

May 28, 2015

Robin Ancona Director, Telecommunications Division Michigan Public Service Commission 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy. P.O. Box 30221 Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Ms. Ancona:

RE: Ace Telephone Company of Michigan, Inc. ("Ace Telephone Company")

Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1(R), 2(R), and 7(R)

TAM Transmittal No. 5

Enclosed is one copy of Ace Telephone Company of Michigan's Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1(R), 2(R), and 7(R) revisions for filing with the Commission pursuant to Public Act 179 of 1991, as amended, MCL 484.2101 et seq.

The revisions to Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1(R) include: (1) addition of the local rates, area maps and local calling areas for the Old Mission Exchange; (2) addition of a construction charge; (3) elimination of tariffs concerning pay station service which is no longer provided; (4) elimination of tariffs on combination access line service which is no longer provided; (5) modification of the provisions on local private line service; (6) elimination of an obsolete provision on promotional offerings; (7) addition of a provision on individual case basis arrangements, and (8) addition of a provision on seasonal service.

The revisions to Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 2(R) include: (1) deletion of an obsolete provision on fire reporting system (group alerting conference equipment; (2) elimination of an obsolete provision on tone dialing; and (3) clarification of the applicability of Direct Inward Dialing (DID) service to all Ace Telephone Company of Michigan, Inc. exchanges.

The revisions to Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 7(R) include: (1) elimination of a reference to M.P.S.C. Consumer Standards and Billing Practices which have been repealed; (2) elimination of a reference to semi-public service which is no longer offered; (3) elimination of a duplicative provision governing the assignment of telephone numbers; (4) elimination of an obsolete provision governing the return of printed directories to Ace Telephone Company; (5) modification of the rate of interest payable on customers' deposits; (6) reduction of the time period for which a customer may seek a refund or adjustment of excess charges to one year; (7) modification of the standard provisions of a Facilities Agreement with a developer or builder; (8) clarification of the cost to the customer of the construction of a service drop in excess of the 250-foot allowance; and (9) deletion of an obsolete provision governing power, pipe line and railroad company facilities.

Ace's Tariffs can be viewed in their entirety at <a href="http://telecommich.org/news/?newsid=196">http://telecommich.org/news/?newsid=196</a>.

The tariff sheets that are included in this transmittal can be viewed at <a href="https://www.telecommich.org/Documents/Ace\_TAMtransmittal5pdf">www.telecommich.org/Documents/Ace\_TAMtransmittal5pdf</a>.

The effective date of these changes is May 29, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact our office.

Yours truly,

Scott Stevenson President

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#### LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE

### INDEX OF EXCHANGES SHOWING TOWNSHIPS, INCORPORATED VILLAGES AND COUNTIES WITHIN ITS EXCHANGE SERVICE AREA

Exchange	Incorporated Village	Townships	Counties
Buckley	Buckley	Hanover Wexford	Wexford
		Colfax	Benzie
		Cleon	Manistee
Conomish		Grant Mayfield	Grand Traverse
Copemish- Thompsonville	Copemish	Cleon Marilla Springdale	Manistee
	Thompsonville	Thompsonville Colfax Weldon	Benzie
Hoxeyville	Hoxeyville	South Branch Henderson Slagle Cherry Grove	Wexford
		Norman	Manistee
		Newkirk	Lake Dover
Mesick	Mesick	Springville Antioch Hanover Wexford	Wexford
		Cleon Marilla	Manistee
South Boardman	South Boardman	Boardman Grange Garfield Springfield Kalkaska	Kalkaska
		Union Whitewater	Grand Traverse
Old Mission	Mapleton Old Mission	Peninsula	Grand Traverse (

Exchange: Mesick

#### LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE

A. GENERAL

 The service shown below entitle the customer to calling within the central office areas of the following exchanges which comprise the local calling area:

MESICK BUCKLEY CADILLAC COPEMISH-THOMPSONVILLE

HOXEYVILLE SOUTH BOARDMAN OLD MISSION (C)

Calls dialed with 1+ to these areas will be blocked. Call detail for calls to these area will not be provided.

2. Calls made to a telephone number with an NPA NXX that is associated with the rate center that is within the customer's local calling area are local calls regardless of the physical location of the called party.

