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3.1 GENERAL

This section contains specific regulations governing the rates and charges for Private Line Transport.

3.2 TYPES OF CHARGES

There are two types of rates and charges. These are recurring rates and nonrecurring charges described as follows.

3.2.1 RECURRING RATES

Recurring rates are flat rates that apply each month or fraction thereof that Private Line Transport is provided. These rates may apply on a daily or monthly basis, depending on the type of service. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.

3.2.2 NONRECURRING CHARGES

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for a specific work activity. The type of nonrecurring charges that apply are: Service Provisioning Charge (Initial, and/or Subsequent or Same Wire Center), Channel Performance, Transport Mileage, Optional Features and Functions and Service Rearrangements. Special Construction charges as defined in Section 4.1.6 following may also apply. Customers who order service under an Alternate Pricing Arrangement as defined in 3.2.4 following, may incur additional nonrecurring charges as identified in each individual case.

A. Initial Service Provisioning

The Initial Service Provisioning Charge applies toward the processing, engineering, and design functions per customer request, for work to be performed on one circuit or service. Requests for additional work to be performed on existing circuit(s) or service(s) will be billed an Initial Service Provisioning Charge.

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B. Subsequent Service Provisioning

The Subsequent Service Provisioning Charge applies per circuit(s) or service(s) when;

1. At the same time as the initial circuit or service is requested, a customer orders identical additional circuit(s) or service(s), due the same date, for the same type of service and exact NC/NCI combinations, at the same location(s).
2. At the same time as a request for additional work on an existing circuit or service, a customer requests the same additional work to be performed on identical existing circuit(s) or service(s), due the same date, for the same type of service and exact NC/NCI combinations, at the same location(s).

C. Same Wire Center Service Provisioning - Initial And Subsequent (1)

The Same Wire Center Service Provisioning Charge applies toward the order processing and work to be performed, on each circuit(s) or service(s), when provisioned within the same wire center. This charge applies only to the following services: Low Speed Data - MT3 and LS31 DC Channel, Exchange Service Extensions and Telephone Answering Service.

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When these services are provisioned on a different wire center basis, the Initial Service Provisioning and/or Subsequent Service Provisioning Charges apply.

D. Channel Performance

A nonrecurring charge applies for the installation of each Channel Performance and includes its predefined technical specifications and the facilities from the customer designated premises to the serving wire center.

E. Transport Mileage

A nonrecurring charge applies for the installation of Transport Mileage which provides the transmission facilities between wire centers.

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F. Optional Features And Functions

Nonrecurring charges apply for the installation of some of the Optional Features and Functions available with Private Line Transport. The charge applies whether the feature or function is installed coincident with the initial installation of service or at any time subsequent to the installation of the service, unless otherwise specified.

G. Service Rearrangements

Service rearrangements are changes to existing (installed) services which do not result in either a change in the minimum billing period requirements or a change in the physical location of the Network Access Channel at a customer designated premises. The charge to the customer for the service rearrangement is dependent on whether the change is administrative only in nature or involves actual physical change to the service. Changes which result in the establishment of new minimum billing period obligations are treated as disconnects and new connects. Changes in the physical location of the Network Access Channel are treated as moves and are described in I. following.

Service rearrangements will be charged for as follows and the appropriate Service Provisioning Charge will apply in addition:

- If the change involves the addition of another leg to an existing service, the nonrecurring charge for the Channel Performance will apply. The charge will apply only for the leg that is being added.
- If the change involves the addition of an Optional Feature or Function which has a separate nonrecurring charge, that nonrecurring charge will apply.
- If the change involves changing the type of Channel Performance on a service, the Channel Performance nonrecurring charge will apply.
- If the change involves the changing of the type of service (e.g., a change from VG2 to VG3), it will be treated as a discontinuance of the existing service and the installation of a new service.

