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A. GENERAL

1. The charges specified in this section apply in addition to all other rates and charges, including termination charges, applicable to services furnished.
2. Deposits or advance payments covering construction charges may be required at the time application for service is made.
3. All poles, wire and cable facilities, and conduit, provided by the Telephone Company are furnished, installed and maintained by the Telephone Company. The customer does not obtain any right of ownership or otherwise in poles, wire and cable facilities and conduit provided by the Telephone Company whether or not construction charges are applied.
4. When poles, wire and cable facilities, or conduit, provided by the Telephone Company on private property are changed, relocated or replaced at the request of or to meet conditions imposed by the customer, the estimated cost to be incurred by the Telephone Company is borne by the customer.
5. When poles or conduit are provided by the customer, the customer is responsible for maintenance and replacement. When conduit is provided by the customer, cost of excavation, repair or replacement of conduit, and fill-in, if required in connection with maintenance or replacement of cable facilities of the Telephone Company, is borne by the customer.
6. When the customer is so located that it is necessary for the Telephone Company to obtain right of way to furnish service, the customer may be required to pay the cost (including rental) of securing and retaining such right of way.
7. When construction is provided by a connecting company, charges made to the customer will be the charges of the connecting company.
8. All rates and charges specified in the Telephone Company's Exchange Rate and General Exchange Tariffs provide for the furnishing of services or channels where suitable facilities are available or where the construction of the necessary facilities does not involve unusual costs.

When the revenue to be derived from the service or channels is not, in the opinion of the Telephone Company, sufficient to warrant the Telephone Company assuming the unusual costs of providing the necessary construction, the customer may be required to pay all or a portion of the estimated cost to be incurred, the amount depending upon the circumstances in each case.

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B. POLE LINE CONSTRUCTION

1. The regulations and charges specified below apply to pole line extensions required to serve applicants for service when the necessary pole line facilities are not available.
2. When poles owned and maintained by others and used by the Telephone Company under joint use arrangements are employed, the construction charges to be applied are the same as those that would be applicable if the poles were provided by the Telephone Company. Following their first employment by the Telephone Company, poles of others used under joint use arrangements become a part of the general distribution pole line or entrance pole line facilities, as the case may be, of the Telephone Company for the purpose of determining whether such pole line facilities are available.
3. General Distribution Pole Line Facilities

General distribution poles are poles used to support wire and cable facilities required to serve customers generally. Such poles are provided by the Telephone Company, or are owned and maintained by others and used by the Telephone Company under joint use arrangements.

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4. Entrance Pole Line Facilities
 - a. Entrance poles are poles located on private property used to support the entrance service wires required to serve one customer. Such poles are provided by the Telephone Company, or are owned and maintained by others and used by the Telephone Company under joint use arrangements, except as provided in c. following.
 - b. When entrance poles are required but are not available, the applicant is charged a construction charge equivalent to 50 percent of the estimated cost to be incurred for entrance facilities in place in excess of 1,000 feet, measured along the path of construction.

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B. POLE LINE CONSTRUCTION (Continued)

4. Entrance Pole Line Facilities (Continued)

- c. The Telephone Company will place its entrance service wires on poles owned and maintained by the applicant or others (not available under joint use arrangements) if in its opinion the poles are properly located and suitable for such use. Permission to use such poles must be furnished to the Telephone Company free of cost. The Telephone Company may, after notice in writing to the customer, without incurring any liability thereby, discontinue furnishing service in this manner if in its opinion the poles are not properly maintained or used in accordance with accepted safety standards.

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C. UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION

1. General Distribution Underground Facilities

- a. General distribution underground conduit is conduit in which cable facilities required to serve customers generally are placed.
- b. The Telephone Company will place general distribution facilities underground without conduit where in its opinion conditions are suitable.

2. Entrance Underground Facilities

- a. Entrance underground facilities consist either of underground conduit in which the entrance underground cable is placed or, in lieu of conduit, where in the opinion of the Telephone Company conditions are suitable, of only excavation and fill-in in which buried underground wires or cables are placed, on private property required to serve one customer. Entrance underground conduit is provided by the Telephone Company subject to the construction charges specified in b. following, except as indicated in b. (5) following. Entrance underground facilities without conduit are provided as specified in b. following, except as indicated in b. (6) following.

Material omitted from this page shown in Customer Premises Equipment Tariff PSCK NO. 1, Part I, corresponding section, and paragraph.

