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## E14. SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

### E14.1 Application

#### E14.1.1 General

- A. This Section contains regulations, rates, charges and liabilities applicable for the special construction of facilities provided by the Company, which are used to provide intrastate services offered under this Tariff.
- B. When special construction of facilities is required, the provisions of this section apply in addition to all regulations, rates and charges set forth in other sections of this Tariff.

### E14.2 Regulations

#### E14.2.1 Filing of Charges

- A. Rates, charges and liabilities for special construction to provide facilities are filed in E14.3 following. (T)
  1. (DELETED) (D)
  2. (DELETED) (D)

#### E14.2.2 Ownership of Facilities

The Company, *providing specially constructed facilities under the provision of this Tariff*, retains ownership of all specially constructed facilities. (T)

#### E14.2.3 Interval to Provide Facilities

Based on available information and the type of service ordered, the Company will establish a completion date for the specially constructed facilities. If the scheduled completion date cannot be met *due to circumstances beyond the control of the Company, a new completion date will be established and the customer will be notified.* (T)

#### E14.2.4 Special Construction Involving Both Interstate and Intrastate Facilities

When special construction involves facilities to be used to provide both interstate and intrastate service, charges for the portion of the construction used to provide intrastate service shall be in accordance with this Tariff. Charges for the portion of the construction used to provide interstate service shall be in accordance with the appropriate FCC Tariff.

#### E14.2.5 Payments for Special Construction

- A. Payment of Charges
 

All bills associated with special construction charges are due in accordance with the appropriate regulations in the service tariff under which service is being provided.

Regulations set forth in E2.4.1.C preceding shall apply.
- B. Start/End of Billing
 

Billing of recurring charges for specially constructed facilities starts on the day after the facilities are made available for use. (T)

Billing accrues through and includes the day that the specially constructed facilities are discontinued.

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### E14.2 Regulations (Cont'd)

#### E14.2.6 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions

In the event of a service interruption involving a specially constructed facility, the customer shall receive a recurring monthly charge credit in accordance with the credit allowance provisions in **E2.4.4 of this** Tariff.

#### E14.2.7 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction

##### A. General

This section describes the various charges and liabilities that may apply when the company provides special construction of facilities in accordance with an order for service. **The customer must provide the Company with** written approval of all liabilities and charges prior to the start of construction. **If more than one condition requiring special construction is involved, charges for each condition apply (see B. following).**

##### B. Conditions Requiring Special Construction

Special construction is required when 1) facilities are not available to meet an order for service, and 2) the Company constructs facilities, and 3) one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. The Company has no other **planned use** for the facilities **requested**;
2. **The customer** requests that service be furnished using a type of facility, or via a route, other than that which the Company would normally utilize in furnishing the requested service.
3. **The customer requests the construction of** more facilities than would normally be required to satisfy an order.
4. **The customer** requests that construction be **advanced**, resulting in added cost to the Company.

##### C. Development of Liabilities and Charges

Special Construction charges and liabilities will be developed based on estimated costs, except when actual costs are requested in writing prior to the start of special construction. In order to meet a scheduled service date when actual costs are requested, an initial special construction case may be prepared based on estimated costs. Such case will be revised when actual costs are available.

##### D. Types of Liabilities and Charges

Depending on the specifics associated with each individual case, one or more of the following special construction charges and/or liabilities may be applicable.

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## E14.2.7 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction (Cont'd)

## D. Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)

1. Nonrecurring Charge *for Special Construction of Facilities for Use for More Than One Month* (C)  
*When special construction of a facility is requested for use for more than one month, a nonrecurring charge will apply. This charge will be composed of several components as described following based on criteria listed in E14.2.7.B.* (T)
  - a. Case Preparation Charge *Component* (T)  
*This component will always apply and covers the cost of administrative expenses associated with preparing a special construction case and making the associated Tariff filing.* (C)
  - b. Expediting Charge *Component* (T)  
*This component may apply when a customer requests completion of the special construction on an expedited basis. The charge equals the difference in estimated cost between expedited and non-expedited construction.* (C)
  - c. (M)
  - d. Nonrecoverable Cost Component (N)  
*This component may apply to specially constructed facilities for use for more than one month, and is equal to the present worth of the capital costs of the nonrecoverable facilities installed to provide service and will be calculated based on the average life of the facility.* (N)
  - e. (DELETED) (D)
  - f. (DELETED) (D)
  - g. Advancement Charge Component (N)  
*This component may apply when the customer requests that planned construction be started and completed earlier than scheduled. The charge equals the difference in estimate cost between advanced and planned construction.* (N)
  - h. Lease Charge Component (N)  
*This component may apply when the Company leases equipment in order to meet service requirements. The amount is equal to the net added cost to the Company caused by the lease.* (N)  
An optional payment arrangement may apply as specified in E. following for specially constructed facilities placed for use for more than one month. (N)

