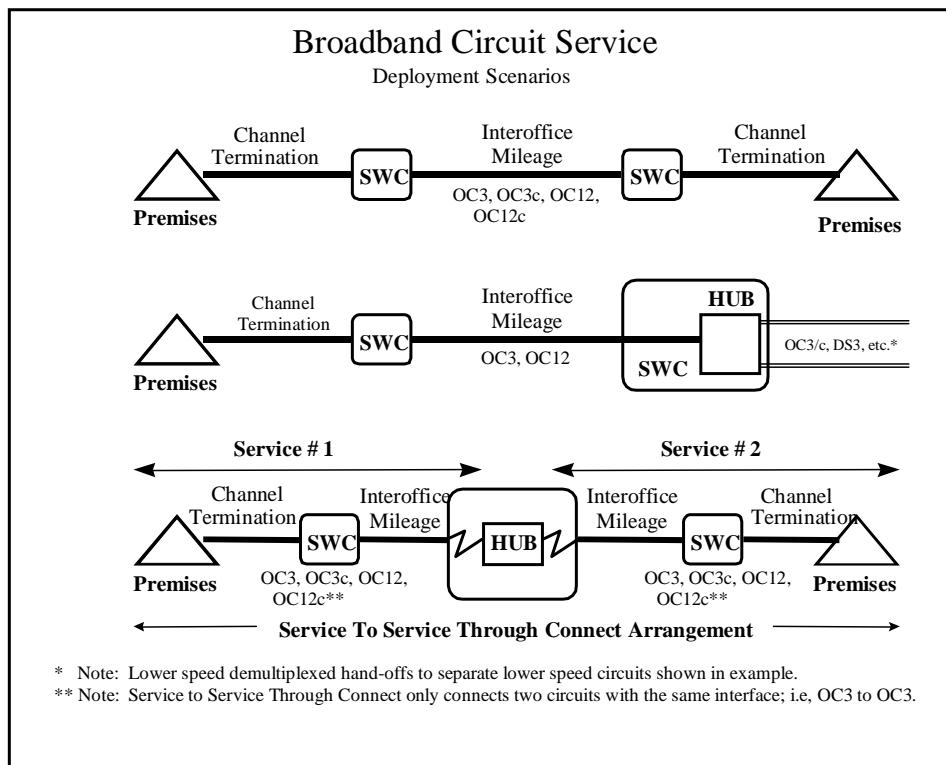


20. Broadband Circuit Service*
20.1 General Description

Broadband Circuit Service (BCS) is a special access service which transports SONET optical rate capacities between two end points. BCS can be provided between two customer designated premises when provisioned for OC-3 (155.520 Mbps), OC-3c (155.520 Mbps concatenated), OC-12 (622.080 Mbps), and OC-12c (622.080 Mbps concatenated). BCS is only available where facilities and equipment exist.

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When provisioned for non-concatenated OC-3 (155.520 Mbps) and OC-12 (622.080 Mbps), BCS is provided under three topologies. These include: A) between two customer designated premises; B) between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company Hub Central Office; and C) a Service-to-Service Through Connect Arrangement between a Telephone Company Hub Central Office and another compatible Telephone Company provided special access service, such as another BCS circuit with the same speed and interface type. These deployment scenarios are shown below.



