

Sprint Local Telephone Companies

Tariff F.C.C. No. 3

Transmittal No. 210

Description and Justification

The Sprint local telephone companies (Sprint LTC) hereby submit the following information in support of the accompanying tariff filing, as required by Sections 61.38 and 61.49(f)(3) of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

This filing is being made on 15 days' notice under the Federal Communications Commission's streamlined filing procedures, and adds local channel, alternate central office channel, interoffice channel, and internodal channel rates in Section 7.5.15 for use with OC192 Sprint SONET Ring ServiceSM in the state of Nevada.

Sprint was granted Phase II pricing flexibility relief for the metropolitan statistical area comprising its entire Nevada jurisdiction pursuant Subpart H of Part 69 of the Commission's rules. In accordance with pricing flexibility guidelines, Nevada's OC3, OC12 and OC48 Sprint SONET Ring ServiceSM rates were moved from the Special Access Service general tariff offering under Section 7.5.15 to the Pricing Flexibility Special Access Service offering under Section 22.5.15.

OC192 Sprint SONET Ring ServiceSM was introduced under Transmittal No. 209, dated December 13, 2002, as a new service offering. As provided under the Commission's price cap regulations, OC192 Sprint SONET Ring ServiceSM will be included in Sprint's price cap indices as part of its 2003 Annual Access Filing, and will become eligible for pricing flexibility following its inclusion under price cap regulation.

The local channels, alternate central office channels, interoffice channels, and internodal channels used in conjunction with Sprint SONET Ring ServiceSM are not bandwidth sensitive, and the same rates apply for all bandwidth configurations. The rates for these channels are currently found under the pricing flexibility provisions in Section 22.5.15. In order to ensure accurate ordering and billing of Sprint SONET Ring ServiceSM, Sprint LTC proposes to incorporate identical rates for use with OC192 services under the special access price cap provisions in Section 7.5.15.

Conclusion

The Sprint local telephone companies are submitting the accompanying tariff revisions in response to customer requests for the OC192 services, and in accordance with the Commission's Rules governing the provision of interstate access services. The rates proposed in this filing satisfy the new service criteria set forth in the Commission's pricing flexibility guidelines and, as stipulated in Section 61.49(f)(3) of the Commission's Rules, do not require accompanying cost support.