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2 - General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies

In case of an interruption to any service, allowance for the period of interruption, if not due to the negligence of the customer, shall be as follows:

- (1) For BellSouth SWA Dedicated Interoffice Channels, Channelization Equipment and Switched Local Channels, Dedicated End Office Trunk Port Service and Dedicated Tandem Trunk Port Service Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) services other than SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Dedicated Ring), BellSouth Dedicated Ring, SMARTPath service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS1 Shared Ring), and SMARTPath DS3 Transport service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS3 Shared Ring), LightGate service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Point to Point Network), DS1 (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS1) service, BellSouth DS1 Diverse Service, Program Audio (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Program Audio), DS3 Digital Video Service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS3 Digital Video) and Broadcast Quality Video (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Broadcast Quality Video) services, and BellSouth Virtual Expanded Interconnection Cross-Connect Services no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than 30 minutes. The customer shall be credited for an interruption of 30 minutes or more at the rate of 1/1440 of the monthly charges for the facility or service for each period of 30 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

The credits will apply no more than once per month and the total of all credits, including those provided in other sections of this Tariff, shall not exceed the monthly rate for the service.

The monthly charges used to determine the credit shall be as follows:

- (a) The monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the highest level inoperative channelized service:

- For BellSouth SWA Transport: BellSouth SWA Local Channel, Dedicated End Office Trunk Port Service and Dedicated Tandem Trunk Port Service, BellSouth SWA Dedicated Interoffice Channel, Channelization Equipment (if applicable) and any Optional Features and Functions.
- For Special (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) two-point services: two Local Channels, Interoffice Channel and Optional Features and Functions.

- (b) For multipoint services, the monthly charge shall be only the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the highest level channelized service for that portion of the service that is inoperative (i.e., a local channel per customer premises, interoffice channel and optional features and functions).

- (c) For Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) channelized services, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with that portion of the highest level channelized service that is inoperative.

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

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When the facility which is channelized or the Basic Channelization System itself is inoperative, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the highest level channelized service (i.e., the local channel, interoffice channel, central office channel interface(s) and any optional features and functions, including the Basic Channelization System on the facility to the Hub. When the service which rides a channel of the channelized facility is inoperative (assuming the highest level channelized service is still operative) the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with that portion of the lower level inoperative service from the Hub to a customer premises (i.e., local channels, interoffice channel, central office channel interface(s), and optional features and functions). For channelized service ordered under the Shared Network Arrangement, certain record keeping complexities necessitate that the host subscriber as well as each service user notify BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. of any service outage in order to receive a credit allowance. (C)

(d) For BellSouth SWA channelized services, the monthly charge shall be the total of all monthly rate element charges associated with that portion of the highest level channelized service that is inoperative. When the facility which is channelized or the Basic Channelization System itself is inoperative, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the highest level channelized service (e.g., the Switched Local Channel, Switched Interoffice Channels, Channelization Equipment, including the Basic Channelization System on the facility to the Hub, if applicable). (C)

(e) For SMARTPath services (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Shared Ring) and SMARTPath DS3 Transport service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS3 Shared Ring), the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the highest level inoperative channelized service (e.g., SMARTPath Area Connection and SMARTPath Area Junction). (C)

(f) For BellSouth Virtual Expanded Interconnection Cross-Connect element specified in Section 20.4.2 of this Tariff, the monthly charge shall be that associated with the specific cross-connect that is inoperative. (T)

(g) For SMARTGate service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Ring Network) and BellSouth Managed Shared Ring service, the monthly charge shall be the monthly charges associated with the service (e.g., On-Net or Off-Net).

