

CONSTRUCTION CHARGES

GENERAL

In the interest of the general body of subscribers and in providing just and reasonable rates and charges it may become necessary to impose additional charges to establish service in certain instances, e.g. (1) exchange service is ordered in an area where no facilities are available; (2) the facilities required will be temporary; (3) unusual costs are involved in furnishing the service or facilities.

The provision of service may require the payment of a construction charge by the applicant ordering the service or requesting the facilities. This charge is in addition to the regular rates and charges applicable for the exchange service provided.

With the approval of the Company, the applicant, if he so elects, may furnish material, transportation, or labor, in accordance with the normal construction standards of the Company. In all instances the ownership of facilities shall be entirely vested in the Company. The locations of line extensions are determined by the Company.

When an applicant is so located that it is necessary to use private and/or public right-of-way to furnish service, and the Company is unable to obtain the required right of way without cost, the applicant may be required to pay the costs incurred in securing the right of way in addition to other charges.

Line extension charges to applicants will be based on Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Rules and Regulations, when applicable. In case of disagreement or dispute regarding the application of any provisions of this rule, or in circumstances where the application of this rule appears impracticable or unjust to either party, the utility, applicant, or applicants may refer the matter to the Board of Directors for ruling.

A. LINE EXTENSIONS AND UPGRADES

- a. If the proposed route of installation for line extension is less than 1,000 feet of distribution facilities to provide service for a subscriber, then there is no charge.
- b. If the proposed route of installation for line extension is more than 1,000 feet of distribution facilities to provide service for a subscriber, then the charge is \$6.50/foot for each foot over the initial 1,000 feet.
- c. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the requested service requires facilities that are not part of the Company's general distribution system, or involves unusual construction, terrain, or routing conditions, the Company may require the applicant to pay the actual, reasonable cost of such construction. The Company shall determine, in its reasonable judgment, the appropriate routing, design, and type of facilities to be installed to provide service under this Section.