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GOVERNMENT RATES FOR TELEGRAPHING.

1893.

Department No. 126.
Division of S., P., and R.

Treasury Department,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, D. C., August 17, 1893.

The following communication from the Postmaster-General, prescribing rates to be paid by the Government for telegraphing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, is hereby published for the information of officers of the Treasury Department and others whom it may concern. Officers of this Department are specially informed that no charge in excess of these rates will be allowed by the accounting officers.

The Department and office should be designated upon all official telegrams sent.

CHARLES S. HAMLIN,
Acting Secretary.

RATES OF PAY FOR COMMUNICATIONS BY TELEGRAPH.

ORDER NO. 128.

Post-Office Department.
Washington, D. C., August 5, 1893.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Postmaster-General by the act of Congress entitled "An act to aid in the construction of telegraph lines, and to secure to the Government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 24, 1866, and by the Revised Statutes of the United States, Title LXV, I hereby fix the rates at which such communications as the said statutes prescribe (not including those passing over circuits established by the Chief of the Weather Bureau, Department of Agriculture) shall be sent during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1893, and terminating June 30, 1894, by the several companies within the effect of said statutes, as follows:

For day messages containing not more than twenty (20) words, exclusive of place from and date, twenty (20) cents, not exceeding one thousand (1,000) miles, and one (1) cent for each additional word. One quarter of this rate to be added for each five hundred (500) miles, or fraction thereof, but no rate on a message of twenty (20) words to be more than forty (40) cents, nor on an additional word more than two (2) cents. The rate between all points in any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia shall be twenty (20) cents for twenty (20) words, and one (1) cent for each additional word.

In cases where the price of a message, determined as herein provided, shall include a fraction of a cent, such fraction, if less than one-half, is to be disregarded; if one-half or more, it is to be counted as one cent.

For night messages not exceeding twenty (20) words, exclusive of place from and date, fifteen (15) cents for any distance within two thousand (2,000) miles, and for greater distances twenty-five (25) cents; in each case one (1) cent for each additional word.
Instead of computing the actual distances of transmission, the distance for payment shall in all cases be taken absolutely to be the number of miles between the capital of the State or Territory, or from the city of Washington, if from within the District of Columbia, from within which (whatever the place) the message is sent, and the capital of the State or Territory, or the city of Washington, if within the District of Columbia, within which (whatever the place) the message is received, as shown in the accompanying table, wherein such distances are given as computed upon the shortest practicable route between such capitals, and which is to be taken as part of this order.

But it is provided that if, on the 1st day of July, 1866, or at any time during the ensuing year, any such company shall charge the public for a message of ten words or less, exclusive of the date, address, and signature, a less rate than is herein fixed for twenty words, exclusive of place from and date, the rates here prescribed shall, as to such company, then and forthwith during the year be reduced to the rates so charged to the public.

The statutes provide that telegrams between the several Departments of the Government and their officers and agents, in their transmission over the lines of any such company, shall have priority over all other business. All officers of the United States sending such telegrams shall indorse thereon the words "Official Business," and shall report to the Postmaster-General any failure to transmit them in such priority, and any charge made in excess of the rates above prescribed.

Each company will be allowed to charge for messages received from another line at the same rate as if received from the Government direct, at the point of transfer for transmission over its own line.

W. S. BISSELL,
Postmaster-General.

Telegraph companies which have accepted the conditions of the act of July 24, 1866, and which are subject to the provisions of the order of the Postmaster-General fixing Government rates.

The following is a list of telegraph companies that have filed acceptance of the provisions of the act of July 24, 1866, up to the present date:

