
SECTION 12 - PRIME DIGITAL TRUNK SERVICE

12.1 Prime Digital Trunk Service

A) Description

Prime Digital trunk (PDT) is a fractional digital switched service that provides trunk connections from an end user's Private Branch Exchange or capable Key System to the Company Switch Port. Prime Digital Trunk is delivered via a DS1 (1.544 Mbps) facility providing up to 23 voice-grade DS0 communications channels. Prime Digital Trunk is available on a 1, 2, or 3 year term commitment.

The Customer may opt to utilize Prime Digital Trunk service for outgoing calls only (DOD), incoming calls only (DID), or a combination of both inbound and outbound calls. When the Customer elects to utilize Prime Digital Trunk for both inbound and outbound calls, they may choose Two-Way service which allows incoming to an attendant only or they can elect to utilize DID/DOD service which allows incoming calls to be terminated directly to an end user behind a PBX or capable Key System. When DID or DID/DOD service is ordered, direct inward dialing (DID) numbers must be purchased from the Company.

Per subscribed Rate Center, the Customer is required to subscribe to sufficient number of trunks or channels so as not to degrade the Company's network below an incoming call completion rate of 99 percent. The call completion rate is based on an average of the busy hours occurring during the Customer's busiest hours during the billing cycle. Once the service has been established, the Company may require the Customer to increase the number of PDT trunks or channels to satisfy the call completion criteria listed above.

B) Rate Regulations

The following rate elements apply to Prime Digital Trunk:

- 1) Per Active Channel (PAC) charge – monthly recurring charge applicable to each active DS0 channel. A minimum of 12 PACs must be ordered per PDT facility.
- 2) Non-recurring installation charges are applicable for each DS0 channel.
- 3) See Section 7 for local calling rates and for intraLATA toll calling rates associated with PDT service.