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Ms. Vikie Bailey-Goggins Administrator, Regulatory Operations Oregon Public Utility Commission 550 Capitol St. N.E. Salem, OR 97310-2551

RE:

Advice No.107, Asotin Telephone Company; PUC Or. No. 2

**Revise Construction Charges** 

Dear Ms. Bailey-Goggins:

Included in this submission are the following tariff pages for Asotin Telephone Company:

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The purpose of this filing is to revise the Construction Charges tariff in Section VII to meet current marketing conditions, new technologies, and standardize language between all TDS ILEC Companies. The revisions include moving and combining Relocation or Rearrangement of Facilities in Section III with the Construction Charges in Section VII. The revised tariff applies to requests for residential basic local exchange service. Other requests for basic local service will be provided under individual contracts.

The proposed effective date for this filing is October 10, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (608) 664-4169.

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## 23. FURNISHING OF SERVICE

- A. The 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.
- B. Where facilities beyond those normally required are provided to satisfy customer requests, charges based on the additional costs incurred will apply.
- C. When a customer orders installations, moves, or changes which cannot be completed during scheduled working hours, overtime charges will apply. Such overtime charges will be the difference between straight time and overtime, and will be in addition to the normal installation, move, or change charge. The customer must agree to this provision before such overtime work will be performed.
- D. The Company will determine the type of outside plant facilities to be provided for the furnishing of a service.

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(M) Relocation or Rearrangement of Facilities previously listed on this sheet is now covered under Construction Charges in Section VII.

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## 1. **GENERAL**

Construction charges are non-recurring charges applicable under certain conditions or for extending company facilities in order to provide telecommunication services. These charges are in addition to applicable charges for the class of service furnished, service connection charges, charges for moves and changes, and other charges that may be applicable.

## 2. **DEFINITIONS**

#### A. Applicant

A residential customer applying for telecommunication services at a location that currently does not have facilities established.

## B. Application

A request to the Company for telecommunication services, as distinguished from an inquiry as to the availability or charges for such service.

#### C: Construction Allowance

The portion of new construction and facilities that is provided at no charge.

## D. Costs

Costs associated with the construction of new facilities include, but are not limited to, engineering, labor, materials, equipment, government fees and charges, right-of-ways, road crossings, road boring, trenching, etc.

### E. Developer

An Applicant who is responsible for requesting placement telecommunications services in a new area for permanent residential and/or business telecommunications services prior to, or in conjunction with, a request for telephone service by a customer located in that new area. The area to be developed is defined as land which is divided or is proposed to be divided into 5 or more lots, parcels, or units.

## F. <u>Easement</u>

A right given to another person or entity to trespass upon land that person or entity does not own. Easements are used for roads, private property, etc. given to utility companies for the right to bury cables or access utility lines.

#### G. Group Application or Project

A request for telecommunications services to 4 or less premises which are located one-half mile or less between each other by individuals who wish to establish telecommunications services at the same time.

#### H. Line Extension

Company outside plant that is required to extend Company facilities and service beyond the existing facilities of the Company.

#### New Construction

The placement of those additional facilities required to extend telecommunications services from the nearest existing working facility within the wire center to the Applicant(s) premises.

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## 2. **DEFINITIONS** (Continued)

#### J. Permanent Service

Service provided at premises that has a permanent foundation and permanent connections to basic utilities such as water, gas and electricity.

## K. Right of Way

Legal access to land not owned by the Company for the purpose of digging trenches, laying cable or planting poles.

#### L. Service Drop

Service conductor six-pair or smaller delivering service to the customer premise from the service provider's last network access point.

#### M. Special Construction

When an Applicant requests specific and/or unusual plant, equipment, or services to be installed.

#### N. Temporary Construction

Service provided is for a limited time and there is no immediate prospect of reusing the plant.