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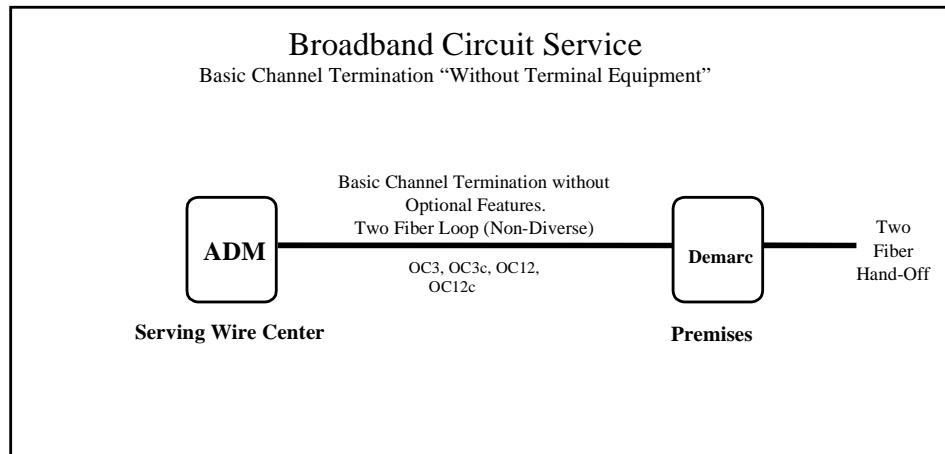
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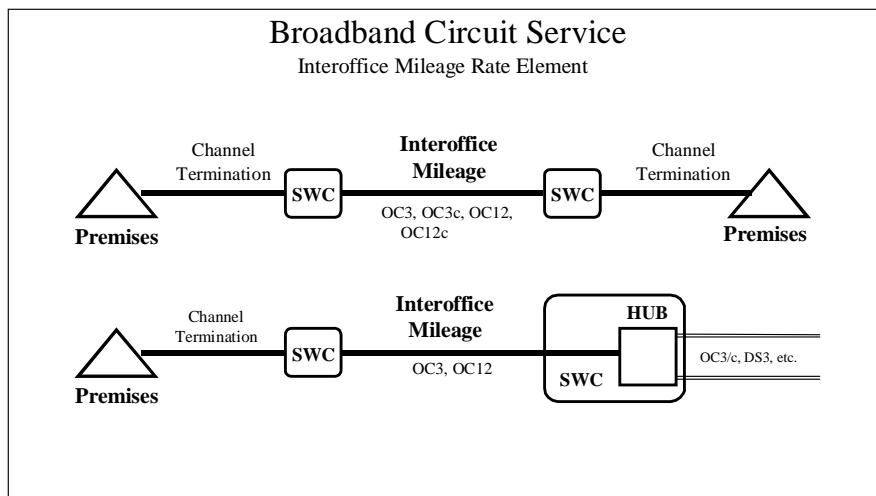
A. Channel Termination (CT) (Cont'd)

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B. Interoffice Mileage (IM)

IM provides for the transmission facilities between the serving wire centers associated with two customer designated premises, between a serving wire center and a Telephone Company Hub Central Office, or between two Telephone Company Hub Central Offices. The figure below illustrates two deployment scenarios that involve IM.



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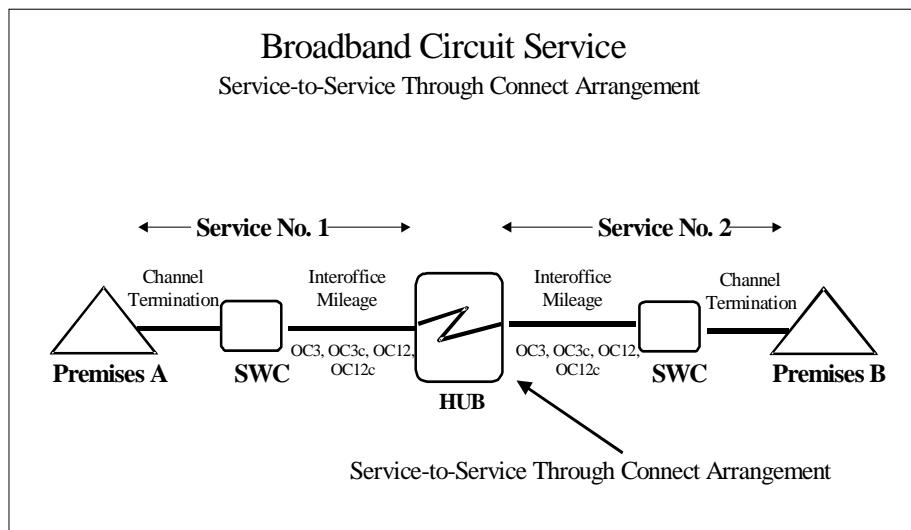
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20. Broadband Circuit Service (BCS)* (Cont'd)20.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)C. Service-to-Service Through Connect Arrangement

