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Local Broadcast Video Transmission Service – BC Only

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Service Description

This Service provides broadcast-quality uni-directional video transmission channels, for **fulltime or occasional use**, in a point to point configuration between service locations within the local service area. The service is provided over existing local access facilities and is for the transmission of a NTSC (National Television System Committee) quality analogue video signal, and two (2) associated audio program signals.

This service is grandfathered and not available to new customers effective 2014 12 16.

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Definitions

For the purposes of this Tariff item:

"Audio Signal" means the signal frequencies transmitted over a Channel that can be heard by the human ear.

"Broadcast Quality" means a video signal that is acceptable to television broadcasters such as television stations.

"Equipment in Place" means locations where suitable equipment is in place and where TCI doesn't require advance notice for the construction and installation of equipment for the broadcast transmission.

"Equipment Not in Place" means locations where suitable equipment is not available but TCI requires advance notice for the construction and installation of equipment for the broadcast transmission.

"Local Video Transmission Channel" means a local video facility provided for between locations within a 25 mile radius of the service point and television studio or TCI Television Operations Centre ("TOC") for the transmission of video signals.

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	<u>Definitions</u> - Continued	
	<i>“Manned Operational Hours”</i> means the time the broadcast is manned by ENG and staffed by TCI personnel. If manned outside of regular business hours then overtime charges apply.	
	<i>“Occasional Use”</i> means the use of a broadcast-quality video transmission channel for a single event or for a number of recurring broadcasts of a single event within a one-month period.	
	<i>“Portable Microwave Link (PML)”</i> means a portable microwave dish used in sending and receiving video signals. Usually used when fibre facilities not present.	
	<i>“Uni-directional”</i> means one way signal or service.	
	<i>“Video”</i> means the signal frequencies that carry the television images.	
	<u>In addition to the Definitions above, the following Definitions apply to Fulltime Local Broadcast Video Transmission Service:</u>	
	<i>“Early Termination Charge”</i> means the amount which is obtained by multiplying the number of months remaining in the unexpired portion of the Contract Term by 50 percent of the Monthly Rate and is payable to the Company in a single payment.	
	<i>“Fulltime Use”</i> means the use of a broadcast-quality video transmission channel on a contracted basis of one to 10 years.	
	<i>“Seasonal Service”</i> provides Fulltime Local Broadcast Video Transmission Service for a minimum of 6 consecutive months a year when contracted for periods of 3, 4 or 5 years.	

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	1. Local Broadcast Video Transmission Service is leased for use of facilities between Customer service locations.	
	2. The Company shall provide Local Broadcast Video Transmission Service using such special facilities as fibre optics, coaxial cable, portable microwave links, etc. within an exchange area or between serving rate centres where distances are less than 25 miles apart.	
	3. The Location of the Customer Connection Point at the Customer's Premises shall be as stated in General Tariff Items 96-A and 97.	
	4. The Customer is responsible to provide, install, maintain and repair the inside wiring within the Customer's Premises.	
	5. Where the Customer requests the Company to provide and install inside wiring, the Customer shall pay to the Company all costs associated with the particular installation.	
	6. The Customer is solely responsible for the installation, operation, upgrade and maintenance of Customer Provided Equipment.	
	7. When it is necessary to install special equipment or incur an unusual expense to establish a Local Broadcast Video Transmission channel, the customer shall pay an additional charge based on the equipment installed and the unusual expense incurred.	
	8. The service is for carriage of Fulltime and Occasional local broadcast-quality video and associated audio signals. Transmission of other signals is not permitted.	
	9. Channels are leased for transmission in one direction between points in the Company's serving territory. The customer shall pay double the local channel rates to provide a two way local video transmission channel.	
	10. The service is provided subject to the availability of suitable local facilities.	

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	11. The program signal transmission channels (audio) associated with each video channel are provided in the same direction as the video signal.	
	12. Customer access will be available at the video distribution panel.	
	13. The local video transmission channel service is provided in the following configurations:	
	a. From service point to service point.	
	b. From service point to the Company's Television Operations Centre ("TOC"), for circuit monitoring, switching to other local or inter-exchange video transmission channels as per customer request.	
	14. Distance measurement for the purpose of calculating channel distance is measured in airline mileage, service point to service point or service point to TOC.	
	15. Within the Company, local video transmission channels are available as follows:	
	a. Within an exchange;	
	i. Between adjoining exchanges, where the maximum distance between serving wire centres cannot exceed 25 miles; and	
	ii. Between non-adjoining exchanges, where the maximum distance between serving wire centres cannot exceed 25 miles.	
	<u>In addition to Conditions 1 to 15 inclusive, the following Conditions of Service apply to Occasional Local Broadcast Transmission Service:</u>	
	16. Cancellation charges are applicable in the following circumstances:	
	a. A cancellation charge of 100% of the scheduled charges applies if the customer cancels after the beginning of the scheduled transmission time as booked by the customer or less than 24 hours prior to the beginning of the scheduled transmission time as booked by the customer.	
	b. A cancellation charge of 50% of the scheduled charges applies if the customer cancels between 24 and 72 hours prior to the beginning of the scheduled transmission time as booked by the customer,	

