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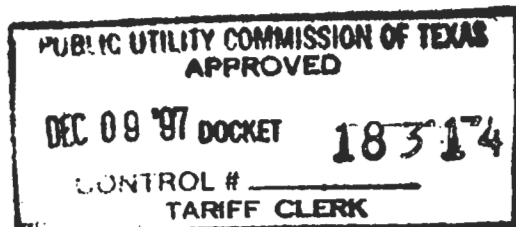
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SERVICE CHARGES

I. GENERAL

Service Charges are in addition to all other rates and charges that may be applicable for services provided by the Company. They apply in addition to installation and construction charges made because unusual costs are incurred in the provision of service.

A. Categories of Service Charges

The work functions required to add to, move or change telephone service for a business or residence class of service customer are classified as follows:

1. Service Ordering - work performed in connection with receiving, recording, and processing a customer request for service to be performed or provided at the same time, on the same account and on the same premises. One Service Ordering Charge is applicable per access line or channel.

2. Line Connection - work associated with the connection of the line extending from the serving central office to the customer's premises. It includes, but is not limited to establishing or changing central office connections, cable cross connections, line transfers, connecting to a terminal or building terminal, or moving the drop wire or protector block.

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I. GENERAL (Continued)

B. Rules

1. All registered terminal equipment and systems and inside wire may be directly connected to the telecommunications network as specified in, or authorized by, the Registration Program in Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Regulations.

2. Customer Premises Inside Wire

a. The customer has the option of providing the inside wire and standard jacks (see Part C of this Section for a definition of inside wire) on his premises himself, or contracting with a vendor qualified to provide the service.

b. Customer premises inside wire, standard jacks, and equipment provided by the customer or his agent must be in accordance with the standards of the National Electric Code, the National Electric Safety Codes, Part 68 of the FCC Regulations, the equipment manufacturers and other applicable codes. The customer will save the Company harmless from any and all liability, claims, or damage suits arising out of the customer's provision or maintenance of inside wire.

3. Charges specified in this Section do not apply to services furnished under concurrence provisions filed in Section 6 of this tariff. These services may include, but are not limited to, WATS access lines and access line extensions, and all private line services and channels and access services provided. Nonrecurring charges for these services are stated in other companies' tariffs, or as exceptions or additions to concurring provisions in Section 6 of this tariff.

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I. GENERAL (Continued)

B. Rules (Continued)

5. The service charges described in this tariff are not applicable for:

a. Normal maintenance and repair of the Company's equipment and service.

b. The connection of telephone sets or other terminal equipment when no line connection or central office access work is required.

c. The connection of telephone sets or other terminal equipment when no line connection work is required.

C. Definitions

1. Customer Premises Inside Wire - all wire within a customer's premises, including connectors, jacks and miscellaneous materials associated with the wire's installation. Premises Inside Wire is located on the customer's side of the Company's premises protector. By definition, Customer Premises Inside Wire excludes riser and buried cable.

2. Demarcation Point - the point of interconnection between Company communications facilities and the terminal equipment, protective apparatus or wiring at a subscriber's premises.

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II. APPLICATION OF CHARGES

A. Service Ordering Charge

1. The primary service ordering charge is applicable:

a. For requests to establish an account for initial connection of service. An account is each service for which a separate access line is established.

b. For connection of additional local exchange access lines, private lines, or detached access lines to an established service.

c. For change and transfer of service involving change in name and responsibility whether or not there is a lapse in service.

d. For restoration of service disconnected for nonpayment; such service will be restored upon payment of charges due.

2. The secondary service order charge is applicable:

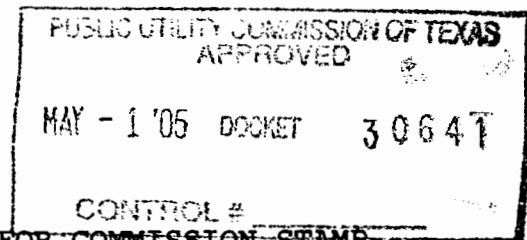
a. For subsequent requests for service, number change, restoration of service at customer's request and change in class of service.

b. For service ordered during a pending service order which cannot be included on the pending service order.

c. For additions, moves and changes of lines in the same building or in different buildings on the same premises.

