

PRIVATE WIRE SERVICE
SATELLITE SERVICE

Item 903 DIGITAL DIRECT-COMMUNITY™ SATELLITE SERVICE (C)

Service Description

1. Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service provides for end-to-end digital transmission of information over a buffered, point-to-point satellite circuit between suitably equipped central offices. (D)
2. Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service provides the customer with links into the Company's digital satellite transport network, and buffered end-to-end digital satellite circuit(s) between the Company's existing digital earth station facilities located in separate central offices where each Central Office is in a different Base Rate Area. (C)
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Availability

3. Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service is provided at the Company's discretion, pursuant to a contract and subject to the availability of suitable facilities. The Company determines the exchanges where service will be provisioned. (C)
4. Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service may not be available in all areas of the serving central office due to limitations of transmission facilities. (C)

Conditions

5. The provision of Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service is subject to the ability of the Company and the Customer to satisfy existing transmission standards. The Service will be provisioned within the Company's operating limitations and equipment capabilities. (C)
6. The Company determines the Central Offices from the Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service shall be provided. (C)
7. The Customer shall ensure at all times that its equipment is externally clocked to the speed of the digital satellite circuit provided by the Company. (N)
8. The error rate for Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service will not exceed 10^{-6} (i.e. one error bit per one million bits of data).

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9. Rates (C)

Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service Rates

7. Digital Satellite Transport Rates (C)

Rates as follows will apply:

Circuit Speed	Monthly Rental				Non-recurring Installation (Note 2)	
	One Month Term	1 Year Term	3 Year Term	5 Year Term	First Circuit	Each Addn'l Circuit
9600 bps	\$ 1,375.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,175.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 306.00
19.2 kbps	1,450.00	1,375.00	1,300.00	1,225.00	816.00	306.00
56 kbps	2,275.00	2,150.00	2,050.00	1,925.00	816.00	306.00
64 kbps	2,350.00	2,200.00	2,100.00	2,000.00	816.00	306.00
128 kbps (Note 1)	3,575.00	3,375.00	3,225.00	3,025.00	816.00	306.00
256 kbps (Note 1)	6,750.00	6,400.00	6,075.00	5,725.00	816.00	306.00
384 kbps (Note 1)	9,975.00	9,475.00	8,975.00	8,475.00	816.00	306.00

Note 1: The Company will provision bandwidth of 128 kbps and up at its discretion, subject to availability of suitable facilities.

Note 2: These charges pertain to manned communities. For exceptions to these charges and details pertaining to unmanned communities see below.

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10. An installation charge will be assessed for the Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service. Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service installation charges will vary depending on the communities being connected.

For the purposes of installation, there are two types of Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service communities, manned and unmanned. Manned communities are those that have a Northwestel technician residing in the community. Unmanned communities do not have a technician located in the community and require one to be flown in.

At present, manned communities include Yellowknife, Whitehorse, Fort Smith, Cambridge Bay, Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet. All other Northwestel communities provisioned with TES and/or Wideband equipment are unmanned.

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(C)**Manned to Manned Community Non-Recurring Installation Charges**

First Circuit Installed:	\$816.00
Each Additional Circuit Installed:	\$306.00

An additional circuit is defined as a circuit ordered at the same time as the first circuit where at least one end of the second circuit has a common location with the first.

Unmanned to Unmanned or Manned Community Non-Recurring Installation Charges

Where a circuit will have either one or both of its ends in an unmanned community, the charge for installing and configuring the circuit will consist of rates as set out in Tariff CRTC 3001, Item 305 and actual travel, meals and lodging expenses.

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10. (cont'd)

Manned Installation Charge Exemptions

Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service *manned* installation charges will be waived for:

- (1) A current Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service customer who wants to increase the speed of its circuit or the length of its contract or both; and
- (2) A current analogue private line service customer who wants to convert its circuit(s) to Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service,

provided that:

- (1) the customer's new Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service contract period is equal to or greater in length than the period outstanding on their existing contract; and
- (2) in the case of a customer upgrading the speed of an existing Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service, the rate for the new circuit will depend on the customer's new contract period.

There are no exemptions for unmanned installation.

11. Compatible Services

Digital Network Access will be provided as per Tariff CRTC 3003, Item 1111.

In order to connect the customer's premises to Digital Direct-Community™ Satellite Service central offices, the service may be used in conjunction with Digital Private Line Services – Digital Network Access as per tariff CRTC 3003, Item 1111, at the rates, terms and conditions set out in that item. (C)