

Federal Communications Commission

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§ 1.1415 Other orders.

The Commission may issue such other orders and so conduct its proceedings as will best conduce to the proper dispatch of business and the ends of justice.

§ 1.1416 Imputation of rates; modification costs.

(a) A utility that engages in the provision of telecommunications services or cable services shall impute to its costs of providing such services (and charge any affiliate, subsidiary, or associate company engaged in the provision of such services) an equal amount to the pole attachment rate for which such company would be liable under this section.

(b) The costs of modifying a facility shall be borne by all parties that obtain access to the facility as a result of the modification and by all parties that directly benefit from the modification. Each party described in the preceding sentence shall share proportionately in the cost of the modification. A party with a preexisting attachment to the modified facility shall be deemed to directly benefit from a modification if, after receiving notification of such modification as provided in subpart J of this part, it adds to or modifies its attachment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a party with a

preexisting attachment to a pole, conduit, duct or right-of-way shall not be required to bear any of the costs of rearranging or replacing its attachment if such rearrangement or replacement is necessitated solely as a result of an additional attachment or the modification of an existing attachment sought by another party. If a party makes an attachment to the facility after the completion of the modification, such party shall share proportionately in the cost of the modification if such modification rendered possible the added attachment.

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§ 1.1417 Allocation of Unusable Space Costs.

(a) A utility shall apportion the cost of providing unusable space on a pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way so that such apportionment equals two-thirds of the costs of providing unusable space that would be allocated to such entity under an equal apportionment of such costs among all entities.

(b) With respect to poles, the following formula shall be used to establish the allocation of unusable space costs on a pole for telecommunications carriers and cable operators providing telecommunications services:

$$\text{Pole Unusable Space Factor} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{\text{Unusable Space}}{\text{Pole Height}} \times \frac{\text{Net Cost of Bare Pole}}{\text{Number of Attachers}} \times \text{Carrying Charge Rate}$$

All attaching entities shall be counted as separate attaching entities for purposes of apportioning the costs of unusable space.

(c) With respect to conduit, the following formula shall be used to estab-

lish the allocation of unusable space costs for telecommunications carriers and cable operators providing telecommunications services within a conduit:

$$\text{Conduit Unusable Space Factor} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{\text{Net Linear Cost of Unusable Conduit Space}}{\text{Number of Attachers}} \times \text{Carrying Charge Rate}$$

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All attaching entities with lines occupying any portion of a conduit system shall be counted as separate attaching entities for purposes of apportioning the costs of unusable space.

(d) Each utility shall establish a presumptive average number of attachers for each of its rural, urban, and urbanized service areas (as defined by the Bureau of Census of the Department of Commerce).

(1) Each utility shall, upon request, provide all attaching entities and all entities seeking access the methodology and information upon which the utilities presumptive average number of attachers is based.

(2) Each utility is required to exercise good faith in establishing and updating its presumptive average number of attachers.

(3) The presumptive average number of attachers may be challenged by an attaching entity by submitting information demonstrating why the utility's presumptive average is incorrect. The attaching entity should also submit what it believes should be the presumptive average and the methodology

used. Where a complete inspection is impractical, a statistically sound survey may be submitted.

(4) Upon successful challenge of the existing presumptive average number of attachers, the resulting data determined shall be used by the utility as the presumptive number of attachers within the rate formula.

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§ 1.1418 Allocation of Usable Space Costs.

(a) A utility shall apportion the amount of usable space among all entities according to the percentage of usable space required by each entity.

(b) With respect to poles, the following formula shall be used to establish the allocation of usable space costs on a pole for telecommunications carriers and cable operators providing telecommunications services:

$$\text{Pole Usable Space Factor} = \frac{\text{Space Occupied by Attachment}}{\text{Total Usable Space}} \times \frac{\text{Total Usable Space}}{\text{Pole Height}} \times \frac{\text{Net Cost of Bare Pole}}{\text{Carrying Charge Rate}}$$

The presumptive 13.5 feet of usable space may be used in lieu of the actual measurement of the total amount of usable space. The presumptive 37.5 feet of pole height may be used in lieu of the actual measurement of each pole. The presumptive one foot of space oc-

cupied by attachment is applicable to both cable operators and telecommunications carriers.

(c) With respect to conduit, the following formula shall be used to establish the allocation of usable space costs within a conduit system:

$$\text{Conduit Usable Space Factor} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1 \text{ Duct}}{\text{Average Number of Ducts less adjustments for maintenance ducts}} \times \frac{\text{Linear Cost of Usable Conduit Space}}{\text{Carrying Charge Rate}}$$

With respect to conduit, an attacher is presumed to occupy one half-duct of usable space.

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