# RESTRICTIONS OF PLANT ACTIVITIES DURING EVENTS OF NATIONAL INTEREST, WELFARE OR EMERGENCY

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#### 1. GENERAL

- 1.01 Situations of National importance may require that certain restrictions be placed on Plant operations.
- 1.02 These restrictions are imposed for the following reasons:
  - (a) To limit the normal activities of Bell System personnel and the personnel of contractors performing work for the Bell System to assure maximum availability of our facilities and to reduce the possibilities for accidental interruptions.
  - (b) To alert Bell System personnel to prepare for an impending or actual emergency situation.
- 1.03 The degree of restriction to be placed on Plant activities will depend upon whether the situation is classified as being of NATIONAL INTEREST, affecting the NATIONAL WELFARE, or a NATIONAL EMERGENCY. These classifications are coded Condition Blue, Condition Yellow and Condition Red, respectively. Condition Blue or Condition Yellow may apply on a local or a regional basis during certain situations.
- 1.04 The declaration and classification of an event or condition of National importance may be originated by 195 Headquarters, by Long Lines Headquarters, or by one of the Operating Company's Headquarters. The termination of the event or condition will generally be announced by the same office that declared the condition.

- 1.05 The procedures to be followed for notifying 195 Headquarters, Western Electric Company, and the Operating Companies involved in an event of National concern will depend upon the time of day the notification is made
  - (a) During the hours 195 Headquarters is covered, the reporting Company will be responsible for notifying the 195 Headquarters Plant Operations Emergency Center, 212 393-3862. The Emergency Center will be responsible for notifying a designated representative of each of the Operating Companies involved in the event, Western Electric Company and the Long Lines Status Center.
  - (b) During the hours 195 Headquarters is not covered, the reporting Company will be responsible for notifying the Long Lines Status Center, 212 393-6771 (alternate numbers 914 666-6428 or 303 636-3851). The Status Center will be responsible for notifying a designated representative of 195 Headquarters and for transmitting the report by teletypewriter on Long Lines Abnormal Conditions Reporting Circuit 0001. The 195 Headquarters representative will be responsible for verifying receipt of the report by each Operating Company directly involved in the event and by Western Electric Company. In all instances, notifications will be made by the most expedient means available.
- 1.06 Notifications of a declaration of an event to be of National importance should specify (a) the reason for the declaration, (b) scope of event, if known, (c) time of event, if known, and (d) name of individual making the declaration.
- 1.07 The Operating Companies, the Long Lines Department, and Western Electric Company are responsible for notifying 195 Head-quarters of those individuals, by titles, who are assigned the responsibility for:
  - (1) Declaring an event or a condition to be of National concern.

- (2) Declaring the termination of the event or condition.
- (3) Receiving the notification of the declaration of an event or a condition to be of National concern.
- (4) Receiving the notification of the termination of the event or condition.

The number of individuals assigned the above responsibilities should normally be limited to three per Company. The telephone numbers for these designated individuals can be found on the Plant Emergency Call List of Key Personnel. This list is issued by the 195 Head-quarters General Service organization. Copies may be obtained by calling 212 393-3385.

- 1.08 Each Operating Company, the Long Lines Department, and Western Electric Company should supplement this instruction to provide for any actions or precautions not specified in Part 3 of this section.
- 1.09 It is essential that all Plant Departments work closely with their respective Traffic Departments, Western Electric Company, Defense and Military Coordinators, and the Independent Companies, to maintain coordination during the time Conditions Blue, Yellow, or Red exist.
- the time a Condition Blue, Yellow, or Red is declared to exist, should be reported promptly to the 195 Headquarters Emergency Center, or to the Long Lines Status Center during the hours 195 Headquarters is not covered. These reports will be in addition to those reports presently required by existing instructions.

#### 2. **DEFINITIONS**

2.01 Condition Blue: This signifies an event of NATIONAL INTEREST. Some examples of events that may be of National interest are NASA manned space flights, sporting events, political conventions, National elections, Christmas traffic, severe storms and man-made catastrophes. Such an event may be of limited scope and will frequently be for a specified length of time. Some events, such as NASA space flights, may not require restrictions of activities during the entire period of the event. In this instance,

Condition Blue may be terminated following the more crucial portion of the event. Normal maintenance, installation, and circuit order activity should be suspended during the time Condition Blue is declared to exist if these activities could adversely affect those facilities required in connection with the event.

- 2.02 Condition Yellow: This signifies an event affecting the NATIONAL WELFARE. An example of this condition was the Cuban missile crisis of October, 1962. This condition envisions an event which will generally be of unlimited scope and of unknown or prolonged length. During this time, maintenance work must be performed, but it will be on a restricted and closely controlled basis. Part 3 of this section outlines the precautions to be observed during this time.
- 2.03 Condition Red: This condition signifies a NATIONAL EMERGENCY. This condition will exist only if an attack is imminent or actually under way. It envisions a period of indefinite length and scope. Those precautions and restrictions contained in Part 3 of this section should be imposed immediately following notification of Condition Red.