#### B. MONTHLY RATES

Service Monthly Rate

PBX Trunk <sup>2, 3, 4</sup> \$ 28.77

Business One-Party 2,3,4 \$ 23.71

Residence One-Party \$ 21.05

<sup>3</sup>BUSINESS MULTI-LINE CREDIT A \$2.50 credit applies for each PBX Trunk or Business One-Party Local Exchange Service over six (6) (combined PBX Trunks and Business One-Party) provided to the same location.

<sup>4</sup>If both the EDUCATIONAL CREDIT and the BUSINESS MULTI-LINE CREDIT could apply, only the EDUCATIONAL CREDIT would apply. In this case, the BUSINESS MULTI-LINE CREDIT would not apply.

C. EXCHANGE RATE AREA - Which is that area described as follows:

Beginning at the center post of Section 14, T24N, R13W, Cleon Township, Manistee County; thence east to the east line Section 13, T24N, R11W, Hanover Township, Wexford County; thence south to the southeast corner of Section 26, thence West, southwest corner of said section; thence South to the northwest corner of Section 12, T23N, R11W, Antioch Township, Wexford County; thence East to the Northeast corner of said section; thence South to the southeast corner of Section 25; thence West to the northeast corner of Section 23, T23N, R11W; thence South to the southeast corner of said section; thence West to the southwest corner of Section 35, T23N, R12W, Springville Township, Wexford County; thence North to the northwest corner of Section 26, T23N, R12W; thence West to the northwest corner of Section 29; thence South to the Southeast corner of Section 31; thence West to the southwest corner of said section; thence North to the northwest corner of Section 18, thence West to the south 1/4 post of Section 11, T23N, R13W, Marilla Township, Manistee County; thence North to the point of beginning.

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EDUCATIONAL CREDIT A \$2.50 credit applies for each PBX Trunk or Business One-Party Local Exchange Service provided to a public school.

Exchange: OLD MISSION

#### A. GENERAL

- 1. The provision of service at the rates shown below is subject to the regulations given in the General Rules and Regulations as they now exist and are filed with and form part of this Tariff.
- 2. The rates shown below entitle the customer to messages without other charge to all stations bearing the designation of a central office of the following exchanges, which comprise of the Local Service Area:

OLD MISSION

TRAVERSE CITY

Calls made to a telephone number with an NPA NXX that is associated with the rate center that is within the customer's local calling area are local calls regardless of the physical location of the called party.

#### B. BASIC SERVICE RATES, MONTHLY RATES

Access Line Charge, Per Line, Per Month

Class of Service

Business:

One-Party

6 or fewer lines \$21.75 7 or more lines \$19.25 Educational \$19.25

Residence:

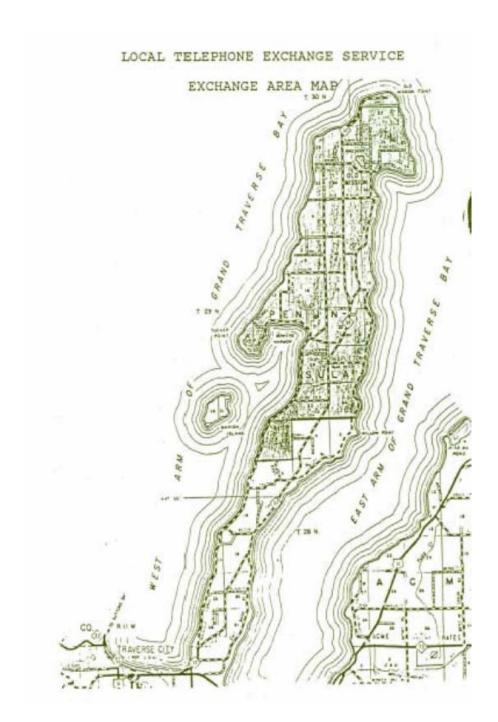
One-Party \$21.05

#### C. EXCHANGE SERVICE AREA - Which is that area described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 5, T, 28, N., R. 10 W., Peninsula Township, Grand Traverse County, thence south to the southeast corner of Section 5, T. 28 N., R. 10 W., thence west to the shore line of the west arm of Grand Traverse Bay; thence north along the shore line of the west arm of Grand Traverse Bay to the northeast corner of Section 3, T. 28 N., R. 10 W., Peninsula Township, Grand Traverse County, thence west to the point of beginning.

