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13. Private Line Services13.1 General

Private Line Service provides a circuit-based, point-to-point, transmission path (or "channel") between wire centers on the Company's SONET fiber network, end user premises served by wire centers on the Company's SONET fiber network or combinations thereof.

Wire centers served by the Company's SONET fiber network and listed in Section 13.4, below, are referred to as "On-Net".

13.2 Technical Standards13.2.1 Description

Private Line Service is a digital service offering. It is offered at data bit rates of 1.544 Mbps (DS1), 44.736 Mbps (DS3), or 155.520 Mbps (OC3 or OC3c). The actual bit rate is a function of protocol combinations selected by the Customer. The channel provides for the transmission of nominal 1.544 Mbps, 44.736, or 155.520 Mbps synchronous serial data. Private Line Service is only available to and from On-Net wire centers, end user premises served by On-Net wire centers, or combinations thereof. Private Line Service may be connected to Special Access service, as described in Section 5 of this tariff, in order to extend a circuit to wire centers that are not On-Net.

13.2.2 Transmission Specifications

Transmission Specifications contained in Section 5.2.2(C)(2) preceding apply for Private Line Services.

13.2.3 Standard Protocol Combinations

Private Line Service channels are available with the standard protocol combinations set forth in Section 5.2.2(C)(3). Other protocols are available at rates determined on an individual case basis.

13.3 Rate Regulations

This section contains the specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply for Private Line Services.

13.3.1 Rates and Charges

There are two types of rates and charges: monthly rates and nonrecurring charges. The rates and charges are described as follows:

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13. Private Line Services (Cont'd)13.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)13.3.1 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)(A) Monthly Rates

Monthly rates are flat recurring rates that apply each month or fraction thereof that a Private Line Service is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.

Private Line Services are only available under term commitments of one (1) year, two (2) years, three (3) years and five (5) years. Monthly flat rate recurring charges apply to the corresponding term commitment ordered by the Customer.

(B) Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges (NRC's) are one-time charges that apply for specific work activity (e.g., installation or a change to an existing service). Nonrecurring charges as set forth in Section 15 shall apply upon issuance of a firm order confirmation by the Telephone Company. In addition to the nonrecurring charges set forth in Section 15, Facilities Access Order charges also apply as described in Section 9.2.

13.3.2 Discontinuance of Term Commitments(A) Non-Government Persons or Entities

If Customer chooses to discontinue all or a portion of the service before the expiration of the term commitment period, discontinuance charges will apply.

Should the Customer choose to discontinue term commitments prior to completion of the term commitment period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges equal to 100% of the monthly recurring one year commitment rates for the total remaining months of the initial one year period will apply (if cancelled prior to the end of the first year), plus 50% of the monthly one year commitment rates for the remaining portion of the commitment period beyond the first year will apply.

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13. Private Line Services (Cont'd)13.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)13.3.2 Discontinuance of Term Commitments (Cont'd)(B) Government Entities

Discontinuance charges do not apply to commitment period services purchased by local, State or Federal Government entities when services are discontinued prior to completion of the commitment period only when all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The service(s) purchased by the local, State or Federal government entity are utilized solely for provision of services for that local, State or Federal government entity,
- (2) Funding for the fixed period service ordered by the authorized local, State, or Federal government entity is included in the budget request for each fiscal period appropriation sufficient to cover the authorized local, State or Federal government entity's obligation under the fixed period service for that fiscal period,
- (3) Nonappropriation may not be used as a means of terminating the service to acquire a functionally similar product or service,
- (4) The local, State, or Federal government entity ordered the fixed period service under the good faith belief that the moneys in amounts sufficient to discharge its obligations could and would lawfully be appropriated and be made available for this purpose and,
- (5) The local, State or Federal government entity or the customer who ordered the service on their behalf, must provide the Telephone Company notarized documents agreed upon by both the Telephone Company and the Customer. The documents must show that the entity is allotted insufficient funds for the remainder of the then current fiscal period or for a succeeding fiscal period, by appropriation, appropriation limitation or grant to continue payments under the fixed period of service, and has no other funding source lawfully available to it for such purpose.

If all of the conditions in this subsection are not met, the discontinuance charges specified in Section 13.3.2(A) shall apply.

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13. Private Line Services (Cont'd)

13.4 On-Net Wire Centers – Frontier Communications of Minnesota

13.4.1 Metro On-Net

The following Frontier Communications of Minnesota wire centers are defined as “Metro On-Net”:

Apple Valley  
Burnsville  
Farmington  
Lakeville  
Rosemount

13.4.2 Non-Metro On-Net

The following Frontier Communications of Minnesota wire centers are defined as “Non-Metro On-Net”:

Avoca  
Belle Plaine  
Chandler  
Currie  
Elysian  
Fairmont  
Iona  
Janesville  
Jordan  
Kilkenny  
Lake Wilson  
Lakefield  
Lecenter  
Lewisville  
Montgomery  
Northrup  
Sherburn  
Slayton  
Truman  
Waterville  
Welcome  
Worthington

