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Labor Statistics Index for compensation per hour—total private.

(d) Appendix A is provided for preliminary planning purposes only. It delineates the rate per minute by service and type of user. These rates are subject to change.

(e) The per minute charge for TDRSS service is computed by multiplying the charge per minute for the appropriate service by the number of minutes scheduled and the appropriate factor (for flexible, constrained or disruptive/emergency service).

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§ 1215.115 Payment and billing.

(a) To each user there will be an initial non-refundable administrative charge of \$25,000 which is applicable toward TDRSS operational services.

(b) The procedure for billing and payment of standard TDRSS services is as follows:

(1) The calendar year is divided into two service periods, January through June and July through December. The charge for TDRSS service will be determined in October for the succeeding calendar year.

(2) The estimated cost of service, January through June period, will be due the previous July 1, and will be billed 60 days prior to the payment due date.

(3) The estimated cost of service, July through December period, will be due the previous January 1, and will be billed 60 days prior to the payment due date.

(4) Adjustments to the amounts prepaid will be made to the succeeding billings as the actual service time is tabulated. Amounts due to the user will be credited to the next service period or refunded to the user if no more service is to be provided.

(5) The total estimated cost of all standard pre-launch services such as mission planning, documentation, link analysis, testing, computer, human resources, etc., with the exception of TDRSS operational services, will be paid to the Government prior to NASA rendering such services. This advance payment will be applied as a credit to the charges billed for post-launch TDRSS operational services as speci-

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fied in paragraphs (b) (1) through (4) of this section.

(c) Payment schedules for mission unique services will be mutually developed between NASA the user on a case-by-case basis, dependent upon level of engineering effort, long-lead items, special communication services or other considerations. Payment will generally be made prior to NASA incurring a cost for mission unique service.

(d) Late payments by the user will require the user to pay a late payment charge equal to 1½% per month of the unpaid balance calculated daily from the date the payment was due until the date payment is made.

APPENDIX A TO PART 1215—ESTIMATED SERVICE RATES IN 1997 DOLLARS FOR TDRSS STANDARD SERVICES (BASED ON NASA ESCALATION ESTIMATE)

TDRSS user service rates for services rendered in CY-97 based on current projections in 1997 dollars are as follows:

1. *Single Access Service*—Forward command, return telemetry, or tracking, or any combination of these, the base rate is \$184.00 per minute for non-U.S. Government users.

2. *Multiple Access Forward Service*—Base rate is \$42.00 per minute for non-U.S. Government users.

3. *Multiple Access Return Service*—Base rate is \$13.00 per minute for non-U.S. Government users.

Due to the advent of commercial launch service customers, an addendum will be required to reflect rates for service rendered under the Commercial Space Launch Act (CSLA). Due to statutory requirements, the rates are slightly different for CSLA customers.

CSLA customer rates:

1. *Single Access Service*—Base rate is \$180 per minute for CSLA users.

2. *Multiple Access Forward Service*—Base rate is \$39 per minute for CSLA users.

3. *Multiple Access Return Service*—Base rate is \$13 per minute for CSLA users.

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APPENDIX B TO PART 1215—FACTORS AFFECTING STANDARD CHARGES

Charges for services shall be determined by multiplying the factors below by the base rates for standard services set forth in appendix A.