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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

2.23 Emergency / Crisis / Disaster Restoration and Provisioning - Telecommunications Service Priority (Cont'd.)

2.23.1 General (Cont'd.)

B. The TSP program has two components, restoration and provisioning.

1. A restoration priority is applied to new or existing telecommunications services to ensure restoration before any other services during a service outage. TSP restoration priorities must be requested and assigned before a service outage occurs.
2. A provisioning priority is obtained to facilitate priority installation of new telecommunications services during a service outage. Provisioning on a priority basis becomes necessary when an end-user has an urgent requirement for a new NS/EP service that must be installed immediately or by a specific due date that can be met only by a shorter than standard or expedited Company provisioning time frame. As a matter of general practice, existing TSP services will be restored before provisioning new TSP services.

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