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G. Service Rearrangements (Cont'd)

- If the change involves changing jurisdiction from interstate to intrastate on End-Link or Mid-Link services, all nonrecurring charges will apply. This change will be treated as a discontinuance of the existing service and the installation of a new service.
- For all other changes, including the addition of Optional Features and Functions without separate nonrecurring charges, a charge equal to the Channel Performance nonrecurring charge associated with the facility will apply.

If the change involves reterminating an existing Voice Grade or Digital Data Service Network Access Channel onto a spare channel of a higher capacity service, only the Rollover nonrecurring charge, as specified in L., following, will apply. (C) (T)

H. Billable Administrative Changes

Some administrative changes are billable items to the customer. A Billable Administrative Charge will apply to the following, when requested by the customer.

- Change of customer circuit identification (circuit reference)
- Change of bill account number
- Supersedure. When a customer wishes to assume responsibility for a service which is already installed for another customer without any changes in the service, provided they meet the criteria established for a new customer.

A Billable Administrative Charge applies per service order.

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE
• Billable Administrative Charge	ORC	\$11.50

I. Nonbillable Administrative Changes

Some administrative changes will be made without charge(s) to the customer. Such changes require the continued provision and billing of the Private Line Transport to the same entity (i.e., customer remains responsible for all outstanding indebtedness for the Private Line Transport).

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I. Nonbillable Administrative Changes (Cont'd)

Nonbillable Administrative changes are as follows:

- Change of customer name (i.e., the customer of record does not change but rather the customer of record changes its name--e.g., XYZ Company to XYZ Communications),
- Change of customer or customer's end user premises address when the change of address is not a result of a physical relocation of facilities,
- Change in billing data (name, address, or contact name or telephone number),
- Change of customer contact name or telephone number.

J. Moves

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

- The Point of Termination at the customer's designated premises
- The customer's premises

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 or Between Buildings on the Same Premises.

When the move is to a new location within the same premises or between buildings on the same premises, the move is the responsibility of the customer. There will be no change in the minimum billing period requirements.

2. Moves To A Different Building

Moves to a different building will be treated as a discontinuance and new installation of service and all associated nonrecurring charges will apply. New minimum period requirements will be established for the new services. The customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

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K. Reestablishment Of Service Following Fire, Flood Or Other Occurrence

1. Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply

Charges do not apply for the reestablishment of service following a fire, flood or other occurrence attributed to an Act of God provided that:

- a. The service is of the same type as was provided prior to the fire, flood or other occurrence.
- b. The service is for the same customer.
- c. The service is at the same location on the same premises.
- d. The reestablishment of service begins within 60 days after Company service is available. (The 60 day period may be extended a reasonable period if the renovation of the original location on the premises affected is not practical within the allotted time period).

2. Nonrecurring Charges Apply

Nonrecurring Charges apply for establishing service at a different location on the same premises or at a different premises pending reestablishment of service at the original location.

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L. Rollover

1. A rollover allows for a lower speed service (i.e., Voice Grade Service or Digital Data Service), to be either placed onto a higher speed service or moved from one higher speed service to a different higher speed service or moved to a different channel on the same multiplexed service. (C)

Should the customer request to have work performed which involves the change of an:

- Existing Voice Grade Service (i.e., Standard or WATS) onto a multiplexed DS1 Service, or
- Existing Digital Data Service onto a multiplexed DS1 Service (T)

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and all of the following conditions are met, a rollover charge will apply to the lower speed service as specified in 2., following:

- The services are provided between the same customer locations as the original service(s), and
- All rollovers are performed at the same Company Central Office location, and
- All services involved in the rollover are provided by the Company.

