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## E5. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR BELL SOUTH SPECIAL ACCESS (A.K.A. BELL SOUTH SPA) SERVICE

### 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 charge as set forth following. When Access Service is disconnected after the expiration of the minimum period, billing for the service will be in accordance with Section E2.4.1. 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:

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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.

- B. All applicable nonrecurring charges for the service will be billed in addition to the Minimum Period Charge.
- C. 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.

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 (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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**E5. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR BELLSOUTH  
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**E5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)**

**E5.2.8 Shared Use Facilities (Cont'd)**

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**E5.3 Available Inventory**

Available inventory is limited and does not include facilities previously ordered. The 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.

**E5.4 Shared Network Arrangement**

**E5.4.1 DELETE**

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

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## E7. SPECIAL ACCESS (A.K.A. BELL SOUTH SPA) SERVICE

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

#### E7.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

- D.** Self-healing Multi-nodal Alternate Route Topology Ring (SMARTRing<sup>l</sup> service [a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring]) (Cont'd)
7. Interoffice Channel  
The Interoffice Channel provides for the communications path between directly connected Telephone Company central offices located on a SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring). It is available with all capacities of SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) except OC-1. This rate element does not apply where Central Office Nodes are adjacently connected in the same Central Office on the same SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) for the purpose of providing additional node capacity.
  8. Internodal Channel  
The Internodal Channel provides for the communications path between two directly connected Customer Nodes of a given SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) located (a) in the same Serving Wire Center area or (b) in the same Office Park/Campus Environment or contiguous property, located in contiguous Serving Wire Center areas. It is available with all capacities of SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) except OC-1. This rate element does not apply where Customer Nodes are adjacently connected in the same building on the same SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) for the purpose of providing additional node capacity.
  9. Channel Interface Capacity Reallocation  
Channel Interface Capacity Reallocation allows the customer to reallocate STS-1, DS3 capacity interfaces at each node subsequent to the initial service installation.
- E.** Access Collocation Cross-Connects  
Access Collocation Cross-Connects provide a means for customers to interconnect their Shared Use Digital High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) to Central Office Collocation arrangements within the same Central Office. 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. (D)

#### E7.1.3 Service Configurations

There are three types of service configurations over which Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) services are provided: two-point service, multipoint service and SMARTRing<sup>l</sup> service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring)

**Note 1:** 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.

Effective November 30, 2023, unless specified to the contrary in their existing Service agreements, existing customers may not renew Term Payment Plans or term agreements for Service. In addition, no move, add, or change orders of any type will be accepted.

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## E7. SPECIAL ACCESS (A.K.A. BELL SOUTH SPA) SERVICE

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

#### E7.4.8 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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