

PROGRAM TRANSMISSION
RELEASE OF FACILITIES FOR TESTING AND OTHER PURPOSES

1. GENERAL

1.01 This section outlines the general procedure to be followed when it becomes necessary to obtain releases of program transmission facilities used in connection with service of the Southwestern Company for testing and other purposes.

1.02 The procedure to be followed when it becomes necessary to obtain releases on program facilities and services of the Long Lines Department may be found in instructions issued by that department.

1.03 Schedule "A" circuits (including Schedule "C" legs) are contracted for on a 16 hour per day basis and additional time is frequently used by the customers in the remaining period. Schedule "C" circuits are contracted for on a 24 hour per day basis, but are usually used only about 16 to 18 hours per day. This necessitates maintaining the facilities assigned to these services intact at all times unless permission is given for their release, or they are being lined up during out of service hours.

1.04 Whenever network facilities are released in accordance with this section, the control office of the network shall be checked just prior to the scheduled release period to assure that the sections involved can be removed from service.

1.05 Releases of program circuits for routine amplifier tests, maintenance tests, lineups, etc., by program forces shall be handled directly with the control office of the network. In the case of scheduled releases, the control office shall be checked just prior to the scheduled release period to insure that the facilities involved can be taken.

1.06 Releases of program circuits for testing or other work by other than program forces and which may necessitate reroutes of network should be referred through the lines of organization to the Plant Superintendent. The Plant Superintendent shall inform the control office as well as any other offices involved of the action to be taken, including information concerning the release of any message facilities for use in rerouting the program circuit or circuits involved, and any special instructions for handling the services involved on the reroute layouts.

1.07 If feasible, efforts should be made to schedule special work requiring release of network facilities on days when weekly and monthly tests on the facilities in question are not scheduled.