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A Service-to-Service Through Connect Arrangement provides for an interconnection of two BCS circuits with the same speed and interface, or a like-speed and interface BCS circuit associated with another compatible Telephone Company provided special access service as provided by the tariff. The figure below illustrates the Service-to-Service Through Connect Arrangement.



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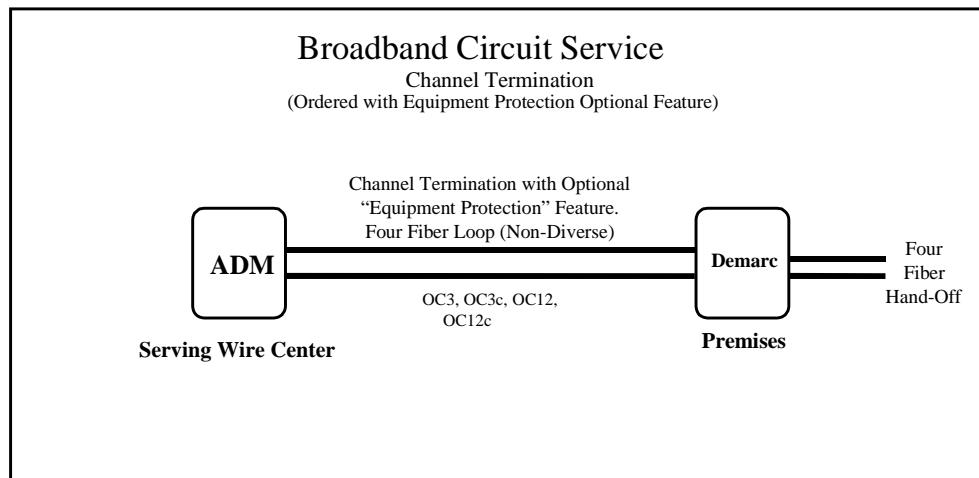
D. Optional Features

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1. Equipment Protection

Equipment Protection (EP) is a CT optional feature that provides for automatic restoration of BCS in the event of an equipment card failure within the Telephone Company's ADM located in the serving wire center. EP is provided via four fibers (working and protect side) in conjunction with the CT. EP does not provide for automatic loop redundancy nor any protection within the customer's ADM on their premises. EP relies upon a customer provided ADM for protection switching functions that are compatible with the Telephone Company's ADM in the serving wire center. EP is not available as a stand-alone feature with Loop Redundancy, since EP is inherent to that feature.

Customers will order EP when they require a non-diverse four fiber loop and a four fiber hand-off to enable EP on their compatible ADM customer premises equipment as described in Technical Publication GR-253-CORE. The figure below illustrates when a CT is ordered with EP.



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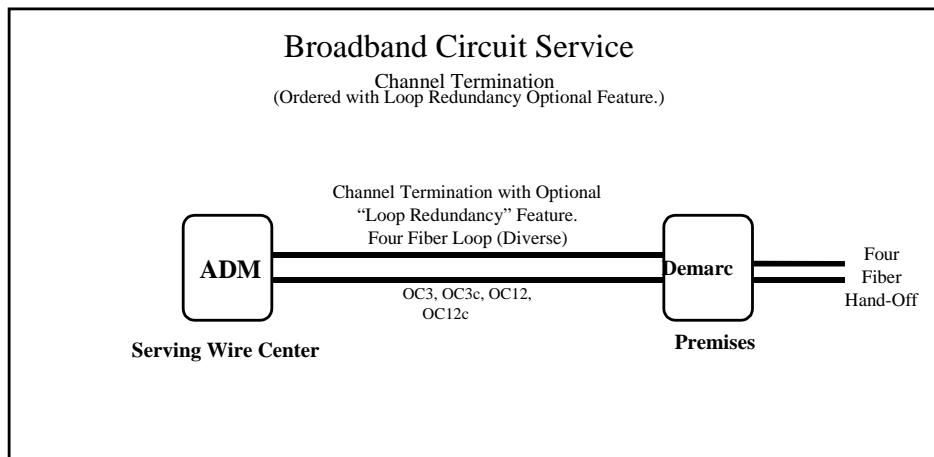
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2. Loop Redundancy

