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Mr. Cayce Hinton Director, Division of Industry Development & Market Florida Public Service Commission Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0805

Dear Mr. Hinton:

Attached for filing, please find the following revised pages for the Bellsouth Telecommunications service Tariff:

# **Access Services Tariff**

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The purpose of this Access Tariff filing is to grandfather Intrastate Shared Use effective July 1, 2024. Impacted customers are being notified directly.

Acknowledgement, date of receipt and authority number of this filing are requested. Your consideration and approval will be appreciated.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at (850) 228-0231.

Sincerely,

Manager – External Affairs

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# E5. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR ACCESS SERVICES<sup>1</sup>

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- **Note 1:** Text is shown as new due to reissue of all Tariff Sections. No changes in rates or regulations were made with this filing.
- Note 2: Effective July 1, 2024, neither new nor existing customers will be permitted to create new Shared Use arrangements. In addition, requests to move, add, or change existing Shared Use arrangements will not be accepted. Shared Use arrangements existing prior to July 1, 2024 are otherwise unaffected by this change.

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# E5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

#### E5.2.7 Minimum Period Charges (Cont'd)

- A. When Access Service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable for the balance of the minimum period. The disconnect date is the final date the IC or End User has use of the service. (Cont'd)
  - 3. For Dedicated Access Service, the charge for a month or fraction thereof is the applicable monthly rate for the service as set forth in E7.5 following.
  - 4. For *BellSouth SWA* service Dedicated Access Lines, the charge for each remaining month and/or fraction thereof is the applicable monthly rate for the service as set forth in E6.7.3 following.
  - 5. For EIS arrangements, the charge for a month or fraction thereof is the applicable monthly rate for the service as set forth in Section E20. following.
  - 6. The Minimum Period Charges for *BellSouth SWA FG*D or *BellSouth SWA* TSBSA 3 service are set forth in E2.4 preceding.
- **B.** Extraordinary circumstances may exist under which minimum period charges may be waived with Florida Public Service Commission approval.
- C. All applicable nonrecurring charges for the service will be billed in addition to the Minimum Period Charge.
- D. Should billing for a service which is disconnected prior to the expiration of the Minimum Period cover multiple billing cycles, the bill reflecting the disconnect of service will be adjusted to account for that portion of the Minimum Period Charge previously billed to the IC. In no event shall the total recurring charge billed to the IC for such service exceed the applicable Minimum Period Charge.

All applicable nonrecurring charges associated with the provision of service will be billed in addition to the Minimum Period Charge. Such nonrecurring charges include the nonrecurring charge for the installation of service and/or optional features, Service Order Modification Charges, Additional Engineering and Labor Charges, if any, etc.

### E5.2.8 Shared Use<sup>(1)</sup> Facilities

Shared Use occurs when *BellSouth SWA* and Dedicated Access services are provided over the same high capacity facility through a common interface. The facility may be ordered either as digital high capacity *BellSouth SWA* or Dedicated Access.

Billing will commence for the high capacity facility as soon as the facility is turned over to the IC for use (i.e., on the service date). Such billing will include charges for the Local Channel or Switched Local Channel, the Channelization Equipment (i.e., the multiplexer) and the interoffice transport mileage, if any. Nonrecurring installation charges will also apply at this time.

Such billing will continue until such time as the IC requests, by placing an order for service, that one or more of the derived channels be used in the provisioning of an end to end **BellSouth SWA** or Dedicated Access service. When the end to end service is turned over to the IC for use, the existing billing may be modified and billing for the end to end service will commence.

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#### **E5. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR ACCESS SERVICES**

# E5.2 Access Order (Cont'd)

#### E5.2.8 Shared Use<sup>(1)</sup> Facilities (Cont'd)

When the original facility is ordered as Dedicated Access, the billing change to the existing facility, if any, will depend on whether the end to end service provisioned over the derived channel(s) is Dedicated or BellSouth SWA. If Dedicated Access service, the billing for the facility will not change but additional billing will commence for the end to end service provisioned over the facility. This billing will include an additional local channel(s) and interoffice mileage, if applicable, of a lower capacity level (e.g., voice grade).

