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PURPOSE: Effective August 29, 2025, the Company is grandfathering the 12-month term payment plan for MegaLink, LightGate, MegaLink Channel Service, MegaLink Plus, and MegaLink Lights. Customers cannot establish or renew a term payment for these services. Existing customers can continue with existing term payment plans until those terms expire.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE

B7.1 MegaLink Service

B7.1.1 General

- A. MegaLink service is furnished for Private Line IntraLATA Communications by the Company.
- B. MegaLink service is a service for the transmission of digital signals only and uses only digital transmission facilities.
- C. MegaLink service provides for the simultaneous two-way transmission of isochronous digital signals at speeds of DS1/1.544 Mbps, where facilities are available.
- D. To ensure satisfactory operation, the terminal equipment provided by the customer must be compatible with the DS1/1.544 Mbps channel facility provided by the Company. The technical specifications and standard network interfaces for MegaLink service contained in Technical Reference Publication #78525. This publication is available from Documentation Operations, North W5A1, 3535 Colonnade Parkway, Birmingham, Alabama 35243.
- E. Unless specified following, the terms and conditions for MegaLink service specified herein apply in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in Section B2. preceding.
- F. The rates specified for MegaLink service in B7.1.3 following contemplate the provision of a digital quality facility utilizing existing interoffice carrier equipment and/or exchange cable facilities compatible with this service. If such equipment, new facilities or changes to existing facilities are required for the provision of this service, a special construction charge based on the cost incurred to make the changes will apply in addition to the rates for MegaLink service.

B7.1.2 Terms and Conditions

A. Description of Service

1. MegaLink service is furnished for the simultaneous two-way transmission of serial, Bipolar Return-to-Zero (BPRZ) isochronous digital signals, except where intentional bipolar violations are introduced by Bipolar with 8 Zero Substitution (B8ZS) format, at a speed of DS1/1.544 Mbps between two-points located within a LATA.
2. Multipoint service is not available.
3. MegaLink service is available on a month-to-month basis or under variable rate periods, with rates based on lengths of 12 months⁴, 24-48 months², 49-72 months¹, or 73-96 months¹, under conditions specified in B2.4.9.
4. Connection of DS1/1.544 Mbps communications systems provided by others may be made on a permissive basis as provided for in Section B2., the Company does not represent its MegaLink service as adapted for such connections, and shall not be responsible for the through transmission of signals, or the quality of such transmission on such connections.
5. A Channel Service Unit (CSU) or appropriate Termination Equipment (TE) provided by the customer is required at a customer's or authorized user's premises to perform such functions as:
 - proper termination of the service
 - amplification
 - signal shaping
 - remote loop-back
6. The design, maintenance and operation of MegaLink service contemplates communications originating and terminating as (1) a customer premises to customer premises channel via the Company's Serving Wire Center, (SWC) - and/or through remote SWCs; (2) a customer premises to the Serving Wire Center - and/or to remote SWCs - partial channel (link); or (3) a central office to central office (interoffice) partial channel (link).
7. MegaLink service may also be furnished on a link (partial channel) basis when connected to Centrex Type Services³, FlexServ service, MegaLink Plus service, MegaLink channel service, and/or another MegaLink service.
8. All appropriate rates specified in other guidebook sections are in addition to the monthly rate per package or single channel for MegaLink service specified in this Guidebook.

Note 1: As of October 1, 2013, payment periods greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 2: As of April 5, 2021, the 24-36 Month Contract Term is no longer available for new or reviewing subscribers.

Note 3: Connection from MegaLink service to Centrex Type Services may not be available from all serving wire centers.

Note 4: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE

B7.1 MegaLink Service (Cont'd)

B7.1.2 Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

F. Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowance

1. The minimum period for which MegaLink service is furnished and for which charges are applicable is one month.
2. Suspension of service is not allowed.
3. When MegaLink service is interrupted due to causes other than negligence of the customer, or to the failure of facilities or equipment furnished by the customer, a credit allowance will be made upon request for the portion of service affected. For the purpose of determining the amount of allowance, every month is considered to have 30 days. All credit allowances shall begin from the time of notice by the customer to the Company and will end when the service is operative. No credit is allowed for interruption to service of less than 30 minutes. Interruptions of 30 minutes or more are credited to the customer at the proportionate monthly rate in half-hour multiples for each half-hour, or major fraction thereof, of interruption. A customer must report the outage in order to receive service outage credit. The total credit received in any month shall not exceed the monthly rate for the service.

B7.1.3 Rates and Charges

		Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	12 ⁶ Months	24-48 ^{4,5} Months	49-72 ⁴ Months	73-96 ⁴ Months	USOC	(C)
A. A Digital Local Channel is furnished between a Serving Wire Center and the customer's premises. Rates are based on the airline distance between the Serving Wire Center and the customer's premises.									
1. Digital Local Channel, each ¹									
(a)	First 1/2 mile	\$314.50	\$5,895.00	\$172.00	\$94.85	\$94.85	\$94.85	1LDPZ	
(b)	Each additional 1/2 mile, or fraction thereof	-	2,575.00	75.00	41.60	40.65	39.70	1LDPA	
B. Interoffice Channels are furnished between Central Offices. Rates are based on the airline distance between Central Offices. ^{1,3}									
1. Interoffice Channel, each channel 0-8 miles ²									
(a)	Fixed monthly rate	121.00	4,031.00	117.00	64.85	64.85	64.85	1LNO1	
(b)	Each airline mile, or fraction thereof	-	1,563.00	44.00	25.10	24.20	24.15	1LNOA	
2. Interoffice Channel, each channel 9-25 miles ²									
(a)	Fixed monthly rate	121.00	4,031.00	117.00	64.85	64.85	64.85	1LNO2	
(b)	Each airline mile, or fraction thereof	-	1,563.00	43.00	24.15	23.65	23.15	1LNOB	
3. Interoffice Channel, each channel over 25 miles ²									
(a)	Fixed monthly rate	121.00	4,031.00	117.00	64.85	64.85	64.85	1LNO3	
(b)	Each airline mile, or fraction thereof	-	1,563.00	41.00	23.15	22.70	22.20	1LNOC	

Note 1: Contract lengths are flexible to allow customer choice of payment period per B2.4.9.

Note 2: MegaLink Plus service, specified in B7.9, references rates and charges for this rate element.

Note 3: Refer to B3.3 for mileage measurement methodology.