## 3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. This tariff applies to requests for extension of residential basic local exchange service.
- B. This tariff does not apply to the application requests listed below. The terms and conditions of these requests shall be governed by an individual contract to be developed between the prospective applicant and the Company:
  - 1. Applications for Extension of Service for Business Service;
  - 2. Applications for Extension of Service by residential customers for other than residential basic local exchange service, unless the Company chooses to treat such application under this tariff;
  - 3. Applications from Developers requesting service to developments.
- C The Company will determine the location and type of plant facilities required to provide the quantity and class of service, and to meet quality of service standards unless other arrangements have been agreed upon.
- D. New construction is based on actual route and average conditions that will enable the Company to extend service to Applicant(s) at a reasonable cost without adding an undue burden to the general body of existing customers.
- E. Where new construction is required, the Company will consult with other utilities to minimize construction costs (e.g., sharing trenches, poles, etc.).

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- F. The Company will construct, own, and maintain outside plant facilities using standard specifications, engineering, design, and materials standards unless other arrangements have been agreed upon.
- G. Reinforcement of existing physical plant will be provided at the Company's expense except where facilities on private property are provided by the Applicant.
- H. Upon request by an Applicant for service; the Company will provide, without charge, a preliminary sketch and rough estimate of the construction costs to be paid by the Applicant(s).
- Any construction performed by the Applicant must be authorized and approved by the Company.
- J. The Company must receive a Service Order plus payment of any agreed upon construction charges before construction begins.
- K. An Applicant(s) ordering service at more than one premise is treated as separate Applications.
- L. The start and completion time will depend on when the Company can coordinate for joint engineering and construction with other utilities; and obtain the material, labor and facilities necessary to complete the new construction.
- M. When the Company receives a group application or project for telephone service, any applicable construction charges for shared facilities (less a Construction Allowance per premises) will be divided between the Applicants.
- N. The Company will provide the Applicant(s) the estimated construction charges to be paid by the Applicant(s) in writing. The estimated construction charges will be good for thirty days after the Company provides a bill to the Applicant(s).
- O. Construction Charges will be associated with the premises for which they were established rather than the Applicant(s). Credit for Construction Charges may not be transferred from one premise to another.
- P. A single Applicant's request may be combined with another Applicant or added to a Group Applicant/Project when there is one-half mile or less of construction between Applicants and/or the grouping results in lower charges (or no increase in construction charges) for all Applicants involved.
- Q. If an Applicant disconnects service, no refund or adjustment is made to the Construction Charge applicable to the Applicant's premises regardless of any future reconnection of basic telephone service by the Applicant or upon connection of telephone service to a new Applicant. Upon disconnect, any outstanding construction charge amounts become due and payable immediately. Charges to remaining Group Applicants will not be affected by disconnects.

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#### 4. RATES AND CHARGES

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## A. General

- 1. All Construction charges are payable at the time the application for service is signed or when the account is rendered based on estimated costs, unless other arrangements have been authorized by the Company.
- 2. The initial NID will be provided at no cost to the Applicant(s).
- 3. If a single or group applicant disconnects service, all outstanding construction charges will become due and payable immediately.

## B. Construction Allowance

1. Each Applicant with an active service order request will be provided with a onetime construction allowance per premises of 1000 feet, which includes a maximum of 300 feet on private property.

## C. Charges

- 1. The cost of construction above the allowance.
- 2. The Applicant may be responsible for some or all the costs associated with the following:
  - Detail of the estimate, if requested prior to the start of construction;
  - Securing, clearing, and retaining right-of-ways;
  - Specific or unusual plant facilities not normally provided by the Company;
  - Establishment and removal of temporary facilities or seasonal in nature;
  - Rearrangement, change or move of facilities after construction begins;
  - Clearing the ground where facilities are to be laid of trees, stumps and other obstructions plus excavating and backfilling;
  - · Removing rock or other abnormal conditions that are encountered;
  - Installation of lines after curb and sidewalks or other obstructions are in place;
  - Overtime work at the Applicant(s) request;
  - Rearrangement or relocation of existing facilities at the customer's request

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## **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

## 23. Furnishing of Service

- A. The 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.
- B. Where facilities beyond those normally required are provided to satisfy customer requests, charges based on the additional costs incurred will apply.
- C. When a customer orders installations, moves, or changes which cannot be completed during scheduled working hours, overtime charges will apply. Such overtime charges will be the difference between straight time and overtime, and will be in addition to the normal installation, move, or change charge. The customer must agree to this provision before such overtime work will be performed.
- D. The Company will determine the type of outside plant facilities to be provided for the furnishing of a service.

