CABS Bill Media Options General Overview

CABS is a system that is used to bill CLECs for Unbundled Network Elements (UNE) and access to the AT&T Network. AT&T adheres to the national Carrier Access Billing System (CABS) Billing Output Specifications (CBOS) standards for CABS billing. CBOS is the only standard format that is provided by CABS billing, which consists of several billing formats including paper and Billing Data Tape (BDT).

There are 10 monthly CABS access billing periods. The monthly billing periods with the related Account Types are as follows:

Monthly Billing Period	XXX
1	X01
4	X04
7	X07
10	X10
13	X13
16	X16
19	X19
22	X22
25	X25
28	X28

X represents the different Account Types, which can be A, C, N, and S.

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There are 20 monthly CABS billing periods for CABS J & N Bills. The monthly billing periods with the related Q account numbers are as follows:

Monthly Billing Period	QXX
1	Q81
2	Q82
4	Q84
5	Q85
7	Q87
8	Q88
10	Q80
11	Q91
13	Q83
14	Q94
16	Q86
17	Q97
19	Q89
20	Q90
22	Q92
23	Q93
25	Q96
28	Q98
29	Q59

Due to system constraints, the following restrictions apply to the Q billing accounts:

- The 1st and 29th billing periods are "closed". No new billing accounts can be established in these billing periods.
- If a CLEC has multiple Q accounts for the same business types within a Revenue Accounting Office (RAO), each Q account must be in a separate billing period.

Paper

General Overview   CABS paper bill format is the default billing format available to AT&T customers at the end of each bill period. The paper bill outlines the access and unbundled network element (UNE) charges to customers on the CABS bills.

The customer can request another primary billing format at no additional charge.

Delivery Options   The CABS paper bill has several options for delivery, including:

- Paper (Default)
- 3.5" HD Floppy Disk
- CD-ROM

CD-ROM and the 3.5" HD Floppy Disk options are a print image of the paper bill and may be received on every bill period or monthly, but the monthly option cannot be the primary bill option. As a secondary billing format, the CLEC may receive the CD-ROM and 3.5" HD Floppy Disk monthly, instead of every bill period.

Contracting Information/ Additional Charges   The CABS paper bill format is the default bill supplied to the customer by AT&T at no additional charges. Additional copies may be obtained if requested by the CLEC.

Note: All requests for alternative billing options must be made in writing.

Refer to your contract or FCC Tariff #1, Section 13.6, for rate information.

Contact Information   For additional information on the CABS paper and billing formats, please contact your AT&T Billing Administrator.

Billing Data Tape
General Overview   Billing Data Tape (BDT) is a CABS billing option that is available to CLECs at the end of their billing period. The BDT contains all of the customer's billing information in the national Carrier Billing Output Specifications (CBOS) standard.

General requirements for use of the BDT format include:

- Compatible tape reader (if applicable)
- Software Application (internal or vendor supplied)
- Programming Support (internal or external)

Delivery Options   Billing Data Tape (BDT) has several options for delivery:

- Reel Round Tape (6250 BPI)
- 18 Track Cartridge Tape (38 K, 3480 series)
- CONNECT:Direct™

CONNECT:Direct™ is the file transfer software used by AT&T to provide data exchange services to the CLECs. CONNECT:Direct™ is a product of Sterling Commerce, Inc. For more information on CONNECT:Direct™ software go to Sterling Commerce's Web site at: www.sterlingcommerce.com.

If the CLEC chooses CONNECT:Direct™ as the delivery option, the connectivity for CONNECT:Direct™ LAN-to-LAN must be tested to verify that the CLEC can receive data files sent from AT&T. To begin testing the connectivity the CLEC must have all CONNECT:Direct™ software and hardware installed.

Note: AT&T strongly recommends that the CLEC purchase Sterling Commerce, Inc.'s Maintenance Agreement for Vendor Assistance.

Support for CONNECT:Direct™ may be obtained 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 205-444-8629.

**Delivery Options
(Continued)**   If one of the CBOS BDT delivery options is chosen, the customer must be able
to:

- Process this data in his/her own internal systems or vendor supplied system
- Obtain a copy of the CBOS BDT documentation, which is proprietary to
  Telcordia. AT&T cannot provide this information directly to the customer.

A copy of the CABS CBOS Documentation may be ordered through Telcordia's
Distribution Center (908) 699-5800. A list of the CBOS Volumes, their
reference numbers and titles are listed below:

- SR 1868:   Volume 1   Overview
- SR 1869   Volume 1A   Phrase Codes
- SR 1871   Volume 2   Service Exhibits (Printed Bill Exhibits)
- SR 1872   Volume 3   BDT (Billing Data Tape) - Record Formats
- SR 1873   Volume 3A   BDT Edits
- SR 1874   Volume 4   Data Elements (Field Descriptions)
- SR 1875   Volume 5   MPB (Meet Point Billing)

**Contracting
Information/
Additional
Charges**   The CABS BDT (Reel, Cartridge, or CONNECT:Direct™) has no charge if it
replaces the paper bill. Otherwise, if this format is not the primary billing option,
there is a charge. Refer to your contract or FCC Tariff #1, Section 13.6, for rate
information.

**Contact
Information**   For additional information on the CABS BDT format please contact your AT&T
Account Team Member. For additional information on CONNECT:Direct™
software go to Sterling Commerce's Web site at:
www.sterlingcommerce.com.