Loop Redundancy (LR) is a CT optional feature that provides for automatic restoration of BCS in the event of either a BCS local loop failure or an equipment line card failure. LR features two physically diverse fiber routes between the first man-hole near the customer's premises and their serving wire center, and is provisioned with a four fiber hand-off to the customer. Dual-entrance facilities into the customer's premises are not included with LR. LR relies upon a customer provided ADM for protection switching functions that are compatible with the Telephone Company's ADM in the serving wire center. To provide equipment line card protection, LR includes the EP optional feature as specified in 19.2(D)(1) preceding. LR is only available where compatible equipment and facilities exist.

A customer would order LR when they require a diverse four fiber loop and a four fiber hand-off to enable LR (and EP) capability on their Customer Premises Equipment ADM. The figure below illustrates when a CT is ordered with LR.



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3. Central Office Multiplexing (Cont'd)b. Central Office Multiplexing Ports1. OC-3 BCS Central Office Multiplexing Portsa. DS-1 Port

Converts an OC-3 signal to a maximum of 84 asynchronous DS-1 signals.

b. DS-3 Port

Converts an OC-3 signal to a maximum of three asynchronous DS-3 signals.

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3. Central Office Multiplexing (Cont'd)b. Central Office Multiplexing Ports (Cont'd)

Where compatible facilities and equipment exist, CO-MUX Ports can interconnect with other compatible Telephone Company provided special access services as supported by the tariff.

E. Monthly Rates

Monthly Rates apply to Channel Termination, Interoffice Mileage and Optional Features.

F. Nonrecurring Charges

Non-recurring charges apply to Channel Termination, Central Office Multiplexing, Equipment Protection, Loop Redundancy, Moves, Service-to-Service Through Connect Arrangements and STS-1 Reconfigurations. Nonrecurring BCS installation charges will not apply to existing similar services, filed under Section 12, Specialized Service or Arrangement, that are converted to BCS.

G. Minimum Billing Periods

The Minimum Billing Period for BCS is one year. In the event BCS is terminated prior to completion of the minimum billing period, termination liabilities as described in 20.2(J) will apply.

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20. Broadband Circuit Service* (Cont'd)20.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)H. Term Pricing Plans (TPP)

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1. General Description

Term Pricing Plans (TPP) are available on Channel Termination, Interoffice Mileage and Central Office Multiplexing monthly rate elements. The TPP stabilizes rates for BCS for the specified period of time. The following TPPs are available:

- Three Year TPP, or
- Five Year TPP.

2. Modifications

When additional like-speed BCS circuits are purchased, the customer may include the additional circuits in an existing TPP if:

- The customer renegotiates their TPP for a period of time equal or greater than the time remaining on the existing TPP;
- The circuits are the same speed; and
- The circuits are located between the same customer designated premises.

3. Renewals

At the end of a TPP period, the customer must select one of the following options within one month prior to the expiration date:

- a. Renew the service for a three or five year TPP as provided in this tariff;
- b. Elect to disconnect the service upon expiration of the billing period; or
- c. Continue the service on a month-to-month basis at the current one year billing period tariff rates.

All services under an existing TPP that are not renewed within the period stated above will revert to Option 3c above and be billed at the current one year (month-to-month) tariff rates.

