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500.22 **Inter-Office Digital Channels****1. Service Description**

Inter-Office Digital Channels are furnished between rate centres of SaskTel or between rate centres of SaskTel and other rate centres or international border crossing points in Canada for the digital transmission of information.

Inter-Office Digital Channels are forborne from regulation, pursuant to Telecom Decision CRTC 2000-150, when provided on the cross-sections identified in Item 500.02.

2. Definitions

For the purposes of this Tariff Item:

“Inter-exchange Channels” refers to the digital facilities required to connect rate centres of different exchanges or an international border crossing point in Canada.

“Route Diversity” is provided, where facilities exist, when a customer requests an additional channel between the same two locations and requires the channel follow a different route than the first channel.

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3. Conditions of Service

1. SaskTel determines the exchanges where service will be provided.
2. Service is provided at SaskTel's discretion within or between exchanges, depending on the availability of suitable facilities and equipment.
3. Digital channels may be connected to other SaskTel services or with the services and/or facilities of other carriers.
4. Inter-office digital channels are available under a Customer Volume Pricing Plan (CVPP) as specified in the item on Customer Volume Pricing Plan. Discounts are based on the term and the minimum monthly billing commitment. Inter-office digital channels are also available on a one-month non-contracted basis.
5. Route diversity, where available, may be provided on request to ensure that specified groups of channels in a cross-section are maintained on separate facility structures.
6. Channel distance is calculated as defined in the V and H Distance Formula. Refer to the item on Definitions in the General Tariff-Basic Services.
7. Total distance charges per inter-exchange channel are calculated by multiplying the mileage by the charge per mile for the appropriate distance band and adding the base charge for that band.

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4. Rates

The Customer shall pay to SaskTel the following rates and charges for Inter-Office Digital Channels. Such rates and charges are in addition to any other rates and charges that may be applicable.

1. Intra-exchange Channels

The monthly rates for Intra-exchange Channels are detailed in SaskTel General Tariff Item on Digital Network Access or SaskTel Competitor Access Tariff Item on Competitor Digital Network Services.

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2. Inter-exchange Channels

A service charge applies to provide each inter-exchange channel at the rate shown in the tables on the following pages.

The following inter-exchange channel rates apply between:

- (a) Rate centres of the exchanges located within SaskTel,
- (b) A SaskTel rate centre and an international border crossing point,
- (c) A SaskTel rate centre and another telco rate centre,
- (d) A SaskTel rate centre and a point of connection with an independent telephone company.

3. Metropolitan inter-exchange channel- refer to SaskTel Competitor Access Tariff Item on Competitor Digital Network Services.

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The following rates and charges apply for DS-0 Channels:

Rate Distance (miles)	Monthly Rate, each channel		
	Base Charge	Charge Per Mile	Service Charge (Note 1)
1-25	\$ 0.00	\$ 16.55	\$80.00
26-50	206.74	8.27	
51-100	330.80	5.77	
101-200	565.11	3.44	
201-500	909.69	1.70	
501-1000	1,171.29	1.11	
Over 1000	2,012.35	0.31	

The following rates and charges apply for DS-1 Channels or channels occupying up to DS-1 capacity:

Rate Distance (miles)	Monthly Rate, each channel		
	Base Charge	Charge Per Mile	Service Charge (Note 1)
1-25	\$ 0.00	\$ 198.48	\$1100.00
26-50	2,480.98	99.24	
51-100	3,965.81	69.41	
101-200	6,778.83	41.35	
201-500	10,913.78	20.68	
501-1000	14,221.75	14.04	
Over 1000	24,145.64	4.13	

Note 1: They apply to the discrete channels, not to the occupied capacity used for rating purposes.

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The following rates and charges apply for DS-3 Channels or channels occupying up to DS-3 capacity:

Rate Distance (miles)	Monthly Rate, each channel		
	Base Charge	Charge Per Mile	Service Charge (Note 1)
1-25	\$ 0.00	\$ 893.15	\$ 3000.00
26-50	11,164.38	446.58	
51-100	17,863.01	312.57	
101-200	30,510.98	186.07	
201-500	49,118.28	93.03	
501-1000	64,004.13	63.21	
Over 1000	99,999.99	18.09	

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Note 1: They apply to the discrete channels, not to the occupied capacity used for rating purposes.

3. Diversity Charges:

	Monthly Rate
Each cross-section	\$ 134.05

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