

SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

14.1 General

This Section contains the regulations, liabilities, rates and charges applicable for special construction of SWBT facilities which are used to provide services offered in this and other SWBT tariffs.

When special construction of facilities is required, the provisions of this section apply in addition to all regulations, rates and charges set forth in this and other SWBT Tariffs.

(A) Conditions Requiring Special Construction

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

- SWBT has no other requirement for the facilities.⁽¹⁾ (D)
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- It is requested that service be furnished using a type of facility, or via a route, other than that which SWBT would normally utilize in furnishing the requested service.
- More facilities are requested than would normally be required to satisfy an order.
- It is requested that construction be expedited, resulting in added cost to SWBT.

(B) Provisioning

(1) Installation Interval

Based on available information and the type of service ordered, SWBT will establish a completion date for the specially constructed facilities. SWBT will make every reasonable effort to assure that the date is met. However, shortage of material, personnel or other factors may lengthen the installation interval. SWBT does not guarantee that the facilities will be available on the scheduled date and assumes no liability if that date is missed. If the scheduled completion date cannot be met, the customer will be notified and a new completion date will be established.

(2) Ownership of Facilities

SWBT retains ownership of all specially constructed facilities.

⁽¹⁾ Amended language to align with Federal Special Construction requirements.

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14.2 Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(2) Expediting Charge

A nonrecurring charge may include an expediting charge when it is requested that special construction be completed on an expedited basis. The charge equals the difference in estimated cost between expedited and nonexpedited construction.

(3) Optional Payment Charge (1)

An optional payment charge may be included in the nonrecurring charge in association with a type of facility or route other than that which SWBT would normally use in furnishing the requested service if lower recurring monthly charges are desired for the specially constructed facilities. This charge is equal to the excess installed cost or the total nonrecoverable cost, whichever is less. This election must be made in writing, before special construction starts. If this election is coupled with the actual cost option, the optional payment charge will reflect the actual cost of the specially constructed facilities.

(4) Replacement Charge (1)

If any portion of specially constructed facilities for which an optional payment charge has been paid requires replacement involving capital investment, a replacement charge will apply. This charge will be in the same ratio to the total replacement cost as the initial optional payment charge was to the installed cost of the original specially constructed facilities. If any portion of the facilities subject to the replacement charge fails, service will not be restored until notification is provided in writing that replacement is required and such replacement is ordered.

(5) Rearrangement Charge

If SWBT is requested to rearrange existing specially constructed facilities, a nonrecurring charge component equal to the cost of the rearrangement will apply.

(6) Special Construction of Facilities for Use for Less than One Month

When SWBT is requested to construct facilities to provide service for less than one month, a nonrecurring charge only applies. In addition to the quotation preparation charge component, this nonrecurring charge recovers all elements of cost, including engineering, shipping of equipment, equipment installation, line-up, equipment leasing, space rental, equipment removal, and any other costs associated with the construction of the facilities.

(7) Upfront Payment (2)

Where the Telephone Company is requested to provide special construction, an upfront payment equal to the additional nonrecoverable cost⁽³⁾ will apply. One-half of the upfront payment must be paid prior to the start of construction and the remaining one-half upon completion of construction. These nonrecoverable costs will exclude those nonrecoverable costs that the Company would recover through recurring and nonrecurring charges for the associated basic service.

- (1) This charge is applicable to special construction cases filed prior to May 13, 1996.
- (2) This revision is effective as of May 13, 1996 pursuant to PURA Section 3.356 and SWBT's notification thereunder.
- (3) Amended language to align with Federal Special Construction requirements.

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