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M.P.S.C. No. 1 (R)

#### LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE SERVICE CHARGES

#### A. GENERAL

- 1. Service charges are applicable with the establishment of telephone service, and for subsequent moves, changes and additions thereto as specified in the tariff.
- Service charges consisting of one or more of the following charges apply for new or additional service or changes
  in service which require the activity or work as briefly indicated under "Changes" or as specified Application of
  Charges or as modified by specified tariff items elsewhere in the tariff.

#### B. APPLICATION OF CHARGES

Establishment of Service - An establishment of service charge applies on each customer order when a new customer account is established. A customer order involving an existing account (made subsequent to establishment of the account) also has an establishment of service charge as shown under "Charges". The Establishment of Service Charges to existing accounts applies when an existing customer's order involves, lines, outside plant, work on the customer's premises, station equipment, or other items for which monthly rates are established.

The Establishment of Service Charges also applies to:

Establishment of a special billing number account at the customer's request. Restoral of service temporarily disconnected for nonpayment.

The Establishment of Service Charge does not apply to:

Change in grade of service. Change in billing address. Change in classification of service, both business and residence.

2. Line Connection Charge - A line connection charge is made for each line on which work is required by the service order, in the central office, outside plant, drop wire or other portion of plant up to the premises served.

Included are such items as a change in telephone number made at the request of the customer, restoral of service temporarily disconnected for nonpayment.

- 3. Premise Visit A charge applies to each customer's order which requires a premise visit. This charge applies per premise or same continuous property of the customer.
- Other Applications or Exceptions to Service Charges:
  - a. The charges specified herein do not contemplate work being performed by the company employees at the time when overtime wages apply due to the request of the customer nor do they contemplate work begun being interrupted by the customer. If the customer request overtime labor being performed or interrupts work once begun, a charge in addition to the specified charges will be made equal to the additional cost involved.
  - b. If a customer qualifies for the Lifeline program, they are eligible for a 50% discount, or a maximum of \$30.00, on regulated tariff non-recurring line connection charges, if in Tribal areas. (C)

#### C, CHARGES

1.	Establishment of Service a. New Account, per order b. Existing Account, per order	\$15.00 10.00		
2.	Line Connection, per line	15.00		
3.	Premise Visit	18.00		
4.	Construction Charge	48.00	For any construction of facilities from the pedestal to the network interface on the outside of the customers premises.	

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# LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE LOCAL CALLS FROM PAY STATIONS

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# LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE COMBINATION ACCESS LINE SERVICE



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#### LOCAL PRIVATE LINE SERVICE

#### A. CHANNELS

Mileage and Channel charges apply per channel.

	Monthly Rates
a. Terminals in same building	No
Charge b. Terminals in different buildings within the same block and not more than 660 feet airline mileage from main station (per channel)	\$ .80
<ul><li>c. Terminals in different blocks over 660 feet (per channel):</li></ul>	\$3.00
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# LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE PAYSTATION SERVICE

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# LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE PAYSTATION SERVICE

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#### PROMOTIONAL OFFERINGS

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#### INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS ARRANGEMENTS

#### A) OFFERINGS

- 1. Discounts are available to residential or business class of customers on the monthly access line rates listed in this tariff for customers which agree to one or more of the following:
  - a. A written commitment to a term of service for the access lines subscribed to of at least 12 months.
  - b. A written commitment to a minimum number of access lines, or
  - c. A written commitment to a minimum annual revenue amount for all services purchased from the Company.
- 2. The specific amount of the monthly discount per access line will be negotiated between the Company and the customer on an individual case basis, and the amount will depend on the duration, nature, and extent of the commitments made by the customer. A service order confirmation will be sent to the customer to set forth the specific discount and the applicable requirements.
- 3. The customer will be liable for termination fees if service is terminated on at least 10% of the access lines before the end of the term of the service commitment.
- 4. For customers with a minimum annual revenue commitment, the customer shall be required to pay revenue shortfall fees for each month in which the revenues generated by the customer to the Company are more than 10% lower than 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the minimum annual revenue commitment, if any, of the customer. The fees shall be ½ of the amount by which the revenues generated by the customer to the Company do not meet 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the minimum annual revenue commitment.
- 5. The same rates, terms, and conditions of the discounts will be made available by the Company to any business customer making the same commitments as any similarly situated customer.