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2 - General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

- (6) Service interruptions for Specialized Service or Arrangements provided under the provisions of Section 12 following shall be administered in the same manner as those set forth in 2.4.4 unless other regulations are specified with the Individual Case Basis filing.
- (7) Service interruption for BellSouth Administrative Management Service shall be administered in the same manner as set forth in 13.3.10(C) following.
- (8)(a) For Self-healing Multi-nodal Alternate Route Topology Ring (SMARTRing) service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Dedicated Ring) and BellSouth Dedicated Ring, a credit for a service interruption shall apply when a single failure of the Telephone Company's equipment occurs resulting in a service outage of the entire system and the system does not automatically self-heal around the point of failure within one (1) second. No credit shall apply unless the customer reports the service interruption to the Telephone Company and the trouble is found in the Telephone Company equipment based on information provided by the network surveillance system associated with the service. The credit shall equal the total of all the monthly charges for the highest level inoperative channelized service provided, however, no more than one credit shall apply per any given rate element for any given month regardless of the number of interruptions occurring during that month. In Shared Network Arrangements as defined in 6.7.16 and 7.2.11(A) following, with OC-3 SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Dedicated Ring) and BellSouth Dedicated Ring credit does not apply to the DS1 facility and/or DS1 Channel Interfaces of the connecting service user. (C)
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- (b) For service interruptions of individual channel interfaces on a SMARTRing service, (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Dedicated Ring) and a BellSouth Dedicated Ring, which do not constitute a total ring failure, credit shall be allowed for interruptions of one minute or more. The credit shall apply when the customer reports the interruption to the Telephone Company. The credit shall be at the rate of 1440/1440 of the monthly charge for the service element. Credit allowance limitation shall be in accordance with Section 2.4.4.B)(4) preceding.

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

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For all other service interruptions resulting from a failure of the Telephone Company's equipment for services connecting to a SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Dedicated Ring), and BellSouth Dedicated Ring, credit shall be allowed for an interruption of 30 minutes or more. The credit will begin when the customer reports the interruption to the Telephone Company. This credit shall be at the rate of 1/1440 of the total monthly charges assessed for that portion of the highest level channelized service that is interrupted for each period of 30 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. (C)

(c) Credit allowances will not apply if service is interrupted during customer requested upgrades and/or additions to the SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Dedicated Ring), and BellSouth Dedicated Ring, or during customer requested rearrangements.

(9) For SMARTPath service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Shared Ring), and SMARTPath DS3 Transport service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS3 Shared Ring) rate elements, failure by the Telephone Company to meet the performance guarantee described in Sections 7.2.13(C)(2) and 7.2.14(C)(1) of this Tariff, respectively, will prompt a credit equal to 1440/1440 for effected SMARTPath service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS1 Shared Ring), or SMARTPath DS3 Transport service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS3 Shared Ring), rate elements. A customer request for credit will not be required. The credit will be applied through normal administrative processes and the dollar amount will be reflected on the customer's bill. The credit will apply no more than once per billing period. This credit is in addition to those provided in 2.4.4(B)(1) preceding. The combined total of the credit allowance during a month for failure to meet the performance guarantee in Section 7.2.13(C)(2) or 7.2.14(C)(1), as applicable, and the credit for service interruption contained in Section 2.4.4(B)(1) shall not exceed the monthly rate for the highest level inoperative channelized service. (T) (C)

(10) Credit allowances for service interruptions on DS1 Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS1) service (including DS1 Alternate Serving Wire Center service and LightGate service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Point to Point Network) DS1 channel interfaces) will be based on

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

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the wire center group assignment of the customer's serving wire center, (see Group 1 wire Center list following). For DS1 Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS1) facilities assigned to Group 1 wire centers, the customer shall be credited at the rate of 1440/1440 for service interruptions of one minute or more. Special Access DS1 (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS1) customers with facilities assigned to Group 2 wire centers, (all other wire centers not included in Group 1) shall be credited for interruptions of more than 30 minutes but less than or equal to 210 minutes based on the credit allowance schedule following. For service interruptions of 211 minutes or more the customer shall receive a credit of 1440/1440 of the monthly rate. Credit allowances for DS1 Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS1) service interruptions involving more than one wire center group will be based on the respective local channel wire center rate and the highest interoffice channel mileage rate used in provisioning the service. Ratcheting, to account for BellSouth SWA services, will be applied to DS1 Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS1) service interruption credits. Credit allowance limitations shall be in accordance with Section 2.4.4(B)(4) preceding.