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C. UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION (Continued)

2. Entrance Underground Facilities (Continued)

b. Where the General Distribution System is Underground

- (1) Where the general distribution system is underground, or is about to be placed underground, all existing customers and applicants along the route thereof are required to arrange for entrance underground conduit or entrance underground facilities without conduit to connect to the general distribution underground system.
- (2) A construction charge is applied for entrance underground conduit equivalent to 50 percent of the estimated cost to be incurred for such conduit in place.
- (3) A construction charge is applied for excavation and fill-in (without conduit) in which buried underground wires or cables are placed, equivalent to 50 percent of the estimated cost to be incurred for such excavation and fill-in in excess of 1,000 feet, measured along the path of construction.
- (4) If a group of customers or applicants so desire and it is practicable so to do, block distribution may be employed where under underground conduit is constructed from the public highway to one of the buildings and thence successively to the other buildings on the private property of the respective customers or applicants. In such cases the construction charge determined as in (2) above is apportioned among the parties equitably, taking into consideration their respective locations.
- (5) The Telephone Company will place its entrance underground cables in conduit provided and maintained by the customer or others if in its opinion the conduit is properly located and suitable for such use. Permission to use such conduit must be furnished to the Telephone Company free of cost. The Telephone Company may, after notice in writing to the customer, without incurring any liability thereby, discontinue furnishing service in this manner, if in its opinion the conduit is not properly maintained or used in accordance with accepted safety standards.

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2. Entrance Underground Facilities (Continued)

b. Where the General Distribution System is Underground (Continued)

(6) The Telephone Company will place its entrance facilities underground without the use of conduit where the excavation and fill-in is provided and maintained by the customer or others and the construction is in accordance with the specifications of the Telephone Company. Permission to use the trench must be furnished to the Telephone Company free of cost. The Telephone Company may, after notice in writing to the customer, without incurring any liability thereby, discontinue furnishing service in this manner, if in its opinion the trench is not properly maintained or used in accordance with accepted safety standards.

c. Where the General Distribution System is on Poles

- (1) Where the general distribution system is on poles and is not to be placed underground, a customer may arrange for an underground service connection subject to the regulations and charges specified below.
- (2) Entrance underground conduit between the public highway and the building will be provided subject to the regulations and charges specified in b. preceding. Excavation and fill-in (without conduit) between the public highway and the building will be provided at a construction charge equivalent to 50 percent of the estimated cost to be incurred.

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2. Entrance Underground Facilities (Continued)

c. Where the General Distribution System is on Poles (Continued)

- (3) Connection of the entrance underground facilities to the general distribution poles may be made in either of the following ways depending upon circumstances, subject to the charges indicated:
 - (a) The Telephone Company will provide general distribution underground facilities in the public highway between the nearest pole of the general distribution system and the point of connection with the entrance underground facilities provided under (2) or (3) preceding, subject to a construction charge equivalent to the estimated cost to be incurred.
 - (b) The Telephone Company will erect an entrance pole at the terminus of the underground entrance facilities provided under (2) or (3) preceding, and erect drop wires between this pole and a pole of the general distribution system subject to a construction charge equivalent to the estimated cost to be incurred for the entrance pole in place.
- (4) The necessary cable or buried wire facilities will be furnished by the Telephone Company subject to a construction charge based on the excess, if any, of the estimated cost of the cable or buried wire in place over the estimated cost of entrance service wires that otherwise would have been employed.

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C. UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION (Continued)

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D. SPECIAL TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION, FACILITIES OR INSTALLATION

1. When a customer or applicant requires a special type of construction, or a type of facilities not normally provided, or when the conditions imposed by the customer or applicant, such as the time and place involved, make the construction or installation abnormally or excessively costly, an additional charge applies. The charge to be applied is equivalent to the difference between the estimated cost to be incurred for such special type of construction, facilities, or installation, and the estimated cost that otherwise would have been incurred for a normal type of construction, facilities, or installation.
2. The use of exposed wiring is the standard method of wiring all buildings. When concealed wiring is requested and building conduits are not provided by the customer or applicant, the customer or applicant will be charged the cost incurred.
3. If the customer or applicant provides suitable building conduit including terminal cabinets, outlet boxes, etc., the Telephone Company will install its wires and cables therein.

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E. CONSTRUCTION INVOLVING UNUSUALLY LARGE QUANTITIES OF ENTRANCE FACILITIES

When a customer or applicant requires, in the judgment of the Telephone Company, an unusual quantity of entrance facilities, a termination liability shall be incurred. The termination liability will be equal in amount to the cost of construction of the facilities required less the cost of construction of facilities that would normally be required. Bond or other suitable security, equal to the construction cost will be required. Such security, bond, etc. will be held by the Telephone Company for a maximum of 12 months. If the use of the specially constructed facilities is terminated in less than 36 months for any reason, the customer will be required to pay the Telephone Company an amount equal to 1/36 of the total construction cost for each month less than 36 that the facilities have been in service.

F. CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY FACILITIES FOR LONG TERM SERVICE

The construction charges specified in B., C., D., and E. preceding contemplate the construction of permanent facilities for long term service. When temporary facilities are constructed in advance of the permanent facilities in order to meet the service date requested by the customer or applicant for the long term service, the Telephone Company may apply a construction charge equivalent to the estimated cost to be incurred for such temporary facilities, plus the estimated cost of removal less salvage.

G. CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES FOR SHORT TERM SERVICE

When either permanent or temporary facilities are constructed to provide service which the Telephone Company knows or believes will be in service for a short term, and there is no immediate prospect of reuse of the facilities in place for service provided by the Telephone Company, a construction charge applies equivalent to the estimated cost to be incurred for such construction, plus the estimated cost of removal less salvage if the facilities must be removed.