

**NEVADA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
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INTRODUCTION

Nevada Bell Telephone Company (NBTC) proposes to introduce GETS Egress Queuing (GETS EQ). With this filing, GETS EQ, which extends trunk queuing to private trunk group types, will be available. The benefit of offering this functionality will further increase call completion beyond the central office to PBX systems resulting in improved communication flow during emergency situations. The Federal Government, through its authorized agent, will be the only customer. GETS EQ will be deployed in all DMS 100 switches in all thirteen states.

Cost support is included with this filing in compliance with Part 61.38 of the Commission's Rules.

Certain information in this filing is provided under confidential cover. The cost associated with the implementation of GETS EQ are labor related and considered proprietary information of SBC. Public release of this information would be detrimental to SBC.

BACKGROUND

Government Telecommunications Services (GETS) provides authorized National Security/Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) users enhanced Public Switched Network (PSN) service in which GETS calls receive a higher likelihood of completion than POTS calls during events of severe network stress. The HPC enhancement feature enabled NS/EP calls to be marked for priority treatment. With the GETS EQ feature call completion increases beyond the central office to PBX systems.

COST DEVELOPMENT

The costs associated with the provisioning of the Government Emergency Telecommunications Services Egress Queuing (GETS/EQ) feature are reflective of the labor costs required on a one time basis to establish the service, as well as on a recurring monthly basis to ensure feature operability, should a national emergency or disaster occur. The GETS/EQ feature is an addition to the GETS/ACR product that exists on Nortel DMS 100 switches providing National Security/Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) users enhanced public switched network service.

The costs, monthly recurring, non-recurring (one time only or start up) and service preparation costs are recovered from the single GETS/EQ customer, the Federal Government. There are no incremental or capital related costs associated with this service.

The labor tasks and time associated with providing GETS/EQ was provided by the subject matter experts (SMEs) for the affected departments. The costs are categorized into three categories:

- Recurring monthly labor cost per switch for manual billing of the GETS/EQ service.
- Non-recurring (start up) one time labor costs to provision the switch to provide GETS EQ service.
- Service Preparation charge (start up) one time enterprise-wide labor cost to enable GETS/EQ to work on the SBC DMS switches. The one-time charge is distributed back to each state based on the number of switches being GETS/EQ enabled.

Recurring Cost

The work groups involved in the recurring costs per switch are:

Marketing Finance – This group creates the monthly recurring costs to handle the GETS EQ service manual billing and customer inquiries.

TAB 6.0 Recurring cost summary- displays the costs for the recurring work efforts on a monthly basis. The total monthly billing cost has been calculated on a per switch basis.

Nonrecurring Cost

The work groups involved in the nonrecurring costs are:

Switch Translations – This group creates and implements the translations needed to condition the end office switch to provide this service.

Network and Switching Operations – These groups coordinate end office activities, oversees the implementation and deployment of programs used to perform switching translations, dispatches personnel to conduct overall trunk testing and any manual translations work.

TAB 7.0 Nonrecurring costs summary- displays the costs for the nonrecurring, one time only work efforts performed for NBTC.

Service Preparation Charge

This work group is involved in the service preparation charge for enterprise wide nonrecurring cost, which are:

Centralized Switch Translations, Project Integration Management, Retail Repair Automated Message Accounting (AMA), Engineering New Services Planner (NSP), Technology Development Manager, and the TRI Lab.

TAB 8.0 Nonrecurring cost summary- displays the costs for the nonrecurring, one time only work efforts performed for enterprise-wide SBC GETS/EQ.

The Federal Government, through it's authorized agent, is the only customer for this service, therefore it is reasonable that the customer recover this cost, in its entirety.