

GENERAL REGULATIONS

B. CUSTOMER OBLIGATIONS (Cont'd)

2. Payments (Cont'd)

e. An administrative charge of \$25.00 is applied to the residential customer's bill respectively for each occasion that a check, bank draft, or electronic funds transfer is returned for the reason of insufficient funds or no account. When a local exchange company provides the billing function on behalf of the Company, the local exchange company's return check charge applies.

f. The customer may be required to make a deposit of \$62.00 (for residential customers) to be held as a guarantee for the payment of service charges. When service is terminated, the amount of the deposit will be applied to any indebtedness to the Company for service charges. A deposit may be refunded or credited to the customer's account at any time prior to termination of service in accordance with OAC 4901:1-17-06. In case of a cash deposit, simple interest will be paid in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 4901:1-17-05.

g. Initial Contract Period

An initial contract period applies to all services and facilities provided for a customer. The initial contract period begins the day following the completion of the installation of service facilities.

The initial contract period for all services and facilities is one month unless otherwise specified in this paragraph.

	<u>Initial Contract Period</u>
Key selective signaling (on voice communicating equipment).....	Ten years on same continuous property
AT&T 800 READYLINE.....	One Day

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h. Termination Charges

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Termination charges apply, in addition to all charges due for service, prior to expiration of the initial contract period when service is terminated by the customer or by the Company for any reason under the provisions of this tariff as follows:

(1) Contract Periods of Two Years or Less

The termination charge due for an initial contract period of two years or less is the unexpired portion of the initial contract period, except for service items for which a specific termination liability is stipulated in this tariff.

(2) Contract Periods Over Two Years

The termination charge for an initial contract period longer than two years is an amount equal to fifty percent of the charges for the unexpired portion of the initial contract period, at the rate in effect at the time the service is discontinued, except for service items for which a termination liability is stipulated in this tariff.

(3) Stipulated Termination Liability

For items of service for which a termination liability is included with the rates and charges sections of this tariff, the termination liability will be reduced by a proportionate amount for each month within the applicable contract period that the monthly rate has been collected.

Commission approval of the above termination liability language is not intended to indicate that the Commission has approved any terms or provisions contained therein. Signatories to such contracts shall be free to pursue whatever legal remedies they may have should a dispute arise.

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