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### 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.

## 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 5.2.

## 3.2 SERVICE ORDER

- 1. A Service Order Charge applies per customer order, for all work or services 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.
- 2. A single service order will not apply to any order due to:
  - a company initiated change;
  - a Company error or its agents' error;
  - change in billing address; or
  - Partial or complete removal of service

Service Order Charge Minimum Maximum \$20.00 \$120.00

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#### 3.3 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 deemed in Section 1 of this Tariff.

**Business** 

\$25.00 Minimum: Maximum: \$150.00

#### 3.4 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.

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.

Business Charge per:	<u>Move</u>	<u>Add</u>	<u>Change</u>
Minimum:	\$0.00	\$\$0.00	\$0.00
Maximum:	\$158.00	\$156.00	\$20.00

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## 3.5 <u>CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH PREMISES VISIT</u>

## **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.

Minimum Maximum

Per Premises Visit, Business: \$0.00 \$156.00

#### 3.6 PRIMARY INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER CHANGE CHARGE

Customers may be presubscribed to the carrier of their choice for both interLATA and intraLATA service. The customer will incur a charge each time there is a change in the long distance carrier associated with the customer's intraLATA or interLATA service after the initial installation of service.

Minimum: \$1.05 Maximum: \$3.00

#### 3.7 CRITICAL FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION (CFA) SERVICE

## 1. <u>Program Overview</u>

- a. Facilities-based carriers are responsible to provide data on the physical path of qualified circuits to customers who request such information. Such carriers are required to maintain facilities associated with qualified circuits in such a manner as to ensure that notification of a change in the physical routing of a qualifying circuit is communicated quickly to the affected customer, and the physical path data promptly updated. Such carriers will maintain the data and establish appropriate methods of identification and authentication to secure the data and restrict access by each customer to information relative to that customer's qualifying circuits.
- b. Customers are required to demonstrate for each qualifying circuit that the circuit has been registered under the federal Telecommunications Service Priority program in order to participate.

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# 3.7 <u>CRITICAL FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION (CFA) SERVICE</u> (cont'd)

## 2. <u>Customer Obligations</u>

Customers participating under the Critical Facilities Administration program will be required to:

- a. Identify critical facilities by enrolling circuits in the federal Telecommunications Service Priority program, and demonstrating the sponsorship of a federal agency supporting the designation of those circuits as qualifying under the federal Telecommunications Service Priority program. Such circuits will be referred to as "qualifying circuits."
- b. Subscribe to the Critical Facilities Administration service offered by their carrier, and identify which qualifying circuits it wishes to enroll in the service. Such circuits will be referred to as "subscribed circuits."

## 3. <u>Carrier Obligations</u>

Facilities-based carriers will be obligated to identify the physical path of each subscribed circuit as follows:

- a. Physical path information will be provided by reference to the latitude and longitude coordinates of suitable points along the circuit's path (e.g., cable entrances to buildings, manholes, riser poles, crossboxes, carrier equipment cabinets, and other circuit access points in the outside plant of the carrier) so as to allow the customer to ascertain with a reasonable degree of accuracy the actual physical path of each subscribed circuit.
- b. Physical path information for newly provisioned subscribed circuits is to be available to the customer within 5 business days after the circuit has been installed, and within 15 business days for existing, in-place subscribed circuits.
- c. Any planned moves, changes, or rearrangements that affect the physical path of a subscribed circuit are to be communicated at least 24 hours in advance to the customer, and information related to a move, change, or rearrangement that was as a result of unplanned activity is to be provided within 24 hours of the change.

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# 3.7 <u>CRITICAL FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION (CFA) SERVICE</u> (cont'd)

## 3. Carrier Obligations (cont'd)

- d. Updated information regarding the revised physical path of subscribed circuits would be available to the customer within 5 business days for planned actions, and within 15 business days for unplanned activities.
- e. Provision of the service would be suspended altogether in the instance of a major telephone outage. Once restored to service, current physical path information for a subscribed circuit would be developed and made available to the customer within ninety days of the restoration of service.
- f. The carrier must establish a secure database or other means that would allow the customer to obtain information of the physical path for only its subscribed circuits, subject to appropriate authentication and authorization. Where practicable, the information should be made available on a 24 hour by seven day basis.

### Rates

Rates for CFA are based upon the time required to collect the circuit path data. The company will give the customer a good faith estimate of the time period needed to perform the requested service. The customer will be billed those charges, along with the tariff charges established by any connecting carrier for the service.

Service Order Charge Per Circuit: Individual Case Basis (ICB)