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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)7.2 Rate Categories, Applications and Regulations7.2.1 Rate Categories(G) DS1 Term Payment Plan (TPP)(1) Description

The DS1 Term Payment Plan (TPP) allows customers term discounts for DS1 circuit termination. A customer may select this service for either a single state or multi-state level. TPP is offered for a 1, 2, 3, or 5 year service commitment period for the DS1 circuit termination. All TPP DS1 circuit terminations will be billed the same rate, depending on the length of the term selected by the customer.

(2) Rate Changes

Decreases in the TPP monthly recurring circuit termination rates will be passed on to subscribers of the plan.

(3) Commitment Levels

To initiate a TPP, on either a single state or multi-state plan, the minimum commitment is as shown below.

Number of States	Minimum Number of Circuit Terminations
1	25
2	50
3	75
4	100
5 and over	125

The commitment levels will be met if the customer has the minimum number of DS1 TPP circuit terminations in the DS1 TPP. If the customer has committed to more than the minimum number of circuit terminations required, as (C) shown above, an allowance of minus 2% or plus 5 % will be considered as having met the commitment level.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)7.2 Rate Categories, Applications and Regulations7.2.1 Rate Categories(G) DS1 Term Payment Plan (TPP)(4) Changes to Commitment Levels

Written notice must be submitted by the customer to change the commitment level of DS1 circuit terminations. If, as the result of increasing or decreasing the commitment level, service is changed from a TPP to a DS1 standard arrangement, or from a standard arrangement to a TPP arrangement an ASR will be required within 30 days for all services changed. Only one TPP arrangement will be allowed per customer for each term period. Penalties for decreasing the commitment level are discussed in 7.2.1(G)(8).

(5) TPP Plan Enrollment

When the customer elects to enroll in a TPP they must specify, in writing, the enrollment date (which will be the anniversary date) and the commitment level. The commitment level is chosen by the customer and may be less than all of the customer's DS1 circuit terminations. The specified enrollment date must be within 30 days of receipt. The customer must also select whether the TPP will be a single state or multi-state plan and specify the states to be included. By the specified date the customer must issue ASRs to add DS1 circuit terminations to the TPP and/or convert standard arrangement to the TPP to fall within the commitment range specified in 7.2.1(G)(3). The customer chooses which DS1 circuit terminations to include in the TPP.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)7.2 Rate Categories, Applications and Regulations7.2.1 Rate Categories(G) DS1 Term Payment Plan (TPP)(6) Annual Review

Each customer's TPP will be reviewed annually. The customer will be notified in writing as to the status of the TPP. This notification will inform the customer of any TPP DS1 circuit terminations that must be converted. If the customer has increased the number of DS1 circuit terminations from the initial commitment beyond the range specified in 7.2.1(G)(3), he will have the option of increasing the commitment level for the remainder of the plan. If the customer chooses not to increase the commitment level of DS1 circuit terminations for the remaining year(s) of the plan, he must convert the increased number of DS1 circuit terminations to the standard payment plan. The DS1 circuit terminations that are converted to the standard payment plan will not be eligible for reconversion to the TPP for a ten month period. The customer may decrease the commitment level at the time of the annual review and pay the applicable penalties for the amount of DS1 circuit terminations being decreased. The customer will have 30 days from receipt of this notification to convert DS1 circuit terminations.

If the customer does not take action during the 30 day period, the commitment level will be automatically changed to the number of TPP DS1 circuit terminations in the TPP at the anniversary date. Penalties will apply as set forth in 7.2.1(G)(8). (C)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)7.2 Rate Categories, Applications and Regulations7.2.1 Rate Categories(G) DS1 Term Payment Plan (TPP)(7) TPP Conditions

If a DS1 service has two DS1 circuit terminations, to include this service as part of a TPP, both DS1 circuit terminations must be in the TPP.

After enrolling in the plan, the customer may add or delete DS1 circuit terminations rated at the specified term period rate at any time during the plan. For example, if the customer agrees to a 2 year TPP, they may add DS1 circuit terminations at any time at the 2 year TPP rate.

Individual states can not be added or deleted during the plan period.

A customer may subscribe to only one plan for each term period within a given state.

(8) Penalties for Failing To Meet Commitment

When the number of TPP Services at the annual review is less than the acceptable commitment range, the following penalty charges will apply, based on the difference between the commitment level less 2% and the number of TPP services in effect at the annual review. For example, if the commitment level is 100 and the customer has 90 DS1 TPP circuit terminations in the TPP at time of annual review, the penalties described below will be applied to the difference of 98 (2% less than 100) and 90, which would be 8 in this example. (C)

- (a) The penalties charged during the first year of the TPP will be the full MRC for 4 months plus 10% of the MRC for the remaining number of months.
- (b) The penalties charged during the subsequent years of the TPP will be 10% of the MRC for 4 months plus 10% of the MRC for the remaining number of months.