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- D. Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)
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**D. Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)**

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#### E14.2 Regulations (Cont'd)

##### E14.2.7 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction (Cont'd)

###### D. Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)

###### 4. Nonrecurring Charge for *Special Construction of Facilities for Use for Less Than One Month* (C)

###### a. (DELETED)(D) (D)

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In addition to the nonrecurring charge components listed in D.1. preceding, all non-capital types of costs incurred to install the specially constructed facilities will apply, i.e., circuit engineering, shipping of equipment, equipment installation, line up, space rental, equipment removal, etc. (N)

An optional payment arrangement, as described in *E. following will not apply for specially constructed facilities placed for use for less than one month.* (C)



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## E14.2 Regulations (Cont'd)

## E14.2.7 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction (Cont'd)

## D. Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)

5. (DELETED) (D)

6. Cancellation Charge

If a service order with which special construction is associated is cancelled prior to the start of service, a cancellation charge will apply. The charge will include all nonrecoverable costs incurred by the Company *in association with the special construction* up to and including the time of cancellation. (C)

E. Optional Payment *Arrangement* (C)(M)

1. Optional Payment Arrangement for Nonrecurring Charge (N)

As an alternative to a lump sum payment of the entire nonrecurring charges as specified in *D. preceding*, an optional payment arrangement may be elected by the customer. This arrangement provides for amortizing all or a portion of the nonrecurring charge over a payment period, to be specified by the customer, not to exceed ten years, with any portion of the nonrecurring charge which is not amortized due and payable in an up-front lump sum amount. If the customer discontinues use of the specially constructed facilities prior to the end of the chosen payment period, the unpaid principle shall become due and payable in a lump sum. (T)

The Company may reasonably require that the customer provide security for payment of the amount amortized, as a precondition to the customer's use of the Optional Payment Arrangement. (M)

## E14.2.8 Deferral of Start of Service

The Company may be requested to defer the start of service which will use specially constructed facilities subject to the provisions set forth in the *service tariff under which the service is* being provided. Requests for special construction deferral must be in writing and are subject to the following regulations: (T)

## A. Construction Has Not Begun

If the Company has not incurred any installation costs before receiving a request for deferral, no charge applies.

## B. Construction Has Begun

If the construction of facilities has begun before the Company receives a request for deferral, charges will vary as follows:

1. All Services Are Deferred

When all services which will use specially constructed facilities are deferred, a charge based on the costs incurred by the Company during each month of the deferral will apply. Those costs include the recurring costs for that portion of the facilities already completed and any other costs associated with the deferral. The cost of any components of the nonrecurring charges which have been complete at the time of deferral will also apply.

2. Some Services Are Deferred

When some services which will use the specially constructed facilities are deferred, the construction case will be completed and all special construction charges will apply.

## C. Construction Complete

If the construction of facilities has been completed before the Company receives a request for deferral, all special construction charges will apply.

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**E14.2.9 Definitions**

ACTUAL COST - The term "Actual Cost" denotes all costs charged against a specific case of special construction, including any appropriate taxes.

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AVERAGE ACCOUNT LIFE - The term "Average Account Life" denotes the depreciation life prescribed by the Public Service Commission for each class of telephone plant.

ESTIMATED COST - The term "Estimated Cost" denotes all estimated costs that will be incurred in providing a specific case of special construction, including any appropriate taxes.

FACILITIES - The term "Facilities" denotes any cable, poles, conduit, microwave or carrier equipment, wire center distribution frames, central office switching equipment, etc., utilized to provide interstate services offered under the tariffs referenced by this Tariff.

INITIAL LIABILITY PERIOD - The term "Initial Liability Period" denotes the initial planning period during which the customer expects to place specially constructed facilities in service.

INSTALLED COST - The term "Installed Cost" denotes the total investment (estimated or actual) required by the Company to provide specially constructed facilities.

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**E14.2.9 Definitions (Cont'd)**

NET SALVAGE - The term "Net Salvage" denotes the estimated scrap, sale, or trade-in value, less the estimated cost of removal. Cost of removal includes the costs of demolishing, tearing down, or otherwise disposing of the material and any other applicable costs. Since the cost of removal may exceed salvage value, net salvage may be negative.

NONRECOVERABLE COST - The term "Nonrecoverable Cost" denotes the cost of specially constructed facilities for *an individual/customer for* which the Company has no *other planned* use should the service be terminated. (T)

NORMAL CONSTRUCTION - The term "Normal Construction" denotes all facilities the Company would normally use to provide service in the absence of a request for special construction.

NORMAL COST - The term "Normal Cost" denotes the estimated cost to provide services using normal construction.

PERMANENT FACILITIES - The term "Permanent Facilities" denotes facilities providing service for one month or more. (D)

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**E14.3 Rates and Charges**

(N)

This section contains special construction charges to provide facilities constructed in accordance with this Tariff. Charges are developed on an individual case basis and are filed following.

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