



Premier MPLS VPN - Service Level Agreement

CIMCO Communications backs its commitment and focus on operational excellence and reliability by providing a network uptime guarantee of 99.999% for CIMCO Premier MPLS Services.

This Service Level Agreement's (SLA) Terms and Conditions apply only to Customers agreeing to a Minimum Service Period of one year or more for CIMCO Premier MPLS Services and only in respect of the provision of such services during such period and where Customer's accounts with CIMCO are in good standing. Availability of this SLA may be subject to further conditions or qualifications set forth in the Agreement with CIMCO. All remedies set out herein shall not be cumulative, and shall be Customer's sole and exclusive remedy under the relevant Agreement.

Network Availability

The CIMCO MPLS Network is guaranteed to be available and capable of forwarding IP packets 99.999% of the time, as averaged over a calendar month. The CIMCO MPLS Network includes the customer's access port (the port on the CIMCO aggregation router upon which the customer's circuit terminates) and the CIMCO IP backbone network. The CIMCO IP backbone network includes CIMCO owned and controlled routers and circuits (including any transit connections). The CIMCO Network availability guarantee does not include local loop, Customer Premise Equipment, Customer's Local Area Network (LAN), scheduled maintenance events, customer caused outages/ disruptions or interconnection connectivity within other Internet Service Provider (ISP) networks.

Network Latency (Quality of Service)

The CIMCO IP backbone network is guaranteed to have an average round trip packet transit time within the CIMCO IP backbone network (Continental United States) over a calendar month of 50 ms or less. The average latency is measured as the average of 15-minute samples across the CIMCO IP backbone network taken throughout the month. The CIMCO Latency guarantee does not include local loop, Customer Premise Equipment, Customer's Local Area Network (LAN), scheduled maintenance events, customer caused outages/ disruptions or interconnection connectivity within other Internet Service Provider (ISP) networks.

Network Packet Delivery (Quality of Service)

CIMCO guarantees that the backbone network packet loss will not exceed a monthly average of 1% across the CIMCO Network (or a successful delivery of greater than 99% of the packets) during any calendar month. "Packet Loss" is defined as the percentage of packets that are dropped between any two CIMCO designated hub routers that are part of the CIMCO Network. Core Network Packet Loss is measured by averaging sample measurements taken throughout the calendar month.

Jitter

CIMCO guarantees that the backbone network jitter loss will not exceed a monthly average of 2% across the CIMCO Network during any calendar month. "Jitter" is the interval between two times of maximum effect (or between two times of minimum effect) of a jitter characteristic that varies regularly with time.

Outage Response

A Service Outage begins when CIMCO is notified or becomes aware of the failure, whichever occurs first. A Service Outage ends when the affected network or facility service is again operational. CIMCO may undertake Critical Maintenance at any time deemed necessary and shall provide notice of Outage to Customer under practical circumstances. An Outage Response is defined as a CIMCO Internal ticket opened to address the issue.

Outage Reporting Process: The Outage Reporting Process is applicable only to service provided in the contiguous United States and is applicable only if Customer telephones the CIMCO Network Maintenance Center (NMC) at 800-92-CIMCO (24626). In the event customer subscribes to CIMCO's Wise Eye Managed and Monitoring Service, Outage Reporting notification will be proactive. Customer is solely responsible for providing CIMCO accurate and current contact information for Customer's designated points of contact. CIMCO will be relieved of its obligations under this Outage Reporting Process if CIMCO's contact information for Customer is out of date or inaccurate due to Customer's action or omission. Customer will be responsible for providing accurate, affected circuit identification, i.e. circuit ID and phone numbers.

Mean Time to Repair

Troubleshooting is performed using mechanized testing systems to test and locate the problem. CIMCO maintains a mean time to repair (MTTR) service objective of two hours for locations that are on net, and three hours of off-net locations. Service technicians may be dispatched to locate and repair the service as needed. If the problem is on the customer's side of the demarcation point, charges may apply. After each hour that a problem remains unresolved additional management may become involved if the expected outcome is not met. Every possible effort will be made to promptly restore DS1 service in the event of a failure.

