

SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

This Tariff applies to the special
construction of facilities in connection
with the provision of interstate services,
within the operating territory of

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

offered under Tariff F.C.C. NO. 3
in the State of Illinois and issuing carrier

Consolidated Communications of Illinois

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

None

CONNECTING CARRIERS

None

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

None

REGISTERED SERVICE MARKS AND TRADEMARKS

None

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (C) - To signify changed regulations
- (D) - To signify discontinued rate or regulation
- (I) - To signify increase
- (M) - To signify matter relocated without change
- (N) - To signify new rate or regulation
- (R) - To signify reduction
- (S) - To signify reissued matter
- (T) - To signify a change in test but no change in rate or regulation
- (Z) - To signify a correction

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

- Cont'd - Continued
- FCC - Federal Communication Commission

REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

Wherever reference is made in this Tariff to other tariffs of the Telephone Company, the reference is to the tariffs in force as of the effective date of this Tariff, and to amendments thereto and successive issues thereof.

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SECTION 1. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

- 1.1 This Tariff contains regulations and liabilities applicable for the special construction of facilities provide by CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES, hereinafter referred to as the Telephone Company, which are used to provide interstate services offered under Tariff F.C.C. No. 3.

When special construction of facilities is required, the provisions of this Tariff apply. Rates and rate regulations will be added to this Tariff as warranted by customer demand.

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2. REGULATIONS2.1 Ownership of Facilities

The Telephone Company retains ownership of all specially constructed facilities which it provides.

2.2 Interval to Provide Facilities

Based on available information and the type of service ordered, the Telephone Company will establish a completion date for the specially constructed facilities. If circumstances beyond the Telephone Company's control force the completion date to be rescheduled, a new completion date will be established by the Telephone Company.

2.3 Special Construction Involving Both Interstate and Intrastate Facilities

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

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payments for Special Construction2.4.1 Payment of Charges

All bills are due 30 days after the bill date.

A. If the entire amount billed, excluding any disputed amount, is received by the Telephone Company later than 30 days after the bill date, an additional charge equal to 24.0 percent annually shall apply. Such annual rate will be compounded daily and applied to any undisputed past due balance.

B. In the event that a billing dispute is resolved in favor of the Telephone Company, any payments withheld pending settlement of the dispute shall be subject to the charge set forth in (A) preceding.

2.4.2 Start/End of Billing

Billing of recurring charges for specially constructed facilities starts on the day after the facilities are provided. Billing accrues through and includes that day that the specially constructed facilities are discontinued. Monthly charges will be billed on month in advance.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payments for Special Construction (Cont'd)2.4.3 Partial Payments

For special construction projects requiring a construction period longer than one month, the Telephone Company will require partial payments. The partial payment amounts will be determined by dividing the estimated total nonrecurring charge for the special construction project by the number of months between the time when the special construction is begun and the completion date. Partial payments may not exceed the total nonrecurring charge for the special construction. Partial payments will be billed monthly, and payment will be due 30 days after the bill date. If any partial payment is not received by the due date, the Telephone Company will immediately cease all work on the special construction case and cancellation charges will apply as set forth in 2.5.4(E).

2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction2.5.1 General

This section describes the various charges and liabilities that may apply when the Telephone Company provides special construction of facilities in accordance with an order for service. Written approval of all liabilities and charges must be provided to the Telephone Company prior to the start of construction.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction (Cont'd)2.5.2 Conditions Requiring Special Construction

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

- The Telephone Company has no other requirement for the facilities constructed.
- It is requested that service be furnished using a type of facility, or via a route, other than that which the Telephone Company 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 the Telephone Company.

2.5.3 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 filing may be made based on estimated costs. Such a filing will be revised when actual costs are available.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction (Cont'd)2.5.4 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:

A. Nonrecurring Charge

A nonrecurring charge always applies and includes one or more of the following components:

(1) Case Preparation Charge

A nonrecurring charge always includes a case preparation charge component to cover the administrative expenses associated with preparing a special construction case and making the associated tariff filing.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction (Cont'd)2.5.4 Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)A. Nonrecurring Charge (Cont'd)(2) Optional Payment

An optional payment charge may be included in the nonrecurring charge in association with a type of facility or route other than that which the Telephone Company 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 costs, 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.

(3) Replacement Charge

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.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction (Cont'd)2.5.4 Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)A. Nonrecurring Charge (Cont'd)(4) Rearrangement Charge

If the Telephone Company is requested to rearrange existing specially constructed facilities, a nonrecurring charge equal to the cost of any additional special construction will apply.

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

When the Telephone Company is requested to construct facilities to provide service for less than one month, a nonrecurring charge only applies. In addition to the case 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.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction (Cont'd)2.5.4 Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)B. Maximum Termination Liability and Termination Charge

A Maximum Termination Liability is equal to the nonrecoverable costs associated with specially constructed facilities and is the maximum amount which could be applied as a Termination Charge if all specially constructed facilities were discontinued before the Maximum Termination Liability expires.