When the original facility is ordered as Dedicated Access and BellSouth SWA service is provisioned over a derived channel(s), the Dedicated Access billing for the original facility will be reduced in direct proportion to the number of channels being utilized for BellSouth SWA service. For example, if six channels of BellSouth SWA DS1 are to be used for BellSouth SWA, the Dedicated Access rate will be reduced by one fourth. The IC will be billed one fourth of the BellSouth SWA DS1 rate, plus all other applicable BellSouth SWA charges for the BellSouth SWA service provided.

When the original facility is ordered a BellSouth SWA, the billing charge to the existing facility, if any, will depend on whether the end to end service provisioned over the derived channel(s) is BellSouth SWA or Dedicated Access service. If BellSouth SWA service, the billing for the facility will not change but additional billing will commence for the end to end service provisioned over the facility. This billing will include local switching, line terminations, carrier common line and additional interoffice transport at a lower capacity, if applicable.

When the original facility is ordered as BellSouth SWA and Dedicated Access service is provisioned over a derived channel(s), the BellSouth SWA billing for the original facility will be reduced in direct proportion to the number of channels being utilized for Dedicated Access service. For example, if six channels of a BellSouth SWA DS1 are to be used for Dedicated Access, the BellSouth SWA rate will be reduced by one fourth. The IC will be billed three fourths of the BellSouth SWA DS1 rate, plus all other applicable BellSouth SWA charges. The IC will be billed one fourth of the Dedicated Access DS1 rate, plus all other applicable charges for the Dedicated Access service provided.

BellSouth Dedicated Ring is only available for Shared Use with SMARTRing® service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) and vice versa. When these services are ordered for Shared Use arrangements, all ring level components must be ordered as either BellSouth SWA or Dedicated Access service.

### E5.3 Available Inventory

Available inventory is limited and does not include facilities previously ordered. The Company will make every reasonable effort to maintain sufficient available inventory to provide Access Service in accordance with the IC's or End User's requested service date intervals. To the extent that service can be provided, Access Orders will be satisfied from available inventory.

# **E5.4 Shared Network Arrangement**

#### E5.4.1 General

A. Shared Network Arrangement (SNA) is a service offering whereby multiple interexchange carriers (ICs) may share capacity on high capacity channelized services. SNA service configurations will be limited to ICs utilizing BellSouth SWA DS3 service sharing capacity with other ICs utilizing sub-BellSouth SWA DS3 services and/or ICs utilizing BellSouth SWA DS1 service sharing capacity with other ICs utilizing sub-BellSouth SWA DS1 services. Each rate element, associated with the SNA, will be billed to a single subscriber and the Company will maintain separate records (including billing and network configuration) for each ICs' portion of the SNA.

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### **E7. DEDICATED ACCESS SERVICES**

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#### E7. DEDICATED ACCESS SERVICES

# E7.1 General (Cont'd)

E7.1.2 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

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#### H. Access Collocation Cross-Connects

Access Collocation Cross-Connects provide a means for customers to interconnect their Shared Use<sup>(1)</sup> and Digital High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) to Central Office Collocation arrangements within the same Central Office. Terms, conditions, and rates for Physical Access Collocation Cross-Connects and Virtual Access Collocation Cross-Connects are set forth in Section E13. of this Tariff.

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# E7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

#### E7.4.7 Facility Hubs (Cont'd)

The Company will commence billing the monthly rate for the facility to the Hub on the date specified by the customer on the service order. Individual services utilizing these facilities may be installed coincident with the installation of the facility to the Hub or may be ordered and/or installed at a later date, at the option of the customer. The customer will be billed for a digital Local Channel, Interoffice Channel (when applicable) and the Basic Channelization System at the time the facility is installed. DS1 and DS0 Basic Channelization Systems¹ require a Central Office Channel Interface for activation of each lesser capacity channel. DS3 to DS1 channelization arrangements, for transport of intrastate DS1 service high capacity channels via LightGate (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Point to Point Network) and SMARTRing² services (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring), require a DS1 channel interface for activation of each DS1 channel. Individual service rates (by service type) will apply for a Local Channel and additional Interoffice Channel and Central Office Channel Interface(s) (as required) for each channelized service. These will be billed to the customer as each individual service is installed.