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20.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)J. Termination Liability

Termination Liability will apply in the event BCS is terminated prior to the expiration of the billing period. The termination liability will utilize the following termination percentage:

<u>Billing Period</u>	<u>Termination Percentage</u>
1 year	45%
3 year	35%
5 year	25%

The termination liability is calculated as follows:

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Monthly} \\ \text{Rate} \end{array} \right] \times \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Months Remaining} \\ \text{in Billing Period} \end{array} \right] \times \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Termination} \\ \text{Percentage} \end{array} \right]$$

Example: A customer with a \$10,000 monthly rate terminates service with 10 months remaining in a 3 year billing period. The termination liability would be calculated as:

$$(\$10,000 \times 10 \text{ mo}) \times (0.35) = \$35,000 \text{ Termination Liability.}$$

Under the following conditions, a termination liability will not apply:

1. The customer modifies service as set forth under Moves, (Section 20.2(K) following) as long as the customer maintains the same or greater number of BCS circuits;
2. The customer modifies service as described under Modification of Service, (Section 20.2(L) following); or
3. The customer replaces another special access service with BCS subject to the following criteria:
 - a. Both BCS end points must be the same as the existing special access service end points that it replaces;
 - b. The Minimum Billing Period for BCS must be greater than or equal to the remaining special access service Billing Period; and
 - c. The total Minimum Billing Period revenue for BCS must be greater than or equal to the remaining Billing Period revenue for the special access service.

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20. Broadband Circuit Service* (Cont'd)20.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)K. Moves (Cont'd)

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1. Service Facility Move (SFM) (Cont'd)

- a. The change of customer premises can only occur on the end of the circuit which has the Connecting Facility Arrangement (CFA); and
- b. The customer premises locations involved in the change belongs to the same customer,

OR

- c. The customer premises locations involved in the change belongs to two different customers, but the customer requesting the SFM has previously coordinated the activity such that all activity (disconnects and new connects) will occur simultaneously. If this coordination has not been accomplished beforehand, then the Telephone Company will proceed with the disconnect/new connect orders as non-related and new installation charges will apply for services being relocated.

BCS SFMs may be performed at the following like-speed and interface service levels:

- OC-3 to OC-3 level;
- OC-3c to OC-3c level;
- OC-12 to OC-12 level; or
- OC-12c to OC-12c level.

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20. Broadband Circuit Service* (Cont'd)20.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)K. Moves (Cont'd)

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1. Service Facility Move (SFM) (Cont'd)

The following are examples of when BCS SFM Charges would apply:

- a. Rearranging an existing BCS circuit from one port to another port in the same Telephone Company Hub Central Office multiplexer;
- b. Rearranging an existing BCS circuit from one multiplexer to another multiplexer in the same serving wire center; or
- c. Rearranging an existing BCS Channel Termination (CT) to a port of an existing multiplexed higher speed service in the same serving wire center. For example: an OC-3 BCS CT is terminated on low-speed port of a Telephone Company Hub Central Office multiplexer; whereby the Hub is billed to the higher speed service, such as an OC-12 BCS. In this instance, there is an SFM charge for moving the CT from another multiplexer within the Central Office to this one. No SFM charge will apply to subtending services of the service incurring the SFM as long as there is no change to the subtending services.

2. Moves of Point of Termination

A move of a Point of Termination of an existing service to a new location within the same customer premises may be provided, at the customer's request, on a time sensitive basis. Rates and charges as set forth in Section 13, preceding, will apply. No change in billing period is required.

