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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.7 SHARED USE REGULATIONS [1]

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Shared Use occurs when Private Line Transport Service (PLTS) and/or Switched Access Service (including CCSAC Service) are provided over the same Wideband Analog, DS1 or DS3 facility through a common interface. Shared Use may also occur when Switched Access Service, as set forth in Section 6, following, and CCSAC Service, as set forth in Section 15, following, are provided over the same Switched Access DS3 facility. **Shared use of Switched Access facilities (i.e., Private Line Access Services provided over Switched Access facilities) is not allowed.**

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When PLTS (including a facility to a Hub) is to be shared between PLTS and/or Switched Access Service (including CCSAC), the service is ordered, provided and rated as PLTS until the customer chooses to place an order for Switched Access Service. When a Switched Access DS3 facility (including a facility to a Hub) is to be shared with CCSAC, the DS3 facility is ordered, provided and rated as set forth in Section 6, following, until the customer chooses to place an order for CCSAC Service.

Specific Shared Use regulations and/or exceptions are described as set forth following:

- PLTS and Switched Access Service, (described in 2.7.1, following)
- Expanded Interconnection Channel Termination (described in 2.7.2, following)
- Switched DS3 Facility and CCSAC Service (described in 2.7.3, following)
- PLTS and Switched Access Service provisioned with an optical interface (described in 2.7.4, following)

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2.7 SHARED USE REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.7.1 PLTS AND SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE [1]

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When the customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity on PLTS for providing Switched Access Service (including CCSAC), the customer shall place an order for each individual Switched Access Service. **All Shared Use arrangements will be rated as Private Line, irrespective of the type of service carried on individual channels.**

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2.7.1 PLTS AND SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

Example of Shared Use

- Customer has DS3 PLTS comprised of a DS3 Channel Termination and a DS3/DS1 Multiplexer in the SWC of the customer's premises.
- Customer orders 24 Feature Group D trunks to ride a DS1 DTT facility to an end office (Section 6) and specifies that the DS1 DTT facility be assigned to the DS3 PLTS facility for the associated Switched Access Entrance Facility.
- **Shared use of Switched Access facilities (i.e., Private Line Access Services provided over Switched Access facilities) is not allowed.**

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2.7 SHARED USE REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.7.2 EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION CHANNEL TERMINATION

When a customer with a Private Line Expanded Interconnection Channel Termination (EICT) provides Shared Use, **all Shared Use arrangements will be rated as Private Line, irrespective of the type of service carried on individual channels.**

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2.7.3 SWITCHED DS3 FACILITY AND CCSAC SERVICE

Shared Use may occur when Switched Access Service, as set forth in Section 6, following, and CCSAC Service, as set forth in Section 15, following, are provided over the same DS3 facility. The DS3 facility must be ordered, provided and rated from Section 6 until the customer chooses to use a portion of the facility for CCSAC Service.

When the customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity (i.e., DS1) of a DS3 facility for providing CCSAC, the customer shall place an order for each individual CCSAC Service from Section 15, following, and specify the channel assignment for the Shared Use facility. The customer must dedicate, at a minimum, one DS1 facility for the CCS Links. Since a minimum of one DS1 is utilized for CCS Links, the number of channels apportioned for CCSAC will be in multiples of 24 channels. All rates and charges will be apportioned as set forth in 2.7.1, preceding.

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2.7.4 PLTS AND SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE PROVISIONED WITH AN OPTICAL INTERFACE

When a customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity of a PLTS provisioned with an optical interface, **all Shared Use arrangements will be rated as Private Line, irrespective of the type of service carried on individual channels.** The optical interface is ordered and provided from Section 7, of the CenturyLink Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 11. The rate for the optical interface as set forth in 6.8, following, is for the billing of Shared Use only.

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5. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

5.2 ACCESS ORDER (Cont'd)

5.2.4 SELECTION OF FACILITIES FOR ACCESS ORDERS [1]

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When a customer places an order for Lineside or Trunkside Switched Access Service, the customer may choose to utilize existing Switched Access Entrance Facilities and/or Direct-Trunked Transport facilities ordered from Section 6, following, or Private Line Transport Service (PLTS) facilities. Shared Use is allowed when Shared Use facilities are ordered and provided as set forth in 2.7, preceding. The customer is not allowed to order Switched Access facilities from Section 6 and assign PLTS to those facilities. The customer must specify the specific channels to be used to implement the Access Order.

5.2.5 MINIMUM PERIOD

- A. Except as set forth in B., following, the minimum period for which Access Service is provided and for which charges are applicable, is one month.
- B. The minimum period for Switched Access Service Feature Group D, 800 DB Access Service, 900 Access Service, DS3 and DS1 Entrance Facilities and DS3 and DS1 DTT facilities associated with such services, is three months.
- C. Service Rearrangements as set forth in 6.7.1.C., following, may be made without a change in minimum period requirements.
- D. Changes other than those identified in 6.7.1.C., following, will be treated as a discontinuance of the existing service and an installation of a new service. All associated nonrecurring charges will apply for the new service. A new minimum period will be established for the new service. The customer will also remain responsible for all outstanding minimum period obligations associated with the disconnected service.

The changes listed below are those which will be treated as a discontinuance and installation of service and for which a new minimum period will be established.

- 1. A change of customer of record (i.e., Access Service is provided to and billed to a different entity), except as provided for in 6.7.1.C., following.
- 2. A change in type of service (i.e., Switched Access Service to Private Line Transport Service or one type of Switched Access Service to another, except as set forth in 6.7.6, following).
- 3. A change in Switched Access Service Interface Group.

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5.2.6 MINIMUM PERIOD CHARGES

When Access Service is disconnected prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable for the balance of the minimum period.

The Minimum Period Charge for monthly billed services will be determined as follows:

- For Switched Access Service, the charge for a month or fraction thereof is equal to the applicable minimum monthly charge for the capacity as set forth in 6.7.4, following.
- The Minimum Period Charge for Feature Group D Switched Access Service and the associated EF and DTT facility will be determined as set forth in 2.4.2, preceding.
- For EI Service, the charge for a month or fraction thereof is the applicable monthly rate for the service as set forth in Section 21, following.

All applicable nonrecurring charges for the service will be billed in addition to the Minimum Period Charge.

5.2.7 SHARED USE FACILITIES [1]

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When a customer orders Switched Access Service on a PLTS Shared Use facility as set forth in 2.7, preceding, the customer must specify on its order a channel facility assignment for each service ordered.

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