Cascading channelization occurs when a digital channel is channelized to provide channels with a lesser capacity and one of the lesser capacity channels is further channelized. For example, a High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) facility is channelized to individual Voice Grade<sup>1</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) channels.

When cascading channelization is performed, whether in the same or a different Hub, a charge for the additional Basic Channelization System and Central Office Channel Interface(s) also applies. A DS1 Basic Channelization System and DDAS¹ (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 Digital Data) Central Office Channel Interface are required for high speed or low speed DDAS¹ (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 Digital Data) activations when channelized from a DS1 (1.544 Mbps) channel. A DS0 Basic Channelization System¹ and Subrate Central Office Channel Interface¹ are required for subrate¹ activations of 2.4, 4.8 and 9.6 Kbps when channelized from a DS0¹ (64 Kbps) channel. When cascading channelization is performed at different Hubbing locations, Interoffice Channel charges also apply between the Hubs.

# E7.4.8 Shared Use<sup>(3)</sup> Analog and Digital High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) Services

Shared use occurs when Dedicated Access Services and BellSouth SWA are provided over the same High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) facility through a common interface. The facility will be ordered and rated as Dedicated Access Services (i.e., Local Channel, Interoffice Channel, as appropriate, and Basic Channelization System and Central Office Interface(s), if applicable) until such time as the customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity for providing BellSouth SWA as set forth in E5.2.8 of this Tariff. As each individual channel is activated for BellSouth SWA, the Dedicated Access Local Channel rates, Interoffice Channel rates, and Basic Channelization System rates, if applicable, will be reduced accordingly. For SMARTPath service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Shared Ring) the rates will be reduced by 1/48th for each BellSouth SWA VG Circuit. The customer must place an order for each individual Switched or Dedicated Access Service utilizing the Shared Use Facilities and specify the channel assignment for each such service. BellSouth SWA rates and charges as set forth in E6.8 of this Tariff will apply for each channel of the shared use facility that is used to provide BellSouth SWA. Where Dedicated Access Service is provided utilizing a channel(s) of the shared use facility to the Hub, High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) rates and charges will apply for the facility to the Hub as set forth preceding and individual service rates and charges will apply from the Hub to the customer designated premises. The rates and charges that will apply to the portion from the Hub to the customer designated premises will be dependent on the specific type of Dedicated Access Service that is provided (e.g., Voice Grade<sup>1</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG), Digital Data Access<sup>1</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 Digital Data) service, etc.). The applicable rates and charges will include a Local Channel and Interoffice Channel, if applicable.

Access Collocation Cross-Connects provide a means for customers to interconnect their BellSouth Shared Use and Digital High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) services to Central Office Collocation arrangements within the same Central Office. Terms, conditions, and rates for Physical Access Collocation Cross-Connects and Virtual Access Collocation Cross-Connects are set forth in Section E13. of this Tariff.

Note 1: Effective June 30, 2021, this Service will no longer be available for purchase by new or existing customers. In addition, requests to move, add, change, or renew existing service arrangements will not be accepted. Following the expiration of a customer's existing term agreement, service will be provided on a month-to-month basis at the applicable Monthly rates until the service is discontinued. The Company currently plans to discontinue this service on or after June 30, 2024.

Note 2: Effective on or after December 1, 2021, neither new nor existing customers will be permitted to purchase new SMARTRing Service (Service). In addition, (A) Service Payment Plans greater than 12-months in length will no longer be available; and (B) requests to move, add, change, upgrade, or downgrade existing service arrangements will not be accepted, with the following exceptions: (1) existing customers will be permitted to modify their existing Service and will be able to add new circuits to their existing Service, but will not be permitted to add new nodes in any locations; and (2) any such new circuits will be subject to the customer's existing term payment plan or term agreement for the Service to which they are added. Following the expiration of a customer's existing term agreement, Service will be provided on a month-to-month basis at the applicable Month-to-Month rates until the Service is discontinued.

Effective November 30, 2023, unless specified to the contrary in their existing Service agreements, existing customers may not renew Term Payment Plans or term agreements for Service. In addition, no move, add, or change orders of any type will be accepted.