Note 4: As of October 1, 2013, Contract Terms greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 5: As of April 5, 2021, the 24-36 Month Contract Term is no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 6: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7.3 MegaLink Channel Service (Cont'd)

B7.3.2 Application of Rates (Cont'd)

- E. MegaLink channel service systems and feature activations are available on a month-to-month basis or under variable rate periods with rates based on lengths of 36 months², 60 months¹, or 84 months¹ under conditions specified in B2.4 except as modified following. Contract rate increases are subject to the stipulations of F. following. All elements of a contract will expire at the same time (be coterminous).
1. Individual exchange network access and private line channel services that are connected to MegaLink channel service are not offered under MegaLink channel service master contract rate stability provisions. They are subject to their standard *guidebook* provisions as appropriate.
- F. MegaLink channel service rates under contract will not be increased by Company initiative until the contract period expires. Those monthly rates for Basic System Capacity and Feature Activation in effect at the time the service is installed and/or as of the service order application date, will be applicable until the contract expires. At the expiration date of the customer's payment period option, the customer may select a new payment period option at current rates or revert to current rates on a month-to-month basis.
- G. A termination charge is applicable at the date of termination. The applicable charge is dependent on the contract period subscribed to and will be equal to fifty percent of the following: the number of months remaining in the contract period times the monthly rate for the Basic System Capacity and Feature Activation which are provided under contract. This is subject to the following exemptions.
1. No termination charge will be applicable for the Basic System capacity when the customer renegotiates a new contract for the same equipment or larger system at the same location(s) for a period of time greater than the time remaining on the existing contract, subject to contract periods contained in E. preceding.
 2. The termination liability basis for Feature Activation rates will be fifty percent (50%) of the total monthly rate for the activated features under contract, which are being disconnected. All features activated under contract are coterminous with the basic system with which they are associated. Any features subscribed to on a month-to-month basis have a minimum service period of one month and no associated termination liability.
 3. The termination liability for moves of MegaLink channel service under CSPP from one location to a different location in Company territory within the same state, with the exception of inside moves, will be applied as set forth in B2.4.9.A.11.
- H. Transfer of service responsibility between customers is permitted subject to payment of a Transfer Charge as specified in B7.3.4.C.

B7.3.3 Digital Architecture and Definitions

A. Digital Architecture

MegaLink channel services differ in provisioning method and numbering format from single channel services. These services will be available from the Company on a link (partial channel) basis rather than as an end-to-end service. This architecture is intended to promote more efficient connectivity of analog and digital networks in the future.

Both analog and digital channels are offered by the Company. Where traditional analog voice grade signals are provided to a customer at his premises, then comparable performance specifications to the Series 2100 (or 2000) Channel Services will be provided, as contained in the Private Line or General *Exchange Guidebooks*.

Note 1: As of October 1, 2013, payment periods greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 2: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE**B7.3 MegaLink Channel Service (Cont'd)****B7.3.4 Rates and Charges****A. Basic System Capacity**

The rates for a basic system without activated features for voice or data grade service are as follows.

1. Central Office¹

	Nonrecurring Charge	To Month	24 to 48 ^{2/3} Months	49 to 72 ^{2/3} Months	73 to 96 ^{2/3} Months	USOC
(a) 24 Voice Equivalent Channels	\$225.00	\$210.00	\$189.00	\$171.00	\$154.00	VUM24
(b) 48 Voice Equivalent Channels	270.00	367.75	309.70	300.00	290.35	VUM48
(c) 96 Voice Equivalent Channels	355.00	716.15	600.05	580.70	561.30	VUM96
(d) 144 Voice Equivalent Channels	440.00	1,035.55	871.00	842.00	758.00	VUM14
(e) 192 Voice Equivalent Channels	525.00	1,266.00	1,122.65	1,026.00	924.00	VUM19
(f) 240 Voice Equivalent Channels	610.00	1,482.00	1,334.00	1,197.00	1,078.00	VUM20
(g) 288 Voice Equivalent Channels	700.00	1,691.00	1,522.00	1,370.00	1,233.00	VUM28
(h) 384 Voice Equivalent Channels	870.00	2,061.00	1,855.00	1,670.00	1,503.00	VUM38
(i) 480 Voice Equivalent Channels	1,045.00	2,412.00	2,171.00	1,954.00	1,759.00	VUM40
(j) 576 Voice Equivalent Channels	1,215.00	2,752.00	2,477.00	2,230.00	2,007.00	VUM57
(k) 672 Voice Equivalent Channels	1,390.00	3,059.00	2,754.00	2,479.00	2,232.00	VUM67

Note 1: Contract lengths are flexible to allow customer choice of payment period per B2.4.9.

Note 2: As of October 1, 2013, payment periods greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 3: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE**B7.3 MegaLink Channel Service (Cont'd)****B7.3.4 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)****B. Feature Activation¹****1. Central Office****a. Analog Voice Service**

- (1) For Exchange Line, Foreign Exchange, OPS, Trunk, Centrex Type Services, Station Line, WATS Line, or Voice PL use

	Nonrecurring Charge		Month to Month	24 to 36 Months Contract	USOC
	First	Each Additional			
(a) Per feature activated ^{2,3,4}	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.50	\$5.00	1PQW+
(2) For Tie Line use					
(a) Per feature activated ^{2,3,4}	7.00	6.00	9.70	7.75	1PQW+
b. Analog Data Service					
(1) For data transmission use					
(a) Per feature activated ^{2,3,4}	7.00	6.00	9.70	7.75	1PQW+
c. Digital Data Service					
(1) For 2.4 Kbps, 4.8 Kbps, 9.6 Kbps, 19.2 Kbps, 56.0 Kbps and 64.0 Kbps data rates					
(a) Per feature activated ^{2,3,4}	7.00	6.00	13.00	11.00	1PQW+
d. Broadband Exchange Line Service					
(1) For 56 Kbps and 64 Kbps data rates					
(a) Per feature activated ^{2,3,4}	10.00	7.50	10.00	8.00	1PQW+

Note 1: Contract lengths are now flexible to allow customer choice of payment period per B2.4.9.

Note 2: The first nonrecurring charge is applicable to the first channel activated of a particular type at the same premises (or central office location). It is also applicable to a first channel of that type which is installed at a later time or different premises (or central office location).

Note 3: Each additional nonrecurring charge is applicable to each additional channel activated of the same type, at the same premises (or central office location), and at the same time.

Note 4: Represents 1 (one) voice equivalent channel per feature activated.

Note 5: As of October 1, 2013, payment periods greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 6: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE

B7.4 LightGate Service (Cont'd)

B7.4.2 Application of Rates (Cont'd)

