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E5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

E5.2.7 Minimum Period Charges (Cont'd)

- B. The Minimum Period Charges for BellSouth SWA FGD 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, Basic Service Elements, 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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E5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

E5.2.8 Shared Use¹ Facilities (Cont'd)

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E5.2.9 BellSouth SWA service To Cellular Interconnections

For BellSouth SWA FGB, BellSouth SWA FGD and BellSouth SWA TSBSA 1 and TSBSA 3 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.

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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 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 subscribers 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.
- C. Each subscriber entering into the SNA is solely responsible to the Company for charges associated with that subscriber's portion of the shared network.
 1. For example, SNAs for Switched Access Dedicated Transport, the host customer would be responsible for a BellSouth SWA DS3 service Switched Local Channel and the DS3 to DS1 Channelization Equipment. The service user will be responsible for payment of the Switched Dedicated Interoffice Channel charges as well as any end office based BellSouth SWA charges associated with the service.

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

E7.1 General (Cont'd)

E7.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

- E.** Self-healing Multi-nodal Alternate Route Topology Ring (SMARTRing¹ service [a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring]) (Cont'd)
4. Central Office Channel Interface

A Central Office Channel Interface provides DS1, DS3, STS-1 electrical channelization and/or OC-3 and/or OC-12 optical channelization that may take place at each Central Office Node located on SMARTRing[®] service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring). The Central Office Channel Interface rate element applies for every interface capacity that originates or terminates at a Central Office Node. A summary of the channel interfaces available with each node are specified in E7.2.16.A. following. Customers with DS3 or STS-1 interfaces at the Customer Node electing to connect with DS1 services at a Central Office Node, must obtain a 28-DS1 Channel System.
 5. Local Channel

The Local Channel rate category provides for the communications path between a Customer Node and the serving wire center of the premises where located. Charges for Local Channels apply as described in A. preceding. It is available with all capacities of SMARTRing[®] service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) except OC-1.
 6. Alternate Central Office Channel

The Alternate Central Office Channel provides for the communications path between a customer node and an alternate central office. It is available with all capacities of SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) except OC-1.
 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.

F. Reserved for Future Use

G. Access Collocation Cross-Connects

Access Collocation Cross-Connects provide a means for customers to interconnect their Shared Use and 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)

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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E7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

E7.4.8 Shared Use Analog And Digital High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) Services

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E7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

E7.4.8 Shared Use Analog And Digital High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) Services (Cont'd)

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E7.4.9 Reserved For Future Use

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E7.4.12 FlexServ® Service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Customer Reconfiguration)

When associated with digital single special access services or bulk special access services (1.544 Mbps or greater) this service is a Flex-Price service and is regulated under terms and conditions as described in E2.1.14 of this Tariff.

A. General

FlexServ® service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Customer Reconfiguration) is an optional feature that enables the customer to monitor and reconfigure his Voice Grade (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG), DDAS (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 Digital Data), and High Capacity special access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) services without the direct intervention of Company personnel.

1. Basic FlexServ® service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Customer Reconfiguration)

Basic FlexServ® service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Customer Reconfiguration) includes monitoring and reconfiguration of the customer's private line services equipped with FlexServ® service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Customer Reconfiguration). Monitoring consists of unsolicited signals of major and minor facility alarms. These alarms include carrier group alarms, out of service alarms, bit error rate, bipolar violations, slip errors, errored seconds, out-of-frame alarms and invalid connections. Invalid connections are connections between special access services with incompatible signals or between services without FlexServ® service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Customer Reconfiguration). Customer requests for such connections will be denied. The Company shall not be responsible for service interruptions, troubles, loss of customer data, or any other losses resulting from attempted invalid connections.

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