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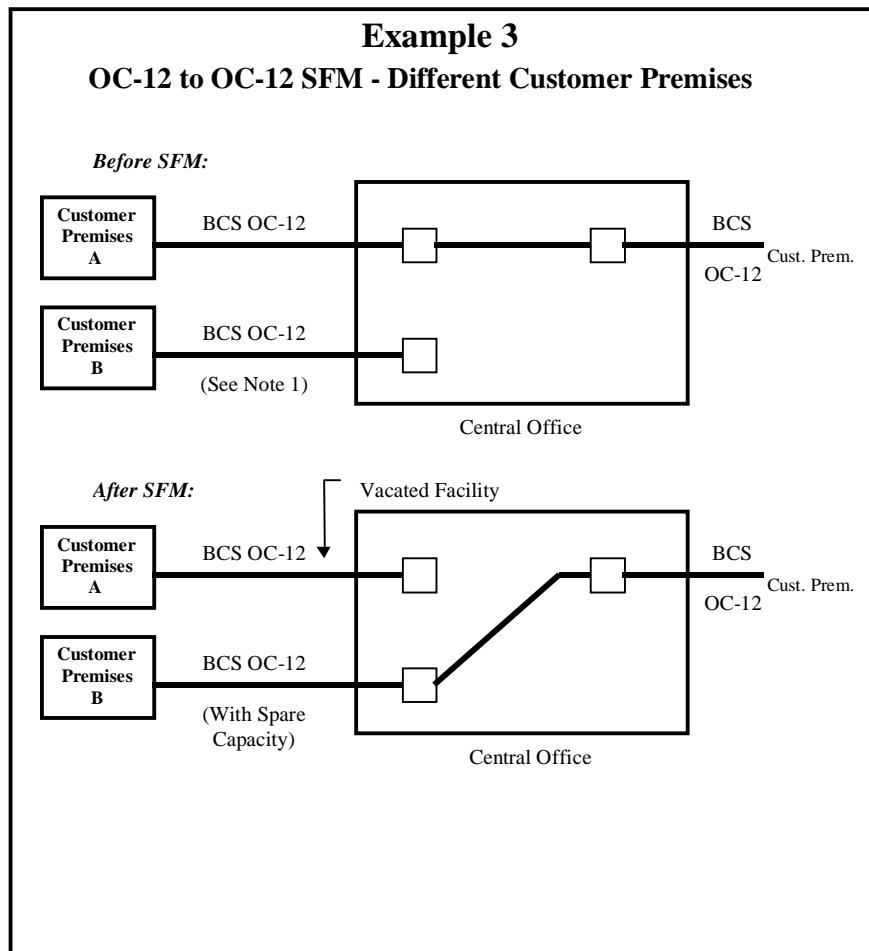
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L. Modification of Service

The customer may request to modify BCS (i.e., establish a new billing period, add rate elements to existing service, a change in existing multiplexing port configuration, or change an existing STS-1 configuration) provided the service end points remain the same, and there are existing facilities and equipment in place to provision the requested modification.

Modification of Service are changes to existing services which do not result in either a change in the physical point of termination at the customer's premises, or the customer's end-user premises. Under Modification of Service, all BCS rate element terms and conditions apply, including the applicable recurring and nonrecurring charges as set forth under the minimum billing period or Term Pricing Plan as the existing BCS service being modified.

1. Establishing New Billing Period: When a new billing period is requested, the following conditions must be met:
 - a. A new billing period is established which includes a new minimum service period (i.e., one year minimum);
 - b. The expiration of the new billing period must extend to or beyond the expiration of the existing billing period;
 - c. The total revenue, based on recurring rates, over the revised billing period must be equal to or greater than the remaining revenue from the existing billing period;
 - d. The service end points must remain the same.
2. Port Modification Charge: On non-concatenated OC3 or OC12 BCS circuits configured between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company Hub Central Office, a port modification charge (recurring and nonrecurring) would apply under the following conditions:
 - a. A customer modifies an existing multiplexing port configuration that requires the disconnection of one existing port and the installation of a replacement port at the same speed, (e.g., a request to replace an OC-3c port with an OC-3 port on an OC-12 BCS).

