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A5. CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A5.1 Construction Charges (Cont'd)

A5.1.4 Construction On Private Property (Cont'd)

- A. Pole Line Construction (Cont'd)
 - 4. Where poles are provided inside the base rate area under the provisions described in A5.1.4.A.1. or 2. preceding, the Company will furnish and maintain the necessary circuits. In case poles are provided on private property outside the base rate area, the necessary circuits will be furnished and maintained by the Company; however, the subscriber may be required to bear all or a part of the construction cost of the circuits where the revenue is not expected to be sufficient to insure, within a reasonable time, an adequate return on the necessary investment. Where poles or other supporting structure are provided under A5.1.4.A.3. preceding the Company will furnish and maintain the necessary circuits.

B. Buried Construction

Where buried construction is furnished instead of pole line construction, at the expressed desire of the applicant, the principles applicable in A5.1.4.A. preceding are followed and an allowance of 300 feet of buried construction will be made in lieu of the specified pole allowance.

A5.1.5 Minimum Revenue Guarantee And Extended Service Period

When a substantial number of central office lines are involved in providing local or foreign exchange service, the subscriber may, based upon the circumstances in each case, be required to guarantee a minimum monthly amount of revenue for a period of up to a maximum of ten years with termination charges applicable in case of cancellation prior to the expiration of the service period.

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.

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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 of the Company.

I. Engineering Work Preparation Fee

A one-time Engineering Work Preparation Fee of \$500 will apply for the preparation of a quotation for custom work which may require construction charges. This fee is applicable prior to preparation of an estimate for custom work requiring construction charges and will be applied regardless of whether or not the work is ultimately performed for the customer. The Engineering Work Preparation Fee is nonrefundable; however, should the customer proceed with the custom work the fee will be applied against the special construction charges. If work is determined not to be a custom work order after the field visit by the engineer, the fee will be refunded to the customer.

The Engineering Work Preparation Fee provides for the development and preparation of a detailed estimate of cost including any appropriate engineering costs incurred in the preparation of this quotation. The customer will be advised of this charge and must agree to pay it before development of the quotation will commence. Preparation of the quotation will begin after the Engineering Work Preparation Fee is received by the Company.

Payment of the Engineering Work Preparation Fee does not assign, confer, or transfer title or ownership rights to proposals or equipment, designed or furnished by the Company. Title and ownership rights for any item developed at the customer's request remains with the Company except as specifically provided by an agreement between all parties.

The Company has the right to apply more applicable engineering preparation fees for any large, complex and/or unique projects that will require excessive engineering hours to develop a detailed cost quote.

J. 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.
- 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.
 - 2. 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.

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