

**Sprint Local Telephone Companies**

**Tariff F.C.C. No. 3**

**Transmittal No. 264**

***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 61.41 through 61.49 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

This filing is being made on 15 days' notice under the Commission's streamlined filing procedures, and proposes the following revisions to Tariff F.C.C. No. 3:

- (1) Tariff language changes to special access term discount plan (TDP) and premier term discount plan (PTDP) provisions to allow customers a 12 months extension of their current plan;
- (2) Tariff language changes to switched and special access OptiPoint service and Sprint SONET Ring Service<sup>SM</sup> to clarify requirements for renewal of customer minimum commitment periods and their request for discontinuance of the service; and
- (3) Tariff language changes to offer OC192 Sprint SONET Ring Service<sup>SM</sup> using 2-fiber unidirectional path switch ring (UPSR) topology in addition to the current offering using 2-fiber bidirectional line switched ring (BLSR) topology.

***1.0 Term Discount Plan Revisions***

Sprint LTC proposes to revise its special access term discount plan (TDP) and premier term discount plan (PTDP) regulations to include language which allows customers to extend their current plan for an additional 12 months upon expiration of their original three or five year commitment period. This change will ensure that customers have sufficient time to review the options available to them and select the plan that will best fit their needs. Customers subscribing to TDP or PTDP plans established or on order prior to October 1, 2005, may elect to discontinue service without termination liability within 90 days of the effective date of the revisions included in this filing.

## ***2.0 OptiPoint and Sprint SONET Ring Service<sup>SM</sup> Revisions***

Sprint LTC proposes to revise its switched and special access OptiPoint service and Sprint SONET Ring Service<sup>SM</sup> regulations to include tariff language which clarifies customer obligations for providing notification of their intent to renew or discontinue service upon expiration of their minimum commitment period. Currently the tariff requires the customer to provide in writing 90 days prior to the expiration of the minimum commitment period their intent to not renew their service or their current plan will automatically renew. Sprint LTC further clarifies that should the customer provide the required written notification of their intent to not renew, the customer will have 6 months from the expiration date of their current plan to submit their disconnect order(s). If the customer fails to submit their disconnect order(s), by the end of the 6 month period, the commitment period in effect at the time of the original expiration period will automatically renew at current tariffed rates. If the customer submits their disconnect order(s) after the 6 month period, termination liability charges will apply as specified in the tariff. This change will ensure that customers have sufficient time to provide their disconnect order(s) without incurring full termination liability charges.

In addition, Sprint LTC proposes to revise Sprint SONET Ring Service<sup>SM</sup> to offer customers the option of ordering OC192 using 2-fiber unidirectional path switch ring (UPSR) topology. Currently, Sprint LTC only offers OC192 Sprint SONET Ring Service<sup>SM</sup> using 2-fiber bidirectional line switched ring (BLSR) topology.

Customers subscribing to switched and special access OptiPoint service or Sprint SONET Ring Service<sup>SM</sup> under a minimum commitment period established or on order prior to October 1, 2005, may elect to discontinue service without termination liability within 90 days of the effective date of the revisions included in this filing.

## ***3.0 Conclusion***

The Sprint local telephone companies are submitting the accompanying tariff revisions in accordance with the Commission's Rules governing the provision of interstate access services, and in response to customer requests for the proposed revisions.