

**CONNECTION CHARGES**

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**Section 3 - CONNECTION CHARGES****3.1 CONNECTION CHARGE****3.1.1 General**

The Connection Charge is a nonrecurring charge which applies to the following: (a) the installation of a new service; (b) the transfer of an existing service to a different location; (c) a change from one class of service to another at the same or a different location; or (d) restoral of service after suspension or termination for nonpayment. Connection Charges are listed with each service to which they apply.

The connection Charge is comprised of two charges:

- a. Service Order;
- b. Premises Visit

Both charges may not be applicable in all cases.

The general application of these charges is as follows:

- a. A Service Order charge applies per customer order for all work or service ordered to be provided at one time, on the same premises, for the same customer. The charge recovers the cost of receiving, recording, and processing a customer's request for service.
- b. A Premises Visit charge applies per customer order when the company must dispatch an employee to complete a customer-requested installation or service charge. Only one charge applies per customer order.

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3.1.2 Exceptions to the Charge

- a. No charge applies for a change to a service for which a lower monthly rate applies, made within 90 days after any general rate increase, if a lower grade of service is offered in the customer's exchange.
- b. No charge applies for one change in the class of residence service, provided that the change is ordered within 90 days of the initial connection of the customer's exchange service.
- c. The Company may from time to time waive or reduce the charge as part of a promotion. See Section 5.4.

3.2 RESTORAL CHARGE

A restoral charge applies each time a service is reconnected after suspension or termination for nonpayment but before cancellation of the service, as described in Section 2.8.1 of this Tariff.

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**Section 3 - CONNECTION CHARGES (Cont'd)****3.3 MOVES, ADDS AND CHANGES**

The Company alone may make changes in the location of its lines and equipment. When it is found that a move or change of such lines or equipment has been made by others, the Connection Charge for the underlying service will apply as if the work had been done by the Company.

Within sixty days of the date of initiation of service, new residential Customers will be allowed a one time change of their type of local exchange service without charge. The Customer will be responsible for the original service connection, monthly charges for the period such service was used, and the addition or removal of any optional local service, as applicable.

Within sixty days of the date of a change in their type of service, existing residential Customers will be allowed to return to their prior type of local exchange service once without charge. The Customer will be charged for the previous service connection, monthly charges for the period such service was used, and the addition or removal of any optional local service, as applicable. This exception does not apply to Customers that, within the previous six months, made a change in their type of service in accordance with the previous paragraph.

The customer will be assessed a charge for any move, add or change of a Company service. Move, Add and Change are defined as follows:

- Move:** The disconnection of existing equipment at one location and reconnection of the same equipment at a new location in the same building or in a different building on the same premises.
- Add:** The addition of a vertical service to existing equipment and/or service at one location.
- Change:** Change – including rearrangement or reclassification – of existing service at the same location.

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3.4 RECORD ORDER CHARGE

A Record Order Charge applies for work performed by the Company in connection with receiving, recording, and processing customer requests for the following.

- a. addition of directory listings
- b. change in listed name
- c. change of address
- d. change of billing party
- e. change in listed service to non-published service, not involving a change of telephone number.

A Record Order Charge does not apply when a Service Order charge also applies.

3.5 CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH PREMISES VISIT

3.5.1 Terms and Conditions

The customer may request an estimate or a firm bid before ordering wire installation work to be done. When an estimate is provided, the estimate is not binding on the Company and the charge to be billed will be based on the actual time and materials charges incurred. When a firm bid is provided at customer request, the charge to be billed is the amount quoted to the customer for the work requested.

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3.5 CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH PREMISES VISIT (Cont'd)

3.5.1 Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

Inside Wire charges apply per service call when billable premises work is performed on noncomplex premises wire and jacks. Residence and Business charges may differ. Such charges are due and payable when billed.

Noncomplex wire, jacks and materials include:

- 2 to 6 pair inside wire
- Faceplates
- RJ11C, RJ14C, RJ11W and RJ14W type station jacks
- Staples, screws, nail, tape, connectors, etc.

3.5.2 Trouble Isolation Charge

When a visit to the customer's premises is necessary to isolate a problem reported to the Company but identified by the Company's technician as attributable to customer-provided equipment or inside wire, a separate charge applies in addition to all other charges for the visit.

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3.5 CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH PREMISES VISIT (Cont'd)

3.5.3 Inside Wire Maintenance and Installation

The customer may provide inside wiring for single-line station equipment or may elect to have the Company's technicians install or maintain inside wire.

a. Inside Wire Installation Charge

Charge to be billed will be based on the actual time and materials charges incurred when a customer requests new wire and jack installation or requests existing wire and jack moves, changes, removals, rearrangements, replacements or pre-wiring.

b. Inside Wire Maintenance Charge

The Inside Wire Maintenance Charge applies when a customer requests wire and jack maintenance. Charge to be billed will be based on the actual time and materials charges incurred when a customer requests maintenance of wiring.

3.6 PRIMARY INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER (PIC) CHANGE CHARGE

The customer will incur a charge each time there is a change in the long distance carrier associated with the customer's line after the initial installation of service.

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