## Relocation or Rearrangement of Facilities

A. The Company will be reimbursed for the costs associated with customer requests for relocation or rearrangement of facilities.

(M) Relocation or Rearrangement of Facilities previously listed on this sheets is now covered under Construction Charges in Section VII.

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## ASOTIN TELEPHONE COMPANY

CONSTRUCTION CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

## 1. CONSTRUCTION CHARGES

## A. GENERAL

- 1) Construction charges are applicable under certain conditions as hereinafter set forth and are in addition to other charges specified in this tariff.
- 2) Construction charges are payable upon application for service or when billing is rendered as the Company, at its option, may require.
- 3) Construction performed by the applicant, where authorized in this tariff, is subject to the approval of the Company.
- 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 subscriber requests, actual cost will be used where applicable.
- 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.
- 6) When an applicant is so located that it is necessary to use private right-of-way to furnish service and the Company is unable to obtain the required right-of-way without cost, the applicant may be required to pay the costs incurred in securing, clearing, and retaining such right-of-way.

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- 1. CONSTRUCTION CHARGES (Cont'd)
  - B. CONSTRUCTION ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OR OTHER EASEMENTS
    - 1) Pole Line Construction
      - 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 subscribers in general.
      - 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 seven (7) times the anticipated annual local exchange revenues, the Company will provide new pole line construction by the following method:
        - (1) The subscriber shall pay the Company the cost of construction in excess of seven (7) times the anticipated annual local exchange revenue. Ownership and maintenance of the facilities so constructed will be vested in the Company.
      - c. Where poles are provided under paragraph (1) above, the Company will furnish and maintain the necessary circuits. Where poles are provided under paragraph (1) (a) above, the Company will furnish and maintain the necessary circuits but the subscriber shall be required to bear all or part of the construction costs that exceed seven (7) times the anticipated annual local exchange revenue.
    - 2) 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.

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#### CONSTRUCTION CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

## CONSTRUCTION CHARGES (Cont'd)

- C. CONSTRUCTION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
  - 1) Pole Line Construction
    - 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 subscribers in general. Ownership and maintenance of such poles is vested in the company.
    - b. Except as provided in (1) foregoing and (3) following, poles and on private property be furnished by the Company at charges to the subcriber(s) for all construction costs in excess of seven (7) times the annual anticipated local exchange revenue. Ownership and maintenance of the pole line is vested in the Company.
    - c. Where for the purpose of furnishing extension lines, it is necessary to lay underground conduit, to trench, to set poles on the subscriber's premises, the subscriber 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 subscriber's expense. Where the work is performed by the subscriber, poles or other supporting structures will be furnished by or at the expense of the subscriber, however, ownership and maintenance of all supporting structures on private property will be maintained by the company.

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## CONSTRUCTION CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

## 1. CONSTRUCTION CHARGES (Cont'd)

D. UNDERGROUND SERVICE ENTRANCES

Underground service entrances may be provided at the subscriber's request as specified in Paragraphs 2.D., 2.E., and/or 2.F. following.

E. SPECIAL TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION

When a special type of construction other than those covered preceding is desired by a subscriber or where the individual requirements of a particular situation make the construction unusually expensive, the subscriber 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 subscriber except that maintenance of buried service wire, including associated trenching where required, will be at the expense of the Company.

F. REARRANGEMENTS OF EXISTING PLANT

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.

G. CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED FOR TEMPORARY SERVICE

When construction is required for temporary service and there is no immediate prospect of reusing the plant provided, the subscriber will be required to bear all or a portion of the cost of such construction.

## UNDERGROUND/BURIED INSTALLATION PLAN

A. APPLICATION

The Company will install, own and maintain underground/buried facilities in accordance with the terms specified in Paragraphs 2.B., 2.D., 2.E., and 2.F., whichever is applicable. At the Company's option, certain areas, due to rock or other obstruction may be omitted for underground installation.

