

Surcharges

Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC)

Congress mandates that all telephone companies providing interstate service must contribute to the Universal Service Fund (USF). CTA collects the fee, known as the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC), and passes it through to USF administrators. The USF helps to make phone service affordable and available to all Americans, including consumers with low incomes, those living in areas where the costs of providing telephone service is high, and to schools, libraries, and rural health care providers. The FUSC is calculated by multiplying the USF's universal contribution factor against the Federal Subscriber Line Charge.

Oregon Universal Service Charge (OUSF)

The Oregon Universal Service Fund was established by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) at the direction of the 1999 Oregon Legislative Assembly. The purpose of the surcharge is to ensure that basic telephone service is available in rural areas in Oregon at reasonable and affordable rates. The OUSF is calculated by multiplying the PUC's contribution factor against the monthly charges for your home or business telephone line – Network Access Charge, Local Switching Charge, Extended Area Service, and the Subscriber Line Charge.

Subscriber Line Charge (SLC)

The SLC helps cover local phone company's costs of operating and maintaining the local phone network so customers can make long distance calls. The Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) covers a portion of the cost to connect your telephone to the larger public telephone network (cost to connect your line beyond Canby). It applies whether or not your household makes long distance calls. The SLC charge is a flat rate charge.

Residential Service Protection Fund (RSPF)

This fee is used to provide telecommunications devices and relay services for Oregon residents with speech and/or hearing impairments. This service is required by Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The RSPF is a flat charge.

Taxes

Federal Tax

This is a 3% excise tax mandated by the federal government. It is levied on all telecommunications services, including local, long distance, and wireless services.

State Tax "911" Service

This fee is assessed on behalf of the State of Oregon to pay for 911 emergency dispatch service, regardless of whether a household or business has ever made a 911 call. Local exchange carriers and others who provide access to the 911 system are required to bill \$0.75 per subscriber line per month.

City Franchise Fee – Canby

There is a 7% tax levied by the City of Canby on local telephone line charges (Home or Business Network Access Charge and Home or Business Switching Charge only). Canby Telephone passes 3% of the City Franchise Fee directly to customers who live within the city limits.