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8. For LightGate service Interoffice Channel Systems the following is applicable:
 - A 28 DS1 channel system in addition to DS1 channel interfaces provide DS1 channel termination capability with LightGate 1 service.
 - An STS-1 channel system in addition to DS1 channel interfaces provide DS1 channel termination capability with STS-1 LightGate service.
 - An OC-3 channel system in addition to DS1 channel interfaces provide DS1 channel termination capability with OC-3, OC-12, OC-48 and OC-192 LightGate service. OC-3, OC-12 or OC-48 channel systems in addition to DS3 or STS-1 channel interfaces provide DS3 or STS-1 channel termination capability with LightGate OC-192 Interoffice Channel Systems.
 9. A channel system in addition to the lower level interfaces replaces the requirement for the higher level interface. For example, an OC-3 central office interface would be replaced with an OC-3 channel system and DS1 central office interfaces.
- D. LightGate service local channel mileage and Separate Alternate Facilities Transport mileage rates are distance sensitive. They are measured per half airline mile or fraction thereof from the customer's designated premises to the Serving Wire Center. Mileage is computed by using methodology and Vertical (V) and Horizontal (H) coordinates contained in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. No. 4. Fractional mileage shall be rounded up to the next half mile.
- E. Interoffice Channels furnished between Central Offices will be charged at rates based on airline distance between the Central Offices. Mileage is shown in B7.4.5.D following in terms of mileage bands. To determine the rate to be billed, first compute the mileage using methodology and Vertical (V) and Horizontal (H) coordinates contained in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. No. 4. Next find the band into which the computed mileage falls and apply the rates shown for that band. Fractional mileage shall be rounded up to the next full mile.
- F. LightGate service OC-3, OC-12 or OC-48 channel interfaces are associated with optical circuits within a LightGate service system. These optical circuits may be provisioned as concatenated. When an optical circuit is provisioned as concatenated, the multiple STS-1s within the optical circuit are provided as a single entity with a single overhead channel. When an optical circuit is provisioned as concatenated at the time the circuit is installed, there is no additional charge for provisioning it as concatenated. When an existing non-concatenated optical circuit is requested to be reconfigured as concatenated, a concatenation rearrangement charge shall apply. This rearrangement charge shall also apply when a request is made to convert an existing concatenated circuit to non-concatenated. This rearrangement charge is specified in B7.4.5.E following and is applied on a per circuit basis.
- G. Customers may request a C-Bit Parity framing format for a DS3 level circuit. If the request is made at the time the circuit is installed, there is no additional charge. When a request for C-Bit Parity framing format is made for an existing circuit, a nonrecurring charge will be applicable for rearranging the framing format on the circuit. This charge will also be applicable if a customer requests that the C-Bit Parity framing format be removed from a circuit. This charge is specified in B7.4.5.F. following and is applied on a per circuit basis.
- H. LightGate service Systems are available under contract only for variable rate periods with rates based on commitments of 12 months³, 24 to 48 months^{1,2}, 49 to 72 months¹, or 73 to 96 months¹ under conditions specified in B2.4 except as modified following. Contract rate increases are subject to the stipulations of I. following. All elements of a contract will expire at the same time (be coterminous).
1. LightGate service Systems are available only under contract as specified preceding. Month-to-Month rates are available at the conclusion of the initial contract period. Central office and customer channel interfaces are available on a month to month basis or under contract.
 2. All rate elements associated with a LightGate service local channel or interoffice channel must be provided under the same payment plan, provided however, that channel interfaces may be activated on month-to-month rates or a shorter payment period if desired.
 3. Channelized DS1/1.544 Mbps channels and Sub-DS1 Feature Activations are available under terms contained in MegaLink channel Service.
 - Note 1:** As of October 1, 2013, payment periods greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.
 - Note 2:** As of April 4, 2021, the 24-36 Month Contract Term for LightGate DS1 and DS3 channel interface options are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.
 - Note 3:** Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE**B7.4 LightGate Service (Cont'd)****B7.4.5 Rates and Charges****A. LightGate service Local Channel Systems**

The Basic System includes photonic common equipment and first one-half air mile of local channel fiber optic facilities.

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	12 ⁴ Months	24 to 48 ^{2,3} Months	49 to 72 ² Months	73 to 96 ² Months	USOC
1. LightGate 1 Basic System ¹							
(a) Per System	\$300.00	\$103,511.00 (1)	\$2,551.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,250.00	HFSC7
2. LightGate STS-1 Basic System ¹							
(a) Per System	700.00	3,280.00	2,824.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,250.00	HFST1
3. LightGate OC-3 Basic System ¹							
(a) Per System	700.00	6,743.00	NA	3,100.00	2,800.00	2,500.00	HFSO3
(b) Per System with Optical Customer Termination	700.00	4,432.00	NA	1,968.00	1,776.00	1,584.00	HFSOC
(c) Per System with Optical Serving Wire Center Termination	700.00	4,432.00	NA	1,968.00	1,776.00	1,584.00	HFSOW
4. LightGate OC-12 Basic System ¹							
(a) Per System	700.00	10,023.00	NA	5,100.00	4,600.00	4,150.00	HFS12
(b) Per System with Optical Customer Termination	700.00	6,998.00	NA	3,504.00	3,200.00	2,880.00	HFS1C
(c) Per System with Optical Serving Wire Center Termination	700.00	6,998.00	NA	3,504.00	3,200.00	2,880.00	HFS1W
5. LightGate OC-48 Basic System ¹							
(a) Per System	700.00	23,692.00	NA	11,000.00	10,000.00	9,000.00	HFS48
(b) Per System with Optical Customer Termination	700.00	14,580.00	NA	7,040.00	6,400.00	5,760.00	HFS4C
(c) Per System with Optical Serving Wire Center Termination	700.00	14,580.00	NA	7,040.00	6,400.00	5,760.00	HFS4W
6. LightGate OC-192 Basic System ¹							
(a) Per System	700.00	47,385.00	NA	20,000.00	18,000.00	16,000.00	HFST2

Note 1: Month to month rates are only available at the end of a contract rate period.

Note 2: As of October 1, 2013, Contract Terms greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 3: As of April 5, 2021, the 24-36 Month Contract Term for LightGate DS1 and DS3 channel interface options are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 4: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE**B7.4 LightGate Service (Cont'd)****B7.4.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)****A. LightGate service Local Channel Systems (Cont'd)**

The Basic System includes photonic common equipment and first one-half air mile of local channel fiber optic facilities.

