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INTERCONNECTION SERVICE

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5.2 ACCESS ORDER (Cont'd)

5.2.6 MINIMUM PERIOD CHARGES

A. REGULATIONS

When Access Service is disconnected prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable for the balance of the minimum period. A disconnect constitutes facilities being returned to available inventory.

The Minimum Period Charge for monthly billed services will be determined as follows:

1. For Switched Access Service, the charge for a month or fraction thereof is equal to the applicable recurring plus any nonrecurring charges as set forth in C6.7.4 following and/or special construction charge(s) that may be due.
2. For Special Access Service, the charge for a month or fraction thereof is the applicable monthly rates for the appropriate channel type plus any optional features, nonrecurring charges, as set forth in C7.5 through C7.11 following and/or special construction charge(s) that may be due.

The Minimum Period Charge for part-time video and Program Audio Services is the applicable daily rate for the appropriate channel type as set forth in C7.9 and C7.10 following.

5.2.7 SHARED USE<sup>1</sup> FACILITIES

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Shared Use (i.e., Switched and Special Access Services provided over the same analog or digital High Capacity facilities) is allowed. Shared use facilities to a Hub will be ordered and provided as Special Access Service only. While shared use is allowed, individual services utilizing these facilities must be ordered either as Switched Access Service or Special Access Service depending on the intended use. When placing the order for individual service(s), the customer must specify a channel assignment for each service ordered. Rate regulations for Shared Use Facilities are set forth in C6.7.13 and C7.2.8 following.

5.2.8 AVAILABLE INVENTORY

Available inventory is limited and does not include facilities previously ordered. The Utility will make every reasonable effort to maintain sufficient available inventory to provide Access Service in accordance with customers' requested service date intervals. To the extent that service can be provided, Access Orders will be satisfied from available inventory.

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7.2 RATE REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

7.2.7 FACILITY HUBS (Cont'd)

When cascading multiplexing is performed, whether in the same or a different hub, a charge for the additional multiplexing unit also applies. When cascading multiplexing is performed at different hubbing locations, Channel Mileage charges also apply between the hubs.

The Utility will designate hubs for Video Service. Full-time or part-time service may be provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premise and a hub and billed accordingly at the monthly rates set forth in C7.9 and C7.10 following for a Channel Termination, Optional Features and Functions, and Channel Mileage, as applicable. When the service is ordered to a hub, the customer may order a full-time or part-time Video service as needed between that hub and additional customer designated premises. The rate elements required to provide the part-time service (i.e., Channel Termination, Optional Features and Functions, and Channel Mileage, as applicable) will be billed at daily rates for the duration of the service requested.

7.2.8 SHARED USE<sup>1</sup> ANALOG AND DIGITAL HIGH CAPACITY SERVICES

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Shared use refers to a rate application applicable only when the customer orders High Capacity facilities between a customer designated premises and a Utility hub where the Utility performs multiplexing/demultiplexing functions and the same customer then orders the derived channels as Special and Switched Access Services.

The High Capacity facility will be ordered, provided and rated as Special Access Service (i.e., Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, as appropriate, and Multiplexing Arrangement). The nonrecurring charge that applies when the shared use facility is Installed will be the nonrecurring charge associated with the appropriate Special Access High Capacity Channel Termination. Rating as Special Access will continue until such time as the customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity for providing Switched Access Service. Individual service (i.e., Switched or Special Access) nonrecurring charges will not apply to the individual channels of the shared use facility.

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7.2 RATE REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

7.2.8 SHARED USE<sup>2</sup> ANALOG AND DIGITAL HIGH CAPACITY SERVICES (Cont'd) (C)

When Special Access Service is provided utilizing a channel of the shared use facility to a hub, High Capacity rates and charges will apply for the facility to the hub, as set forth preceding, and individual service rates and charges will apply from the hub to the customer designated premises. The rates and charges that will apply to the portion from the hub to the customer designated premises will be dependent on the specific type of Special Access Service that is provided (e.g., Voice Grade<sup>1</sup>, etc.). The applicable rates and charges will include a Channel Termination and Channel Mileage, if applicable. Rates and charges for optional features and functions associated with the service, if any, will apply for the appropriate channel type.

As each individual channel is activated for Switched Access Service, the High Capacity Special Access Channel Termination and Channel Mileage rates will be reduced accordingly (e.g., 1/24th for a DS-1 service, 1/672th for DS-3 service etc.). In addition, if multiplexing is associated with the service under optional features and functions, the multiplexor will also be reduced accordingly. Switched Access Service rates and charges, as set forth in 6.8 preceding, will apply for each channel of the shared use facility that is used to provide a Switched Access Service.

The customer must place an order for each individual Switched or Special Access Service utilizing the Shared Use Facilities and specify the channel assignment for each service.

7.2.9 EXTENSION OF WATS ACCESS SERVICE<sup>1</sup>

WATS Access Service is available with extensions, i.e., additional terminations, of the service at different customer designated premises in the same or different LATAs. Extensions are provided and charged for as separate Voice Grade Special Access Service. The rate elements which apply are: WATS Access Line Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, if applicable, and Signalling Capability (Optional Features and Functions), if applicable. All appropriate charges as set forth in C7.7 following will apply.

Note 1: Effective September 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 2: Effective July 1, 2024, neither new nor existing customers will be permitted to create new Shared Use arrangements. In addition, requests to renew, move, add, or change existing Shared Use arrangements will not be accepted. Shared Use arrangements existing prior to July 1, 2024 may be retained until Shared Use is discontinued.

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