

August 1, 2008

Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Attached for filing with the Commission are the tariff pages listed below:

General Subscriber Service Tariff  
Section A40      Third Revised Page 26.3  
Original Page 26.5

Currently, customers must use only BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service to transport their data. The purpose of this filing is to allow BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service customers to also utilize BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service as an alternate means of transport for their BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service.

Yours very truly,

  
Vice President

## A40. FAST PACKET TRANSPORT SERVICES

### A40.13 BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service (Cont'd)

#### A40.13.2 Regulations (Cont'd)

##### C. Provision of Service (Cont'd)

10. Automatic Protection Switching (APS) is an optional feature available, except as specified otherwise herein, to a customer with a Basic, Premium or Virtual BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service Connection of 10 Mbps or higher.<sup>1</sup> The APS feature provides customers with the option of having data channel (i.e., facilities from the customer premises to the BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service wire center) survivability through the use of a secondary transport path that is diverse from the path provided with their primary Metro Ethernet Connection. This secondary transport path (i.e., data channel) is provided for a specific Metro Ethernet Connection (i.e., the primary) with the selection of the APS feature which then provides the customer with complete path protection.

With APS, the primary Metro Ethernet Connection's data channel is monitored for threshold violations or path failures with a fail-over to the secondary data channel path provided via the APS feature. The APS data channel is checked periodically to ensure its availability if a failure of the primary Metro Ethernet Connection's data channel occurs.

APS may be ordered as a structurally diverse transport path (Structural Protection) or a route diverse transport path (Route Protection).

Structural Protection APS is defined as the APS facility and the primary Metro Ethernet Connection facility being in separate sheaths in separate structures located along the same route (e.g., underground/underground, buried/underground, aerial/underground, aerial/buried, buried/buried, and aerial/aerial), or along different routes at the Telephone Company's discretion.

Route Protection APS is defined as the APS facility being in a separate sheath within alternate underground, aerial or direct buried structures that are run along separate physical paths from the facilities associated with the primary Metro Ethernet Connection. No precise distance separation is specified between the paths; although the separation is sufficient to preclude one disruptive event from affecting both routes.

The APS feature is billed based upon the actual total route miles in a customer's specific Structural Protection APS or Route Protection APS design as determined by the Telephone Company. The term "route miles" is defined for this application to be the actual physical distance or length (not airline mileage), rounded up to the next whole mile, of the unique APS facility designed for each individual customer premises. Total route miles are measured between the customer premises and its serving wire center, plus route miles between the serving wire center and any intermittent wire centers in the path designed to reach the BellSouth Metro Ethernet wire center associated with the primary Metro Ethernet Connection (i.e., the wire center where the BellSouth Metro Ethernet switching equipment is located). *For situations where a BellSouth Metro Ethernet customer utilizes SMARTRing service, or BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring service as an alternate means of transport, the route miles between the central office node location and the BellSouth Metro Ethernet Connection wire center for these services shall be included as a part of the total "route miles" described above.*

The APS rate element provides the alternate data channel transport and APS equipment in the BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service wire center associated with the primary Metro Ethernet Connection. Actual total route mileage for the customer's APS design is determined from a Service Inquiry. The route mileage determined from this Telephone Company Service Inquiry is used for billing purposes and is the sole determinant of such mileage (i.e., not subject to dispute).

**Note 1:** Automatic Protection Switching (APS) is not available for a 2 Mbps, 4 Mbps or 8 Mbps Basic, Premium or Virtual Connection.

**A40. FAST PACKET TRANSPORT SERVICES** (N)

**A40.13 BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service (Cont'd)** (N)

**A40.13.2 Regulations (Cont'd)** (N)

**C. Provision of Service (Cont'd)** (N)

11. Basic, Premium and Virtual BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service Connections of 100 Mbps and 1000 Mbps may alternatively be provided to a customer premises over a customer's BellSouth Wavelength service Dedicated Ring Arrangement. (N)

The customer is required to purchase the appropriate BellSouth Wavelength service Dedicated Ring Arrangement Wavelength Channel for the specific type and speed of BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service Connection serving that customer premises. (A chart is provided herein which sets forth the Wavelength Channel associated with the 100 Mbps and 1000 Mbps BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service Connection.) (N)

For such applications using BellSouth Wavelength service as alternate transport, the BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service Connection will provide data channel transport from the BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service wire center associated with the BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service Connection (i.e., the central office of the Metro Ethernet Service switch) to the central office Node Location of the customer's BellSouth Wavelength service Dedicated Ring Arrangement. (N)

When the central office Node Location of the customer's BellSouth Wavelength service Dedicated Ring Arrangement is located greater than 10 miles from the BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service wire center, BellSouth Metro Ethernet Service Additional Mileage charges will also be applicable. (N)

<u>Metro Ethernet Connection</u>	<u>Wavelength Dedicated Ring Arrangement Wavelength Channel</u>
Basic 100 Mbps	Fast Ethernet at 100 Mbps
Basic 1000 Mbps	Gigabit Ethernet at 1 Gbps
Premium 20 Mbps and 50 Mbps (fixed and burst)	Fast Ethernet at 100 Mbps
Premium 100 Mbps (fixed) (provisioned via a physical 100 Mbps port)	Fast Ethernet at 100 Mbps
Premium 100 Mbps (fixed) (provisioned via a physical 1000 Mbps port)	Gigabit Ethernet at 1 Gbps
Premium 100 Mbps (burst)	Gigabit Ethernet at 1 Gbps
Premium 250 Mbps and 500 Mbps (fixed and burst)	Gigabit Ethernet at 1 Gbps
Premium 1000 Mbps (fixed)	Gigabit Ethernet at 1 Gbps
Virtual 20 Mbps, 50 Mbps and 80 Mbps	Fast Ethernet at 100 Mbps
Virtual 100 Mbps (provisioned via a physical 100 Mbps port)	Fast Ethernet at 100 Mbps
Virtual 100 Mbps (provisioned via a physical 1000 Mbps port)	Gigabit Ethernet at 1 Gbps
Virtual 200 Mbps, 300 Mbps, 450 Mbps, 600 Mbps 750 Mbps, 900 Mbps and 1000 Mbps	Gigabit Ethernet at 1 Gbps

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