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20. Optical Networking (Cont'd)(D) Application of Rates and Charges(1) CONNECT

The Connect rate element provides the platform for customer access to the Telephone Company's Optical Network. The Connect element provides the link between the CDL and the SWC of the CDL.

There are three types of Connects:

- Single Route Connect *
- Dual Route Connect *
- Ring Connect *
- CO Connect *
- Shared Connect *
- Jointly Provided Custom Connect *
- Wholly Provided Custom Connect *
- Custom Connect

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(a) Single Route Connect

The Single Route provides a connection to the Telephone Company's wire center(s) via a point-to-point route configuration. The Single Route Connect may be provided as electrical or optical interface in OC bandwidths of OC3, OC12, OC24 or OC48. The Single Route Connect may be ordered as switched or special access.

(b) Dual Route Connect

The Dual Route Connect provides a connection to the Telephone Company's wire center(s) in which the working transmission path traverses a distinct and separate path from the protection transmission path. The Dual Route Connect may be provided as electrical or optical interface in OC bandwidths of OC3, OC12, OC24 or OC48. The Dual Route Connect may be ordered as switched or special access.

(c) Ring Connect

The Ring Connect provides a connection to the Telephone Company's wire centers via a ring topology that provides no single point of failure. The Ring Connect has a minimum of three nodes one of which must be a Telephone company wire center. The Ring Connect may be provided as either electrical or optical interface in OC bandwidths of OC3, OC12, OC24 or OC48. When two of the nodes are customer designated locations, at least one of those nodes must be electrical. The Ring Connect may be ordered as switched or special access.

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(D) Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(1) CONNECT (Cont'd)

(g) Wholly Provided Custom Connect (Custom Connect - WP)

The Wholly Provided Custom Connect provides a connection to the Telephone Company's SONET wire center(s), an interexchange access customer designated location (CDL), and the access customer's end user CDL(s) via a ring topology. The Wholly Provided Custom Connect may be provided in OC bandwidths of OC3, OC12 or OC48.

The Wholly Provided Custom Connect is comprised of four rate elements, CDL Node, CO Node, Custom Connect (CC) Transport and CC Rider. The CDL Node rate element is applicable for each customer designated location, the CO Node is applicable for each central office that is equipped with a fiber optic terminal in which the customer requests the ability to add/drop traffic to a CDL and the CC Transport rate element is applicable for transport from the serving wire centers of the customer designated locations and CO Nodes. The CC Rider is the customer service riding the CC Transport. The CC Rider may be provided at DS1, DS3, OC3 and OC3c bandwidth levels as required by the customer. The bandwidth of the CDL Nodes, CO Nodes and CC Transport rate elements must be the same.

The CC Transport provides distance sensitive transport on a ring topology. The transport is measured from the primary serving wire centers of the customer designated locations and the CO Nodes.

In addition to the Wholly Provided Custom Connect rate elements, the appropriate special access line (SAL) from Section 5 is applicable from the CO Node to the customer designated location where traffic is entering the Wholly Provided Custom Connect at a DS1 or DS3 bandwidth level as required by the customer.

The Wholly Provided Custom Connect may be ordered as switched or special access.

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(D) Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

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(j) Custom Connect

The Custom Connect provides a connection to the Telephone company's Optical Network and an access customer's designated location (CDL). The Custom Connect is comprised of CO Nodes, CDL Links, Transport and Riders. Each Custom Connect must consist of a minimum of two customer designated locations, one of which must be a CDL Link.

The Custom Connect may be ordered as switched or special access.

CO Node

The CO Node rate element is applicable for each central office that is equipped with a fiber optic terminal in which the customer requests the ability to add/drop traffic to a CDL. If the customer wants to drop traffic below a DS3 at the CO Node, the customer must request a minimum DS1 interface and appropriate special access lines from Section 5. The CO Node may also be used when the customer wants to add/drop DS1 or DS3 traffic to a CDL located between the service areas shown under Section 5.2.7(H). The appropriate multiplexing and access lines and transport rates from Section 5 will apply in addition to the CO Node and appropriate rider charges. The CO Node may be ordered at an OC3, OC12, OC48 or OC192 bandwidth capacity. The OC192 CO Node cannot drop traffic below the Ocn level. The CO Node may be ordered under a one (1) year, three (3) year, five (5) year or seven (7) year Term Payment Plan (TPP).