#### SEASONAL SERVICE

A) A Customer which has had local exchange service in effect for a minimum of 6 months at regular monthly rates may choose to suspend local service for a maximum of six months. The rates for local exchange service while the suspension is in effect is one half the recurring monthly rate for regular service. There is no line reconnection charge when the customer requests that service be returned to regular service.

#### AUXILIARY SERVICES

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### AUXILIARY SERVICES FIRE REPORTING SYSTEM (GROUP ALERTING CONFERENCE EQUIPMENT)

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# AUXILIARY SERVICES TONE DIALING

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#### **AUXILIARY SERVICES**

# DIRECT INWARD DIALING (DID) SERVICE FOR MESICK, BUCKLEY, COPEMISH-THOMPSONVILLE, SOUTH BOARDMAN, HOXEYVILLE AND OLD MISSION EXCHANGES (C

COPEMISH-THOMPSONVILLE

#### B. RATES AND CHARGES

**MESICK** 

**BUCKLEY** 

1. The following charges are for DID and are in addition to nonrecurring charges and monthly rates for the trunks, and associated equipment in the following exchanges:

	HOXEYVILLE	OLD MISSION			(C)
(1) DID (a) Initial 20 Central	<u>Ch</u>	recurring narges	<u>. (</u>	Monthly Charges	
Office Capacity	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	
(b) Each additional 10 Central Office DID number capacity or portion thereof		20.00		12.50	
portion thereof		20.00		12.50	

**SOUTH BOARDMAN** 

#### 2. Central Office Trunks

- (1) Central office trunk charges are as specified in Tariff M. P.S.C. No. 1 for the exchange in which the customer is located.
- (2) The Local Service Area Calling privileges are as specified in the exchange from which service is provided.

#### C. Initial Contract Period and Termination Charges

a. Initial Contract Period

The initial Contract Period is five years starting with the date service is established. A five-year contract applies to: (1) initial and addition al DID Central Office Number Capacities and (2) initial trunk capacity for the initial establishment of service.

- b. Termination Charges
  - (1) The termination charge is equal to 50% of the monthly charges for the unexpired period of the contract, based on the rates in effect at time service is established.
  - (2) Termination charges are applicable in the event of:
    - (a) Complete discontinuance of service by the customer or by the Company as specified in Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 7.
    - (b) For discontinuance of service because the customer refuses to subscribe for adequate facilities as in A.8.(a) preceding.
  - (3) Cancellation of a contract after the installation of the required equipment and facilities is completed, but before the service is established, a termination charge is applicable in (1) above.
  - (4) Cancellation of a contract before installation is completed, a charge consisting of the loss on equipment and facilities in the process of building or being installed, the installation labor, the labor cost of removal and other expenses not to exceed the termination charges is applicable.

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#### **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### **APPLICATION**

#### A. APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

 The provisions contained in these regulations apply to intrastate services and facilities furnished by the Ace Telephone Company of Michigan, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the Telephone Company.

2.

 When services and facilities are provided in party by the Telephone Company and in part by the Telephone Company and in party by other companies, the regulations of the Telephone Company apply to that portion of the service or facilities furnished by it.

#### B. UNDERTAKING OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY

- 1. The Telephone Company does not undertake to transmit messages but offers the use of its facilities for the transmission of communications.
- 2. The calling party and the called party are required to establish their identities to each other as may be necessary in the course of the communication and the responsibility for so doing rests with those parties.

#### C. EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (C) Signifies a changed regulation.
- (D) Signifies a discontinued rate, treatment or regulation.
- (I) Signifies an increased rate or new treatment resulting in increased rate.
- (N) Signifies a new rate, treatment or regulation.
- (R) Signifies a reduced rate or new treatment resulting in reduced rate.

