

AT&T TEXAS GUIDEBOOK

PART 15 - Dedicated Communications Services
SECTION 3 - Digital Private Line Services

2nd Revised Sheet 15
Replacing 1st Revised Sheet 15

MEGALINK III - WIDEBAND DIGITAL SERVICE 1.544 MBPS

Except as otherwise indicated in this Guidebook for Wire Centers in Part 2, Section 2, Paragraph A effective November 1, 2025 MegaLink Wideband Digital Service 1.544 MBPS 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 existent term agreement, service will be provided on a month-to-month basis at the applicable Monthly rates until the service is discontinued.

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A. General

MegaLink III Service provides for the simultaneous two-way transmission of a serial, bipolar, return-to-zero, isochronous digital signal at a terminating bit rate of 1.544 megabits per second (Mbps). The service is available in a point-to-point configuration between:

- Two customer-designated premises
- A customer-designated premise and a Company serving office where multiplexing, hubbing or cross-connection functions are performed
- Two Company Plexar locations or customer-designated premise and Company Plexar location
- A customer-designated premise and Company Network Reconfiguration Service (NRS) hub^{/1/}

B. Regulations

1. The regulations and rates specified herein are in addition to the applicable regulations found in other sections of this guidebook.

The services provided for MegaLink III are primarily designed to meet the private line communications requirements of business customers, i.e., non-interexchange carriers, and the regulations herein reflect reasonable support on the part of the Company in assisting the customer in the ordering and provisioning of private line services. This assistance includes, but is not limited to, advice as to which private line service best meets the customer's requirements, taking into consideration the customer's present and future communications needs. In addition, the Company will continue to assist and advise the customer and cooperatively respond to the requirements of the customer until such time as the private line service is discontinued. The aforementioned level of assistance is considered to be part of the private line service offering and will be provided at no additional charge.

As an alternative to service provided in this section, customers also have the option to purchase some similar services from Section 7 of the Company's intrastate Access Service Tariff. However, the Company does not assist nor support customers in the ordering of or provisioning of intrastate access services beyond the requirements contained in the Access Service Tariff.

2. Provision of Service

MegaLink III service is available only on a point-to-point intraLATA basis.

MegaLink III service is furnished on a full-time basis (24 hours a day, seven days per week).

MegaLink III service can only be provided within the same LATA where existing digital facilities and equipment permit. Services between serving wire centers must have digital service components (digital connectivity) between all intermediate offices to have the ability to provide the service. Additional service features may be available only at selected central offices as determined by the Company.

^{/1/} Effective October 30, 2018, Network Reconfiguration Service (NRS) will no longer be available for purchase by new or existing customers. See Part 20, Section 15.

DS3 SERVICE

Except as otherwise indicated in this Guidebook for Wire Centers in Part 2, Section 2, Paragraph A effective November 1, 2025 DS3 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 existent term agreement, service will be provided on a month-to-month basis at the applicable Monthly rates until the service is discontinued.

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(N)**A. General**

DS3 Service, is an intraLATA dedicated high capacity channel used for simultaneous two-way transmission of serial, bipolar, return-to-zero isochronous digital signals of 44.736 Megabits per second (Mbps). The channel design, performance and maintenance objectives are specified in Company Technical Reference Pub TR-IN-000342 and Technical Reference Pub 76625.

DS3 Service is available only with an electrical interface at the customer premise(s) and the Company serving office.

This service is available to customers in those LATAs served by and within the service territories of the Company only.

B. Regulations**1. General**

The regulations and rates specified herein are in addition to the applicable regulations found in other sections of this guidebook.

The services provided for DS3 Service are primarily designed to meet the private line communications requirements of business customers and the regulations herein reflect reasonable support on the part of the Company in assisting the customer in the ordering and provisioning of private line services.

The minimum period for which DS3 Service is provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is 12 months. When a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, termination charges are applicable for the remaining portion of the minimum period whether the service is used or not and will be based on the rates in effect for the service at the time of discontinuance. (See paragraph F. following)

2. Provision of Service

DS3 Service is available only on a point-to-point intraLATA basis to customers served by and within the service territories of the Company only. DS3 Service is furnished on a full-time basis (24 hours a day, seven days per week.)

DS3 service can only be provided within the same LATA where existing digital facilities and equipment permit. Services between serving wire centers must have digital service components (digital connectivity) between all intermediate offices to have the ability to provide the service. Additional service features may be available only at selected central offices as determined by the Company.

Customer requests for DS3 Service may require construction of suitable service components. The regulations, rates and charges applicable to special construction are found in Part 15, Section 1 (**(REGULATIONS** (for Digital Link Services)), paragraph D.8. Service availability will be negotiated locally.

Customer requests for special routing of DS3 Service channels are provided in accordance with Part 15, Section 1.

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For Service Description and Types, see AT&T Texas Guidebook, Part 15, Section 3.

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