

**Ameritech Operating Companies**  
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**1. INTRODUCTION OF TARIFF FILING**

This filing proposes modifications to existing regulations in the Ameritech Operating Companies' Special Construction Tariff, F.C.C. No. 3.

**2. PURPOSE OF FILING**

This filing proposes revisions to Tariff F.C.C. No. 3 and introduces an Upfront Payment to recover the Telephone Company's capital investment when special construction is required. Current methods to recover the Telephone Company's nonrecoverable investment do not always provide for the immediate capital needs of the company. As available capital is a fixed amount, the general rate body is disadvantaged when capital is expended for special construction and there is no immediate recovery. Immediate recovery allows the full amount of available capital to be allocated where needed.

The Telephone Company is proposing to replace the current special construction capital recovery methods with an Upfront Payment. This will allow the Telephone Company to meet the needs of specific customers who request special construction. The proposed Upfront payment is only applicable to Special Construction cases filed subsequent to the acceptance of this tariff revision. Previously filed special construction cases will be not be affected.

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As a result of this proposal, future special construction requests will no longer be subject to the Maximum Termination Liability and Termination Charge or the Annual Underutilization Liability and Underutilization Charge. Customers will pay an Upfront Payment without the necessity of carrying long term special construction liabilities on their financial records.

In addition, the Telephone Company is deleting obsolete language filed for Special Construction of Video Facilities for use for the 1996 Democratic National Convention from Sections 2.6.4(A)(7) and 3.4.1.