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ACCESS SERVICES

SECTION 6 - SPECIAL CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION (CONT'D)

6.4 Special Construction Charges

6.4.1 General

- A. Special construction charges may apply for services provided to the Customer by the Company. Special construction includes but is not limited to that construction undertaken:
- (1) where facilities are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;
 - (2) of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
 - (3) over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
 - (4) in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;
 - (5) on an expedited basis;
 - (6) on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
 - (7) involving abnormal costs;
 - (8) in advance of its normal construction; or
 - (9) when the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in the Company's tariff.
- B. Where the Company furnishes a facility or service requiring special construction, charges will be determined by the Company and may include: (1) non-recurring charges; (2) recurring charges; (3) usage charges; (4) termination liabilities; or (5) a combinations thereof.
- C. Rates and charges for special construction shall be determined and presented to the Customer for its approval prior to the start of construction. No construction will commence until and unless the Customer accepts in writing the rates and charges as presented by the Company.

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