

CONSTRUCTION CHARGES

1. GENERAL

1.01 Construction charges apply for the following:

- (a) For the initial provision of facilities at the request of an applicant, customer, lessee or developer in a territory in which the Company has no facilities. The Company provides these facilities to reach the property of the applicant, customer, lessee or developer and may locate them along public thoroughfares or other such location as required, or is suitable.
- (b) For certain facilities provided on the private property of the applicant, customer or lessee.
- (c) Where construction is taking place in a specific area pursuant to the approved Service Improvement Plan (SIP), as per CRTC Order 2000-1097, and construction to extend facilities is undertaken to meet the basic service objective, the customer's contribution shall not exceed \$1,000.00 per customer premises. The requirement for the full customer contribution portion in a SIP area shall remain valid for any new customer applying for service within the four-year period of the approved SIP. No construction will take place where the cost per customer exceeds \$15,000.00, inclusive of the \$1,000.00 customer contribution.

1.02 The Company reserves the right to determine the type (wire, cable or radio) and location of facilities to be provided. Additional charges based on the expenses incurred if it departs from the foregoing conditions at the request of an applicant, customer, lessee or developer, or when the nature of the locality causes it to incur unduly high construction expense and/or maintenance expense.

1.03 The Company installs and maintains all facilities that it provides except as otherwise stated in this Tariff. However, the Company may use facilities of other public utility organizations or facilities belonging to or on the premises occupied by applicants, customers or lessees instead of providing its own construction, when in its opinion the circumstances warrant its doing so. When the Company uses the facilities of other public utility organizations that are located along public thoroughfares or other such places, it may assess its applicant, customer, lessee, or developer, any charges associated with such use. When such facilities are located on the private property of the applicant, customer or lessee, the construction charge is that which would apply if the Company provided the construction.

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1. GENERAL (CONT'D)

- 1.04 Construction charges are payable when application for service is made or when the account is rendered, at the option of the Company.**

Where construction charges are specific to the approved SIP, a \$200.00 non-refundable deposit is required prior to the commencement of construction. Customer's contribution may be paid in a onetime lump sum payment or by monthly installments over a 12-month period. Where the Customer selects monthly installments, the construction charge (maximum \$1,000.00) less the \$200.00 deposit will be evenly billed over that period and without interest. Late Payment interest charges will apply to any unpaid balance.

2. CONSTRUCTION ON A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE

- 2.01 Monthly rates and service charges provide the first 165 meters (route measurement) of construction for each service or facility.**
- 2.02 When construction, in addition to 165 meters, is furnished to provide the facilities requested by the applicant, customer or lessee, a construction charge applies based on the expense incurred by the Company.**

3. CONSTRUCTION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

- 3.01 When cable is installed to provide service, a construction charge applies based on the expenses incurred by the Company. Additional legal cost for easements, right of ways, etc., may also apply. If the customer or lessee provides, installs and maintains the poles or underground conduit, or does the trenching and back-filling for buried wire or cable, the construction charge will be reduced accordingly.**
- 3.02 When construction is required to provide facilities to the building of the applicant, customer or lessee, a construction charge applies based on the expense incurred by the Company.**
- 3.03 When it is necessary for the Company to provide special protective equipment because of electrical hazards on the premises of an applicant or customer, the Company may charge the customer all or part of the expense incurred.**

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4. INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION

4.01 The Company normally installs exposed wiring in existing buildings except as follows:

- (a)** If an applicant, customer or builder provides suitable conduit or other means of concealment, which is acceptable to the Company, the company provides suitable wiring in it without additional charges.
- (b)** Subject to the following conditions, the Company installs concealed wiring in a residential dwelling during construction without additional charge if requested sufficiently in advance by a duly authorized person:
 - (1)** The size of the building and the type and stage of construction are, in the Company's opinion, are suitable for the work to be performed.
 - (2)** The Company decides the type of wiring to be used and the method of installing it.
 - (3)** Should the wiring become unusable after its installation, the Company installs other inside wiring by one of the other methods described in this Section.
 - (4)** The Company does not guarantee subsequent changes in or additions to wiring installed during construction will be concealed.

4.02 When the Company otherwise installs concealed wiring at the request of an applicant, customer or builder, the latter may be required to pay the difference between the cost of the work done and the cost that the Company would have incurred for exposed wiring.

4.03 When the Company has to use a non-standard method of wiring or installation because of the type of construction of a building, it may require the applicant, customer or builder to bear any unusual expense that the Company incurs.

4.04 The Company charges a Premise Work Charge for installing each pre-wired outlet at a single line residence and business customer. There is not additional Premise Work Charge for activation of the pre-wired outlets. Other Multi-Element Service Charges apply accordingly.

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5. CHARGES FOR CUSTOM WORK, DAMAGED PLANT AND WORK IN ADDITION TO SERVICE CHARGES

5.01 Hourly rates apply for employees time and work vehicles used for custom work such as maintenance of customer owned equipment, house relocations and abnormal work requests, damaged plant and equipment restoration and charges for work performed in addition to Service Charges.

5.02 Time usage is recorded and billed for travel, on and off site work time and other time as may be appropriate. Under normal conditions travel time would start from time of departure from office, work centre or the previous work location. Time usage is recorded in 15-minute increments.

5.03 Overtime (O/T) rates apply when employees work beyond regular work hours.

5.04 The categories and hourly rates are as follows:

(a) Employee's Time:	<u>\$/Hour</u>
(1) Outside Plant/Installation & Repair/ Central Office Technician	\$45.00 (67.50 O/T)
(2) Engineering/Supervisor	\$72.00
(b) Work Vehicles:	
(1) Regular Work Van	\$15.00
(2) Cable Splicers Truck	\$17.00
(3) Line Truck	\$28.00
(4) Ditch Witch + Technician/Operator	\$70.00