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#### GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### CLASSIFICATION AND USE OF TELEPHONE SERVICE

#### A. APPLICATION OF BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE RATES

- 1. The classification of telephone service as Business or Residence is based on the character of the use to be made of the service. Service is classified as business service where the use is primarily or substantially of a business, professional, institutional, or otherwise occupational nature. Where the business use, if any, is incidental nature and where the major use is of a social or domestic nature, service is classified as residence service if installed in a residence.
- 2. Business rates apply at the following locations, among others:
  - a. In offices, stores and factories, and in quarters occupied by clubs, lodges, fraternal societies, schools, colleges, libraries, hospitals and other business establishments.
  - b. In residence locations where the place of residence is in the immediate proximity to a place of business and it is evident that the telephone in the residence is or will be used for business purposes; and in residence locations where an extension is located at a place where business rates would apply.
  - c. In the residence of a practicing physician, dentist, veterinary, surgeon or other medical practitioner who has no service at business rates at another location.
  - d. In any residence location where there is substantial business use of the service and the customer has no service elsewhere at business rates.
- 3. Residence rates apply at the following locations, among others:
  - a. In private residences; in the residential portion of hotels, apartment houses, boarding houses, churches, or institutions when the use of the service is confined to the domestic use of the customer and the listing of a business character are not furnished.
  - b. In the residence of a practicing physician, dentist, veterinary, surgeon or other medical practitioner provided that such residence is not part of an office building and provided the customer has service charged for at business rates at another location.
  - c. In the residence of a nurse.

#### B. LOCATION AND USE OF TELEPHONE SERVICES

- 1. The service and facilities furnished are intended only for communications in which the customer or user authorized by the Telephone Company which has a direct interest and shall not be used for any purpose for which a payment or other compensation shall be received by them or either of them from any other person, firm or corporation for such use, or in the collection transmission or delivery of any communication for others except that these provisions do not apply to the handling of the messages accepted for transmission by customers who are engaged in a public telegraph business nor to such other cases as are specifically referred to in the Telephone Company's Tariffs, nor where such use is casual.
- 2. Use of Business and Residence Telephone Service:
  - Business subscriber telephone service is furnished only for use by the customer, his employees and representatives - except as otherwise provided in the Telephone Company's tariffs.
  - b. Residence telephone service is furnished only for use by the customer and members of the customer's domestic establishment - except as use by others is permitted in certain cases as provided for elsewhere in these Regulations or the Telephone Company's Tariffs.
- 3. Residence Service in Locations Adjoining Business Locations:

Residence service is not permitted in locations where the service is used as an adjunct to business service.

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#### **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### CLASSIFICATION AND USE OF TELEPHONE SERVICE

B. LOCATION AND USE OF TELEPHONE SERVICES (Continued)



#### 6. Adequacy of Facilities

The furnishing of certain services and facilities - may involve impairment of transmission and in the interest of providing a service satisfactory to all users that might be connected on a call, the customer is required to contract for such equipment in place of or in addition to that regularly provided as may be necessary.

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#### **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### PROVISION, OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES

#### A. PROVISION OF FACILITIES

- All facilities necessary for the provision of a given service will be furnished by the Telephone Company except as follows:
  - a. If the customer is required to provide and maintain suitable housing or protective apparatus when facilities are installed in locations exposed to the weather or other hazards, or
  - b. As otherwise provided in the tariffs of the Telephone Company.
- 2. Where service is to be established at a location that would involve undue hazards to employees of the Telephone Company, the customer may be required to install and maintain equipment and facilities in a manner satisfactory to the Telephone Company, the renumeration to be based on the conditions involved.
- 3. No line, instrument, appliance or apparatus not furnished by the Telephone Company shall be connected with the facilities furnished by the Telephone Company, whether physically, by induction or otherwise, unless specifically authorized in the tariffs of the Telephone Company, or otherwise authorized in writing by the Telephone Company.

In the case of any such unauthorized attachments or connections are made, the Telephone Company may, after due notice, remove or disconnect the same, or suspend service during the continuance of such attachment or connection, or terminate the service, except that the service may be disconnected without notice where the offending device or apparatus causes impairment of service to other parties on a multi-party line.

#### B. AVAILABILITY OF FACILITIES

1. The Telephone Company's obligation to furnish service is dependent upon its ability to secure and retain, without unreasonable expense, suitable facilities and rights for the construction and maintenance of the necessary circuits and equipment.

