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NUIT announces that new network connections will be switched 100Mbps if possible

NUIT announces that new data network connections will be installed to detect and accommodate switched 100Mbps Ethernet service, provided that the local wiring will accommodate that data rate. The pricing will be the same as for switched 10Mbps connections ($230 per port, exclusive of wiring). There will no longer be a separate price for switched 100Mbps service. This change is effective immediately.

For new construction and renovations, wiring installed is now always “Category 5” or better and will accommodate the switched 100Mbps data rate. Older wiring (“Category 3”) will only accommodate the switched 10Mbps data rate. Installation of new data service over existing wiring will accommodate switched 100Mbps if that wiring is Category 5; otherwise, the new service will be limited to switched 10Mbps. Where the higher data rate is important, the customer may add to the order that station wiring be upgraded to Category 5 at additional cost.

During the course of regular visits to service closets, NUII will examine existing Ethernet services. Where existing switched 10Mbps service can be changed to detect and accommodate switched 100Mbps, NUII will make that change at no charge.

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