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	12 ⁵ Months	24 to 48 ^{3,4} Months	49 to 72 ³ Months	73 to 96 ³ Months	USOC
7. Central Office Channel Interfaces							
(a) Per DS1	\$125.00	\$21.00	\$13.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	1PQE8
(b) Per DS3	125.00	5,181.00	163.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	1PQE3
(c) Per DS3 (Asymmetrical with DS1/Flex DS1)	290.00	911.00	NA	390.00	365.00	350.00	1PQEG
(d) Per STS-1	125.00	318.00	NA	140.00	130.00	120.00	1PQE4
(e) Per OC-3 (2 Fiber)	200.00	437.00	NA	190.00	175.00	160.00	1PQE5
(f) Per OC-3 (4 Fiber)	200.00	773.00	NA	330.00	300.00	270.00	1PQE6
(g) Per OC-12 (2 Fiber)	360.00	1,166.00	NA	495.00	450.00	405.00	1PQEE
(h) Per OC-12 (4 Fiber)	400.00	2,332.00	NA	990.00	900.00	810.00	1PQED
(i) Per OC-48 (2 Fiber)	500.00	2,916.00	NA	1,325.00	1,215.00	1,050.00	1PQEO
(j) Per OC-48 (4 Fiber)	500.00	5,832.00	NA	2,650.00	2,430.00	2,100.00	1PQEF
(k) Per 28 DS1 Channel System	125.00	1,093.00	NA	490.00	465.00	450.00	MQ3CO
(l) Per DS1 on 28 DS1 Channel System	125.00	21.00	13.00	8.00	7.00	6.00	1PQEA
(m) Per STS-1 Channel System	125.00	1,093.00	NA	490.00	465.00	450.00	1PQE7
(n) Per OC-3 Channel System	125.00	2,413.00	NA	1,100.00	1,000.00	900.00	1PQE9
(o) Per OC-12 Channel System	125.00	4,828.00	NA	2,200.00	2,000.00	1,800.00	1PQ12
(p) Per OC-48 Channel System	125.00	10,004.00	NA	4,410.00	4,050.00	3,510.00	1PQ48
(q) Per 10 Mbps ¹	450.00	911.00	NA	175.00	155.00	140.00	1PQEH
(r) Per 100 Mbps (3 STS-1) – Electrical ¹	450.00	984.00	NA	210.00	190.00	170.00	1PQEJ
(s) Per 100 Mbps (3 STS-1) – Optical	450.00	984.00	NA	210.00	190.00	170.00	1PQDJ
(y) Per Fractional 1000 Mbps ¹							
- 50 Mbps – 1 STS-1	450.00	947.00	NA	190.00	170.00	150.00	1PQEM
- 150 Mbps – 3c STS-1	450.00	1,020.00	NA	230.00	210.00	190.00	1PQEN
- 150 Mbps – 3 STS-1	450.00	1,020.00	NA	230.00	210.00	190.00	1PQDN
- 300 Mbps – 6c STS-1	450.00	1,093.00	NA	300.00	280.00	260.00	1PQER
- 300 Mbps – 6 STS-1	450.00	1,093.00	NA	300.00	280.00	260.00	1PQDR
- 450 Mbps – 9c STS-1	450.00	1,166.00	NA	340.00	310.00	290.00	1PQES
- 450 Mbps – 9 STS-1	450.00	1,166.00	NA	340.00	310.00	290.00	1PQDS
- 600 Mbps – 12c STS-1	450.00	1,275.00	NA	380.00	340.00	320.00	1PQET
- 600 Mbps – 12 STS-1	450.00	1,275.00	NA	380.00	340.00	320.00	1PQDT
- 1000 Mbps – 21 STS-1 ²	400.00	1,348.00	NA	520.00	475.00	425.00	1PQEK
- 1000 Mbps – 24c STS-1 ²	400.00	1,348.00	NA	520.00	475.00	425.00	1PQEW
(u) Per Flex DS1	130.00	21.00	NA	8.00	7.00	6.00	1PQEQ

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Note 2: Available only for systems installed on or after October 20, 2003, that do not contain an Optical Customer Termination or an Optical Serving Wire Center Termination. 1000 Mbps transport channel interfaces do not contain any monitoring capability above the physical layer.

Note 3: As of October 1, 2013, Contract Terms greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 4: As of April 5, 2021, the 24-36 Month Contract Term for LightGate DS1 and DS3 channel interface options are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 5: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE**B7.4 LightGate Service (Cont'd)****B7.4.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)****A. LightGate service Local Channel Systems (Cont'd)**

The Basic System includes photonic common equipment and first one-half air mile of local channel fiber optic facilities.
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7. Central Office Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	12 ² Months	24 to 48 ¹ Months	49 to 72 ¹ Months	73 to 96 ¹ Months	USOC
(v) Per 100 Mbps (1 STS-1) Metro Ethernet Backbone	\$800.00	\$911.00	NA	\$175.00	\$155.00	\$140.00	1PQEU
(w) Per 100 Mbps (3 STS-1) Metro Ethernet Backbone	800.00	984.00	NA	210.00	190.00	170.00	1PQEY
(x) Per 1000 Mbps Metro Ethernet Backbone	850.00	1,348.00	NA	520.00	475.00	425.00	1PQEZ
(y) Per Fractional 1000 Mbps Metro Ethernet Backbone							
- 150 Mbps (3 STS-1)	850.00	1,020.00	NA	230.00	210.00	190.00	1PQD5
- 300 Mbps (6 STS-1)	850.00	1,093.00	NA	300.00	280.00	260.00	1PQD6
- 450 Mbps (9 STS-1)	850.00	1,166.00	NA	340.00	310.00	290.00	1PQD7
- 600 Mbps (12 STS-1)	850.00	1,275.00	NA	380.00	340.00	320.00	1PQD8
(z) Per Fibre Connection (FICON™) (21 STS-1)	500.00	1,475.00	NA	570.00	520.00	470.00	1PQGA
(aa) Per Fibre Connection (FICON™) (24c STS-1)	500.00	1,475.00	NA	570.00	520.00	470.00	1PQGB
(ab) Per Fibre Connection (FICON™) Express (48 STS-1)	520.00	2,332.00	NA	1,060.00	970.00	840.00	1PQGC
(ac) Per Fibre Connection (FICON™) Express (48c STS-1)	520.00	2,332.00	NA	1,060.00	970.00	840.00	1PQGD
(ad) Per Fibre Channel 100 (21 STS-1)	500.00	1,512.00	NA	580.00	530.00	480.00	1PQGE
(ae) Per Fibre Channel 100 (24c STS-1)	500.00	1,512.00	NA	580.00	530.00	480.00	1PQGF
(af) Per Fibre Channel 200 (48 STS-1)	520.00	2,478.00	NA	1,130.00	1,030.00	890.00	1PQGG
(ag) Per Fibre Channel 200 (48c STS-1)	520.00	2,478.00	NA	1,130.00	1,030.00	890.00	1PQGH

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE**B7.4 LightGate Service (Cont'd)****B7.4.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)****A. LightGate service Local Channel Systems (Cont'd)**

The Basic System includes photonic common equipment and first one-half air mile of local channel fiber optic facilities.
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8. Customer Channel Interfaces

