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1. CONSTRUCTION CHARGES

1.1 General

- 1.1.1. Construction charges are applicable under certain conditions as hereinafter set forth and are in addition to other charges specified in this tariff.
- 1.1.2. Construction charges are payable upon application for service or when billing is rendered as the Company, at its option, may require, as set forth in an appropriate Extension of Service Agreement.
- 1.1.3. Construction performed by the applicant, where authorized in this tariff, is subject to the approval of the Company.
- 1.1.4. The word "cost" when used in this section, means the in-plant cost consisting of labor, materials, supervision and other overhead expenses associated with the construction. Estimated cost will be used; however, where the customer requests, actual cost will be used where applicable.
- 1.1.5. Except as otherwise provided herein, the regulations in this tariff contemplate that the type of construction required to provide the quantity and class of service involved will be determined by the Company. The applicant may be required to pay the additional costs involved where a different type of construction than that proposed by the Company is desired.
- 1.1.6. When an applicant is so located that it is necessary to use private right-of-way to furnish service, the applicant is responsible for obtaining the required right-of-way. The Company may provide assistance to the applicant, but the Company is under no obligation to do so and the ultimate responsibility for

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no obligation to do so and the ultimate responsibility for procuring the right-of-way is that of the applicant.

1.2. Construction on Public Highways or Other Easements

1.2.1. Pole Line Construction

1.2.1.A. No construction charge is applicable for the provision of new pole line construction on public highways or other easements within the base rate area, or outside the base rate area when such pole line is to be used in serving customers in general.

1.2.1.B. Except as provided above, when an applicant for service is located outside the base rate area in territory where new pole line construction is required, and the cost of construction is expected to exceed five (5) times the anticipated annual local exchange revenues, the Company will provide new pole line construction by the following method.

1.2.1.B.(1) The customer shall pay the Company the cost of construction in excess of five (5) times the anticipated annual local exchange revenue. The maximum line extension constructed at no cost to the customer will be calculated pursuant to this formula. Construction charges applicable to two or more applicants will be computed individually from the starting point of the new construction

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project to each respective location less the allowance. Ownership and maintenance of the facilities so constructed will be vested in the Company.

1.2.1.C. Where poles are provided under subsection 1.2.1.A. above, the Company will furnish and maintain the necessary circuits. Where poles are provided under subsection 1.2.1.B.(1) above, the Company will furnish and maintain the necessary circuits but the customer shall be required to bear all or part of the construction costs that exceed five (5) times the anticipated annual local exchange revenue.

1.2.1.D. Buried Construction

Where buried construction is furnished instead of pole line construction, at the expressed desire of the applicant, the principles specified elsewhere in this section are applicable.

1.3. Construction on Private Property

1.3.1. Pole Line or Underground/Buried Construction

1.3.1.A. No construction charge is made for the provision of new pole line construction on private property, either within or without the base rate area, when such pole line is to be used in serving customers in general. Ownership and maintenance of such poles is vested in the company.

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1.3.1.B. Except as provided in 1.3.1.A. foregoing and 1.3.1.C. following, poles and associated materials on private property will, except when not for customers in general, be furnished by the Company at charges to the customer(s) for all construction costs in excess or five (5) times the annual anticipated local exchange revenue. Ownership and maintenance of the pole line is vested in the Company.

1.3.1.C. Where for the purpose of furnishing extension lines, it is necessary to lay underground conduit, to trench, to set poles on the customer's premises, the customer is required to provide and install such underground conduit, to dig and backfill trenches, and to provide and erect such poles or the Company will perform the work at the customer's expense. Where the work is performed by the customer, it must be in accordance with the specifications of the Company. In such situations, conduit, trenching, poles or other supporting structure required for central office circuits will be furnished by or at the expense of the customer. Thus, ownership and maintenance of all supporting structure on private property is vested in the customer.

1.4. Buried Construction

1.4.1. Where buried construction is furnished instead of pole line construction, at the expressed desire of the applicant, the principles specified in Section 2 following are also applicable.

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- 1.5. Underground Service Entrances
  - 1.5.1. Underground service entrances may be provided at the customer's request as specified in Subsections 2.4., 2.5., and/or 2.6. following.
- 1.6. Special Type of Construction
  - 1.6.1. When a special type of construction other than those preceding is desired by a customer or where the individual requirements of a particular situation make the construction unusually expensive, the customer 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 customer except that maintenance of buried service wire, including associated trenching where required, will be at the expense of the Company.
- 1.7. Rearrangements of Existing Plant
  - 1.7.1. When the Company is requested to move or change existing plant for which no specific charge is quoted in this Tariff, the person at whose request such move or change is made may be required to bear the costs incurred.
- 1.8. Construction Required for Temporary Service
  - 1.8.1. When construction is required for temporary service and there is no immediate prospect of reusing the plant provided, the customer will be required to bear all or a portion of the cost of such construction.

