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610.20**Link Arrangements for Interconnecting Canadian Carriers****1. Service Description**

Link Arrangements for Interconnecting Canadian Carriers are central office link arrangements that provide transmission paths from the Interconnecting Carrier (IC) or Digital Subscriber Line Service Provider's (DSLSP) co-located central office building space to the transport cross-connect panel within the central office for the purpose of transmitting at DS-1, DS-3, OC-3 and OC-12 levels. The arrangements contained in this Tariff item are made available only to registered Canadian Carriers and DSLSPs.

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2. Definitions

For the purposes of this Tariff item:

“*Connecting Link*” refers to a transmission path which connects a SaskTel provided unbundled network component located within a SaskTel Central Office (CO) building to a co-locator's transmission equipment located within the SaskTel CO building.

“*Digital Subscriber Line Service Providers (DSLSP)*” is a CRTC registered provider of Digital Subscriber Line based applications, such as High Speed Internet access and Local Area Network extensions, to the public for compensation and is not operating as a CLEC, and has executed a Central Office License Agreement with SaskTel.

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“*DS-1 CO Link*” refers to a connecting link that connects a SaskTel provided network component to a co-locator's transmission equipment located within the SaskTel CO. A DS-1 terminates at a transmission rate of 1.544 Mb/s.

“*DS-3 CO Link*” refers to a connecting link that connects a SaskTel provided network component to a co-locator's transmission equipment located within the SaskTel CO. A DS-3 terminates at a transmission rate of 44.736 Mb/s.

“*OC-3 CO Link*” is an optical connecting link that connects a SaskTel provided network component to a co-locator's transmission equipment located within SaskTel's CO. An OC-3 terminates at a transmission rate of 155 Mb/s.

“*OC-12 CO Link*” is an optical connecting link that connects a SaskTel provided network component to a co-locator's transmission equipment located within SaskTel's CO. An OC-12 terminates at a transmission rate of 622 Mb/s.

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3. Conditions of Service

1. SaskTel does not make any representation that these arrangements shall at all times be available in the quantities requested and at the locations specified by the registered Canadian Carrier or DSLSP co-locating in SaskTel’s central office(s). SaskTel shall, however, make every effort to make such arrangements available on request.
2. A CO Link will be provided to the nearest SaskTel designated transport or demarcation cross-connect panel terminating within a SaskTel designated co-location area(s). The co-locator may then complete the circuit to their co-located equipment within their co-location space as appropriate.
3. DSLSPs that are not CLECs may not use link arrangements as provided under this Tariff Item to provide switched local voice services except for the provision of VoIP services, as per Telecom Decision CRTC 2005-28.
4. When it is necessary for SaskTel to install special equipment or to incur unusual expense in order to meet a co-locator's requirements, an additional charge may be assessed based upon the equipment installed or the expense incurred.
5. A DS-1 Link channelizing feature is available whenever the service application requires one which enables a DS-1 CO link to be connected to DS-0 access facilities. The use of this feature will result in a monthly rate and service charge as specified in this Item.
6. A DS-3 Link channelizing feature is available whenever the service application requires one which enables a DS-3 CO link to be connected to DS-1 access facilities. The use of this feature will result in a monthly rate and service charge as specified in this Item.

4. Rates

1. CO Link

The Customer shall pay to SaskTel the following rates and charges for Link Arrangements for Interconnecting Canadian Carriers. Such rates and charges are in addition to any other rates and charges that may be applicable.

DS-1 CO Link (Note 1 and Note 4)	Monthly Rate	Service Charge
8 DS-1	N/A	\$861.68
16 DS-1	N/A	861.68
28 DS-1	N/A	861.68

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DS-3 CO Link	Monthly Rate	Service Charge
DS-3 CO Link (Note 2 and 4)	N/A	\$861.68

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OC-CO Links	Monthly Rate	Service Charge
OC-3 CO Link (Note 2 and 4)	\$11.98	\$166.98
OC-12 CO Link (Note 2 and 4)	\$11.98	\$166.98

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2. CO link Channelizing Feature

CO Link Channelizing Feature	Monthly Rate	Service Charge (Note 3)
Each DS-1 CO Link	Refer to the General Tariff Basic Services Item on 'Digital Network Access', and see DS-1 Access, Channelizing Feature	
Each DS-3 CO Link	Refer to the General Tariff Basic Services Item on 'Digital Network Access' and see DS-3 Access, Channelizing Feature, Central Office	

Note 1: DS-1 CO Links are provided in increments of 8, 16, 28 DS-1.

Note 2: DS-3, OC-3 and OC-12 CO Links are provided in single increments.

Note 3: To activate and interconnect unused DS-0 capacity in a channelized DS-1 CO Link, or unused DS-1 capacity in a channelized DS-3 CO Link, additional service charges apply as specified below, as applicable:

- a. unused DS-0 capacity in channelized DS-1 CO Link, refer the General Tariff Basic Services Item on 'Digital Network Access', and see DS-1 Access, Channelizing Feature, Note 6.
- b. unused DS-1 capacity in channelized DS-3 CO Link, refer the General Tariff Basic Services Item on 'Digital Network Access' and see DS-3 Access, Channelizing Feature, Central Office, Note 11.

Note 4: When connecting a CO Connecting Link to another SaskTel service, a competitor link service may apply, as outlined in Competitor Digital Network (CDN) Service tariff.