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

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

**A.** When Access Service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable for the balance of the minimum period. A disconnect date is the final date the IC 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 and 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 Section 6.8 of Tariff FCC No. 1.
- 3. (DELETED)
- 4. (DELETED)
- B. The Minimum Period Charges for BellSouth SWA FGD service will be as set forth in E2.4 preceding.
- C. (DELETED)
- D. All applicable nonrecurring charges for the service will be billed in addition to the Minimum Period Charge.

#### E5.2.7 Shared Use<sup>(1)</sup> Facilities

Shared Use occurs when Switched 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.

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 BellSouth SWA 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 BellSouth SWA service provided.

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# E5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

### E5.2.7 Shared Use<sup>(1)</sup> Facilities (Cont'd)

When the original facility is ordered as BellSouth SWA, the billing charge 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 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, line terminations, 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 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 service. For example, if six channels of a DS1 are to be used for Special Access, 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 rate, plus all other applicable charges for the Special Access 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.

BellSouth Managed Shared Ring service is only available for Shared Use with SMARTGate service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Ring Network) and vice versa.

#### E5.2.8 BellSouth SWA Service to Cellular Interconnections

For BellSouth SWA FGB and BellSouth SWA FGD 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**

#### E5.3.1 General

- A. 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 the IC's requested service date interval.
- **B.** 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 Interexchange Carrier(s) (ICs) may share capacity on a channelized high capacity service. When a SNA is used to provide BellSouth SWA services, the Point of Presence (POP) of the host subscriber and of the service user(s) must be in the same location. The IC that subscribes to the channelized BellSouth SWA DS3 or BellSouth SWA DS1 high capacity service and shares capacity on their service with other ICs is considered to be the host subscriber under a SNA. The ICs who subscribe to BellSouth SWA DS1- or BellSouth SWA DS0-level service(s) which ride on the host subscriber's channelized BellSouth SWA DS3 or BellSouth SWA DS1 high capacity service are considered to be the service users. 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 IC's portion of the SNA.

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