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## 2. UNDERGROUND/BURIED INSTALLATION PLAN (Cont'd)

## B. GENERAL

- 1) The property owner shall provide at no cost to the Company, the necessary right-of-way for the underground distribution and service laterals, make the strip to which the underground facilities are to be located accessible to the Company's equipment, remove all obstructions from the strip, grade the strip to within four inches of the final grade, and provide continuing access to the Company for operation, maintenance or replacement of the underground facilities. Shrubs, trees, and grass requiring protection from the Company's equipment during installation and maintenance of underground facilities will be the responsibility of the property owner who will also add fill dirt and re-seed the trench cover where required.
- 2) In the event the service lateral is to be located beneath a sidewalk, driveway, parking lot, patio, and/or in areas used for such purposes, the property owner shall provide two inch (or larger where required) conduit in these areas.
- 3) The Company will provide the necessary excavating, trenching, and backfilling and install the telephone conductors and related facilities in accordance with the terms of this tariff and a contract agreement.
- 4) When rock or other abnormal conditions are encountered, the property owner, subdivider, builder, or contactor will pay an additional charge equal to the added cost of construction for dealing with the rock or other abnormal conditions encountered.
- 5) Should streets, curbs sidewalks, or other obstructions be installed prior to the installation of underground telephone facilities, resulting in additional expenses to the Company, payment for these additional expenses will be made to the Company by the property owner.

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## CONSTRUCTION CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 2. UNDERGROUND/BURIED INSTALLATION PLAN (Cont'd)
  - B. GENERAL (Cont\d)
    - 6) All prices for underground telephone facilities are based on joint planning and joint use of trenches (where feasible) with other utilities. Where contracts are made and other utilities area already in place, the telephone company reserves the right to charge the difference in estimated cost of aerial and underground for establishing cost to the owner for underground 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.
    - 7) 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 subscribers in general.
    - 8) 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 subscriber(s) for all construction costs in excess of seven (7) times the annual anticipated local exchange revenue. Ownership and maintenance of such facilities is vested in the Company if such facilities are not to be furnished for subscribers in general.
    - 9) The material and labor forces necessary to build underground telephone facilities are seldom immediately available, therefore, it is imperative that the maximum advanced request for underground facilities be made. This advance notice is also necessary for joint engineering and construction coordination with other utilities.

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- 2. UNDERGROUND/BURIED INSTALLATION PLAN (Cont'd)
  - C. UNDERGROUND FEEDER AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND MOBILE ASOTIN PARKS

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 buried facilities.

- 1) 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.
- 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.
- 3) A contract may be executed to provide this agreement.
- D. BURIED SERVICE WIRES FROM OVERHEAD OR UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
  - New customers not included in subdivision underground contracts will be provided service by normal construction procedures. Where aerial service would be normal, underground 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 subscriber's request. In all cases where underground 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.

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- 2. UNDERGROUND/BURIED INSTALLATION PLAN (Cont'd)
  - D. BURIED SERVICE WIRES FROM OVERHEAD OR UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (Cont'd)
    - 2) Service to customers now being served from useful overhead service will be changed to underground service upon the customer's request and payment to the Company for any excess cost it may incur in meeting the subscribers request, and under the terms as outlined in Paragraph D.1) above.
  - E. UNDERGROUND SERVICE ENTRANCE TO COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, SCHOOLS, MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND OTHER UNITS NOT COVERED IN PARAGRAPH 2.B.
    - 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 paragraph 2.B. above.
    - 2) Cost to the owner, if any, will be calculated by the Company based on conditions encountered during construction.
  - F. UNDERGROUND SERVICES SUPPLIED FROM UNDERGROUND CONDUIT SYSTEMS LOCATED IN MUNICIPAL STREETS AND ALLEYS.

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 of connection with the telephone underground system.

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CONSTRUCTION CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

## 3. CHARGES FOR UNUSUAL INSTALLATIONS

## SPECIAL TYPES OF INSTALLATION

where the individual requirements of a particular situation make the installation unusually expensive, the subscriber is required to bear the excess cost of such installation.

## B. TEMPORARY INSTALLATION

When an installation is required for temporary service and there is no immediate prospect of reusing the plant provided, the subscriber may be required to bear all or a portion of the cost of such installation, over and above all other regular charges for service and equipment.

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