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20. Optical Networking (Cont'd)

20.4 Application of Rates and Charges

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.

(A) There are three types of Connects:

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|-----------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|
| Single Route Connect* | - | Jointly Provided Custom Connect* | |
| Dual Route Connect* | - | Wholly Provided Custom Connect* | |
| Ring Connect* | - | | (D) |
| CO Connect* | - | | (D) |
| Shared Connect* | - | Custom Connect | |

(1) 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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

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(10) Custom Connect (Cont'd)

Transport

Transport may be ordered as shared or dedicated. Shared Transport is applicable when the transport between Node 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 of DS1, DS3/STS1, OC3, OC3c, OC12, OC12c, OC48 or OC48c. Dedicated Transport may be ordered in bandwidths of OC3, OC3c, OC12, OC12c, OC48, OC48c or OC192, 1.25 Gbps or 2.5 Gbps. The transport is mileage sensitive and will be calculated based on the V&H coordinates of the wire centers comprising each segment of the connect. The meet point billing mileage calculation is specified in 2.7.3. The customer has the option to subscribe to Banded Optical Transport in place of Custom 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 or STS1 bandwidth levels as required by the customer. The DS1 and DS3 rider may not be utilized on an 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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(D) Payload*

Payload is the customer service riding on the shared IOF transport and/or the activation of the service(s). Payload is provided at a flat-rated monthly recurring charge which includes add/drop multiplexing and is applicable at the wire center for each customer designated location, with the exception of CO Connects, Banded Optical Transport and Wholly Provided Custom Connect. Payload services include DS1, DS3, OC3, OC3c, OC12, OC12c and STS1.

The monthly rates for DS1 payloads are shown in 20.4.(K).

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20.6 Incremental Growth

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

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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 a TPP Termination Liability Charge as specified herein.

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

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(A) 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.

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

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