

Bill Formatting Overview

This chapter covers the different types of bill formats and the delivery options offered.

The bills are formatted according to an industry standard:

- Carrier Access Billing System (CABS) or
- Customer-segment-specific Customer Record Information System (CRIS) presentation format.

CRIS produces the Customized Large User Bill (CLUB[®]) which includes the following billed services:

- Resale
- Unbundled Network Elements (UNE) – charges for ADUF/ODUF only.
- Local Number Portability Charges
- Interim Number Portability

CABS is used to bill customers for accessing the network. The CABS bill types that are applicable for CLEC services include four different account types:

Account Type	Description
Ancillary (A)	Used to bill services including, but not limited to, the following: Inward Operator Services, Database Queries, SS7, and Link Access. Some services can have usage charges.
Miscellaneous (C)	Used for billing functions that do not fit into the other account types such as Local Number Portability. This account does not have usage charges.
Facility (N)	Used for billing Switched and Special Access Facilities. This account type does not have usage charges.
Switched (S)	Used for billing Switched Access usage, Trunks, and other related services. This account type has both usage and flat rate charges.

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A Customer Service Record (CSR) is associated with each account type.

The 'J' and 'N' bills are specific CABS bill formats used to bill UNE ports, Port/Loop combos, and non-design loops. These two bills follow the CABS Billing Output Specifications (CBOS) standards.

The 'J' account bill provides a bill and CSR to the CLEC for purposes of billing all UNE Port and Port/Loop combinations. The CLEC will receive one bill per Revenue Accounting Office (RAO) for all charges.

The 'N' account bill is used to bill stand-alone non-design loop services. The CLEC will receive one bill per RAO.

This chapter covers the different types of billing formats available for CRIS and CABS bills.

The CLUB[®] Bill – Bill Layout, CABS Bill – Bill Layout, J Bill – Bill Layout, and N Bill – Bill Layout sections in this chapter describe in detail the layout and information presented in each type of bill.

The CRIS Bill Options and the CABS Bill Options sections describe in detail each available format and provide information on testing procedures and contracting. These sections also explain the different delivery options and provide a comparison among all available options stating the advantages and disadvantages of each.