1. The American Submarine Telegraph Company of New York, N. Y. Received and filed July 24, 1866.
2. The National Telegraph Company of New York, N. Y. Received and filed July 30, 1866.
3. The Globe Insulated Lines Telegraph Company of New York, N. Y. Received and filed July 31, 1866.
4. International Telegraph Company of Portland, Me. Received and filed October 6, 1866.
5. The Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company of New York, N. Y. Received and filed March 19, 1867.
6. The Franco-American Land and Ocean Telegraph Company of New York, N. Y. Received and filed April 6, 1867.
8. Mississippi Valley National Telegraph Company of St. Louis, Mo. Received and filed June 4, 1867.
9. Western Union Telegraph Company of New York. Received and filed June 8, 1867.
10. Northwestern Telegraph Company of Kenosha, Wis. Received and filed July 30, 1867.
11. Great Western Telegraph Company of New York. Received and filed January 17, 1868.
12. The Franklin Telegraph Company of Boston, Mass. Received and filed January 17, 1868.
13. The Insulated Lines Telegraph Company of Boston, Mass. Received and filed April 13, 1868.
15. The Atlantic and Pacific States Telegraph Company of Sacramento, Cal. Received and filed September 7, 1868.
17. The Delaware River Telegraph Company of Philadelphia, Pa. Received and filed October 23, 1868.
18. Cape May and Shore Telegraph Company of New York City. Received and filed April 2, 1869.
19. Peninsula Telegraph Company of New York City. Received and filed May 9, 1869.
20. Ocean Telegraph Company of Boston, Mass. Received and filed July 15, 1869.
21. The American Cable Company of New York. Received and filed April 15, 1870.
23. International Ocean Telegraph Company of New York City. Received and filed January 20, 1871.
24. Missouri River Telegraph Company of Sioux City, Iowa. Received and filed May 3, 1871.
25. The Marine and Inland Telegraph Company of New Jersey, 715 Locust street, Philadelphia. Received and filed November 27, 1872.
27. New Jersey and New England Telegraph Company. Received and filed November 21, 1878. Address A. L. Worthington, No. 10 Green street, Trenton, N. J.
28. The American Rapid Telegraph Company, 41 Wall street, New York. Received and filed April 12, 1879. Special rates received and filed April 1, 1881.
29. Central Union Telegraph Company, 145 Broadway, New York. Received and filed May 9, 1879.
30. New York Land and Ocean Telegraph Company. Received and filed May 10, 1879.
31. Deseret Telegraph Company, Salt Lake City, Utah. Received and filed May 19, 1879.
32. American Union Telegraph Company of New York, 145 Broadway, New York. Received and filed July 1, 1879.
33. The American Union Telegraph Company of Missouri, Chas. S. Gruenl, President, St. Louis, Mo. Received and filed July 9, 1879.
34. Wabash Railway Company, Cyrus W. Field, President, New York. Received and filed November 11, 1879. Special rates received and filed November 11, 1879.
35. The American Union Telegraph Company of New Jersey, D. H. Bates, President, Jersey City, N. J. Received and filed July 17, 1879.
36. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company of Maryland, John W. Garrett, President, Baltimore, Md. Received and filed July 18, 1879.
37. The American Union Telegraph Company of Baltimore City, Md. Received and filed July 31, 1879.
38. The Deer Lodge Telegraph Company of Butte City, Mont. Received and filed August 30, 1879.
40. The American Union Telegraph Company of Indiana, Lafayette, Ind. Received and filed Sept. 12, 1879.
41. The Cheyenne and Black Hills Telegraph Company, W. H. Hibbard, Superintendent, Cheyenne, Wyo. Received and filed November 7, 1878.
42. The American Union Telegraph Company of Ohio, Frank B. Swane, President, Toledo, Ohio. Received and filed November 8, 1879.
43. The American Union Telegraph Company of Louisiana, Ed. Leloup, Secretary, New Orleans, La. Received and filed March 1, 1880.
44. Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company of Ohio, Geo. Hoadley, President, Cincinnati, Ohio. Received and filed September 3, 1880.
45. The Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railway Company of St. Louis, Mo., Solon Humphreys, President, No. 80 Broadway, New York. Received and filed September 13, 1880.
46. Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company of Illinois, C. H. Hudson, President, No. 81 South Clark street, Chicago, Ill. Received and filed September 25, 1880.
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47. Frontier Telegraph Company of Texas, O. O. Appleby, President, Lampasas, Tex. Received and filed October 29, 1880.

48. Bankers and Merchants' Telegraph Company of New Jersey, J. Heron Creason, President, No. 58 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Received and filed April 21, 1881.

49. Bankers and Merchants' Telegraph Company of New York, Wm. W. Maris, President, No. 58 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Received and filed June 9, 1881.

50. Mutual Union Telegraph Company of Illinois, Carroll Sprigg, Secretary, Chicago, Ill. Received and filed October 24, 1881.

51. Mutual Union Telegraph Company of Missouri, Carroll Sprigg, Secretary, Chicago, Ill. Received and filed November 14, 1881.

52. New Jersey Mutual Telegraph Company, Jno. H. Walker, Secretary, Newark, N. J. Received and filed November 17, 1881.

53. Bankers and Merchants' Telegraph Company, Wm. W. Maris, President, 58 Broadway, New York. Received and filed December 8, 1881.

54. The Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company, Welty McCullough, Secretary, Pittsburgh, Pa. Received and filed March 4, 1882.


56. Southern Telegraph Company, James F. Cox, President, 48 Exchange Place, New York. Received and filed August 4, 1882.

57. Postal Telegraph Company, A. W. Beard, President, 2 Wall street, New York. Received and filed August 31, 1882.

58. Bankers and Merchants' Telegraph Company of Baltimore City, J. G. Case, Secretary, 58 Broadway, New York. Received and filed December 14, 1882.

59. Mutual Union Telegraph Company of New York, John G. Moore, President, New York, N. Y. Received and filed March 5, 1883.

60. The Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company in Pennsylvania, J. B. Washington, Secretary, Pittsburgh, Pa. Received and filed March 17, 1883.

