

NEVADA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
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PURPOSE

With this filing, Nevada Bell Telephone Company (NBTC) is proposing to clarify existing rules and regulations as they relate to the Optical-to-Electrical Add/Drop Capability feature for Dedicated SONET Ring Services. This filing includes the following revisions: 1) Adding clarifying language to the Optical-to-Electrical DS-1 Add/Drop Capability text description which describes at what point a customer is charged this fee per OC-12 or OC-48 node. 2) Adding a change in regulation to the OC-192 Add/Drop Capability text description which states, "Effective 06/15/07, the OC-192 Add/Drop Capability is not applied to CO nodes without drop ports." This was also added as a footnote to the OC-192 rate section, where applicable. 3) Making text changes and removing erroneous information from the OC-192 Optical-to-Electrical Add/Drop Capability text description. 4) Adding a Nonrecurring Charge for Subsequent Installation per Add/Drop Capability for OC-192 Rings. 5) Reducing the 60-month rate for the OC-192 DS-3 Transmux Re-Map port feature. None of the revisions included in this filing will adversely affect existing customers.

DESCRIPTION

Dedicated SONET Ring Service provides customers with a dedicated custom network. Dedicated SONET Ring Service is based on Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) Uni-Directional Path Switched Ring (UPSR) and Bi-Directional Line Switched Ring (BLSR) technology. The Direct Drop feature allows additional services and ports to be directly available from the main SONET Ring node. This means that certain services and ports will not require Add/Drop and Optical-to-Electrical equipment and rates when meeting the direct drop rules. When the forecast or requirements exceeding the rules or slots on the main node/shelf are exhausted, the Add/Drop and Optical-to-Electrical equipment and rates will be required.

- For OC-12 Rings, the Optical-to-Electrical DS-1 Add/Drop Capability charge is applied when the 85th DS-1 port is required per OC-12 node, and when the 29th DS-1 port is required per OC-48 node.

- For OC-48 and OC-192 Rings, the Optical-to-Electrical DS-1 Add/Drop Capability charge is applied when the 29th DS-1 port is required per OC-192 node.

PRICE CAP COMPLIANCE

This filing is changing regulations to the OC-192 Add/Drop Capability allowing additional services and ports to be directly available from the main SONET Ring node. Certain services and ports will not require Add/Drop and Optical-to-Electrical equipment and rates when meeting the direct drop rules. When the forecast or requirements exceeding the rules or slots on the main node/shelf are exhausted, the Add/Drop and Optical-to-Electrical equipment and rates will be required. There will be no changes to existing customers, nor will there be a revenue impact. The API remains below the PCI, and all SBIs are below the associated SBI Upper Limits, as indicated on the IND-1 form of the Tariff Review Plan.