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L. Modification of Service (Cont'd)2. Port Modification Charge (Cont'd)

- b. A customer modifies an existing multiplexing port configuration that requires the disconnection of one or more existing ports and the installation of one or more different ports that do not exceed the aggregate bandwidth of the disconnected port, (e.g., a request to replace three DS3 ports with an OC-3 port on an OC-12 BCS).
- c. A customer orders an additional port for an existing multiplexing configuration, which does not result in the disconnection of existing multiplexing ports.

3. STS-1 Channel Reconfiguration Charge: On non-concatenated OC12 BCS circuits configured as:

- Premises-to-Premises,

Or

- Premises-to-Hub that interconnect with another like-speed OC12 BCS circuit using a Service-to-Service Through Connect Arrangement,

A customer may change the Synchronous Transport Signal-1 (STS-1) configuration on their existing non-concatenated BCS circuit to permit the transmission of lower speed concatenated signals through the Telephone Company network (i.e., STS-3c). This charge does not apply to OC3, OC3c or OC12c BCS circuits configured as premises-to-premises or (if applicable) premise-to-hub when the Central Office Multiplexing feature is involved. The STS-1 Reconfiguration Charge does not apply as well to OC12 circuits configured as premise-to-hub with the Central Office Multiplexing feature.

This charge is a non-recurring charge, to be applied on a per circuit, per service order change basis. When reconfiguring the STS-1s of an OC12 circuit, there will be a service disruption of that circuit when the channels are reconfigured. Any available service level guarantees will not be applied during this outage. If the customer wishes to revert back to their original STS-1 configuration, a separate STS-1 Channel Reconfiguration Charge will apply. The following are examples where the STS-1 Channel Reconfiguration Charge applies:

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2. When an existing BCS facility is converted to a shared use facility by using an available portion of the capacity for Switched Access Service, the applicable nonrecurring charges (including the Access Order Charge) will be the onrecurring charges associated with the Switched Access service being ordered;
3. The customer must place an order for each individual Switched Access Service of BCS utilizing the shared use facility and must also specify the channel assignment for each service;
4. All channels within a shared use facility will be rated and billed as set forth in the following:
 - a. When a DS-3 facility is ordered and provisioned as a Switched Access, all channels, including spares, will be rated and billed as Switched Access. A DS-3 facility is the minimum capacity that shared use can be applied to a BCS circuit.
 - b. When a DS-3 facility is ordered and provisioned as a Special Access High Capacity Service, all channels, including spares, will be rated and billed as Special Access until such time as DS-3 facility becomes shared use can be applied to a BCS circuit.
 - c. Once a DS-3 facility, ordered as either Switched or Special Access, becomes shared use, all spare channels on the DS-3 facility will be rated and billed as Switched Access.
 - d. On a BCS shared use facility, ordered either as Switched Access or BCS Special Access, the designated Switched Access Channels on the BCS facility must total the active and spare channels on each DS-3 facility (must total 28 DS-1 or 672 voice grade equivalents.) The following is an example where Switched Access would be placed on a BCS OC-3 facility:

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N. Jointly Provided Service

Jointly Provided Service is where one end of a BCS circuit is located in one exchange telephone company operating territory and the other end of the service is located in another exchange telephone company operating territory. Jointly Provided Service and associated billing arrangements are described in Section 2.4.8, preceding.

Jointly Provided Service is also referred to as "meet-point-billing arrangements." These arrangements are not currently available with Broadband Circuit Service.

O. Conversions of Existing Similar Services Filed As Specialized Services or Arrangements to the BCS General Tariff Offering

The conversion of services, that are similar in description to BCS, to the general BCS tariff offering applies only to those purchased on an Individual Case Basis and currently filed under Section 12, Specialized Service or Arrangement. Within 60 days following the effective date of this tariff, the customer is required to either convert to the general tariff offering or terminate any existing service as filed under Section 12. If the customer chooses to convert to the general tariff offering, the customer will convert to a billing period that is equal to or greater than the period remaining on their existing service, but not less than the minimum billing period of one year, and be charged the applicable recurring rates for that period as shown in Section 20.3 following. Termination charges and nonrecurring BCS installation charges will not apply if the customer chooses to convert their service, filed under Section 12, to the general tariff offering.

