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(A) Scope

Contract Tariff Option 2, the New Connect Discount Plan, is an offering exclusively for new installations of certain Special Access services ordered during a specific period of time.

The regulations, terms and conditions provided in this Section 21.3 automatically apply to all customers who install new services offered under the New Connect Discount Plan in the applicable MSAs during the specified subscription period. The qualifying services are listed in (B) following and the applicable Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) are specified in (C) following.

The subscription period during which the customer qualifies for Contract Tariff Option 2, the New Connect Discount Plan (the Plan), begins on April 16, 2003 and ends July 11, 2003. In order for a service to be included in the Plan:

- (1) An order for service must be placed during the subscription period and the service must be one of the services specified in Section (B) following.
- (2) The customer must accept the service on the original service date.
- (3) If the customer does not accept service on the original service date, any change to a later date will make the service ineligible for the discount, unless the change is initiated by the Telephone Company.

(B) Eligible Services

The New Connect Discount Plan is an offering exclusively for new installations of Special Access services listed below:

- High Capacity Services (DS1 and DS3)
- Custom Connect
- Express Connect
- Banded Optical

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(C) Serving Area

The serving area of the New Connect Discount Plan is comprised of the following Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Wire centers for each MSA are listed in Section 19.1.

Tampa-St. Petersburg

Los Angeles-LongBeach*

* The additional discount of the Plan is not applicable to the portion of the communications path connecting the serving wire center to the associated End User location.

Any additions or changes to the wire centers included in the MSAs listed above that occur after April 16, 2003 will apply and be included in the Plan.

(D) Description of the New Connect Discount Plan

The New Connect Discount Plan offers an automatic additional discount on all eligible services ordered from Sections 5 and 20 of this tariff that meet the conditions outlined in (A), (B) and (C) preceding. The additional discount will be applied to the monthly recurring rate elements associated with transport of the service (e.g., Special Access Lines, transport, nodes) and to DS3 and DS1 level multiplexing optional features. Application of the additional discount on transport is limited to those instances where the serving wire center of one end is within an MSA identified in (C) above and the serving wire center of the other end is a Level 1 or Level 2 wire center of the same MSA or of a different MSA specified in Section 19.1 preceding. The additional discount will not be applied to special access cross-connects for EIS.

The services and the associated rate elements may be ordered on a month-to-month (MTM) basis or as a term plan as allowed for that particular service as described in Sections 5 and 20.

Under the Plan, the customer will receive a discount applied to the MTM rates or to the monthly rates of the term plan as described in Sections 5 and 20.

- The Plan discount for a 7-year term plan is 10%.
- The Plan discount for all other eligible services and all other term plans is 20%.

Shared use as set forth in Section 3.3 preceding is allowed under the Plan, however, only the special access portion of a service is eligible to receive the Plan discount.

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(E) Terms and Conditions

All terms and conditions, including termination liability and minimum service periods, as stated in Sections 5 & 20 preceding apply for the respective services, except for those terms and conditions which involve the additional discount provided under the New Connect Discount Plan as stated following:

- (1) When service is ordered on a Month-to-Month basis under the New Connect Discount Plan, the Plan's additional discount will expire on July 11, 2010.
- (2) When service is ordered in a term plan under the New Connect Discount Plan, the Plan's discount expires at the end of the initial term. The customer may extend the Plan for one additional term of less, equal or greater length than the expiring plan.
- (3) When service is disconnected prior to completing the minimum service period, the Plan's discount is not used in calculating the minimum period charges for the remainder of the minimum period.
- (4) Replacements, rearrangements, upgrades or any other physical change to service under the New Connect Discount Plan will result in termination of the Plan's additional discount. The Plan's discount will not apply to any obligations of termination liability or to charges applicable to the remaining minimum service period obligation.
- (5) When termination liability applies to a service in accordance with the terms and conditions as stated in either Section 5 or 20, the additional discount provided under the Plan will not apply and will thus be excluded from any calculation of the termination liability for the remainder of the term plan.

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