3. The secondary service order charge is not applicable for requests involving a change from rotary service to pushbutton service or adding custom calling features.

4. The primary service order charge and the secondary service order charge cannot be applied on the same order. When an order requires work for which both the primary and secondary service order charges would otherwise be applied, only the primary service order charge applies.



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II. APPLICATIONS OF CHARGES (Continued)

B. Line Connection Charge

1. The line connection charge is applicable for work in the central office and for work done in providing or rearranging the drop wire or outdoor circuit between the serving central office and the customer's premises on the Company's side of the demarcation point as required in:

a. Connection or reconnection of local exchange access lines, local private lines, and detached access lines.

b. Transfer of lines or Company provided equipment from one building to another building.

c. A move of a customer's portable structure containing telephone service.

d. Transfer of lines from one premises to another in the same building, e.g. one apartment to another apartment, one office or suite of offices to another office or suite of offices.

e. A move when the telephone service at the new location is established prior to disconnection at the old location, or discontinued at the old location prior to establishment at the new location.

f. Connecting each line between the appropriate general distribution cable terminals serving different premises in the same building or serving different buildings on the customer's same premises.

g. Rearrangements of each single span of underground entrance facilities.

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B. Line Connection Charge (Continued)

2. One Line Connection Charge is applicable for:

a. Each line connection and for each telephone number changed at the customer's request, including changes in number to provide trunk hunting. No charge is applicable for a number change initiated by the Company.

b. Changing a semi-public pay line to a business line or a business line to a semi-pay line.

c. Each access line changed from rotary service to pushbutton service.

3. When two or more segments of a local private line or detached access lines are bridged in the central office, one Line Connection Charge will apply for each line.

4. The line connection charge does not apply:

a. When service and facilities as assumed prior to discontinuance of service and without lapse in service.

b. In the case of change in responsibility for service.

c. Changes in service and facilities initiated by the Company.

d. To the installation of local exchange access line service.

e. To restoral of local exchange access line service.

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II. APPLICATION OF CHARGES (Continued)

C. Restoral of Service

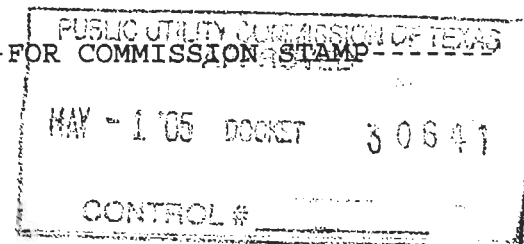
A Restoral of Service Charge is applicable to reconnection of service after disconnection of service for nonpayment. The Restoral of Service Charge is in addition to payment of all charges due.

III. SCHEDULE OF CHARGES (1) (2) (3)

	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>	N
A. Service Ordering Charge			
1. Primary	\$20.00	\$25.00	N
2. Secondary	\$10.00	\$10.00	N
B. Line Connection Charge per access line	\$15.00	\$25.00	I

- Notes: (1) The Company offers to perform repair and maintenance work only during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. All repair and maintenance work performed at other than during normal hours at the customer's request shall be provided at the sole discretion of the Company at rates based on costs.
- (2) Where the service requested requires more than one of the multi-element charges described in this tariff, the total charge is the sum of the separate charges required for each function except as otherwise provided. All line connection work requested at the same time for service on one premises will be covered by one service ordering charge.
- (3) Service charges may be required to be paid at the time of application for service.

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IV. TERMINATION CHARGE

When a customer cancels an order for service prior to the establishment of service, a termination charge may be applicable. The Termination Charge shall equal the costs incurred by the Company in designing, engineering, ordering and providing the service less disposal value.

V. SERVICE MAINTENANCE CHARGES

In those instances where service difficulty or trouble results from the customer-provided or maintained inside wire, jacks and/or equipment which are not in accordance with the technical standards for such inside wire and jacks, the customer is responsible for the payment of a Maintenance of Service Charge.

Maintenance of Service Charge \$15.00/Hour

VI. RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A fee equal to the maximum allowable by state law will be assessed for each returned check or moneys not honored by a bank or depository.