Service Availability:

CIMCO MPLS Services will be available to Customer 99.999% of the time in a calendar month. "Service Unavailability" exists when a particular Customer's Network and/ or Facility Service become unavailable.

If CIMCO fails to meet the above MPLS Services SLA, Customer shall be entitled to receive specified credits in matrix A. Credits will not exceed a total of 100% of the monthly recurring charge as a credit per location. The Customer would be eligible for credits as follows:

Matrix A:

Credit by location, time of outage is cumulative over a Month Timeframe	Customer Credit (% of Monthly MPLS Circuit Charge)
≤ 15min.	10%
≤ 30min.	20%
> 30 min. and ≤ 2 Hours	30%
> 01 Hour and ≤ 4 Hours	40%
> 15 Hours	50%

Credits will not be applied to customer account due to Service Unavailability resulting from (a) scheduled Network maintenance; (b) the occurrence of a Force Majeure event; (c) customer owned premise equipment issues.

Note that these SLA exclusions are associated only with CIMCO MPLS Services.

Credit Claim Procedures

To initiate a claim for service credit with respect to the SLA described herein, Customer must request and submit a CIMCO SLA Claim Form from a CIMCO contact within seven (7) business days after the end of the month in which the event occurred.

Upon receipt of the CIMCO SLA Claim Form, CIMCO will perform the appropriate SLA measurement, qualification, validation, and verification process to determine whether a credit claim is warranted.

CIMCO will issue a service credit to the Customer's account upon approval of its SLA Claim request. Customer will be notified if the request has been rejected within two (2) months following the month in which the SLA Claim Form was submitted.

The service credit provided for this SLA assumes compliance by Customer with the terms and conditions of its Service agreements with CIMCO. To preserve Customer's rights under SLA,

- Customer must report all outages and/or service failures to CIMCO's Network Management Center (NMC) at 800-922-CIMCO (4626), which must result in the opening of a CIMCO trouble ticket.
- Customers must retain all records of CIMCO trouble ticket numbers for the purposes of making claims in accordance with this SLA.
- Customer shall cooperate with CIMCO in the Service Claim investigation.
- Customer must provide for timely and adequate arrangement for access to the necessary facilities, locations, and equipment. If a technician dispatch to the customer premises is required for resolution of Customer trouble ticket(s) on a timely basis. Time and material charges may apply for non-business hour (i.e. evening or weekend) dispatches.

When Service Credit Request forms are submitted, the Customer shall pay its entire service bill, and shall not off set any Service Credits it would anticipate receiving from CIMCO.

Maintenance (Scheduled & Critical)

Scheduled Maintenance: Scheduled (non-emergency) maintenance shall mean any maintenance at the CIMCO hub to which Customer's circuit is connected. Scheduled Maintenance will be performed between the hours of 12 AM to 6 AM local time. Normal maintenance includes (1) upgrades of hardware and software; (2) upgrades to capacity; (3) network activity that may degrade the quality of service or cause service interruptions.

Critical Maintenance: Critical maintenance may be performed at any time to correct network conditions that require immediate attention. Critical maintenance is performed at the discretion of CIMCO Communications and may degrade or disrupt service. All reasonable business efforts will be attempted to notify the Customer's designated point of contact as is reasonably practicable under the circumstance.

CIMCO Escalation List

Please reference CIMCO website for current Escalation List.

Force Majeure

Neither CIMCO nor Customer shall be responsible for damages or for delays or failures in performance resulting from acts or occurrences beyond their reasonable control, including without limitation: fire, lightning, explosion, power surge or failure, water, acts of God, war, revolution, civil commotion or acts of civil or military authorities or public enemies; any law, order, regulation, ordinance, or requirement of any government or legal body or any representative of any such government or legal body; or labor unrest, including strikes, slowdowns, picketing or boycotts; inability to secure raw materials, transportation facilities, fuel or energy shortages, or acts or omissions of other common carriers.

Policy Change

CIMCO reserves the right to change, amend, or revise this SLA policy at any time. Changes or revisions to the SLA will be deemed effective upon posting the applicable revision on CIMCO's publicly accessible website.