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Credit Allowance Schedule Group Wire Centers

<u>Interruption Period</u>	<u>Credit Per Interruption</u>
<u>30 Minutes to 150 Minutes</u> All	360/1440
<u>151 Minutes to 210 Minutes</u> All	720/1440
<u>211 Minutes or More</u> All	1440/1440

The provisions of this subsection do not apply to BellSouth DS1 Diverse service.

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

- (11) Application of credits for service outages for LightGate service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Point to Point Network), (excluding DS1 channel interfaces), will be calculated as follows: credits will be applied to the monthly rate associated with each activated interface affected, after ratcheting adjustments to account for BellSouth SWA service, if any, for the highest level channelized service. For system level rate elements, credits applied to the monthly rate associated with the system, after ratcheting adjustments for BellSouth SWA services, based upon the proportion which the interrupted Special Access, (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) channels, in the system bear to the total activated Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) channels, in the system. Where service interruptions of one minute or more per occasion occur, the credit applied shall be 1440/1440. Credit allowance limitations shall be in accordance with Section 2.4.4(B)(4) preceding.

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- (12) For SMARTGate service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Managed Shared Ring Network) and BellSouth Managed Shared Ring service, failure by the Telephone Company to meet the performance guarantee described in 7.4.22(A) following will prompt the credit described in that Section. The combined total of the credit allowance during a month for failure to meet the performance guarantee in Section 7.4.22(A) for SMARTGate service and BellSouth Managed Shared Ring in Section 6.7.20 following, as applicable, and the credit for service interruption contained in Section 2.4.4(B)(1) shall not exceed the monthly rate for the portion of the service affected.
- (13) Credit allowances for service interruptions on affected BellSouth SWA DS1 service Local Channel and/or Interoffice Channel elements will be based on the wire center group assignment of the customer's serving wire center, (see Group 1 Wire Center list contained in Section 2.4.4.(B)(10) preceding). For BellSouth SWA DS1 facilities assigned to Group 1 wire centers, the customer shall be credited at the rate of 1440/1440 for service interruptions of one minute or more. BellSouth SWA DS1 customers with facilities assigned to Group 2 wire centers, (all other wire centers not included in Group 1) shall be credited for interruptions of more than 30 minutes but less than or equal to 210 minutes based on the credit allowance schedule following.

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

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Service interruptions of 211 minutes or more the customer shall receive a credit of 1440/1440 of the monthly rate. Credit allowances for BellSouth SWA DS1 service interruptions involving more than one wire center group will be based on the respective local channel wire center group and the highest interoffice channel mileage wire center used in provisioning the service. Ratcheting, to account for Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) services, will be applied to BellSouth SWA DS1 service interruption credits. When the BellSouth SWA service is provisioned over SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring), the customer must report the outage to obtain the credit. Otherwise, no customer request for the outage credit is required. Credit allowance limitations shall be in accordance with Section 2.4.4.(B)(4).

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Credit Allowance Schedule Group 2 Wire Centers

<u>Interruption Period</u>	<u>Credit Per Interruption</u>
<u>30 Minutes to 150 Minutes</u> All 360/1440	
<u>151 Minutes to 210 Minutes</u> All	720/1440
<u>211 Minutes or More</u> All	1440/1440

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2 - General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

- (14) Application of credits for service outages for BellSouth SWA DS3 will be calculated as follows: For the affected BellSouth Local Channel, Interoffice Channel and BellSouth SWA DS3 Channelization elements, credits will be applied to the monthly charge associated with each element affected for the highest level inoperative channelized service, after ratcheting adjustments to account for Special Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA) service, if any. Where service interruptions of one minute or more per occasion occur, the credit applied shall be 1440/1440 of the total monthly charge for the rate element involved. When the BellSouth SWA service is provisioned over SMARTRing service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Dedicated Ring), the customer must report the outage to obtain the credit. Credit allowance limitations shall be in accordance with Section 2.4.4.(B)(4) preceding.