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L. Rollover (Cont'd)

2. Rollover Charges

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rollover of existing Voice Grade Service onto a multiplexed DS1 Service, per service termination affected for either a two-wire or four-wire service<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Standard Voice/WATS	NR6RA	\$193.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rollover of existing Digital Data Service onto a multiplexed DS1 Service, per service termination affected<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56, 64 kbps	NR6RB	219.00

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M. Service Guarantee - Provisioning

The Company assures that all provisioning requests for Digital Data Service (DDS) will be installed on the customer requested service date (due date) providing it is equal to or greater than the standard intervals published in the Service Interval Guide. If the Company fails to meet this commitment, the customer's bill will be adjusted to reflect a Service Guarantee credit of 100% of the total nonrecurring charge for the service. Service Guarantee applies to provisioning orders, with an application date on or after the effective date of this Catalog revision, for DDS, which add, move, or change the Network Access Channel(s), Transport Mileage, Channel Performance, and Optional Features and Functions, including service rearrangements. There is no additional charge for this guarantee. To be eligible for the Service Guarantee credit, the following conditions must be met.

1. The Service Guarantee - Provisioning conditions include:
 - Service requests for DDS. This is limited to the nonrecurring charges for Channel Performance, Transport Mileage, Optional Features and Functions, and the Service Provisioning Charge, if applicable.
 - The Services must be provided wholly within Company territories.
2. The Service Guarantee - Provisioning Credit does not apply:
 - To Service Date Changes or Design Changes due to customer reasons,
 - To requests for Expedites, Cancellations, Additional Engineering, Additional Labor, Design Layout Report (DLR), Power Protection, Special Facilities Routing, Testing and any other Miscellaneous Changes specified in Section 4, preceding,
 - During natural disasters or a declared national emergency, or where Priority Installation under the provisions for Telecommunications Service Priority take precedence,
 - To Special Construction.

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3.2.3 CUSTOM SERVICE ARRANGEMENT

If the standard Channel Performance packages or available Optional Features and Functions are not adequate to meet a specific customer requirement, the customer may request and the Company may develop a unique Custom package where facilities and operating conditions permit. Both the monthly rate and the nonrecurring charges for the features will be developed on an individual case basis. The charges for all other rate categories as described in Section 5.1.2 following will apply for the type of channel service requested. Special Construction Charges as defined in Section 4.1.6 following may also apply.

3.2.4 RATE STABILIZED AND DISCOUNT PRICING

As an alternative to month-to-month cataloged rates, qualifying customers may elect a rate stabilized or discounted pricing arrangement. Rate stability allows eligible customers to have rate predictability for specified periods of time. Discounting allows eligible customers to realize some savings due to their larger volume of services and their long term commitment to that volume of services.

Each customer will be required to sign a contractual agreement for the furnishing of services on a rate stabilized or discounted pricing basis.

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A. Rate Stability Terms and Conditions

1. Both Analog and Digital Data (DDS) Private Line Transport Services are eligible for rate stability consideration.
2. The rate stabilized price is the catalog rate in effect at the time the agreement is signed by the customer.
3. The minimum contract value for Analog Private Line Transport Services is one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) per month.
4. No minimum contract value is required for Digital Data (DDS) Private Line Transport Services.
5. The only rate elements eligible for rate stabilization are: Network Access Channels (at catalog rates), Channel Performance, Transport Mileage, and Private Line Transport Optional Features and Functions. These rate elements are the only ones to be used in the revenue calculation for determining eligibility.
6. In addition to satisfying the minimum eligibility requirements, the rate stabilized price must be above cost.
7. The nonrecurring charges, for circuit(s) installed under a rate stability plan, are not included under the contract and are those specified in the current catalog.

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A. Rate Stability Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

8. The contract period for both Analog and Digital Data Private Line Transport Services shall be not less than 12 months nor more than 84 months.
9. Customers with service under a rate stability plan that is within 6 months of expiration may extend their rate stability plan rates for a period of 12 months, by notifying the Company in writing of their intent to do so. The 12 month extension will begin upon expiration of the existing rate stability plan. Extension of an existing rate stability plan is available only for the original customer of record of the service.

At the end of the rate stability plan or of the extension (whichever is applicable), the customer must choose to:

- Renew the service under a new rate stability plan,
- Continue service under the month-to-month option, or
- Discontinue the service.

If the customer renews the service, the monthly rates for a new rate stability plan will be the rates in effect, in the Catalog, on the renewal date. Should the customer not make a choice by the end of the existing rate stability plan or extension period, the rates will automatically revert to the month-to-month option.

