

## WAC 480-120-071

### Extension of service.

(1) **Definitions.** The following definitions apply to this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Applicant" means any natural person applying to a telecommunications company for new tariffed residential basic local exchange service or reconnection of discontinued tariffed residential basic local exchange service. Applicant does not include developers requesting service for Developments.

"Cost of service extension" means the direct and indirect costs of the material and labor to plan and construct the facilities including, but not limited to, drop wire, permitting fees, rights-of-way fees, and payments to subcontractors, and does not include the cost of reinforcement, network upgrade, or similar costs.

"Development" means land which is divided or is proposed to be divided for the purpose of disposition into four or more lots, parcels, or units, or any other land, whether contiguous or not, if four or more lots, parcels, units or interests are offered as a part of a common promotional plan of advertising and sale.

"Distribution plant" means telephone equipment and facilities necessary to provide service to a premise, but does not include drop wire.

"Drop wire" means company-supplied wire and pedestals to be placed between a premise and the company distribution plant at the applicant's property line. For drop wire installed after the effective date of this section, a drop wire must be sufficient in capacity to allow the provisioning of three individual basic exchange voice-grade access lines.

"Extension of service" means an extension of company distribution plant for tariffed residential basic local exchange service to a location where no distribution plant of the extending company exists at the time an extension is requested, that is constructed at the request of one or more applicants for service who pay a charge under this section. Extensions of service do not include customer trenches, conduits or other support structure for placement of company-provided facilities from the customer property line to the premises to be served. Extension of service, [as defined in this rule, does not apply to extensions to developments or](#) to extensions for temporary occupancy or temporary service.

"Line extension construction allowance" means any cost incurred by a company of up to \$1,500 for the construction of an extension of service.

"Premises" means any structure that is used as a residence, including farm houses, but does not include predominantly commercial or industrial structures.

"Temporary occupancy" means occupancy definitely known to be for less than one year but does not include intermittent or seasonal use when such intermittent or seasonal use will occur in more than a one-year period.

"Temporary service" means service definitely known to be for a short period of time, such as service provided for construction huts, sales campaigns, athletic contests, conventions, fairs, circuses, and similar events.

#### (2) **Extensions of service.**

(a) Each company required to file tariffs under RCW [80.36.100](#) must have on file an extension of service tariff that states the terms under which a company will extend service to an applicant

requesting an extension of service. Each company must extend service consistent with its tariff and this section and provide drop wire for customer use.

(b) Service extensions of up to 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile from the company's nearest distribution facilities must be constructed by a company for any applicant in which the line extension construction allowance of \$1,500 exceeds the company's estimated cost of the service extension within eighteen months after the applicant has ordered service. A company will construct any line extension that exceeds a cost of \$1,500, if the applicant pays the estimated costs in excess of \$1,500 prior to the company beginning construction. For line extensions that exceed a cost of \$1,500, the service extension will be constructed within eighteen months of the company's receipt of a payment.

(c) All supporting structures required for placement of company-provided drop wire from the customer's property line to the premises shall be placed in accordance with construction specifications of the company and, once in place, shall be owned entirely and exclusively by the company.

**(3) Line extensions in Process.**

(a) All line extensions that were in process on [INSERT EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW RULE] shall continue to be subject to the service extension charge to applicants provisions of WAC 480-120-071(3) as that subsection was in effect on [INSERT DATE ONE DAY BEFORE EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW RULE] as well as subject to the cost recovery for extensions of service provisions of WAC 480-120-071((4) as that subsection was in effect on [INSERT DATE ONE DAY BEFORE EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW RULE].

(b) For purposes of this subsection, line extensions "in process" means any line extension that was completed but where the service extension charge to applicant or the cost recovery provisions had not yet fully run their course as well as line extensions where the applicant has paid the initial payment to process the application pursuant to WAC 480-120-071(3) as that subsection was in effect on [INSERT DATE ONE DAY BEFORE EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW RULE].)