customers may not: (1) Establish CSPPs greater than 36 months for High Capacity Service, and (2) Convert or renew CSPPs for High Capacity Service.

Note 2: **(DELETED)**

Note 3: 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 June 30, 2024.

Note 4: Effective November 1, 2022, customers may not establish new term plans of greater than 24 months for High Capacity Service Channel Service Payment Plans.

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a.k.a.	also known as
AML	Actual Measured Loss
ANI	Automatic Number Identification
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