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7. PRIVATE LINE TRANSPORT SERVICE

7.15 SONET RING SERVICE (SRS)

7.15.1 GENERAL

Effective October 20, 2001, SONET Ring Service (SRS) is limited to existing service. All existing SRS customers may retain their service until the expiration of their term or until the service is moved or disconnected. Channel Terminations and Transport Channels may be added up to 6 months prior to the expiration of the existing Partnership Plan only.

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A. Description

SONET Ring Service (SRS) is a high capacity shared network service capable of providing an interoffice transport link with high performance and reliability parameters and a level of redundancy/diversity designed to limit a single event from interrupting the service. SONET Ring Service is provided at speeds of 1.544 Mbps (e.g., DS1), 44.736 Mbps (e.g., DS3) and 155.52 Mbps (e.g., OC3) on Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) fiber facilities configured in ring architectures. These facilities are available at specific locations as set forth in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

Where SRS is not available, Special Construction charges may apply, as set forth in Tariff F.C.C. No. 2.

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24. CONTRACT TARIFFS

24.2 CONTRACT NO. 03-005 (Cont'd)

When the entire service or a portion of the service is disconnected prior to the expiration of the fixed period service rate plan then Termination Liability and Waiver Charges (TLA) will apply, as specified in previous sections of this tariff for the respective products offered in this contract. In addition to the TLA, the customer will be responsible for reimbursing the Company for any incentives received.

Orders for DDS, DS1, DS3, SST or SHNS Service must be received from November 15, 2003 through February 13, 2004. Customer requested due dates for DDS or DS1 order(s) must be within 60 days of receiving customer authorization for the order(s), and customer requested due dates for DS3, SST or SHNS order(s) must be within 120 days of receiving customer authorization for the order(s).

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