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1.9. Extension of Telephone Service to Real Estate Subdivision

- 1.9.1. In lieu of extensions of telephone service pursuant to subsections 1.2. and 1.3. herein, the Company may require a Developer desiring an extension to a prospective real estate subdivision to post a Surety Bond or make a cash deposit (at the option of the Developer) equal to the estimated total costs of the project, before construction of the extension is commenced. Total cost of construction shall not include drops to customers off the telephone distribution facilities. For purposes of this tariff, a subdivision is defined as a project consisting of five (5) or more lots. In the event the Developer chooses to post a Surety Bond there shall be added to the principal amount of the Surety Bond, an amount equal to the most recent average embedded debt cost of the Company on file with the Arkansas Public Service Commission. At least annually for a period of five (5) years, the Company shall give the Developer a credit equal to the percentage which the number of installations made in said twelve (12) month period bears to seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of installations contemplated by the Developer and the Company for the completed subdivision. The credit referred to herein in the case of a deposit shall be returned to the Developer annually; with respect to a Surety Bond posted by the Developer, the credit shall be in form of an annual reduction of the face amount of the Surety Bond posted. Upon the Developer receiving the applicable credit for each installation as set forth herein, the Company shall release or cause to be released the obligation of the Developer and the Surety, if a Surety Bond was posted; provided, however, if within five (5) years from the date of the Surety Bond or cash deposit, the proposed development area has not been developed in a sufficient amount for the Developer to receive credit for the total cost of extension to the development as agreed upon, then the Developer shall be obligated to pay to the Company the total construction costs reduced by all credits previously allowed. In

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the event that said amount is not paid within sixty (60) days of the date due, and a Surety Bond has been posted, the Company may declare a default and shall have the right to call upon the Surety for payment of the remaining unpaid amount due.

2. UNDERGROUND/BURIED INSTALLATION PLAN

2.1. Application

2.1.1. The Company will install, own and maintain underground/buried facilities in accordance with the terms specified in Subsections 2.2., 2.4., 2.5., and 2.6., whichever is applicable. At the Company's option, certain areas, due to rock or other obstruction may be omitted for underground/buried installation.

2.2. General

2.2.1. All prices for underground/buried telephone facilities are based on joint planning and joint use of trenches (where feasible) with other utilities. Where contracts are made and other utilities are already in place, the telephone company reserves the right to charge the difference in estimated cost of aerial and underground/buried for establishing cost to the owner for underground/buried facilities. It will be the responsibility of the developer to provide satisfactory assurance of imminent demand for service; otherwise, a contribution to construction may be required by the company to protect the general body of rate payers.

2.2.2. No construction charge is applicable for the provision of underground/buried facilities, within the base rate area, or outside the base rate area, when such facilities are to be used in serving customers in general.

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- 2.2.3. Except as provided above, where the applicant for service is located outside the base rate area, underground/buried facilities will be furnished by the Company at charges to the customer(s) for all construction costs in excess of five (5) times the annual anticipated local exchange revenue.
- 2.2.4. The material and labor forces necessary to build underground/buried telephone facilities are seldom immediately available, therefore, it is imperative that the maximum advanced request for underground/buried facilities be made. This advance notice is also necessary for joint engineering and construction coordination with other utilities.
- 2.3. Underground/Buried Feeder and Distribution Facilities for New Residential Subdivision and Mobile Home Parks
- 2.3.1. Developments must be divided into established and defined lots with plat plans showing dimensions. In large subdivisions, fifty lots or more, the subdivision may be divided into sections of approximately twenty-five lots for the installation of underground/buried facilities.
- 2.3.1.A. The development of the subdivision will be carried out in an orderly and progressive manner, section by section, and coordinated with the installation of underground/buried telephone facilities to permit unimpeded access of the Company's equipment to the installation sites; to allow installation of underground/buried facilities at the proper depth and before streets, curbs, and other obstructions are installed; and to eliminate dig-ins to the underground/buried telephone facilities after installation.

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2.3.1.B. The property owner (developer) shall make restrictive covenants binding upon the development and the future owners thereof which require accessibility to all strips in which underground service is located for operation, maintenance, or replacement of facilities.

2.3.1.C. A contract may be executed to provide this agreement.

2.4. Buried Drop Wires from Overhead or Buried Distribution System

2.4.1. New customers not included in subdivision underground/buried contracts will be provided service by normal construction procedures. Where aerial service would be normal, buried service will be provided upon the customer's request and a payment to the Company for any excess cost it may incur in meeting the customer's request. In all cases where buried service is being provided and rock or other abnormal conditions are encountered, the customer or property owner will pay an additional charge equal to the added cost of construction for dealing with the rock or other abnormal conditions encountered. In the event the service lateral is to be located beneath a sidewalk, driveway, parking lot, patio, and/or beneath paved areas used for such purposes, the property owner shall provide two inch conduit (or larger) in these areas.

2.4.2. Service to customers now being served from useful overhead service will be changed to buried service upon the customer's request and payment to the Company for any excess cost it may incur in meeting the customer's request, and under the terms as outlined in Subsection 2.4.1. above.

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- 2.5. Underground/Buried Service Entrance to Commercial Buildings, Industrial Buildings, Schools, Multi-Family Dwellings, and Other Units not Specifically Covered in this Section.
- 2.5.1. The Company will do the necessary excavating, trenching, and backfilling and install the telephone wires or cable and related facilities, subject to the terms in Subsection 2.2. of this tariff.
- 2.5.2. Cost to the owner, if any, will be calculated by the Company based on conditions encountered during construction.
- 2.6. Underground Services Supplied from Underground Conduit Systems Located in Municipal Streets and Alleys
- 2.6.1. Where service is supplied from existing conduit systems, the property owner or customer shall make arrangements with the Company before installation of any underground conduit from the building to the point in connection with the telephone underground system.
3. CHARGES FOR UNUSUAL INSTALLATIONS
- 3.1. Special Type of Installation
- 3.1.1. When a special type of installation is desired by a customer or where the individual requirements of a particular situation make the installation unusually expensive, the customer is required to bear the excess cost of such installation over the charges normally applied under the tariff section dealing with Service Connection Charges.
- 3.2. Temporary Installation
- 3.2.1. When an installation is required for temporary service and there is no immediate prospect of reusing the plant provided, the

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customer may be required to bear all or a portion of the cost of such installation.

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