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	12 ⁵ Months	24 to 48 ^{3,4} Months	49 to 72 ³ Months	73 to 96 ³ Months	USOC
(a) Per DS1	\$170.00	\$29.00	\$22.00	\$13.00	\$11.50	\$10.00	1PQF1
(b) Per DS3	125.00	5,181.00	163.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	1PQF3
(c) Per DS3 (Asymmetrical with DS1/Flex DS1)	280.00	911.00	NA	390.00	365.00	350.00	1PQF6
(d) Per STS-1	125.00	437.00	NA	195.00	185.00	175.00	1PQF4
(e) Per OC-3 (2 Fiber)	125.00	437.00	NA	190.00	175.00	160.00	1PQF5
(f) Per OC-3 (4 Fiber)	125.00	865.00	NA	380.00	350.00	320.00	1PQF6
(g) Per OC-12 (2 Fiber)	275.00	1,302.00	NA	570.00	525.00	480.00	1PQF8
(h) Per OC-12 (4 Fiber)	275.00	2,605.00	NA	1,140.00	1,050.00	960.00	1PQF7
(i) Per OC-48 (2 Fiber)	300.00	2,916.00	NA	1,325.00	1,215.00	1,050.00	1PQF2
(j) Per OC-48 (4 Fiber)	300.00	5,832.00	NA	2,650.00	2,430.00	2,100.00	1PQFO
(k) Per 10 Mbps ¹	450.00	911.00	NA	175.00	155.00	140.00	1PQFH
(l) Per 100 Mbps (3 STS-1) – Electrical ¹	450.00	984.00	NA	210.00	190.00	170.00	1PQFJ
(m) Per 100 Mbps (3 STS-1) – 1310 nm Single-mode ¹	450.00	984.00	NA	210.00	190.00	170.00	1PQ3J
(n) Per Fractional 1000 Mbps ¹							
- 50 Mbps 850 nm Multi-mode – 1 STS-1	450.00	947.00	NA	190.00	170.00	150.00	1PQFM
- 50 Mbps 1310 nm Single-mode – 1 STS-1	450.00	947.00	NA	190.00	170.00	150.00	1PQ3M
- 150 Mbps 850 nm Multi-mode – 3c STS-1	450.00	1,020.00	NA	230.00	210.00	190.00	1PQFN
- 150 Mbps 1310 nm Single-mode – 3c STS-1	450.00	1,020.00	NA	230.00	210.00	190.00	1PQ3N
- 150 Mbps 850 nm Multi-mode – 3 STS-1	450.00	1,020.00	NA	230.00	210.00	190.00	1PQJN
- 150 Mbps 1310 nm Single-mode – 3 STS-1	450.00	1,020.00	NA	230.00	210.00	190.00	1PQKN
- 300 Mbps 850 nm Multi-mode – 6c STS-1	450.00	1,093.00	NA	300.00	280.00	260.00	1PQFR
- 300 Mbps 1310 nm Single-mode – 6c STS-1	450.00	1,093.00	NA	300.00	280.00	260.00	1PQ3R
- 300 Mbps 850 nm Multi-mode – 6 STS-1	450.00	1,093.00	NA	300.00	280.00	260.00	1PQJR
- 300 Mbps 1310 nm Single-mode – 6 STS-1	450.00	1,093.00	NA	300.00	280.00	260.00	1PQKR
- 450 Mbps 850 nm Multi-mode – 9c STS-1	450.00	1,166.00	NA	340.00	310.00	290.00	1PQFS
- 450 Mbps 1310 nm Single-mode – 9c STS-1	450.00	1,166.00	NA	340.00	310.00	290.00	1PQ3S
- 450 Mbps 850 nm Multi-mode – 9 STS-1	450.00	1,166.00	NA	340.00	310.00	290.00	1PQJS
- 450 Mbps 1310 nm Single-mode – 9 STS-1	450.00	1,166.00	NA	340.00	310.00	290.00	1PQKS
- 600 Mbps 850 nm Multi-mode – 12c STS-1	450.00	1,275.00	NA	380.00	340.00	320.00	1PQFT
- 600 Mbps 1310 nm Single-mode – 12c STS-1	450.00	1,275.00	NA	380.00	340.00	320.00	1PQ3T
- 600 Mbps 850 nm Multi-mode – 12 STS-1	450.00	1,275.00	NA	380.00	340.00	320.00	1PQJT
- 600 Mbps 1310 nm Single-mode – 12 STS-1	450.00	1,275.00	NA	380.00	340.00	320.00	1PQKT
- 1000 Mbps 850 nm Multi-mode – 21 STS-1 ²	400.00	1,348.00	NA	520.00	475.00	425.00	1PQFK
- 1000 Mbps 1310 nm Single-mode – 21 STS-1 ²	400.00	1,348.00	NA	520.00	475.00	425.00	1PQ3K
- 1000 Mbps 850 nm Multi-mode – 24c STS-1 ²	400.00	1,348.00	NA	520.00	475.00	425.00	1PQFP
- 1000 Mbps 1310 nm Single-mode – 24c STS-1 ²	400.00	1,348.00	NA	520.00	475.00	425.00	1PQ3P
(o) Per Flex DS1	260.00	29.00	NA	13.00	11.50	10.00	1PQFQ

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Note 2: Available only for systems installed on or after October 20, 2003, that do not contain an Optical Customer Termination or an Optical Serving Wire Center Termination. 1000 Mbps transport channel interfaces do not contain any monitoring capability above the physical layer.

Note 3: As of October 1, 2013, Contract Terms greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 4: As of April 5, 2021, the 24-36 Month Contract Term for LightGate DS1 and DS3 channel interface options are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 5: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE**B7.4 LightGate Service (Cont'd)****B7.4.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)****A. LightGate service Local Channel Systems (Cont'd)**

The Basic System includes photonic common equipment and first one-half air mile of local channel fiber optic facilities. (Cont'd)

8. Customer Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	12 ² Months	24 to 48 ¹ Months	49 to 72 ¹ Months	73 to 96 ¹ Months	USOC
(p) Per 100 Mbps (1 STS-1) Metro Ethernet Backbone	\$800.00	\$ 911.00	NA	\$ 175.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 140.00	1PQFU
(q) Per 100 Mbps (3 STS-1) Metro Ethernet Backbone	800.00	984.00	NA	210.00	190.00	170.00	1PQFY
(r) Per 1000 Mbps Metro Ethernet Backbone	400.00	1,348.00	NA	520.00	475.00	425.00	1PQFZ
(s) Per Fractional 1000 Mbps Metro Ethernet Backbone							
- 150 Mbps (3 STS-1)	850.00	1,020.00	NA	230.00	210.00	190.00	1PQ35
- 300 Mbps (6 STS-1)	850.00	1,093.00	NA	300.00	280.00	260.00	1PQ36
- 450 Mbps (9 STS-1)	850.00	1,166.00	NA	340.00	310.00	290.00	1PQ37
- 600 Mbps (12 STS-1)	850.00	1,275.00	NA	380.00	340.00	320.00	1PQ38
(t) Per Fibre Connection (FICON™) (21 STS-1)	500.00	1,475.00	NA	570.00	520.00	470.00	1PQFA
(u) Per Fibre Connection (FICON™) (24c STS-1)	500.00	1,475.00	NA	570.00	520.00	470.00	1PQFC
(v) Per Fibre Connection (FICON™) Express (48 STS-1)	520.00	2,332.00	NA	1,060.00	970.00	840.00	1PQFD
(w) Per Fibre Connection (FICON™) Express (48c STS-1)	520.00	2,332.00	NA	1,060.00	970.00	840.00	1PQFE
(x) Per Fibre Channel 100 (21 STS-1)	500.00	1,512.00	NA	580.00	530.00	480.00	1PQFF
(y) Per Fibre Channel 100 (24c STS-1)	500.00	1,512.00	NA	580.00	530.00	480.00	1PQFW
(z) Per Fibre Channel 200 (48 STS-1)	520.00	2,478.00	NA	1,130.00	1,030.00	890.00	1PQ3A
(aa) Per Fibre Channel 200 (48c STS-1)	520.00	2,478.00	NA	1,130.00	1,030.00	890.00	1PQ3B

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE**B7.4 LightGate Service (Cont'd)****B7.4.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)**

		Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	12 ⁴ Months	24 to 48 ^{2,3} Months	49 to 72 ² Months	73 to 96 ² Months	USOC	(C)
B.	LightGate service Local Channel Mileage ¹								
1.	Mileage for all LightGate service Local Channel Systems								
(a)	First one-half mile (included in system charge)	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	
(b)	Each additional one-half mile	NA	\$11,222.00	\$328.00	\$180.00	\$165.00	\$150.00	1LPEA	
C.	Separate Alternate Facility Transport (SAFT) ¹								
1.	SAFT Level I								
(a)	Per System	\$770.00						1L8EA	
(b)	Per one-half air mile		318.00	NA	115.00	95.00	90.00	1L8SA	
2.	SAFT Level II								
(a)	Per System	770.00						1L8EP	
(b)	Per one-half air mile		3,645.00	NA	800.00	640.00	520.00	1L8SP	
D.	Interoffice Channels (These channels are furnished between central offices. Rates are based upon airline distance between central offices.)								
1.	LightGate 1 service ¹								
(a)	Per DS3								
(1)	0-8 miles								
(a)	Fixed	190.00	71,486.00	1,776.00	975.00	775.00	625.00	1LPS8	
(b)	Per Mile		6,434.00	126.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	1LPE8	
(2)	9-25 miles								
(a)	Fixed	190.00	79,994.00	2,049.00	1,125.00	925.00	775.00	1LPS9	
(b)	Per Mile		6,434.00	126.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	1LPE9	
(3)	Over 25 miles								
(a)	Fixed	190.00	93,538.00	2,413.00	1,325.00	1,125.00	925.00	1LPS6	
(b)	Per Mile		6,434.00	126.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	1LPE6	
2.	LightGate STS-1 service ¹								
(a)	Per STS-1								
(1)	0-8 miles								
(a)	Fixed	190.00	2,605.00	1,776.00	975.00	775.00	625.00	1LPS8	
(b)	Per Mile		236.00	126.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	1LPE8	
(2)	9-25 miles								
(a)	Fixed	190.00	2,916.00	2,049.00	1,125.00	925.00	775.00	1LPS9	
(b)	Per Mile		236.00	126.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	1LPE9	
(3)	Over 25 miles								
(a)	Fixed	190.00	3,407.00	2,413.00	1,325.00	1,125.00	925.00	1LPS6	
(b)	Per Mile		236.00	126.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	1LPE6	

Note 1: Month to month rates are only available at the end of a contract rate period.

Note 2: As of October 1, 2013, Contract Terms greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 3: As of April 5, 2021, the 24-36 Month Contract Term for LightGate DS1 and DS3 channel interface options are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE**B7.4 LightGate Service (Cont'd)****B7.4.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)**

- D. Interoffice Channels (Cont'd)** (These channels are furnished between central offices. Rates are based upon airline distance between central offices.)

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	12 ³ Months	24 to 48 ² Months	49 to 72 ² Months	73 to 96 ² Months	USOC	(C)
3. LightGate OC-3 service ¹								
a. Per OC-3								
(1) 0-8 miles								
(a) Fixed	\$190.00	\$3,827.00	NA	\$1,475.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,025.00	1LPS8	
(b) Per Mile		409.00	NA	155.00	140.00	125.00	1LPE8	
(2) 9-25 miles								
(a) Fixed	190.00	4,738.00	NA	2,150.00	2,000.00	1,900.00	1LPS9	
(b) Per Mile		409.00	NA	155.00	140.00	125.00	1LPE9	
(3) Over 25 miles								
(a) Fixed	190.00	6,561.00	NA	3,150.00	2,900.00	2,700.00	1LPS6	
(b) Per Mile		409.00	NA	155.00	140.00	125.00	1LPE6	
4. LightGate OC-12 service ¹								
(a) Per OC-12								
(1) 0-8 miles								
(a) Fixed	190.00	7,290.00	NA	3,300.00	3,000.00	2,700.00	1LPS8	
(b) Per Mile		729.00	NA	320.00	290.00	260.00	1LPE8	
(2) 9-25 miles								
(a) Fixed	190.00	10,023.00	NA	4,800.00	4,500.00	4,200.00	1LPS9	
(b) Per Mile		729.00	NA	320.00	290.00	260.00	1LPE9	
(3) Over 25 miles								
(a) Fixed	190.00	13,122.00	NA	6,500.00	6,200.00	5,900.00	1LPS6	
(b) Per Mile		729.00	NA	320.00	290.00	260.00	1LPE6	
5. LightGate OC-48 service ¹								
(a) Per OC-48								
(1) 0-8 miles								
(a) Fixed	190.00	14,215.00	NA	6,500.00	5,800.00	5,200.00	1LPS8	
(b) Per Mile		1,093.00	NA	500.00	450.00	400.00	1LPE8	
(2) 9-25 miles								
(a) Fixed	190.00	15,855.00	NA	7,300.00	6,700.00	6,100.00	1LPS9	
(b) Per Mile		1,093.00	NA	500.00	450.00	400.00	1LPE9	
(3) Over 25 miles								
(a) Fixed	190.00	18,225.00	NA	8,600.00	7,900.00	7,100.00	1LPS6	
(b) Per Mile		1,093.00	NA	500.00	450.00	400.00	1LPE6	

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE**B7.4 LightGate Service (Cont'd)****B7.4.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)**

- D. Interoffice Channels (Cont'd)** (These channels are furnished between central offices. Rates are based upon airline distance between central offices.)

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	12 ⁴ Months	24 to 48 ^{2,3} Months	49 to 72 ² Months	73 to 96 ² Months	USOC	(C)
6. LightGate OC-192 service ¹								
(a) Per OC-192								
(1) 0-8 miles								
(a) Fixed	\$190.00	\$34,627.00	NA	\$15,500.00	\$13,800.00	\$12,500.00	1LPS8	
(b) Per Mile		1,093.00	NA	500.00	450.00	400.00	1LPE8	
(2) 9-25 miles								
(a) Fixed	190.00	36,267.00	NA	15,900.00	14,200.00	12,700.00	1LPS9	
(b) Per Mile		1,093.00	NA	500.00	450.00	400.00	1LPE9	
(3) Over 25 miles								
(a) Fixed	190.00	40,095.00	NA	17,700.00	15,800.00	14,100.00	1LPS6	
(b) Per Mile		1,093.00	NA	500.00	450.00	400.00	1LPE6	
7. Central Office Channel Interfaces								
(a) Per DS1	125.00	21.00	\$13.00	8.00	7.00	6.00	1PQE8	
(b) Per DS3	125.00	5,181.00	163.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	1PQE3	
(c) Per STS-1	125.00	318.00	NA	140.00	130.00	120.00	1PQE4	
(d) Per OC-3 (2 Fiber)	200.00	437.00	NA	190.00	175.00	160.00	1PQE5	
(e) Per OC-3 (4 Fiber)	200.00	773.00	NA	330.00	300.00	270.00	1PQE6	
(f) Per OC-12 (2 Fiber)	360.00	1,166.00	NA	495.00	450.00	405.00	1PQEE	
(g) Per OC-12 (4 Fiber)	400.00	2,332.00	NA	990.00	900.00	810.00	1PQED	
(h) Per OC-48 (2 Fiber)	500.00	2,916.00	NA	1,325.00	1,215.00	1,050.00	1PQEO	
(i) Per OC-48 (4 Fiber)	500.00	5,832.00	NA	2,650.00	2,430.00	2,100.00	1PQEF	
(j) Per 28 DS1 Channel System	125.00	1,093.00	NA	490.00	465.00	450.00	MQ3CO	
(k) Per DS1 on 28 DS1 Channel System	125.00	21.00	13.00	8.00	7.00	6.00	1PQEA	
(l) Per STS-1 Channel System	125.00	1,093.00	NA	490.00	465.00	450.00	1PQE7	
(m) Per OC-3 Channel System	125.00	2,413.00	NA	1,100.00	1,000.00	900.00	1PQE9	
(n) Per OC-12 Channel System	125.00	4,828.00	NA	2,200.00	2,000.00	1,800.00	1PQ12	
(o) Per OC-48 Channel System	125.00	10,004.00	NA	4,410.00	4,050.00	3,510.00	1PQ48	

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE**B7.4 LightGate Service (Cont'd)****B7.4.5 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)**

D. Interoffice Channels (Cont'd) (These channels are furnished between central offices. Rates are based upon airline distance between central offices.)