10. A termination charge may apply if a customer falls below 80% of the billing level of the agreement. The termination charge is as specified in 2.4.6, preceding.

If a customer completely cancels all or a portion of the contracted service at any time during the term of the agreement, a termination charge may apply as specified in 2.4.6, preceding.

11. In any month, where the customer receives service generating a monthly billing amount greater than one hundred and twenty percent (120%) of the original contract billing level, the customer's contract billing level shall then increase to ninety percent (90%) of the new billing amount for the remainder of the term of the agreement. The minimum billing level will be eighty percent (80%) of the contract billing level.

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B. Discount Pricing Terms and Conditions

Discount Pricing will be based on the length of the term of the agreement and the quantity of the circuits between the same two points. The two discounts, based on the term and the quantity, will be added together to determine the total discount. These standard discounts apply to all rate elements for Analog Private Line Transport and Digital Data Service except the Network Access Channel (NAC). A separate NAC discount structure is specified in 12., following.

1. Analog Private Line Transport Services and Digital Data Service are eligible for discount pricing consideration for Channel Performance, Transport Mileage, and Optional Features and Functions.
2. The discounted price is based on the catalog rates in effect at the time the agreement is signed by the customer.
3. For Analog Service the customer must have twenty-one (21) or more, two-wire equivalent circuits, between two points, or; the circuits to be included in the discount pricing agreement must have a minimum billing of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars per month, before discount.
4. For Digital Data Service, the circuits to be included in the discount pricing agreement must have a minimum billing of fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars per month, before discount, or the customer must subscribe to a contract period of 36 months or longer.
5. In addition to satisfying the minimum eligibility requirements, the discounted price must be above cost.

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B. Discount Pricing Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

6. The nonrecurring charges, for circuit(s) installed under a discount pricing agreement, are not included under the contract and are those specified in the current catalog.
7. The contract period shall be not less than 12 months nor more than 84 months.
8. Customers with service under a discount pricing agreement that is within 6 months of expiration may extend their discount pricing agreement rates for a period of 12 months, by notifying the Company in writing of their intent to do so. The 12 month extension will begin upon expiration of the existing discount pricing agreement. Extension of an existing discount pricing agreement is available only for the original customer of record of the service.

At the end of the discount pricing agreement or of the extension (whichever is applicable), the customer must choose to:

- Renew the service under a new discount pricing agreement,
- Continue service under the month-to-month option, or
- Discontinue the service.

If the customer renews the service, the monthly rates for a new discount pricing agreement will be the rates in effect, in the Catalog, on the renewal date. Should the customer not make a choice by the end of the existing discount pricing agreement or extension period, the rates will automatically revert to the month-to-month option.

9. A termination charge may apply if a customer falls below 80% of the billing level of the agreement. The termination charge is as specified in 2.4.6, preceding.

If a customer completely cancels all or a portion of the contracted service at any time during the term of the agreement, a termination charge may apply as specified in 2.4.6, preceding.

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B. Discount Pricing Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

10. In any month, where the customer receives service generating a monthly billing amount greater than one hundred and twenty percent (120%) of the original contract billing level, the customer's contract billing level shall then increase to ninety percent (90%) of the new billing amount for the remainder of the term of the agreement. The minimum billing level will be eighty percent (80%) of the contract billing level.

11. Analog Discount Schedule

The following discount schedule applies to only the following rate elements; Channel Performance, Transport Mileage, and Optional Features and Functions. The discounts are additive and will apply up to a maximum of 15%. Discounts may be less than those indicated to assure that rates are above costs.

DISCOUNT

- Length of Agreement
 - 12 through 35 months 3%
 - 36 through 59 months 10%
 - 60 through 84 months 15%

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- Quantity of Circuits
 - 0 through 20 Not Eligible
 - Over 20 5%

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B. Discount Pricing Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

12. Digital Data Service Discount Schedule

The following discount schedule applies to only the following billing elements; Channel Performance, Transport Mileage, and Optional Features and Functions. The discounts are additive and will apply up to a maximum of 16%. Discounts may be less than those indicated to assure that charges are above cost.