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	c. No cancellation charges will apply if the occasional service is cancelled at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled transmission time as booked by the customer. d. Any change or rescheduling of a reservation within 72 hours of the beginning of the scheduled transmission time as booked by the customer will result in cancellation charges identified in 16.a and 16.b, except under the following conditions: i. the customer changes the beginning of the transmission time to an earlier start time; ii. the customer changes the end of the transmission time to a later end time; iii. the customer reschedules the service to a later time. The rescheduled service must be the same service end points as the originally scheduled service. A reservation may be rescheduled only once. Reservations which are rescheduled and then cancelled are charged a cancellation charge of 100%.	
	<u>In addition to Conditions 1 to 15 inclusive, the following Conditions of Service apply to Fulltime Local Broadcast Transmission Service:</u>	
	17. The Customer may terminate the Agreement at any time prior to the expiration of the Term by paying the Company the Early Termination Charge. The Early Termination Charge represents a genuine pre-estimate of damages by the parties, and shall be payable by the Customer as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.	
	18. Fulltime Local Broadcast Transmission Service is available on a non-contracted monthly basis, a contracted basis for terms of between 1 and 10 years, or on a seasonal basis for 3, 4 or 5 year terms only.	
	19. A bulk discount is available for Fulltime Local Broadcast Transmission Service based on the number of channels which the customer has connected between the same two transmission points. The bulk discount is available to customers on a monthly and contracted basis only.	

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20. Services provision under an existing Special Facilities tariff may migrate to this General Tariff Item as per the following conditions:

- a. Applicable service charges and termination charges will be waived if the contract length remains the same or is extended.
- b. The termination charges for the current service will be reduced by one half of the new committed revenues if the contract length is modified. The maximum reduction in termination charges would result in a total waiver of termination charges for the current term.

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526.3 **Rates**

The customer shall pay to the Company the following rates and charges for Local Broadcast Video Transmission Service.

1. Fulltime Service

a. Monthly Rate

The following rates apply for monthly, non-contracted services:

Monthly Rate (per 400 metres + Base Rate)	Service Charge
\$30.00 + \$1,000	\$500

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b. Contracted Discounted Rate

The following discounts apply for contracted services:

Duration (Years)	Discount (%)
1	3
2	7
3	10
4	14
5	18
6	21
7	25
8	28
9	31
10	35

c. Seasonal Service Discount Schedule

The following discounts apply for contracted seasonal service only. (Note 1)

Duration (Years)	Discount (%)
3	5
4	7
5	9

Note 1: For Seasonal Contracted service, a \$500.00 service charge applies upon each reconnection of service.

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d. Bulk Discounts

Bulk Discounts apply to multiple local video transmission channels with the same contract term or installed on a monthly basis and with the same termination point.
(Note 2)

Number of Channels	Discount (%)
1	0
2	4
3	6
4	8
5	10
6	12
7	14
8	16
9	18
10	20
11	33
12	36
13	39
14	42
15	45
16 and over	48

Note 2: The Service Charges applicable to customers who qualify for bulk discounts are \$500 for the original order and \$100 for each additional order.

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2. Occasional Use Service

a. Monthly Rate

The following rates apply for monthly, non-contracted services:

Rate Schedule A - Equipment In Place		
Duration	Occasional Use Rate Service	Service Charge
15 minutes	\$85.00	\$125.00
30 minutes	\$150.00	\$125.00
45 minutes	\$215.00	\$125.00
60 minutes	\$270	\$125.00
60 + minutes	(See Note 1)	\$125.00 (See Note 2)
Daily Maximum	\$795.00	\$125.00 (See Note 2)
Monthly Maximum	\$3,150.00	\$125.00 (See Note 2)

Rate Schedule B - Equipment Not In Place		
Duration	Occasional Use Rate Service	Service Charge
15 minutes	\$85.00	\$425.00
30 minutes	\$150.00	\$425.00
45 minutes	\$215.00	\$425.00
60 minutes	\$270	\$425.00
60 + minutes	(See Note 1)	\$425.00 (See Note 2)
Daily Maximum	\$795.00	\$425.00 (See Note 2)
Monthly Maximum	\$3,150.00	\$425.00 (See Note 2)

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Rate Schedule C - Portable Microwave Links (PML)		
Duration	Occasional Use Rate Service	Service Charge
15 minutes	\$85.00	\$1728.00
30 minutes	\$150.00	\$1728.00
45 minutes	\$215.00	\$1728.00
60 minutes	\$270	\$1728.00
60 + minutes	(See Note 1)	\$1728.00 (See Note 2)
Daily Maximum	\$795.00	\$1728.00 (See Note 2)
Monthly Maximum	\$3,150.00	\$1728.00 (See Note 2)

b. Switching Charges

Network Configuration	Service Charges
First Switch	Included
Each Additional Switch	\$85.00 per switch

c. Additional Audio Channels

First Additional Audio Channel \$30.00	Service Charge \$50.00
Second Additional Audio Channel \$20.00	Service Charge \$50.00

Note 1: \$52.00 for each additional fifteen (15) minutes over 60 minutes.

Note 2: In addition to the Service Charge, there is a Manned Operations charge at \$72.00 per hour.