18. INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN COLLOCATED SPACES

18.1 Dedicated Transit Service

Unless otherwise specified herein, general regulations contained in other sections of this tariff apply in addition to the regulations contained in this section.

(A) <u>Description</u>

The Telephone Company provides Dedicated Transit Service (DTS) which allows a collocating telecommunications carrier to interconnect its network with that of another telecommunications carrier at the Telephone Company's premises and to connect its collocated equipment to the collocated equipment of another telecommunications carrier within the same Telephone Company premises pursuant to Section 251(C)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. DTS is provided between the collocated arrangements (physical or virtual) of the same or of two different collocation customers in the same Telephone Company premises, using Telephone Company provided distribution facilities. DTS is available at DS0, DS1 and DS3 electrical levels or using dark fiber, provided that the collocated equipment is also used for interconnection with the Telephone Company or for access to the Telephone Company's unbundled network elements. DTS is provided at the same transmission level from collocated customer to collocated customer.

DTS rates and charges for DS0, DS1, DS3 and dark fiber circuits are specified in Section 18.1(E). In addition, the Telephone Company will also provide other technically feasible cross connect arrangements, including lit fiber, on an Individual Case Basis (ICB) as requested by a collocating telecommunications carrier.

The DTS arrangement requires the requesting collocated customer to provide cable assignment information for itself as well as for the other collocated customer. The Telephone Company will not make cable assignments for DTS.

DTS also allows for one collocated customer to connect two of its virtual collocation arrangements in the same Telephone Company premises (virtual collocation cascading arrangement).

DTS installations are completed and maintained by the Telephone Company and are provided on a negotiated interval.

18. <u>INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN COLLOCATED SPACES</u> (Con'td)

18.1 <u>Dedicated Transit Service</u> (Cont'd)

(B) Responsibility of the Customer

The ordering collocator is responsible for all ordering, bill payment, disconnect orders and maintenance transactions and is the customer of record.

When initiating a DTS request, the requesting collocator must submit an ASR, and a letter of agency from the collocator's customer to which it is connecting authorizing the DTS connection and facility assignment.

The ordering collocator customer must submit to the Telephone Company written certification that more than ten percent (10%) of the amount of traffic to be transmitted through its DTS connection will be interstate. The Telephone Company will accept the certification unless the Federal Communications Commission grants a Section 208 complaint filed by the company that challenges the certification.

(C) <u>Application of Rates and Charges</u>

The application of rates and charges for cross-connection to a physical or virtual collocation arrangement are set forth in 5.1.1(D) for DS0, DS1 and DS3 DTS and in 17.9.3 for dark fiber DTS.

In addition to any applicable nonrecurring charge for the cross-connect, a DTS Service Order Charge and DTS Service Connection charges apply as set forth in (D) following.

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18. <u>INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN COLLOCATED SPACES</u> (Con'td)

18.1 <u>Dedicated Transit Service</u> (Cont'd)

(D) Rate Elements

(1) DTS Service Order Charge

The DTS Service Order Charge is a nonrecurring charge which is applied to the collocator, per DTS order, which includes the costs for order placement and issuance provided by the Telephone Company.

(2) DTS Service Connection-Provisioning

This is a nonrecurring charge, applied to the collocator, per DTS order, which includes the circuit design and labor costs associated with the provisioning of DS0, DS1, DS3 and dark fiber circuits for DTS.

(3) DTS Service Connection-C.O. Wiring

This is a nonrecurring charge which is applied per DTS jumper to the requesting collocator for the recovery of DTS jumper material, wiring and service turn-up for DS0, DS1 and DS3 and dark fiber circuits.

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18. <u>INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN COLLOCATED SPACES</u> (Con'td)

18.1 <u>Dedicated Transit Service</u> (Cont'd)

(E) Rates and Charges

(1) Service Order Charge

Ordering Charge, Per DS0, DS1, DS3 Or Dark Fiber Order

California	\$21.89
Florida	31.50
Texas	21.89

(2) <u>DTS Service Connection – Provisioning, Per Order</u>

	DS0	DS1, DS3, or
	Nonrecurring	Dark Fiber
	<u>Charge</u>	Nonrecurring Charge
California	\$ 82.27	\$ 95.89
Florida	108.72	109.08
Texas	55.57	108.56

(3) <u>DTS Service Connection – C.O. Wiring, Per Jumper</u>

	DS0	DS1, DS3, or
	Nonrecurring	Dark Fiber
	<u>Charge</u>	Nonrecurring Charge
California	6.95	16.92
Florida	6.64	16.10
Texas	6.60	16.04

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