#### C. PRIORITY OF SERVICE

1. In case a shortage of facilities exists at any time either for temporary or protracted periods, the establishment of telephone service takes precedence in furnishing of any service or facility.

#### D. PROVISION AND OWNERSHIP OF DIRECTORIES

The Telephone Company distributes to its customers without charge such directory information as is generally
necessary for the efficient use of the service. Any reasonable additional directories or information requested by
the customer will be furnished without additional charge. Beyond these requirements additional directories or
information will be furnished as available at a reasonable charge.

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#### E. TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The assignment of a number to a subscriber's telephone service is made at the discretion of the Telephone Company. The subscriber has no priority right in the number, and the Telephone Company may make such changes in the telephone numbers, including the central office designation, as in its judgment the requirements of the service may demand.

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#### F. ADEQUACY OF FACILITIES

The furnishing of certain services and facilities may involve impairment of transmission and in the interest of providing a service satisfactory to all users that might be connected on a call, the customer is required to contract for such equipment in place of or in addition to that regularly provided as may be necessary.

#### G. OWNERSHIP OF COMPANY - PROVIDED LINES AND EQUIPMENT

1. Lines and facilities furnished by the Telephone Company on the premises of a customer, authorized user, or agent the Telephone Company, are the property of the Telephone Company and are provided upon the condition that such lines and facilities must be installed, relocated, and maintained by the Telephone Company, and that the Company's agents and employees may enter said premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of installing, inspecting or repairing the lines and facilities or upon termination of cancellation of the service for the purpose of removing such lines and facilities.

#### H. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

- 1. All expense of maintenance and repair, in connect ion with facilities and services fumished by the Telephone Company, unless otherwise specified herein or elsewhere in the Telephone Company's Tariffs, is borne by the Telephone Company.
- 2. A customer (or authorized user) may not rearrange, disconnect, reconnect, remove or attempt to repair, or permit others to rearrange, disconnect, reconnect, remove or attempt to repair any lines or facilities owned by the Telephone Company, except upon the written consent of the Telephone Company. Where it is found that unauthorized work has been done by the customer, authorized user or his agents, charges will be made as if the work had been done by the Telephone Company.

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#### PAYMENTS AND DEPOSITS

#### A. PAYMENT PROVISIONS

- 1. The customer shall pay for services and facilities monthly in advance except as otherwise provided elsewhere in the Telephone Company Tariffs and shall pay for Local messages in excess of the allowance (on message rate service), Toll messages (including charges for messenger service), when billed.
- 2. The customer assumes responsibility for all charges on messages originating at facilities contracted for by him and for messages received on which the charges have been reversed with the consent of the person answering the telephone, unless another party assumes responsibility for payment of a call under an arrangement mutually agreeable to the Telephone Company and the other party.
- 3. Charges are payable at the Telephone Company's business offices or at any agencies duly authorized to receive such payments.
- 4. Charges for a fractional part of a month are computed on the basis of a thirty day month.

#### B. ADVANCE PAYMENTS

 Applicants may be required to pay at the time the application is made all Service Connection Charges that may be applicable - as well as such special construction charges as are to be borne by the applicant - except in the case of Federal, State, or Municipal governmental agencies.

#### C. DEPOSITS

- 1. Applicants or customers whose credit rating is, or may become unsatisfactory will be required to make a suitable deposit, to be applied at any time at the option of the Telephone Company in payment of any unpaid charges for service rendered to the customer or in payment of termination charges that may be applicable. Any balance of the amount deposited, credited to the customer's account, is returned to the customer at the time of termination of the contract or may be returned at any time previous thereto at the option of the Telephone Company when a satisfactory credit rating has been established.
- 2. Applicants or customers who request service in a location where the facilities may be subject to loss or damage through theft, vandalism or other reasons involving a responsibility on the part of the customer will be required, where warranted by the customer's credit rating, to make suitable deposit to cover that responsibility, such deposit not to exceed the value of the facilities furnished.
- 3. Simple interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum will be paid on all sums retained on deposit by the Telephone Company for thirty days or longer. No interest credit will be made on a deposit or any portion of a deposit after the date on which a notice or refund is deposited in the U.S. Mail addressed to the last known address of the customer.
- 4. The fact that a deposit has been made neither relieves the applicant nor the customer from complying with the Telephone Company's regulations as to advance payments and the prompt payment of bills on presentation nor constitutes a waiver or modification of the regulations of the Telephone Company providing for the discontinuance of service for nonpayment of any sums due the Telephone Company for service rendered.