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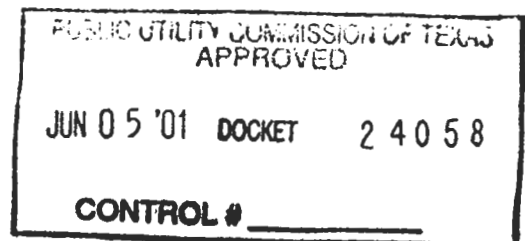
VII. LINK-UP AMERICA PROGRAM

A. General

1. The Link-Up America Program is a federally sponsored telephone assistance program designed to make basic telephone service accessible to qualifying low-income customers who are currently not on the public switched network.
2. The Company shall provide Link-Up America Program assistance to all qualifying low-income customers within its service area.
3. A customer eligible for the Lifeline Program is automatically eligible for the Link-Up America Program. However, a customer may qualify and receive assistance under the Link-Up America Program independently of the Lifeline Program.
4. Assistance is provided to the qualifying low-income customer by one or both of the following programs:
 - a. A fifty percent (50%) reduction of the service connection charges not to exceed \$30 for connection of telephone service at the qualifying low-income customer's principal place of residence.
 - b. A one-year, non-interest assessed, deferred payment plan for payment, up to \$200, of service connection charges associated with the establishment of telephone service for the qualifying low-income customer. Service connection charges include those charges, specified in Section 2 of this tariff, customarily assessed for the establishment of telephone service.

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VII. LINK-UP AMERICA PROGRAM (Continued)

A. General (Continued)

5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a customer who is otherwise eligible for the Link-Up America Program from obtaining and using telecommunications equipment and services designed to aid such customer in utilizing qualifying telecommunications services.

B. Eligibility Requirements

1. Qualifying Low-income (Eligible) Customer Criteria

The Link-Up America Program will be provided for a primary single access line at the qualifying customer's principal place of residence. A qualifying customer is an individual whose annual household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines or in whose household resides a person who receives or has a child who receives benefits from at least one of the following programs:

- a. Medicaid
- b. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/ka/ Food Stamps) T
- c. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) T
- d. Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8 T
- e. Low-Income Heat and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- f. Health benefits coverage under the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) T

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B. Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

2. Obligations of the Customer
 - a. Customers whose annual household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines or who receive benefits under FPHA or LIHEAP programs may self-enroll for Link-Up America Service benefits by completing an application form and returning it to LIDA. LIDA will send a blank application form upon request. LIDA can be reached at 1-866-4LITEUP.
 - b. A customer who is eligible for the Link-Up America Program, but does not have telephone service at the time the LIDA provides its eligibility list to the Company, shall be responsible for initiating a request for the Link-Up America Program from the Company.
3. The LIDA shall provide a list of eligible customers to the Company.
4. A qualifying customer is eligible to receive the benefit of the Link-Up America Program a second or subsequent time only for a principal place of residence with an address different from the residence address at which the Link-Up America Program assistance was previously provided.

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C. Credit and Billing

1. Credit Reference

The credit verification procedures used for all applicants who apply for service with the Company will also be used for eligible customers applying for service under the Link-Up America Program.

2. Deposits

The deposit standards used for all applicants who apply for service with the Company will also be used for eligible customers applying for service under the Link-Up America Program; however, deposit requirements will be waived for eligible customers of the Link-Up America Program who voluntarily elect to receive toll blocking.

3. Billing Standards

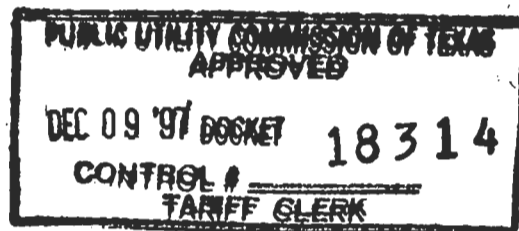
Once service has been established for a Link-Up America Program applicant, the customer will be expected to adhere to the same bill payment policies expected of any other customer.

D. Local Exchange Service

The Company shall inform the Link-Up America Program applicant of the lowest priced options for one-party basic residential service. However, if the Link-Up America Program applicant chooses a higher grade of service, the service order will be issued for that service.

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