

CONSTRUCTION AND ATTACHMENT CHARGES

GENERAL

The rates otherwise provided for in this tariff are based on furnishing service immediately adjacent to existing lines and facilities of the Telephone Company and on the use of lines and facilities engineered and constructed according to common and accepted practices. When service is desired at points somewhat removed from existing lines and facilities, or when abnormal and unusual arrangements and installations are desired, such service and installations are subject to additional charges as prescribed hereunder.

CONSTRUCTION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

If it is necessary to place plant on private property in order to furnish service, applicants are required either to furnish, construct and maintain the necessary plant in accordance with the Telephone Company's specifications, or to pay to the Telephone Company charges for furnishing and constructing the necessary plant as follows: (C)

When poles are furnished and erected either new or as replacements the subscriber is required to provide any necessary tree trimming to secure and maintain satisfactory clearance for wires and pay a monthly charge of \$.30 per pole.

Poles shall be the property of the Telephone Company which will be responsible for their maintenance and replacement. (C)

Where an applicant is so located that it is necessary to use a private right-of-way to furnish service, the subscriber is required to pay the entire cost involved in securing such right-of-way.

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CONSTRUCTION AND ATTACHMENT CHARGES (cont'd)

UNDERGROUND FACILITIES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

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Construction of a type selected by the Telephone Company

The Telephone Company reserves the right to determine the type of construction and/or installation to be used on a customer's premises.

The Telephone Company will bury wire and/or cable on private property to the subscribers premises subject to the following charges based on route measurements:

First 1,000 feet..... No Charge  
Each additional 100 feet or fraction thereof.....\$10.00

The chargeable distance is the total route distance from the customer's side of a public highway to the customer's premises.

The trench furnished by the telephone company shall not be used for any other purpose by the customer without the specific approval of the Telephone Company. When necessary, replacement will be made by the Telephone Company without charge to the subscriber except that where maintenance repairs or replacement is made necessary by any damage done by the subscriber or his representatives. The Telephone Company shall have access to the cable at all times for maintenance purposes.

Construction of a type selected by Customers

Applicants requesting underground service in lieu of a standard overhead service installation will be required to open and backfill the trench and furnish all conduits and fixtures required. The trench, conduits and fixtures must meet the Company's specifications, designed to provide adequate protection for the Company's buried wire and/or cable. When direct burial electrical conductors are to be placed in the same trench with telephone conductors, the trench must be of sufficient width or depth to maintain a minimum separation of 12 inches between conductors.

If underground facilities furnished at the applicant's request become inoperable, the customer will be required to open and backfill the trench and/or replace defective conduits or fixtures as necessary to make repairs. If the subscriber will not do this the Company reserves the right to restore service by exposed or overhead facilities.

MINIMUM CONTRACT

New construction will be provided only where service is contracted for a minimum period of one year.

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CONSTRUCTION AND ATTACHMENT CHARGES (cont'd)

UNDERGROUND SERVICE IN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

All Telephone service shall be placed underground in residential developments of five (5) or more adjoining unoccupied lots in a recorded plot plan for the construction of single-family residences (detached or otherwise), mobile homes, or apartment houses (five or more units), all of which are intended for year-round occupancy, if telephone service to the lots necessitates extending the utility's existing distribution lines.

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A. A developer shall:

- (1) At his own cost, provide the utility with a copy of the recorded development plot plan identifying property boundaries, and with easements satisfactory to the utility for occupancy and maintenance of distribution and service lines and related facilities.
- (2) At his own cost, clear the ground in which the service lines and related facilities are to be laid of trees, stumps and other obstructions, provide the excavating and backfilling according to utility specifications and subject to the inspection and approval of the utility, and backfill within 6 inches of final grade. Utility specifications for excavating and backfilling shall be set forth by the utility in written form and presented to the applicant at the time of application for the service and presentation of the plot plan to the utility. If the utility's specifications have not been met by the developer's excavating and backfilling, the excavating and backfilling shall be corrected or redone by the developer or his authorized agent. Failure to comply with the utility's construction standards and specifications permits the utility to refuse utility service until the standards and specifications are met.
- (3) Request the installation of distribution and service lines at such time that the lines may be installed before curbs, pavements and sidewalks are laid; carefully coordinate scheduling of the utility's line and facility installation with the general project construction schedule including coordination with any other utility sharing the same trench; keep the route of lines clear of machinery and other obstructions when the line installation crew is scheduled to appear; and otherwise cooperate with the utility to avoid unnecessary costs and delay.
- (4) Place with the telephone company, in advance or upon such other terms as the company may require, the following charges:

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CONSTRUCTION AND ATTACHMENT CHARGES (cont'd)

UNDERGROUND SERVICE IN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS (cont'd)

- (a) A prepayment in aid of construction in an amount not in excess of 60% of the company's costs of the distribution line for the development.
  - (b) Such prepayment in aid of construction will be refunded on a proportionate basis for each contract for telephone service rendered. The basis of total refund shall be 100 percent refund upon receipt of telephone contracts for telephone service from 50 percent of the total development within a ten-year period.
- B. If the developer fails to comply with Paragraph A(2) or (3) or changes the plot plan after installation of the telephone utility's lines has begun, or requests deviation from the utility's established underground construction practices, the additional costs shall be borne by the developer or his authorized agent. No charges other than those described in this subsection and in Paragraph A(4) shall be borne by the developer for telephone service or by another utility sharing the same trench, even if the utility elects to perform its own excavating and backfilling. (C)
- C. All distribution and service lines, except pedestals, installed as the result of an application for telephone service within a development shall be installed underground; shall conform to the utility's construction standards; and shall be owned and maintained by the utility. Excavating and backfilling shall be performed by the applicant for telephone service or by another agent the developer may authorize. All other installation shall be performed by the utility or by another agent the utility may authorize. The utility shall not be liable for injury or damage occasioned by the willful or negligent excavation, breakage or other interference with its underground lines occasioned by anyone other than its own employees or agent. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a utility from performing its own excavating and backfilling for greater system design flexibility. No charges other than those specified in Paragraph A(4) shall be permitted. (C)
- D. Underground facilities in new residential developments are only required when a bona fide developer exists, that is only when utility-ready lots are provided by the developer. A mere subdivision is not required to have underground service. However, should the lot owner in a subdivision desire underground service, the service shall be provided by the utility if the lot owner, at his option, either complies with Paragraph A or pays to the utility the charges that are contained in the utility's tariff for underground telephone service. (C)

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