7. Central Office Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	12 ⁴ Months	24 to 48 ³ Months	49 to 72 ³ Months	73 to 96 ³ Months	USOC
(p) Per 10 Mbps ¹	\$450.00	\$911.00	NA	\$175.00	\$155.00	\$140.00	1PQEH
(q) Per 100 Mbps (3-STS-1) – Electrical ¹	450.00	984.00	NA	210.00	190.00	170.00	1PQEJ
(r) Per 100 Mbps (3 STS-1) - Optical	450.00	984.00	NA	210.00	190.00	170.00	1PQDJ
(s) Per Fractional 1000 Mbps ¹							
- 50 Mbps – 1 STS-1	450.00	947.00	NA	190.00	170.00	150.00	1PQEM
- 150 Mbps – 3c STS-1	450.00	1,020.00	NA	230.00	210.00	190.00	1PQEN
- 150 Mbps – 3 STS-1	450.00	1,020.00	NA	230.00	210.00	190.00	1PQDN
- 300 Mbps – 6c STS-1	450.00	1,093.00	NA	300.00	280.00	260.00	1PQER
- 300 Mbps – 6 STS-1	450.00	1,093.00	NA	300.00	280.00	260.00	1PQDR
- 450 Mbps – 9c STS-1	450.00	1,166.00	NA	340.00	310.00	290.00	1PQES
- 450 Mbps – 9 STS-1	450.00	1,166.00	NA	340.00	310.00	290.00	1PQDS
- 600 Mbps – 12c STS-1	450.00	1,275.00	NA	380.00	340.00	320.00	1PQET
- 600 Mbps – 12 STS-1	450.00	1,275.00	NA	380.00	340.00	320.00	1PQDT
- 1000 Mbps – 21 STS-1 ²	400.00	1,348.00	NA	520.00	475.00	425.00	1PQEK
- 1000 Mbps – 24c STS-1 ²	400.00	1,348.00	NA	520.00	475.00	425.00	1PQEW
(t) Per Fibre Connection (FICON™) (21 STS-1)	500.00	1,475.00	NA	570.00	520.00	470.00	1PQGA
(u) Per Fibre Connection (FICON™) (24c STS-1)	500.00	1,475.00	NA	570.00	520.00	470.00	1PQGB
(v) Per Fibre Connection (FICON™) Express (48 STS-1)	520.00	2,332.00	NA	1,060.00	970.00	840.00	1PQGC
(w) Per Fibre Connection (FICON™) Express (48c STS-1)	520.00	2,332.00	NA	1,060.00	970.00	840.00	1PQGD
(x) Per Fibre Channel 100 (21 STS-1)	500.00	1,512.00	NA	580.00	530.00	480.00	1PQGE
(y) Per Fibre Channel 100 (24c STS-1)	500.00	1,512.00	NA	580.00	530.00	480.00	1PQGF
(z) Per Fibre Channel 200 (48 STS-1)	520.00	2,478.00	NA	1,130.00	1,030.00	890.00	1PQGG
(aa) Per Fibre Channel 200 (48c STS-1)	520.00	2,478.00	NA	1,130.00	1,030.00	890.00	1PQGH

Note 1: Available only for systems installed on or after December 2, 2004, that do not contain a Optical Customer Termination or a Optical Serving Wire Center Termination. 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps and Fractional 1000 Mbps transport channel interfaces do not contain any monitoring capability above the physical layer.

Note 2: Available only for systems installed on or after October 20, 2003 that do not contain a Optical Customer Termination or a Optical Serving Wire Center Termination. 1000 Mbps transport channel interfaces do not contain any monitoring capability above the physical layer.

Note 3: As of October 1, 2013, Contract Terms greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 4: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE

B7.9 MegaLink Plus Service (Cont'd)

B7.9.2 Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

B. Definitions

MEGALINK PLUS SERVICE LOCAL CHANNEL

The MegaLink Plus service Local Channel provides for the connection between a customer's designated premises to their serving wire center.

C. Application of Rates

1. Monthly rates and charges as specified in B7.9.3.A. following apply for each MegaLink Plus service local channel.
2. Recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges apply for each MegaLink Plus service. Nonrecurring charges will not apply for the MegaLink Plus service Local Channel rate element when MegaLink Plus service is furnished under a payment plan other than month-to-month. Available payment plans are described in 3. following.
3. MegaLink Plus service is available under several payment plans²: Month-to-month (with a one month minimum), Plan A (24-48 Months)¹, Plan B (49-72 Months)¹, and Plan C (73-96 Months)¹ under conditions specified in the Channel Services Payment Plan (CSPP) in B2.4 preceding.
4. Month-to-month payment plan rates are subject to Company initiated changes. MegaLink Plus service rates provided under a CSPP arrangement are exempt from Company initiated rate increases for the duration of the payment plan length selected; however, decreases on recurring rates will flow through to the customer.
5. A termination charge is applicable at the date of termination. The applicable charge is dependent on the contract period subscribed to and will be equal to the number of months remaining in the contract times fifty percent (50%) of the monthly rate provided under the contract. However, termination charges will not apply for customer requests for moves of service under CSPP subject to the provisions set forth in B2.4.9. preceding, or for customer requested changes of service under CSPP to Fast Packet Transport Services under the Fast Packet Transport Services Payment Plan subject to the provisions set forth in B2.4.9.A.4.b.
6. A service performance credit as specified in E.3. following will apply.

D. Connections

1. Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment, Customer-Provided Derivation Equipment and Customer-Provided Communications Systems may be connected to MegaLink Plus service when such connection is made in accordance with the provisions specified in 2. and 3. following.
2. Responsibility of the Company
 - a. The responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing and maintenance of MegaLink Plus service to a network interface on the customer's premises
 - b. The Company shall not be responsible for installation, operation, or maintenance of any terminal equipment or communications system provided by a customer. MegaLink Plus service is not represented as adapted for the use of such equipment or system. Where such equipment or system is connected to Company facilities, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to furnishing of facilities suitable for MegaLink Plus service and to the maintenance and operation in a manner proper for such digital service. The Company shall not be responsible for:
 - the through transmission of signals generated by such equipment or system, or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission, or
 - the reception of signals by such equipment or systems, or
 - damage to terminal equipment or communication system provided by a customer or authorized user due to testing.
 - c. The Company shall not be responsible to the customer if changes in any of the facilities, operations, or procedures of the Company utilized in the provision of MegaLink Plus service render any facilities or equipment provided by the customer obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment or system or otherwise affects its use or performance.
 - d. The Company undertakes to maintain and repair facilities, which it furnishes. The customer may not rearrange, disconnect, remove, or attempt to repair any equipment installed by the Company without prior written consent of the Company.