#### D. ADJUSTMENT OF CHARGES

1. In the adjustment of charges for overbilling by the Telephone Company, a refund will be made of the full amount of excess charges when such amount can be determined; when the period during which overbilling had been effective cannot be fixed or the exact amount of overbilling determined from available records, the maximum refund will not exceed an estimated amount equal to such overbilling for a one-year period.

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#### CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES

#### **EXTENSION OF LINE FACILITIES**

#### B. EXTENSION LINE FACILITY CHARGES

#### 1. GENERAL

- a. Refundable
  - (1) The facility charge applies to anyone who requests an extension of line facilities that requires cabling beyond the standard allowance (1000 feet)(A1a.). Based on cost charges will apply for cable in excess of the standard allowance.
  - (2) The facility charges may be waived if the construction of the line extension is being financed by borrowing funds through the Rural Electrification Administration.

#### 2. FACILITIES AGREEMENT

- a. The Telephone Company and the developer, builder, owner or authorized representative will enter into a written agreement for provision of the requested line extension. The Company will not begin construction until an agreement has been executed and payment of the facility charge has been made.
- b. The agreement will include:
  - 1. A legal description of the area for which facilities are requested.
  - 2. The total cable footage excluding the standard allowance.



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- The construction of distribution facilities will comply with Company standards and practices for providing such facilities.
- 6. A term of no longer than five years.
- 2. The facility charge will be based on cost of labor, materials and permit fees for extensions in excess of the standard allowances. All distribution facilities so constructed shall be the property of the Company.

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#### E. SERVICE DROPS

1. Facilities Provided of Type Determined by Telephone Company

Service Drops are provided either by aerial facilities - on poles of the Telephone Company or of other companies - or by underground facilities (buried), and, except as covered in 2 below, the type of facilities used is determined by the Telephone Company from the conditions involved. For facilities of the type so determined, the following treatment applies:

- a. A Service Drop measuring not more than 250 feet is provided without construction charge. For the measured distance in excess of the 250 foot allowance, a facility charge applies in the amount of the actual cost of construction.
- b. The measurement is the airline distance from the center of the highway paralleling the general distribution plant (located on or off the highway) to the terminal or Drop at the customer's building, or the air-line distance from the distribution plant to that terminal, whichever is shorter.
- 2. Facilities Provided of Different Type than 1 above.

When from the conditions involved the Telephone Company determines that an aerial Service Drop should be provided and in lieu thereof the applicant desires underground or buried facilities, or when aerial facilities are used to provide service or channels to a customer and subsequently the customer requests that such facilities be placed underground, the following applies:

a. Where cable is laid in conduit, the underground conduit shall be constructed and maintained by or at the expense of the customer and in addition the customer shall pay the cost of the underground cable - including the cost of installing it - less the estimated cost to the Telephone Company of installing such aerial facilities (not in excess of the 250 foot allowance specified in C.1.a.) as would be (or is) required to furnish the same service. The underground conduit shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications furnished by the Telephone Company; ownership of the conduit is retained by the customer.

The duct or ducts required in the underground conduit by the Telephone Company to furnish service shall be reserved for its exclusive use.

- b. Cable installed in conduit will be maintained and replaced at the expense of the Telephone Company where the conduit has been inspected in place by the Telephone Company and approved, but repairs or replacements of cable in conduit or trench made necessary by damages caused by the customer or the customer's representatives will be made only at the customer's expense.
- c. Where facilities are changed from aerial to underground or buried, in addition to the above, the customer is charged the cost of dismantling and removing the aerial facilities in addition to 2.a. preceding.
- 3. Computation of Facility Charge
  - The facility charge will be based on cost for Service Wire for extensions in excess of the stand ard allowances.
  - b. All service drop facilities so constructed shall be the property of the Telephone Company.

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