The liability period is equal to the average life of the account associated with the specially constructed facilities. The liability period is generally expressed in terms of an effective and expiration date.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction (Cont'd)2.5.4 Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)B. Maximum Termination Liability and Termination Charge (Cont'd)

A Termination Charge may apply when all services using specially constructed facilities which have a tariffed Maximum Termination Liability are discontinued prior to the expiration of the liability period. The charge reflects the unamortized portion of the nonrecoverable costs at the time of termination, adjusted for net salvage and possible reuse. Administrative costs associated with the specific case of special construction and any cost for restoring a location to its original condition are also included. A Termination Charge may never exceed the filed Maximum Termination Liability.

C. Recurring Monthly Charges(1) Excess Capacity Charge

A recurring monthly excess capacity charge applies when more facilities are requested and subsequently specially constructed than are required to satisfy an order for service. The charge is based on the

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction (Cont'd)2.5.4 Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)C. Recurring Monthly Charges(1) Excess Capacity Charge

estimated cost difference between the facilities constructed and the facilities which would normally be required to meet the order for service. Charges apply until there are sufficient service orders to warrant the facilities which were originally constructed.

(2) Charge for Route or Type Other Than Normal

When special construction is requested using a route or type of facility other than that which the Telephone Company would normally use, a recurring monthly charge, in addition to the monthly rates for service, is applicable. The charge is equal to the difference between the recurring costs of the specially constructed facilities and the recurring costs of the facilities the Telephone Company would have normally used.

- (a) When an Optional Payment Charge as set forth in 2.5.4(A)(2) preceding has been elected, the recurring monthly charge will be reduced to include specially constructed facility operating expenses only.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction (Cont'd)2.5.4 Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)C. Recurring Monthly Charges (Cont'd)(2) Charge for Route or Type Other Than Normal (Cont'd)

- (b) If the actual cost option as set forth in 2.5.3 preceding has been elected, the recurring charge will be adjusted to reflect the actual cost of the new construction when the costs have been determined. This adjusted recurring charge is applicable from the start of service.

(3) Credit for Service Interruptions

No recurring charges for special construction will be applied for periods during which service has been interrupted for 24 hours or less. The credit for interruption in excess of 24 hours will be determined by multiplying the average daily recurring charge per half hour by the number of thirty (3) minute periods in the interruption period.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.5 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction (Cont'd)2.5.4 Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)D. Lease Charge

This charge applies when the Telephone Company leases equipment in order to meet service requirements. The amount of the charge is equal to the net added cost to the Telephone Company caused by the lease.

E. 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 Telephone Company in association with the special construction up to and including the time of cancellation.

2.6 Deferral of Start of Service

The Telephone Company may be requested to defer the start of service which will use specially constructed facilities. Requests for special construction deferral must be in writing and are subject to the following regulations:

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Deferral of Start of Service2.6.1 Construction Has Not Begun

If the Telephone Company has not incurred any installation costs before receiving a request for deferral, no charges apply.

2.6.2 Construction Has Begun

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

A. All Services Are Deferred

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

B. 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.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.6 Deferral of Start of Service2.6.3 Construction Complete

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

2.7 Definitions

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

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.

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

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.7 Definitions (Cont'd)

Maximum Termination Liability - The term "Maximum Termination Liability" denotes the maximum amount which may be billed if all services using specially constructed facilities are terminated prior to the expiration of the Maximum Termination Liability Period.

Maximum Termination Liability Period - The term "Maximum Termination Liability Period" denotes the length of time for which a termination charge may apply if all services using specially constructed facilities are terminated. The filed Maximum Termination Liability period is equal to the average account life of the specially constructed facilities.

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 which the Telephone Company has no foreseeable use should the service be terminated.

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

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.7 Definitions (Cont'd)

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.

Recoverable Cost - The term "Recoverable Cost" denotes the cost of the specially constructed facilities for which the Telephone Company has a foreseeable reuse, either in place or elsewhere, should the service be terminated.

Termination Charge - The term "Termination Charge" denotes the portion of the Maximum Termination Liability that is applied as a nonrecurring charge when all services are discontinued prior to the expiration of the specific liability period.

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3. RATE CENTERS

The provisions of this Tariff apply to the special Construction of facilities in connection with the provision of interstate services in the following rate centers in the state of Illinois.

Arcola	Morrisonville
Arthur	Mt. Auburn
Ashmore	Nokomis
Assumption	Oakland
Atwood	
Blue Mound	Owaneco
Charleston	Pana
Cowden	Raymond
Edinburg	Shelbyville
Effingham	Sigel
Farmersville	Stewardson
Gays	Stonington
Hillsboro	Strasburg
Humboldt	Taylorville
Irving	Tower Hill
Kincaid	Westervelt
Litchfield	Windsor
Mattoon	Witt

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