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- (15) Application of credits for service outages of BellSouth DS1 Diverse service Local and Interoffice Channels will be calculated as follows: In the event of primary facility path failure, service is guaranteed to switch to an alternate facility path in one minute or less. Failure to meet this guarantee will result in credits being applied to the customer's bill equal to 1440/1440 of the monthly charge associated with the affected service element(s) (e.g., for the affected Local Channel, Interoffice Channel, DS1 Basic Channelization System and associated Central Office Channel Interface(s), and 1.544 Mbps elements of service associated with higher capacity Central Office Channel Interface channelization element(s), where the trouble is on the public right-of-way). Credits will be applied through normal administrative processes and the dollar amount will be reflected on the customer's bill. Ratcheting, to account for BellSouth SWA services, will be applied to BellSouth DS1 Diverse service interruption credits. A customer must report the outage in order to receive credit. The credits will apply no more than once per month and the total of all credits, including those in other sections of this Tariff, shall not exceed the monthly rate for service.

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Service Installation Guarantee is applicable for DS1 Diverse service as specified in 2.4.9 following.

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2 - General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(C) When a Credit Allowance Does Not Apply

No credit allowance will be made for:

- (1) Interruptions caused by the negligence of the customer, the customer's end user or the customer/end user's authorized agent. (C)
- (2) Interruptions of a service due to the failure of equipment or systems provided by the customer or others. (C)
- (3) Interruptions of a service during any period in which the Telephone Company is not afforded access to the premises where the service is terminated.
- (4) Interruptions of a service when the customer has released that service to the Telephone Company for maintenance purposes, to make rearrangements, or for the implementation of an order for a change in the service during the time that was negotiated with the customer prior to the release of that service. Thereafter, a credit allowance as set forth in (B) preceding applies.
- (5) Interruptions of a service which continue because of the failure of the customer to authorize replacement of any element of special construction, as set forth in BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 2 for Special Construction. The period for which no credit allowance is made begins on the seventh day after the customer receives the Telephone Company's written notification of the need for such replacement and ends on the day after receipt by the Telephone Company of the customer's written authorization for such replacement.
- (6) Periods when the customer elects not to release the service for testing and/or repair and continues to use it on an impaired basis.
- (7) Periods of temporary discontinuance as set forth in 2.2.1(B) preceding.

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2 - General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(C) When a Credit Allowance Does Not Apply (Cont'd)

- (8) An interruption or a group of interruptions, resulting from a common cause, for amounts less than one dollar.
- (9) Periods of interruption as set forth in 13.3.1 following.
- (10) Interruptions of a service due to commercial power failure.
- (11) Interruptions of a service due to labor difficulties, governmental orders, civil commotions, criminal action against the Telephone Company, acts of God, war, or other circumstances beyond the Telephone Company's control.
- (12) When unbundled network elements (UNEs) or combinations of UNEs are commingled with Access Services purchased under this Tariff. (N)

(D) Use of an Alternative Service Provided by the Telephone Company

Should the customer elect to use an alternative service provided by the Telephone Company during the period that a service is interrupted, the customer must pay the tariffed rates and charges for the alternative service used.

(E) Temporary Surrender of a Service

In certain instances, the customer may be requested by the Telephone Company to surrender a service for purposes other than maintenance, testing or activity relating to a service order. If the customer consents, a credit allowance will be granted. The credit allowance will be 1/1440 of the monthly rate for each period of 30 minutes or fraction thereof that the service is surrendered. In no case will the credit allowance exceed the monthly rate for the service surrendered in any one monthly billing period.

2.4.5 Reestablishment of Service Following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence

(A) Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply

Charges do not apply for the reestablishment of service following a fire, flood or other occurrence attributed to an act of God provided that:

- (1) The service is of the same type as was provided prior to the fire, flood or other occurrence.