

18. For the purpose of these regulations business stations shall comprise warehouses, shops, offices, boardinghouses, or any premises, including a private residence, which bears *prima facie* evidence of being utilized for business purposes or is listed in the telephone directory or advertised as such.

Extra Mileage Rates.

19. When a subscriber's station for which individual, two-, or four-party line service is furnished is situated outside a base-rate area, the annual rates therefor shall be those specified for stations within the base-rate area of the exchange with which the station is connected, plus the extra mileage rates prescribed in the next succeeding regulation.

20. The extra mileage rates for individual, two-, and four-party line stations situated outside a base-rate area shall be computed on the pole-line route measurement between the subscriber's premises and the boundary of the base-rate area at the following rates:—

Individual Lines.—Per furlong or fraction thereof beyond the boundary of the base-rate area, 10s. per annum.

Two-party Lines.—Per subscriber, per furlong or fraction thereof beyond the boundary of the base-rate area, 5s. per annum.

Four-party Lines.—Per subscriber, per furlong or fraction thereof beyond the boundary of the base-rate area, 2s. 6d. per annum.

Except that, where the stations on a party line are so distributed that the total mileage charges do not produce the equivalent of a return of at least 7s. 6d. per furlong or fraction thereof *in respect of that portion of the circuit for which extra mileage rates are charged*, the subscribers liable for extra mileage charges shall each be required to contribute on a flat-rate basis such additional amount as will produce in the aggregate, by way of extra mileage charges, a return of 7s. 6d. per furlong or fraction thereof, of such circuit.

21. The extra mileage in respect of two- and four-party line stations shall be calculated separately for each station, and shall be the pole-line route measurement between the subscriber's premises and the boundary of the base-rate area.

22. In localities adjacent to a base-rate area where in the opinion of the Minister the number of subscribers within a definite area warrants the installation of telephone cables, a reduced extra mileage rate may be fixed for such area by special regulation.

Poles on Private Property.

23. All poles in excess of one on private roads or private property within or beyond a base-rate area shall be supplied, erected, and renewed at the cost of the subscriber or subscribers concerned, except that no charge shall be made in this respect (a) when the pole line forms part of a route to be used in serving subscribers in general, (b) when the pole line is used for other departmental purposes, (c) when there is an alternative route by public road; or in exceptional cases where the Secretary so directs.

System of Payment.

24. The rental payable in respect of any telephone service shall be charged from the date on which the service is ready for use. The first instalment shall be payable within seven days of the date on which the service is made available, and shall be in respect of the period (if it exceeds two months) elapsing between the date the service is made available and the date on which the next half-yearly rental becomes due. If the period is not greater than two months the first payment shall also include the rental for the half-year next ensuing. In the event of the authorized charges being increased during the period for which rental has been paid in advance, the additional amount due to the end of the half-yearly period shall be payable within seven days after a written demand therefor has been delivered to the subscriber. All subsequent payments shall be payable in advance on the first day of the half-yearly periods of each and every year, as set out hereunder:—

For connections with all exchanges in the postal districts of Blenheim, Greymouth, Nelson, Wanganui, and Westport: Half-year commencing 1st day of January and 1st day of July.

For connections with all exchanges in the postal districts of Dunedin and Invercargill: Half-year commencing 1st day of February and 1st day of August.

For connections with all exchanges in the postal districts of Gisborne, Napier, New Plymouth, and Thames: Half-year commencing 1st day of March and 1st day of September.

For connections with all exchanges in the postal district of Wellington: Half-year commencing 1st day of April and 1st day of October.

For connections with all exchanges in the postal districts of Auckland and Hamilton: Half-year commencing 1st day of May and 1st day of November.

For connections with all exchanges in the postal districts of Christchurch, Oamaru, and Timaru: Half-year commencing 1st day of June and 1st day of December.

Non-payment of Rental.

25. If any subscriber fails to pay, within seven days after demand, rental or other charges due by him under these regulations, the service may be discontinued and, if necessary, the telephone, fittings, &c., removed from the subscriber's premises without prejudice to any proceedings for the recovery of any rental due under the conditions of contract, or any other charges due under these regulations.

Restoration of Service.

26. In the event of any subscriber's service being discontinued in accordance with the last preceding regulation, a reconnection fee of 5s. in addition to all other amounts due, shall be payable by the subscriber before the service is restored. If the instruments at the subscriber's premises have been removed, or if any portion of the circuit has been dismantled, a request or application for restoring the circuit shall be treated as an application for a new connection.