61. The Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company of Indiana, Geo. P. Frick, President; Dan'l T. Downey, Secretary, Baltimore, Md. Received and filed July 17, 1883.

62. The Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company of the State of New York, Geo. P. Frick, President; Edward R. Golliday, Secretary, Baltimore, Md. Received and filed July 17, 1883.

63. The Northern and Southern Telegraph Company, corner State and Bridge streets, New York City, John F. Davis, President; Wm. H. Harfield, Secretary. Received and filed September 28, 1883.

64. Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company of New Jersey, Geo. P. Frick, President; Edward R. Golliday, Secretary, Trenton, N. J. Received and filed November 7, 1883.


66. Philadelphia and Seaboard Telegraph Company of New Jersey, Milton Cowperthwaite, Secretary, Camden, N. J. Received and filed February 23, 1884.


68. Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company of Missouri, Geo. P. Frick, President, Baltimore, Md. Received and filed July 18, 1884.


70. The New England Telegraph Company, F. A. McKeone, President, New York. Received and filed July 26, 1884.


72. The New England Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, Dan. S. Robson, New York, Vice-President. Received and filed September 5, 1884.

73. The Cheyenne and Ohio Telegraph Lines, C. W. Smith, General Manager, Richmond, Va. Received and filed September 29, 1884.


75. The Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, Henry Rosener, 2d Vice-President, New York. Received and filed July 27, 1885.

76. The Pacific Telegraph Company, George H. Myers, Secretary, Kansas City, Mo. Received and filed February 29, 1885.

77. Postal Telegraph Cable Company, Jas. H. Withington, President, New York. Received and filed April 6, 1886.

78. The Northern American Telegraph Company, W. H. Eustis, Secretary, Minneapolis, Minn. Received and filed April 22, 1886.

79. The San Juan Telegraph Company, W. E. Block, Secretary, Ouray, Colo. Received and filed June 9, 1886.

80. Pacific Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, Henry Rosener, President, New York, N. Y. Received and filed July 20, 1886.

81. The Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company of Pennsylvania, R. Duryea, Secretary, Baltimore, Md. Received and filed September 11, 1886.

82. The Manhattan Railway Company, D. W. McWilliams, Secretary, New York, N. Y. Received and filed October 6, 1886.

83. The Pacific Mutual Telegraph Company, George M. Myers, Secretary, Rosechale, Kans. Received and filed February 24, 1887.

84. The Empire and Bay State Telegraph Company, Henry Macdonal, Secretary, New York, N. Y. Received and filed July 12, 1887.

85. The Spokane Falls and Wardner Telephone-Telegraph Lines, W. S. Norman, Operator, Spokane Falls, Wash. Received and filed August 17, 1887.

86. The Rocky Mountain Telegraph Company, W. M. Cairns, General Manager, Butte, Mont. Received and filed August 15, 1887.

87. The Central Arizona Telegraph Company, L. H. Wilson, President, Prescott, Ariz. Received and filed October 6, 1887.

88. W. S. Norman's U. S. Military Telegraph Line. Between Forts Cour d'Aano and Spokane Falls. W. S. Norman, Spokane Falls, Wash. Received and filed October 13, 1887.

89. The New England Telephone Company, F. B. Proctor, Secretary, Buffalo, Wyo. Received and filed October 19, 1887.

90. The Chicago Postal Telegraph Company, Marcus Pollansky, President, Chicago, Ill. Received and filed January 3, 1888.

91. The Western Union Telegraph Company of Baltimore City, Richard J. Hoxhams, President, Baltimore, Md. Received and filed January 7, 1888.

92. The Western Union Telegraph Company of Baltimore City, H. J. Carstens, Secretary, 195 Broadway, New York. Received and filed February 18, 1889.
94. The Washington and Idaho Telegraph Company, E. B. Spencer, Secretary, Spokane Falls, Wash. Received and filed May 11, 1889.
95. The Continental Telegraph Company, E. L. Martin, President, Kansas City, Mo. Received and filed May 27, 1889.
96. The Maryland Central Railway Company, C. F. Kerchner, Secretary, Baltimore, Md. Received and filed September 6, 1889.
97. The Edison Mutual Telegraph Company, Titus Sheared, President, Van Wert, Ohio. Received and filed November 11, 1889.
98. The Atlantic Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, A. B. Chandler, President, 1 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Received and filed August 2, 1889.
99. The New York Submarine Cable and Telegraph Company, S. F. Austin, Secretary, Brooklyn, N. Y. Received and filed September 2, 1892.
100. New England Printing Telegraph Company, Charles O. Billings, President, Boston, Mass. Received and filed December 5, 1892.
101. Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company, Geo. Y. Wallace, President, Salt Lake City, Utah. Received and filed June 15, 1893.

**SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS**

**ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1893.**

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