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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.7 SHARED USE REGULATIONS [1]

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Shared Use occurs when the Company allows a customer to utilize the same transport facility for different services. When the same transport facility and the associated options are utilized to provide more than one service, the Company shall apportion the monthly billing of the appropriate transport elements between the shared services. **Shared use of Switched Access facilities (i.e., Private Line Access Services provided over Switched Access facilities) is not allowed.**

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The rate elements subject to the Shared Use allocation process are the recurring elements assessed for transport facilities only between a customer's premises and the SWC of that premises and the interoffice facilities from the customer's SWC to other wire centers which may include access tandems, end offices, and hubbing locations. Rate elements not associated with transport facilities are not allocated. The nonrecurring installation charges for each service are not apportioned and are assessed except as set forth in this section.

The Shared Use transport facility is ordered and provided as Private Line Transport Service (**PLTS**). The specific Shared Use regulations and/or exceptions are described following:

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- DS1 and DS3 PLTS with Switched Access Service is described in 2.7.1,
- Switched Access Service with Common Channel Signaling Access Capability Service (CCSAC) is 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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2.7.1 DS1 AND DS3 PLTS WITH SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE [1]

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When DS1 and DS3 PLTS (including a facility to a Hub) is shared between PLTS and Switched Access Service (including CCSAC), the service is ordered, provided and rated as PLTS. **Shared use of Switched Access facilities (i.e., Private Line Access Services provided over Switched Access facilities) is not allowed.**

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Appropriate nonrecurring installation charges are assessed on a per-line, per-trunk or per-link basis for Switched Access Service.

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2.7.1 DS1 AND DS3 PLTS WITH 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)

2.7.3 SWITCHED DS3 FACILITY WITH 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 20, 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 20, 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 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 ACCESS SERVICES

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. Shared Use, Switched Access and PLTS provided over the same facilities, 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.

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5.2 ACCESS ORDER (Cont'd)

5.2.6 MINIMUM PERIOD CHARGES

When Access Service is discontinued 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 6.7.3, following;

The Minimum Period Charge for Feature Group D Switched Access Service and the associated Entrance Facility and DTT Facility will be determined as set forth in 2.4.2, preceding.

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

5.2.7 SHARED USE FACILITIES [2]

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When a customer orders Switched Access Service on a Private Line Transport Service 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.

5.2.8 DISCONTINUANCE OF ACCESS SERVICE

A customer may cancel an Access Service at any time. The Company requires 2 business days' notice for the cancellation of an Access Service. The notice can be written or verbal, however a verbal notice must be followed by a written confirmation within 10 days. The notice period will begin at the time of the verbal notice. If there is no verbal notice, the notice period begins at the time the written request is received.

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.7 RATE REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

6.7.12 SHARED USE [1]

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Shared use occurs when Switched Access Service and Private Line Transport Service are provided over the same analog or digital high capacity facility through a common interface. The regulations governing the provision of Shared Use Facilities are set forth in the Private Line Transport Service Catalog. Switched Access rates and charges, as set forth in 6.8, following, will apply for each channel of the high capacity facility that is used to provide Switched Access Service.

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