

AMERITECH OPERATING COMPANIES (AMERITECH)
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this transmittal is to facilitate the transition to an all-Internet Protocol (“IP”) network by discontinuing (on a grandfathered basis) the longest term lengths for certain legacy TDM services.

DESCRIPTION

Ameritech makes this filing to facilitate the transition of its network to an all-IP network. Technology transitions are challenging and industry experience teaches that large-scale customer migrations take time and proper planning. Ameritech cannot begin to move away from the legacy services as long as customers are continuing to establish or renew commitments that run well beyond 2020. For this reason, Ameritech can no longer justify a generally available tariff offering of 4- and 5-year term plans that would commit Ameritech to maintaining legacy TDM networks well into the next decade. Customers purchasing from these tariffs today and in the future would, by the terms of those tariffs, have circuits committed until at least 2021 and 2022, respectively.

Accordingly, in this filing Ameritech is modifying its tariffs to grandfather certain term plans for legacy TDM-based services. For DS1 and DS3 services, Ameritech is grandfathering 4- and 5-year term plans, with 1-, 2- and 3-year terms along with monthly rates continuing to be available.

Ameritech is also grandfathering all term plans longer than 1-month for legacy DS0 and voice grade services.

Upon the effective date of the tariff filing, Ameritech customers will no longer be able to purchase *new* term plans longer than 3 years for DS-1 and DS-3 services, and *new* term plans will no longer be available for DS-0 and voice grade services. Customers with existing circuits will continue to receive service until the grandfathered term plans have expired. However, a customer may not establish new grandfathered term plans for either new or existing circuits. In addition, Ameritech is eliminating renewal and conversion options for the grandfathered term plans and customers may not select any of the grandfathered term plans when committing any service to a new term plan.

PRICE CAP COMPLIANCE

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Ameritech is grandfathering certain term lengths associated with DS1 and DS3 services and all term plans longer than 1-month for legacy DS0 and voice grade services. There is no price cap revenue impact for grandfathering. The API remains below the PCI and all SBIs are below the associated SBI Upper Limits, as indicated on the IND-1 form of the Tariff Review Plan.