

## Special Construction

### Unusual Construction Charges

#### A. General Conditions

Special construction is involved where, at the request of a customer the Company constructs facilities:

- 1 where facilities are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed,
- 2 of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize,
- 3 involving a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize,
- 4 in a quantity greater than that required to serve the customer's immediate facility needs,
- 5 on an expedited basis,
- 6 on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available,
- 7 involving abnormal costs,
- 8 in advance of normal construction.

#### B. Changes from Aerial to Underground Facilities

When a customer desires that existing aerial facilities be replaced by underground facilities, the change is made subject to the following:

- 1 Underground trench, special backfill, and/or conduit is provided and maintained by or at the expense of the customer.
- 2 The cost of dismantling and removing the aerial facilities is charged to the customer.
- 3 The cost of the cable, including its installation in trench is borne by the Utility. Such cable is maintained and replaced at the expense of the Utility, provided such maintenance and replacement is not caused by the negligence of the customer, his employees or representatives, and provided the cable is placed by the Utility.

#### C. Construction on Private Property

- 1 Residential and Commercial Structures - Where underground construction is desired where aerial facilities would ordinarily be provided without a construction charge, the following applies:
  - a. Where cable is laid in conduit, the conduit is constructed and maintained at the expense of the customer. Such conduit will be constructed to specifications furnished by the Utility.
  - b. Such underground construction, as specified above, shall be for the exclusive use of the Utility.
  - c. Where direct lay cable is installed, the owner will provide at his expense, the trench and the special backfill and the Utility will place the cable and associated plant.
- 2 Mobile Home Parks and/or Courts
  - a. Aerial - the owner of the mobile home park or court is required, at his expense, to provide, install and maintain the poles and anchors necessary for the Utility to run its facilities to the individual customers located in the park or court. The owner of the mobile home park or court will provide the Utility with an easement of not less than five (5) feet wherever the facilities of the Utility are placed. The individual customer living in a mobile home is required, at his expense, to provide, install, and maintain a pole or riser in accordance with the specifications of the Utility. Specifications for this pole or riser may be secured from the Utility's service representative.
  - b. Underground - The owner of the park or court at his expense digs and backfills a trench to each mobile home space in the park or court, in accordance with Utility specifications. The owner of the park or court at his expense provides, installs and maintains a stub pole or riser at each mobile home space in the park or court.
- 3 Underground Construction in Subdivisions in Advance of Service

Types of Subdivisions - Where underground distribution plant would normally be provided at the option of the Utility, no construction charges are applicable.

Subdividers and developers frequently request the installation of underground distributing plant and service entrances where aerial plant would normally be provided by GCI, in subdivision in advance of telephone service. In connection with such requests, subdivisions are generally classified as follows:

Type 1 - Subdivisions that are laid out and houses built on every lot by the developer on a mass production basis.

Type 2 - Subdivisions that are laid out by the developer, who builds houses on a few select lots or sells lots to prospective owners or contractors.

Type 3 - Subdivisions that are laid out by the developer and lots sold individually to prospective owners or contractors.

In all three types of subdivisions, the subdivider or builder must agree to:

- a. Furnish rear and side lot easements as required, and
- b. Provide a semi-finished final grade for the entire width and length of the easement at such time as it is necessary to install the distributing cable, and
- c. Subdivider or developer digs and backfills trenches for distribution cable and all service entrances. All trench and backfill requirements will be at no cost to the Utility (applies to Type 1 and 2 subdivisions only), and
- d. Adhere to the provisions of the National Electrical Safety Code and Utility specifications.

In subdivisions of Types 1 and 2, the subdivider or builder must agree to provide a semi-finished final grade from the distribution cable to each foundation or house built by the subdivider at such time as the service entrance is to be installed. Should the semi-finished final grade provided ultimately prove to be unusable, the subdivider or builder will provide any and all changes to

In some instances the Municipality may enter into a "Subdivision Agreement" with the developer covering all utilities i.e. water, sewer, electric and telephone. In these cases the terms of the "Subdivision Agreement" will govern the installation of the Utility's facilities.

### Underground Local Service

#### A. General

Underground locate service is furnished by the Utility to determine the location and need for possible excavation of underground utility facilities. The service is provided to prevent damage to underground facilities and to provide timely underground locate for a person, corporation or other entity which furnishes a service, operates or owns a conduit, pipe, tile, wire, cable, or hose for providing petroleum, electricity, sanitary sewer, communication, water, natural gas, or storm sewer service.

#### B. Conditions

- 1 If the request for the locate service encompasses excavation work which will require more than one day to complete, the entity requesting the locate service shall provide to the Utility a schedule of the excavating work for which locate service is to be provided.
- 2 There will be no charge for underground locate service up to 30 locates per month for the requester.
- 3 Entities providing more than 30 locates per month to the Utility shall be given credit on an hourly basis against any amount due under this section.
- 4 Each underground locate provided is defined as a maximum one-hour of service. Each additional or fractional hour above the first hour will be treated as a separate locate.
- 5 If the entity requests locate service outside nonnal business hours, the requesting party may be charged at overtime levels on an hourly basis. This locate service will not affect the 30 free locates.