Note 1: As of October 1, 2013, Contract Terms greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 2: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE**B7.9 MegaLink Plus Service (Cont'd)****B7.9.3 Rates and Charges**

A. A MegaLink Plus service Local Channel is furnished between a customer's premises and the Serving Wire Center.

1. MegaLink Plus service Local Channel, each¹

	Nonrecurring Charge First	Additional	Month to Month	Plan A 24-48 ^{3/4} Months	Plan B 49-72 ^{3/4} Months	Plan C 73-96 ^{3/4} Months	USOC P2JP1
(a) Fixed Monthly Rate ³	\$645.00	\$530.00	\$168.00	\$157.00	\$146.00	\$140.00	

B. MegaLink service Interoffice Channels are furnished between Central Offices to connect MegaLink Plus service Local Channels between two customer premises.

1. Interoffice Channel, each channel 0-8 miles²

(a) Fixed Monthly Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	1LNG1
(b) Each Airline Mile, or fraction thereof	-	-	-	-	-	-	1LNGA

2. Interoffice Channel, each channel 9-25 miles²

(a) Fixed Monthly Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	1LNG2
(b) Each Airline Mile, or fraction thereof	-	-	-	-	-	-	1LNGB

3. Interoffice Channel, each channel over 25 miles²

(a) Fixed Monthly Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	1LNG3
(b) Each Airline Mile, or fraction thereof	-	-	-	-	-	-	1LNGC

Note 1: Nonrecurring charges do not apply to MegaLink Plus service Local Channels provided under a contract plan.

Note 2: Refer to B7.1.3.B. for applicable nonrecurring charges and recurring rates.

Note 3: As of October 1, 2013, Contract Terms greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 4: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE

B7.10 MegaLink Light Service (Cont'd)

B7.10.2 Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

B. Definitions

MegaLink Light Service Local Channel

The MegaLink Light service Local Channel denotes a path for MegaLink Light service furnished between the customer's premises and its normal serving wire center.

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This denotes a channel service in terms of its digitally encoded data bit rate in accordance with the North American hierarchy of digital signal levels. It has a 1.544 Mbps data transmission rate, and provides for the two-way simultaneous transmission of isochronous timed, Bipolar Return-to-Zero (BPRZ) bit stream format except where intentional bipolar violations are introduced by Bipolar with 8 Zero Substitution (B8ZS) format. Unframed signal formats are not permitted or compatible with Company equipment. The required interface specifications are contained in Technical Reference Publication #73525.

C. Application of Rates

1. MegaLink Light service Local Channels will be charged for at rates based on the first half mile and each additional half mile for the airline distance measured between the customer's premises and its normal Serving Wire Center.
2. Recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges apply for each MegaLink Light service. Available payment plans are described in 3. following.
3. MegaLink Light service is available under several payment plans²: Month-to-Month, Plan A (24-48 Months)¹, Plan B (49-72 Months)¹, and Plan C (73-96 Months)¹ under conditions specified in the Channel Services Payment Plan (CSPP) in B2.4 preceding. (C)
4. Month-to-Month payment plan rates are subject to Company initiated changes. MegaLink Light service rates provided under a CSPP arrangement, as specified in B2.4.9.B preceding, are exempt from Company initiated rate increases for the duration of the payment plan length selected; however, decreases on recurring rates will flow through to the customer. At the expiration date of the customer's payment period option, the customer may select a new payment period option at current rates or revert to current Month-to-Month rates. Renewal options for MegaLink Light service will be as specified in B2.4.9.A.7 preceding.
5. A Termination Charge (TC) is applicable at the date of termination. The applicable charge is dependent on the payment period subscribed to and will be equal to the number of months remaining in the payment period times fifty percent (50%) of the monthly rate applicable. However, a TC will not apply for; 1) moves of service subject to the provisions set forth in B7.10.3.B.5, 2) customer requested changes as specified in B2.4.9.A, or 3) customer requested change to services not covered by the CSPP that are offered by the Company under a contract payment plan.
6. When a customer requests B8ZS format be provided on a MegaLink Light service Local Channel, **terms, conditions**, rates and charges appropriate for Clear Channel Capability (CCC) as specified for MegaLink service, located in B7.1 preceding, will apply.

D. Connections

1. Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment, Customer-Provided Derivation Equipment and Customer-Provided Communications Systems may be connected to MegaLink Light service when such connection is made in accordance with the provisions specified in 2. and 3. following.
2. Responsibility of the Company
 - a. The responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing and maintenance of MegaLink Light service to a network interface on the customer's premises.

Note 1: As of October 1, 2013, payment periods greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 2: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE

B7.10 MegaLink Light Service

B7.10.3 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

B. Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

5. Moves

- a. A move involves a change in the physical location of one of the following:

- (1) the point of interface at the customer premises, or
- (2) the customer's premises.

- b. The charges for the move are dependent on whether the move is to a new location within the same building or to a different building.

(1) Moves Within the Same Building

When the move is to a new location within the same building, the charge for the move will be an amount equal to one-half the nonrecurring charge. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements. If a move is made at the same time a service rearrangement is made, the total charge will never exceed a full nonrecurring charge for the month-to-month service.

(2) To a Different Building

When the move is to a new location in Company territory within the same state, the charge for the move is equal to the sum of all nonrecurring charges applicable to a new MegaLink Light service month-to-month service arrangement at the new location.

When the move is to a new location in Company territory in a different state, the move will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service. The customer will be responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service. All applicable nonrecurring charges at the new location will apply.

C. Rate and Charge Amounts

1. Local Channel, each

	Nonrecurring Charge	Month to Month	24 to 48 ^{1/2} Months	49 to 72 ^{1/2} Months	73 to 96 ^{1/2} Months	USOC	(C)
(a) First 1/2 Mile	\$314.50	\$170.00	\$160.00	\$155.00	\$150.00	1LDPL	
(b) Each additional 1/2 Mile, or fraction thereof	-	30.00	25.00	23.00	21.00	1LDPM	
2. Service Establishment Charge							
(a) Each	556.50	-	-	-	-	MLLSE	
3. Service Change Charge, Inside Move							
(a) Each	425.00	-	-	-	-	MLL1M	
4. Service Change Charge, Transfer of Responsibility							
(a) Each	50.00	-	-	-	-	MLLTR	
5. Premises Visit Charge							
(a) Each	38.75	-	-	-	-	MLLPV	

Note 1: As of October 1, 2013, payment periods greater than 36 months are no longer available for new or renewing subscribers.

Note 2: Effective August 29, 2025, customers may not elect a Term Payment Plan of any length, and existing Term Payment Plans of any length will not be renewed or extended. Upon expiration of any Term Payment Plan, month-to-month rates will apply subject to the Company's right to modify such rates upon notice to customer.

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