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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 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 E2.4.1 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 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. **(DELETED)**
- B.** The Minimum Period Charges for BellSouth SWA FDG and BellSouth SWA TSBSA 3 service will be as set forth in E2.4.2 preceding.
- C.** **(DELETED)**
- 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.

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⁽¹⁾ Facilities

Shared Use occurs when BellSouth SWA services are provided over the same high capacity facility through a common interface. The facility may be ordered as digital high capacity BellSouth SWA.

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 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. 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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E5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

E5.2.8 Shared Use⁽¹⁾ Facilities (Cont'd)

When the original facility is ordered as Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA), the billing change to the existing facility, if any, will depend on whether the end to end service provisioned over the derived channel(s) is Special (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) or BellSouth SWA. If Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service, the billing for the facility will not change but additional billing will commence for the end to end service provisioned over the facility. This billing will include an additional local channel(s) and interoffice mileage, if applicable, of a lower capacity level (e.g. voice grade).

When the original facility is ordered as Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) and BellSouth SWA service is provisioned over a derived channel(s), the Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) billing for the original facility will be reduced in direct proportion to the number of channels being utilized for BellSouth SWA service. For example, if six channels of DS1 are to be used for BellSouth SWA, the Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) rate will be reduced by one fourth. The IC will be billed one fourth of the BellSouth SWA DS1 rate, plus all other applicable BellSouth SWA charges for the service provided.

When the original facility is ordered as BellSouth SWA, the billing change to the existing facility, if any, will depend on whether the end to end service provisioned over the derived channel(s) is BellSouth SWA or Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service. If BellSouth SWA service, the billing for the facility will not change but additional billing will commence for the end to end service provisioned over the facility. This billing will include local switching, carrier common line and additional interoffice transport at a lower capacity, if applicable.

When the original facility is ordered as BellSouth SWA and Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service is provisioned over a derived channel(s), the BellSouth SWA billing for the original facility will be reduced in direct proportion to the number of channels being utilized for Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service. For example, if six channels of a DS1 are to be used for Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA), the BellSouth SWA rate will be reduced by one fourth. The IC will be billed three fourths of the BellSouth SWA DS1 rate, plus all other applicable BellSouth SWA charges. The IC will be billed one fourth of the Special Access DS1 (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS1) rate, plus all other applicable charges for the Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service provided.

BellSouth Dedicated Ring is only available for Shared Use with SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) and vice versa. When these services are ordered for Shared Use Arrangements, all ring level components must be ordered as either BellSouth SWA or Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service.

E5.2.9 BellSouth SWA Service To Cellular Interconnections

For BellSouth SWA FGD, BellSouth SWA TSBSA 1 and 3 BellSouth SWA service provided to a Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO) directly interconnected to a Company access tandem office, the customer shall provide information to the Company indicating the NXX code(s) to be accessed.

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 General

- A. Shared Network Arrangement (SNA) is a service offering whereby one or more customers may share capacity on a channelized high capacity service. The BellSouth SWA DS3 and BellSouth SWA DS1 Service customers who are sharing capacity on their services with others are considered to be the host subscribers under these arrangements. The host subscriber is considered the customer for the higher level service and is solely responsible for payment of the rate elements for such level of service, from the subscriber's terminal location through channelization. SNAs will be limited to customers utilizing BellSouth SWA DS3 Service sharing capacity with other customers utilizing sub-BellSouth SWA DS3 Services and/or customers utilizing BellSouth SWA DS1 Service sharing capacity with other customers utilizing sub-BellSouth SWA DS1 services. Each rate element of any complete service, associated with the SNA, will be billed to a single subscriber and the Company will maintain separate records (including billing and network configuration) for each customer's portion of the SNA.
- B. Each service user of the lower level service is responsible for payment of the charges associated with lower level service. Under the SNA, the Company may provide the host subscriber record information (e.g. traffic patterns, percent interstate usage, etc.) pertaining to the services of other users of the shared network. Disclosure of record information will be under the sole discretion of the Company as is necessary to perform billing reconciliations and/or other functions required in connection with maintaining separate account records.

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