

SPECIAL SERVICES

Item

710 DIGITAL RADIO FACILITIES – ALASCOM

1. Description

This arrangement provides for the lease of 5 DS-3 digital radio facilities to Alascom to interconnect its systems. (C)

2. Contract Period and Termination

10 years, commencing 01 January 1996 up to and including 31 December 2005. Upon 90 days notice, Alascom is entitled to a one-year extension. The agreement will not be extended past 2010. (C)
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3. Termination Charges

Upon 12 months notice, are equal to the present value of the monthly payments remaining to 31 December 2005 using an annual discount rate of 10 percent. (C)
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4. Rates

Monthly charges in U.S. funds are:

<u>Contract Year</u>	<u>Monthly Payments</u>
1996	\$317,083.00
1997	283,333.00
1998	245,833.00
1999	212,500.00
2000	179,167.00
2001	154,167.00
2002	129,167.00
2003	112,500.00
2004	95,833.00
2005	83,404.00
2006 – 2010	75,000.00

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5. Limitation of Liability

Should any of the digital carriers become unavailable and such failure not caused by the fault, negligence or failure of Alascom, its servants, agents or employees, Northwestel shall upon request allow Alascom a per minute credit determined by the portion of the digital carrier capacity affected for the length of the interruption, and Alascom shall have no other claim, demand, action or suit against Northwestel, its servants, agents or employees arising out of or in any way related to such interruption, whether caused through the negligence of Northwestel or otherwise. Such credit shall be equal to the then applicable monthly payment expressed on a per-minute basis multiplied by the total minutes of outage, further prorated by the portion of total capacity affected.