P. Ordering Options and Conditions

BCS is ordered under the Access Order provisions set forth in Section 5 (Ordering for Access Service) preceding. Also included in Section 5 are the other charges which may be associated with ordering BCS(e.g., Service Date Change charges, Cancellation Charges, etc.)

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20.3.1 OC-3 (Cont'd)(C) Optional Features (Cont'd)(3) Central Office Multiplexing(a) Central Office Multiplexing System Arrangement

- Per OC-3 System Arrangement

<u>USOC</u>	Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charges		
	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 year</u>	<u>5 year</u>	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 year</u>	<u>5 year</u>
MXNBX/MXNB+	\$1,800	\$1,200	\$950	\$600	\$300	\$0

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(D) Service-to-Service Through Connect Arrangement (OC-3)

USOC	Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charges		
	1 year	3 year	5 year	1 year	3 year	5 year
THA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$300

(E) Moves (OC-3)(1) Service Facility Move

USOC	Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charges		
	1 year	3 year	5 year	1 year	3 year	5 year
NRMBS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$650	\$650	\$650

(2) Moves of Point of Termination

See Section 13, preceding for rates and charges.

(3) Moving Customer Premises

See Section 13, preceding for rates and charges.

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(A) Channel Termination

- per BCS Circuit, per Customer Premises

Volume Option	USOC	Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charges		
		1 year	3 year	5 year	1 year	3 year	5 year
T6XBX/T6XB+	\$9,900	\$8,460	\$5,445	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$0	
2 plus T6XEX/T6XE+	n/a	\$7,610	\$4,320	n/a	\$2,500	\$0	

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20. Broadband Circuit Service* (Cont'd))20.3 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)20.3.2 OC-12 (Cont'd)

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(B) Mileage

- per BCS Circuit

(1) Fixed

USOC	Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charges		
	1 year	3 year	5 year	1 year	3 year	5 year
1HYBS/1HYB+	\$7,100	\$6,500	\$5,800	\$0	\$0	\$0

(2) Per Mile

USOC	Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charges		
	1 year	3 year	5 year	1 year	3 year	5 year
1HYBS/1HYB+	\$330	\$275	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0

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(C) Optional Features(1) Equipment Protection

- Per Channel Termination, per Customer
Premises

USOC	Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charges		
	1 year	3 year	5 year	1 year	3 year	5 year
APPBX/APPB+	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$360	\$180	\$0

(2) Loop Redundancy

Per Channel Termination, per Customer Premises

USOC	Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charges		
	1 year	3 year	5 year	1 year	3 year	5 year
DVDLX/DVDL+	\$590	\$590	\$590	\$720	\$360	\$0

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(C) Optional Features (Cont'd)(3) Central Office Multiplexing(a) Central Office Multiplexing System Arrangement

- Per OC-12 System Arrangement

USOC	Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charges		
	1 year	3 year	5 year	1 year	3 year	5 year
MXNBX/MXNB+	\$3,750	\$2,500	\$1,900	\$1,000	\$500	\$0

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20. Broadband Circuit Service* (Cont'd)20.3 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3.2 OC-12 (Cont'd)

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(D) Service-to-Service Through Connect Arrangement (OC-12)

USOC	Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charges		
	1 year	3 year	5 year	1 year	3 year	5 year
THA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$300

(E) Moves(1) Service Facility Move (OC-12)

USOC	Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charges		
	1 year	3 year	5 year	1 year	3 year	5 year
NRMBS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$650	\$650	\$650

(2) Moves of Point of Termination

See Section 13, preceding for rates and charges.

(3) Moving Customer Premises

See Section 13, preceding for rates and charges.

(F) STS-1 Channel Reconfiguration Charge

USOC	Monthly Rate			Nonrecurring Charges		
	1 year	3 year	5 year	1 year	3 year	5 year
NRMBF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600	\$600	\$600

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