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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.4.6 High Capacity Optional Rate Plan

A Term Discount plan applies to Special Access DS1 and DS3 High Capacity Service Channel Termination, Channel Mileage Facility and Channel Mileage Termination monthly rates, as set forth following. The current monthly rates for such services are reduced by a fixed percentage; that is, monthly rates may change as a result of tariff filings based on cost changes such that the base amount on which the term discount plan applies may increase or decrease accordingly. The amount of the discount percentage differs based on the length of the service commitment period selected by the customer. The Term Discount percentages for High Capacity Service are as set forth in 12.3(D)(4) following.

The minimum service period on a monthly rate basis is one month for DS1 service and twelve months for DS3 service.

(A) Term Discounts

DS1 and DS3 High Capacity Special Access Service may be ordered at the customer's option on a monthly rate basis or for Term Discount periods of 36 months (3 years) or 60 months (5 years).

The minimum service period for all Term Discount plans is twelve months. The customer must specify the length of the service commitment period at the time the service is ordered.

For customers that subscribe to the Term Discount plan for 36 or 60 months, the Term Discount percentage as set forth in 12.3(D)(4) following will be frozen from Company initiated decreases, for the entire discount period at the percent in effect at the beginning of the Term Discount period.

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ACCESS SERVICE**7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)****7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)****7.4.6 High Capacity Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)****(A) Term Discounts (Cont'd)**

If a Term Discount Percentage increase occurs during the term of an existing Term Discount plan, the increased percentage will be applied automatically to the remainder of the current Term Discount period.

At the end of the Term Discount period, the customer may convert to month-to-month service or subscribe to a new Term Discount plan. If the customer does not make a choice by the end of the discount period, the rates will automatically revert to month-to-month service rates.

To be included in a Term Discount plan, all eligible High Capacity rate elements must be ordered for the same commitment term (i.e., all 36 months or all 60 months) and with the same service date. When additional capacity is subsequently added, it will be available only on a month-to-month basis unless the discount period of the entire service is upgraded.

As long as the number of DS1s or DS3s included in a Term Discount plan remains constant, customer requests to install and disconnect DS1 or DS3 services, including changes affecting different wire centers and/or customer designated premises, will not change the current Term Discount period or the minimum service period, and Discontinuance of Service charges as set forth in 7.4.6(A)(3) following will not apply.

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ACCESS SERVICE**7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)****7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)****7.4.6 High Capacity Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)****(A) Term Discounts (Cont'd)****(1) Upgrades in Term Discounts**

Services provided under monthly rates or Term Discount rates may be upgraded to a new Term Discount plan at any time without incurring Channel Termination nonrecurring charges or discontinuance charges for existing services. The new Term Discount plan must meet or exceed the service term of the plan being upgraded. For example, a service with a 36 month commitment period may be upgraded to a new 36 month, or 60 month service period. The monthly rates, on which a new Term Discount plan are based, will be those that are in effect at the time the service is upgraded (See first paragraph of High Capacity Optional Rate Plan description on page 173.1, preceding.). A new minimum service period applies to all High Capacity Service that is upgraded.

(2) Upgrades in Capacity (DS1 to DS3)

If the customer chooses to upgrade a service under the Term Discount rate plan to a higher capacity (i.e., DS1 to DS3), discontinuance charges will not apply, provided all the following conditions are met:

- the customer's order for the disconnect of the existing DS1 Service and the installation of the new DS3 Service are received at the same time and specifically reference the application of upgrade in capacity,
- the customer's disconnect order for the existing DS1 Service must reference the DS3 Service installation order,
- the new service has a total voice equivalent channel capacity greater than the total voice equivalent channel capacity of the service being discontinued and,

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ACCESS SERVICE**7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)****7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)****7.4.6 High Capacity Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)****(A) Term Discounts (Cont'd)****(2) Upgrades in Capacity (DS1 to DS3)(cont'd)**

- the new Term Discount period meets or exceeds the Term Discount period being discontinued.

A new minimum service period applies to all upgrades. Channel Termination nonrecurring charges for an equivalent channel capacity of the existing services being upgraded to the higher speed service will not be assessed. For example, 30 DS1 Services are being upgraded to DS3 Service. A capacity of 3 is installed at the customer's request. A total of 2 DS3 Channel rate elements will be installed without Channel Termination nonrecurring charges being assessed, as it will require 2 DS3 Channel rate elements to provide the equivalent channel capacity of the existing services. Channel Termination nonrecurring charges will not apply to the upgraded lower speed services placed on the higher speed service if requested at the same time as the upgrade request. Channel Termination nonrecurring charges will apply for capacity that exceeds the existing equivalent channel capacity.

Should the customer choose to upgrade under the Term Discount plan, either a portion of or the entire DS1 Service to a DS3 Service, and move the service to (a) new customer location(s), discontinuance charges will not apply.

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ACCESS SERVICE**7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)****7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)****7.4.6 High Capacity Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)****(A) Term Discounts (Cont'd)****(3) Discontinuance of Service**

If the customer chooses to disconnect all or a portion of the service prior to the expiration of the Term Discount period, discontinuance charges will apply to the portion of the service being discontinued.

Should the customer choose to discontinue a Term Discount plan prior to the completion of the minimum service period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges equal to one-hundred percent of the total undiscounted monthly rates, less any amounts previously paid, will apply for the minimum service period. Additionally, discontinuance charges of fifteen percent for DS1 service, and fifty percent for DS3 service, of the total undiscounted monthly charges will apply to the remaining portion of the discount service term.

Should the customer choose to discontinue service ordered under a Term Discount plan after the minimum service period but before the completion of the discount period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges of fifteen percent for DS1 Service, and fifty percent for DS3 Service, of the total undiscounted monthly charges will apply to the remaining portion of the discount period. For example, a customer has a DS1 Service which it chooses to discontinue after 33 months into a 60-month service term. The discontinuance charge would be 0.15 times 27 months times the undiscounted monthly rates for that service.

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12. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

12.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Non Recurring Charges</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>	
(D) <u>High Capacity</u> (Cont'd)				
(2) <u>Channel Mileage Facility</u>				
per mile				
44.736 MBbps	ICB	None	7.1.1(B)(1)	
1.544 MBbps	\$176.93 (I)	None	7.1.1(B)(1)	
128 Kbps	\$70.45 (I)	None	7.1.1(B)(1)	
256 Kbps	\$101.02 (I)	None	7.1.1(B)(1)	
384 Kbps	\$131.59 (I)	None	7.1.1(B)(1)	
512 Kbps	\$162.16 (I)	None	7.1.1(B)(1)	
(3) <u>Channel Mileage Termination</u>				
per termination				
44.736 MBbps	ICB	None	7.1.1(B)(2)	
1.544 MBbps	\$850.39 (I)	None	7.1.1(B)(2)	
128 Kbps	\$498.78 (I)	None	7.1.1(B)(2)	
256 Kbps	\$606.17 (I)	None	7.1.1(B)(2)	
384 Kbps	\$713.57 (I)	None	7.1.1(B)(2)	
512 Kbps	\$820.96 (I)	None	7.1.1(B)(2)	
(4) <u>Term Discounts</u>			<u>Percentage</u>	(N)
DS1 and DS3 services				
36 months			10%	(N)
60 months			20%	(N)
(E) <u>Special Access Surcharge</u>				
Per Voice Grade Equivalent	NA	NA	7.4.4	
				(D)
				(D)