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VARIABLE TERM PAYMENT PLAN

A. GENERAL

1. The Variable Term Payment Plan (VTPP) is a payment plan which allows customers to pay a fixed rate for services over one of any currently available payment periods. A different monthly rate applies for the duration of each period. The monthly rate varies inversely with the length of the payment period, e.g., the monthly rate for a short period is greater than that for a long period.
2. The minimum period is 12 months, unless otherwise specified in product tariffs.
3. During the effective term of a customer's initial payment period, the monthly rate is not subject to Company-initiated changes. (T)
4. Unless specifically exempted, services furnished under the Variable Term Payment Plan are subject to all general regulations applicable to the provision of equipment and service by the Company as stated elsewhere in this and other tariffs.

B. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Definitions

a. Downgrade

Changes for an installed service generally resulting in a decrease in capacity, capability and/or a lower monthly charge.

b. Initial Payment Period

The original term (12, 24, 36 or 60-month) that is selected by a customer when subscribing to a business service and which appears on the customers contract.

c. Payment Period

A period of time selected by the customer from among those currently offered by the Company, over which the customer agrees to pay a specified rate for a product and/or service.

d. Subsequent 12-Month Payment Period (T)

The 12-month automatic renewal payment periods that takes place after the customer's initial payment period expires.

e. Upgrade

Changes for installed services generally resulting in a higher monthly charge.

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B. TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Continued)

2. Regulations

a. Application of Rates and Charges

1. The monthly rate applicable at the time a customer subscribes to a service under the Variable Term Payment Plan is not subject to a Company initiated change during the initial payment period providing there are no customer initiated delays in the establishment of the subscribed for product or service.
2. Monthly rate after the expiration of the initial and subsequent payment periods: (T)
 - a. For services installed prior to February 1, 2005, the monthly rate will revert to the tariffed month-to-month rates found in the specific product tariffs and will be subject to Company-initiated changes. (T)
 - b. For services installed on or after February 1, 2005, the monthly rate will not change but will be the same rate that the customer paid under their initial term agreement and may be subject to Company-initiated changes with a 60-day written notice to the customer during which time the customer shall have the right to terminate the agreement, without incurring termination charges. The rate adjustment would not exceed the tariffed rate. (T)
3. Nonrecurring charges are to be paid in full at the time of installation.
4. In the event that all or any part of the service is disconnected at customer request prior to expiration of any selected payment period of greater than one month's duration, the customer will be required to pay termination charges as stated in the product tariffs.
5. Rates and charges apply according to the appropriate schedules for products and services offered under the Variable Term Payment Plan, filed in this and other tariffs.

b. Additions

If the customer wishes to make additions, the Customer may select, from those currently available in the tariff, a different payment period of equal or shorter length than the time remaining in the period selected for the existing service at the current filed rates for the selected period. The additions may then have a different expiration date than the existing service.

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B. TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Continued) (T)

2. Regulations (Continued) (T)

c. Upgrades (M)

1. Allowable upgrades to products offered by the Company are specified in the individual tariffs currently in effect for offerings under the Variable Term Payment Plan. (T)

2. A customer who elects to upgrade an installed product may choose one of two options, unless otherwise specified in the product tariffs: (T)

a. The existing payment period may be extended by a period of time specified in the product tariff, and the new and the previously installed services will expire on the same date. The rate level applicable for the new service is that currently in effect for the payment period which the (T)

customer had selected prior to the upgrade, while the rates for services previously installed and continuing in service are unaffected. (If the payment period selected by the customer prior to the upgrade has been discontinued in the tariff, the new service will be billed at rates applicable for the next shorter payment period in the current tariff.) (T)

b. The new services may be billed over a currently available payment period of equal or shorter length than the time remaining in the existing payment period. Current rates apply for the selected payment period for the new services. Rates for services previously installed and continuing in service are unaffected. The expiration date of the new services is then either the (T)

same as or earlier than that of the previously installed services. (T)

When the expiration date of the new service is earlier, the customer must select another payment period for the service according to the terms and conditions stated in the preceding paragraph at the time of expiration. (T) (M)

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B. TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Continued)

2. Regulations (Continued)

d. Downgrades

1. Allowable downgrades for services are specified in product tariffs.
2. A customer has the option to place any new service at the time of the downgrade on a coterminous payment period, unless otherwise specified in the product tariff. Rates for the new service are those currently in effect for the original payment period (or, if the period is no longer available, for the next shorter one). The rates for services remaining on the customer's premises after the downgrade will not be affected.
3. When a coterminous payment period is not chosen for any new service, the customer must select a payment period of equal or shorter length than the time remaining in the current payment period. Current rates apply for the equal or shorter payment period. Services remaining on the customer's premises will continue being billed at the rates in effect prior to the downgrade. The new service may then have a different expiration date from the service which remained after downgrading.
4. When the expiration dates differ, the customer must select a new payment period for the service (at the time of expiration) added at the time when the system was downgraded. (T)

e. Requests for Changes in Length of Initial Term Payment Period (T)

Subsequent to the establishment of service for a service furnished under a Variable Term Payment Plan period and prior to the completion of that period, the existing payment period may be replaced by a currently offered payment period at the current rates, subject to the following conditions:

1. No credit will be given for payments made during the formerly selected period. However, nonrecurring charges will not be reapplied.
2. The new payment period begins with the date requested.
3. No termination charge applies provided the customer selects a new payment period equal to or longer than the time remaining under the former payment period. Otherwise, a termination charge applies for the former payment period.
4. The new payment period, selected for a component of a service must be equal to or shorter than the time remaining in the service's existing payment period.

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2. Regulations (Continued)

f. Renewal Options

The customer has the following renewal options:

1. Prior to completion of their present VTPP period and upon notification to the Company, a customer may renew for any payment period currently available under the VTPP. The rates will be those currently in effect for new customers at the time of renewal. The new payment period starts the day following completion of the prior payment period.
2. If customer does not choose a new term payment plan or terminate service prior to the completion of the initial term or subsequent 12-month term(s): (T)
 - a. For services installed prior to February 1, 2005, service may be continued on a month-to-month basis at the current rate for the one-month payment period, unless otherwise specified in product tariffs. The customer has no additional service commitment and, consequently, when service is terminated will not be subject to any termination charge. The one-month service will be subject to Company-initiated rate adjustments when approved by the appropriate regulatory authority.
 - b. For services installed on or after February 1, 2005, the customer's agreement will automatically renew for a 12-month period at the rate the customer is paying under their current agreement unless either party notifies the other in writing or verbally of its intention not to renew, at least 30 days before the end of the then-current term. (T)

g. Early Contract Termination

Unless otherwise noted in individual product tariffs, if the customer terminates their service prior to the (T) expiration date of the term agreement, the customer will be required to pay early termination charges that equate to the monthly charges for the remainder of either the initial payment period or the subsequent 12-month payment periods. If nonrecurring charges associated with the installation of the business services were waived, the customer will become liable for payment of the waived charges. (T)

h. Supersedure

Service and equipment may be transferred to a new customer at the same location, upon prior written concurrence by the Company and payment of a transfer charge by the new customer as specified in product tariffs. The new customer will be subject to all provisions currently reflected in the service agreement. (T)

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