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A5. CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A5.1 Construction Charges (Cont'd)

A5.1.6 Underground Service Entrances

- A. Underground service entrances may be provided at the subscriber's request as special construction in connection with either existing or new services, in lieu of the usual aerial drop wire.
- B. Where the following conditions exist, buried service entrance facilities will be furnished without construction charge:
 - 1. The location of the service is in an area where buried distribution facilities are used by the Company, and
 - 2. Buried service wire or buried cable would normally be provided by the Company for service entrance.
- C. Where the conditions in A5.1.6.B. preceding do not exist, buried service entrance will be provided at the applicant's request and he shall be required to pay the additional cost incurred by the Company as set forth in A5.1.7 following, or buried service entrance will be furnished without construction charge where the applicant provides conduit or opens and backfills a trench to specifications of the Company.

A5.1.7 Special Types Of Construction

When a special type of construction other than those covered preceding is desired by a subscriber or where the individual requirements of a particular situation make the construction unusually expensive, the subscriber is required to bear the excess cost of such construction. Any special maintenance expense that may from time to time occur will be borne by the subscriber except that maintenance of buried service wire, including associated trenching where required, will be at the expense of the Company.

A5.1.8 Rearrangements Of Existing Plant

- A. When the Company is requested to move or change existing plant for which no specific charge is quoted in this Guidebook, the person at whose request such move or change is made may be required to bear the costs incurred.
- **B.** Where by statute, ordinance or other legal requirement, existing aerial facilities are required to be relocated underground, the Company will charge the net cost attributable to such relocation to the local exchange subscribers located within the political subdivision or area affected by such statute, ordinance or other legal requirement.

A5.1.9 Construction Required For Temporary Service

When construction is required for temporary service and there is no immediate prospect of reusing the plant provided, the subscriber may be required to bear all or a portion of the cost of such construction.

A5.1.10 Special Construction Charges For Multiple Lines Terminated At Private Residence Locations

- **A.** When a subscriber requests more than five (5) lines or requests additional lines that result in more than five (5) total lines to a residence location, special construction charges may apply. If existing facilities are not available to satisfy the subscriber's request, it may be necessary to place an additional service drop or to use approved electronics to avoid placing a cable. If electronics are utilized, the subscriber shall be responsible for the non-reusable material costs and the labor costs, including removing and relocating the electronics. If the Company deems it appropriate to place a cable from the right-of-way or easement to the premises, the special construction charges should include the costs to construct the cable and the terminal which are not reusable for other subscribers.
- **B.** When a subscriber requests more than five (5) lines or requests additional lines that results in a total of more than five lines at a residence location that requires the reinforcement of the distribution cable, special construction charges shall apply for the portion of the distribution facility that would not normally have been placed at that location by the Company.
 - 1. If the cable is sized to serve only the subscriber's request, i.e. the existing cable is properly sized for the current additional line usage for that location, the total cost for the construction of the cable and associated terminal (s) shall be billed to the subscriber making the request.
 - 2. If the cable is sized to reinforce the existing distribution facility as well as serve the subscriber's request, only the portion of the material and labor costs above the costs to reinforce the embedded cable shall be billed to the subscriber making the request.
- C. The Company reserves the right to require a customer to pay special construction charges prior to the start of construction.
- **D.** Construction charges may apply to a private residence location in accordance with other provisions contained within A5. of this Guidebook for subscriber requests of five (5) or less lines.

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B5. APPLICATION OF CONSTRUCTION (TERMINATION AND ADDITIONAL CHARGES)

B5.1 General (Cont'd)

- H. Special Equipment And Arrangements (Cont'd)
 - 3. Depreciation on the estimated cost installed of any facilities provided, based on the anticipated useful service life of the facilities with an appropriate allowance for the estimated net salvage.
 - 4. Administration, taxes and uncollectible revenue on the basis of reasonable average charges for these items.
 - 5. Any other specific items of expense associated with the particular situation.
 - 6. A reasonable amount, computed on the estimated cost installed of any facilities provided, for return and contingencies.

Estimated cost installed as mentioned in B5.1.H.3. and 6. preceding includes the cost of equipment and material specifically provided or used plus the estimated cost of installing, including engineering, labor, supervision, transportation, rights-of-way and any other items which are chargeable to the capital accounts.

- I. Rearrangements Of Existing Plant
 - 1. When the Company is requested to move or change existing plant for which no specific charge is quoted in this Guidebook, the person at whose request such move or change is made may be required to bear the costs incurred.

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2. Where by statute, ordinance or other legal requirement, existing aerial facilities are required to be relocated underground, the Company will charge the net cost attributable to such relocation to the local exchange subscribers located within the political subdivision or area affected by such statute, ordinance or other legal requirement.

B5.2 Special Type Of Construction

- **A.** Where a special type of construction is necessary because of unusual conditions or is desired by a customer, as when underground construction is desired in places where aerial facilities would normally be used to reach customer's premises, or when conditions imposed by a customer make the installation exceptionally expensive, an additional charge will be made equal to the difference between the cost of the special type of construction and the cost of normal construction. The customer, however, may provide conduit or pipe subject to approval by the Company, in which case no additional charge will be made for the initial installation of wire or cable therein.
 - 1. Ownership of such conduit is vested in the customer and necessary replacements shall be made by him.
 - The duct or ducts required in the underground conduit by the Company to furnish service shall be reserved for its exclusive use.
- **B.** Where facilities are changed from aerial to underground, the customer is charged the cost of the underground facilities and for the cost of dismantling and moving the aerial facilities. Repair or replacements of cable in conduit or trench made necessary by damages caused by the customer or his representatives will be made only at the customer's expense.
- C. Construction Provided By Connecting Companies

The charges to the customer for special construction provided by a connecting or other participating company of the Company will be based on the charges of the connecting or other participating company.

B5.3 Poles On Private Property

- **A.** Poles to be used in serving only a particular customer and located on his premises shall in all cases be furnished and maintained by him or at his expense and shall conform to the Company's specifications. Ownership of such poles on private property is vested in the customer and necessary pole replacements shall be made by him.
- **B.** Poles on private property to be used to serve more than one customer or to be used as a part of the standard distributing plant serving customers in general are furnished, maintained and owned by the Company, subject to such construction charge as may be applicable.
- C. Circuits on poles on private property are furnished, owned and maintained by the Company.

B5.4 Reserved For Future Use

B5.5 Reserved For Future Use