Note 3: Effective July 1, 2024, neither new nor existing customers will be permitted to create new Shared Use arrangements. In addition, requests to move, add, or change existing Shared Use arrangements will not be accepted. Shared Use arrangements existing prior to July 1, 2024 are otherwise unaffected by this change.

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# E7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

#### E7.4.8 Shared Use<sup>(3)</sup> Analog and Digital High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) Services (Cont'd)

The capability exists for a customer to utilize all or part of a SMARTRing<sup>2</sup> service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) to transport switched access provided the SMARTRing<sup>2</sup> service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) channel interface transporting the BellSouth SWA service does not have FlexServ service (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Customer Reconfiguration) capability. The customer must place an order for each individual BellSouth SWA Channel provided over Dedicated Access service Shared Use Facilities and specify the channel assignment for each such service. The switched traffic would enter and exit the SMARTRing<sup>2</sup> service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) at Customer and Central Office Nodes on that network. When this occurs, ratcheting of Dedicated Access rate elements (i.e. Nodes, Channel Interfaces, Local Channels, Alternate Central Office Channels, Internodal Channels, or Interoffice Channels) will be based on the number of voice grade<sup>1</sup> (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) equivalent trunks/lines of that rate element used for BellSouth SWA access.

Reduction factors will be developed to reduce the charges on system level billing as well as the billing on individual DS1, DS3, STS-1, OC-3, and/or OC-12 Channel Interfaces. For ratcheting purposes, the system level charges include Customer Nodes, Central Office Nodes, Local Channels, Alternate Central Office Channels, Internodal Channels, and Interoffice Channels as appropriate to make up a customer's SMARTRing®2 service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring). Individual OC-1, OC-3 and OC-12 Channel Interfaces used in Overlay Ring Arrangements will be ratcheted as system level charges. The system reduction factor will apply to the system level charges.

The system reduction factor will be derived by dividing the number of activated BellSouth SWA access circuits by the voice grade¹ (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) channel equivalent capacity of the self-healing ring. An OC-1 SMARTRing®² service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) has 672 voice grade¹ (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) equivalent channels. An OC-3 SMARTRing®² service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) has 2,016 voice grade¹ (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) equivalent channels. An OC-3+ or OC-12 SMARTRing®² service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) has 8,064 voice grade¹ equivalent channels. An OC-48 SMARTRing®² service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) or OC-48+ SMARTRing®² service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) with 48 or less activated DS3s has 32,256 voice grade¹ (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) equivalent channels. However, when an OC-48+ SMARTRing®² service (a.k.a. BellSouth Dedicated Ring) is used to transport BellSouth SWA service, and more than 48 equivalent DS3s are activated on the service, the factor will be based upon the actual number of activated DS3s times 672 DS0s. A factor for individual DS3 channel interfaces and 28 DS1 channel systems, will be derived by dividing the number of activated BellSouth SWA access circuits associated with the DS3 channel by the voice grade¹ (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) equivalent channels. For DS1 channel interfaces, a factor is derived by dividing the number of BellSouth SWA access circuits associated with the DS1 channel by the voice grade¹ (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) equivalent capacity of the DS1 channel, which is 24. Each reduction factor is rounded to four decimal places and then multiplied against the respective monthly charges to determine the reduction amount.

BellSouth SWA rates and charges as set forth in E6.8 preceding will apply for each channel of the shared use facility that is used to provide BellSouth SWA.

Where Dedicated Access service is provided utilizing a channel(s) of the shared use facility to the Hub, Wideband Analog¹ (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Wideband Analog) or High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) rates and charges will apply for the portion of the facility ordered as Dedicated Access to the Hub as set forth preceding and individual service rates and charges will apply from the Hub to the customer designated premises for the Dedicated Access services ordered. The rates and charges that will apply to the portion from the Hub to the customer designated premises will be dependent on the specific type of Dedicated Access service that is provided (e.g., Voice Grade¹ (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG), Telegraph¹ (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Telegraph), etc.). The applicable rates and charges will include a local channel, interoffice channel, if applicable. Rates and charges for optional features and functions associated with the service, if any, will apply as set forth in E7.5 following.

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