DISCOUNT

• Length of Agreement	
- 12 through 35 months	0%
- 36 through 59 months	5%
- 60 through 84 months	10%
(Plus)	
• Billing Amount	
- \$0.00 to \$1500.00	0%
- \$1500.00 to \$3000.00 before discount	2%
- \$3000.00 to \$5000.00 before discount	4%
- Over \$5000.00, before discount	6%

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13. Network Access Channel (NAC) Discount Pricing

Discount pricing for NACs is available to both Analog and Digital Data Private Line Transport Services, and is determined based on the length of the term of the agreement, the quantity of NACs between two points (the same customer location and serving wire center), and if the equivalent two-wire quantity of NACs is greater than 50, the airline distance from the customer to the serving wire center. One 4-wire NAC is equivalent to two 2-wire NACs.

Analog and Digital Data Services are considered separately, when determining NAC discount eligibility and rates.

- a. To be eligible for a discount on the NAC, the customer must have more than fifty (50), two-wire equivalent NACs between a customer location and the serving wire center. Customers with 50 NACs or less will be charged the effective rate specified elsewhere in this Catalog.
- b. The rates for all two-wire equivalent NACs over fifty are developed on an individual case basis (ICB). The actual rate paid by the customer is determined by adding the specified rates for the first fifty NACs to the ICB price for all NACs over fifty.
- c. NAC Discount Rate Elements

Discounted Network Access Channel

	USOC	MONTHLY RATE
• Two-Wire	1CL2X	[1]
• Four-Wire	1CL4X	[1]

[1] Monthly rates for discounted NACs will be specified in the Company Service Agreement.

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d. NAC Discount Schedule, per two-wire NAC[1]

NAC QUANTITY	MONTHLY RATE		
	12-35 MONTH TERM	36-59 MONTH TERM	60-84 MONTH TERM
• 1 through 50[2]	\$32.00 (I)	\$32.00 (I)	\$32.00 (I)

[1] The four-wire rate is double the two-wire rate.

[2] The rates for two-wire equivalent NACs over 50 are developed on an individual case basis.

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3.3 MINIMUM BILLING PERIOD AND FRACTIONAL RATES

- A. Rates for service offered under this catalog are for a minimum billing period of one month or the length of time specified in a Custom Service Arrangement, a Rate Stabilized or Discount Pricing Arrangement, or in specific service agreements.
- B. When a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable, whether the service is used or not, as follows:
- When a service with a one month minimum period is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, a one month charge will apply at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued.
 - When a service with a minimum period greater than one month is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, a termination charge will apply as specified in 2.4.6, preceding.
- C. When the minimum billing period has been met, charges for a fraction of a month will be the monthly rate, prorated for the actual number of days service is furnished. For this purpose every month is considered to have 30 days.
- D. Fractions of a cent are carried throughout the computation of the charge. When the computed charge includes a fraction of a cent;
- One-half cent or more is treated as one cent;
 - Less than one-half cent is disregarded
- E. The rates for service installed or changes in service which involve a change in rates will become effective on the day the service is installed or changed.

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3.4 MILEAGE MEASUREMENT

The mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for the Transport Mileage is calculated using the airline distance between wire centers. The serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises is the serving wire center from which the customer designated premises would normally obtain dial tone.

Transport Mileage is shown in terms of mileage bands. To determine the rate to be billed, first compute the mileage using the V&H coordinates method, as set forth in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 4, then find the band into which the computed mileage falls and apply the rates shown for that band. When the calculation results in a fraction of a mile, always round up to the next whole mile before determining the mileage band and applying the rates.

When bridging locations are involved, mileage is computed and rates applied separately for each section of the Transport Mileage. When any service is routed through a wire center for purposes other than customer specified bridging (e.g., the Company chooses to so route for test access purposes), rates will be applied only to the distance calculated between the serving wire centers associated with the customer designated premises.

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