The CO Node may be ordered when a customer requires OC level multiplexing on the Custom Connect.

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(D) Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(1) CONNECT (Cont'd)

(j) Custom Connect (Cont'd)

Transport

Transport may be ordered as shared or dedicated. Shared Transport is applicable when the transport between nodes and/or Links is ordered at different bandwidth levels. The Dedicated Transport is applicable when transport between the Nodes and/or Links is of the same bandwidth level.

Shared Transport may be ordered in bandwidths if DS1, DS3/STS1, OC3/STM1, OC3c, E1, OC12/STM4, OC12c, OC48 or OC48c. The customer has the option to subscribe to Banded Optical Transport in place of Customer Connect Shared Transport.

The Transport is provided at a flat-rated monthly recurring charge.

Rider

The Rider is the customer's service(s) traversing the CDL Link. Riders may be provided at DS1, DS3, OC3c, OC12c, OC48c, STS1, E1, STM1 or STM4 bandwidth levels as required by the customer. The DS1 and DS3 riders cannot be utilized on the OC192 facility.

The Rider is provided at a flat-rated monthly recurring charge which includes add/drop multiplexing and is applicable per rider circuit with the exception of OC3c, OC12c, and OC48c CDL Links.

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Intrastate Riders may be transported on the customer's interstate Optical Networking facility.

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(F) Incremental Growth

Incremental Growth facilitates a customer's growth in increments of OC3. Incremental Growth applies only to Connect.

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Incremental Growth may be ordered as switched or special access.

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(G) Rate Regulations

Optical Networking may be ordered under a one (1), three (3), five (5), or seven (7) year Term Payment Plan (TPP). Any TPP for these services is subject to an TPP Termination Liability Charge as specified herein.

When ordered together the TPP applies to Connects and Banded Optical Transport.

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(1) Changes in Length of a TPP

Prior to the expiration of a TPP period, the customer may elect to convert to a new TPP period of the same or different length, subject to the following conditions:

- No credit will be given for the new period for payments made under the original TPP arrangement.
- NRCs will not be reapplied for existing services.
- If the new TPP period is shorter in length than the time remaining under the existing TPP, the change to the new TPP period constitutes a disconnect of the existing TPP service and termination liability charges will apply.
- The rates for the new period will be the rates currently in effect at the time of the change.
- If the customer subscribes to a new TPP which is greater in length than the initial TPP term and discontinues one or all of the service elements prior to the expiration of the new termination liability period, the termination liability, as set forth below, will apply based on the remainder of the TPP period in effect at the time of the disconnect.

Year in which Service Is Discontinued	Liability Rate
1	100%
2	75%
3	50%
4 or more	25%

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(G) Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(2) Renewal Options

Ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the existing TPP, the customer shall submit in writing to select a new TPP or disconnect service. If no notice is received, the Company will automatically reconnect the customer to a new TPP with the same term life as the previous.

After completion of the initial TPP term and the customer subscribes to a new term that is longer in length the termination liability, as set forth below, will apply based on the remainder of the TPP period in effect at the time of the disconnect.

<u>Year in which Service Is Discontinued</u>	<u>Liability Rate</u>
1	20%
2	15%
3	10%
4 or more	5%

(3) Conversion

When an existing customer purchases Optical Networking, the customer may upgrade their existing special access services to Optical Networking. The upgrade may require physical network changes, as well as changes to existing billing arrangements. Physical changes consist of reterminating existing services not currently utilizing the Optical network.

Termination liability charges will not apply to the customer's existing services provided the Optical Networking TPP term commitment agreement is equal to or longer in length than the time remaining for the existing arrangement.

(4) Rate Changes

The TPP rates are exempt from Telephone Company initiated increases for the length of the plan, however, decreases will be passed on to the customer. Rate changes may occur as a result of FCC action.

(5) Termination Liability

In the event the customer discontinues one or all of the service elements (Connect, Banded Optical Transport) prior to the end of the termination liability period, initial termination liability charges, as set forth below, will apply based on the remainder of the TPP period in effect at the time of the disconnect.

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<u>Year in which Service Is Discontinued</u>	<u>Liability Rate</u>
1	40%
2	35%
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