#### 3. PLANT PRECAUTIONS

#### **Condition Blue**

- 3.01 Some of the events which warrant a Condition Blue alert are known sufficiently in advance to permit all interested groups to prepare detailed plans for handling the specific situation. Exceptions or additions to the items listed here may be specified by Plant Management and should be circulated to all concerned.
- 3.02 Circuit order work, central office installations, Outside Plant activities and routine testing should be deferred at those locations where it could adversely affect the services associated with the event of NATIONAL INTEREST.
- 3.03 Protection channels in and around the section of the country involved should be kept available and capable of automatic switching where provided. They shall not be used for routine testing or restoration "dry runs."

3.04 If neither a protection channel nor a spare television channel is available, considerations should be given to providing special coverage in the unprotected section during the critical time or service period.

#### **Condition Yellow**

3.05 Routine maintenance work shall be performed as follows, using every reasonable precaution to avoid interrupting any working service:

#### K Carrier

Routine maintenance or testing work, which might adversely affect services associated with the NATIONAL WELFARE, shall be performed only if spare patching equipment or facilities are available.

#### L Carrier

Power and pilot surveys and overall equalization tests shall be performed on the basis of the present routine intervals. Any maintenance or testing work, which might adversely affect services associated with the NATIONAL WELFARE, shall be performed only if spare patching equipment is available.

#### Radio Relay

All maintenance or testing work, which might adversely affect services associated with the NATIONAL WELFARE, shall be performed only if spare patching equipment is available. Routine maintenance work shall be performed only when "In Service" tests indicate the need.

#### Other Facilities

Routine maintenance or testing work, which might adversely affect services associated with the NATION WELFARE, shall be performed only if spare patching equipment is available.

3.06 Circuit order work, central office installations, Outside Plant activities and construction work on those jobs for agencies responsible for the NATIONAL WELFARE should be given preference. Jobs for other Government or Commercial agencies may be curtailed when specified by local Plant Management.

- 3.07 Restoration Control Centers, Alarm Centers and Maintenance Centers should generally be manned continuously by thoroughly trained personnel. Broadband restoration plans shall be reviewed by the personnel covering the Control Center. Restoration plan "Dry Runs" shall be deferred.
- 3.08 Consideration shall be given to providing coverage at unattended Radio Relay locations where neither a protection channel nor a spare TVS is available.
- 3.09 Radio Relay locations other than those covered in Paragraph 3.08, "K" and "L" carrier auxiliary stations, and "K" and "L" carrier cable routes should be patrolled at least once every 48 hours. Other facilities should be included in these patrols when, in the judgment of the maintaining Company, the services assigned to those facilities justify the patrols.
- **3.10** Consideration should be given to providing continuous coverage at switching or junction offices normally having only partial coverage.
- at least once every 48 hours (either remotely or by a maintenance patrol). In so far as practicable, fuel tanks shall be kept filled.
- 3.12 Food, water, bedding and other supplies should be checked or considered for keeping men in the attended buildings.
- **3.13** Fallout protected offices should check radiological and other gear provided for the safety of the personnel.

#### Condition Red

- 3.14 All restrictions covered in Paragraphs 3.01 through 3.13 shall be followed. In addition to these restrictions, the following security measures should be observed.
- 3.15 At strategic locations, such as large terminal or junction offices, essential people should remain in the building.
- 3.16 Consideration shall be given to increasing the frequency of patrols provided under Paragraph 3.09 to cover critical locations once

each 12 hours, if consistent with the safety of the personnel.

- 3.17 Important junction offices shall strengthen their security by placing armed guards on 24-hour duty.
- 3.18 Emergency Operating Centers and/or Relocation Centers should check the condition of their furnishings, supplies, tools and communication facilities for proper operation.

#### Company

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company

New York Telephone Company

New Jersey Bell Telephone Company

The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Companies

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of West Virginia

- or augmenting the coverage of Emergency Operating Centers and/or Relocation Centers. The Management group responsible for the operation of the center will specify the coverage desired.
- 3.20 The following individuals have been assigned those responsibilities contained in Paragraph 1.07 of this section.

#### Individual (by title)

- 1. General Operations Supervisor Plant
- 2. Assistant Vice President Staff
- 3. Vice President Operations
- 1. General Plant Operations Supervisor
- 2. Assistant Vice President Plant
- 3. Vice President Staff
- 1. General Plant Operations Supervisor
- 2. General Plant Staff Supervisor
- 3. Assistant Vice President Plant
- 1. General Services Manager Western
- 2. General Services Manager Central
- 3. General Services Manager Eastern
- 4. General Services Manager Philadelphia
- 5. General Staff Services Supervisor
- 1. General Staff Supervisor Plant Operations
- 2. Assistant Vice President Plant
- 1. General Plant Supervisor
- 2. General Plant Manager
- 1. General Plant Supervisor
- 2. General Plant Manager
- 1. General Plant Supervisor
- 2. General Plant Manager
- 3. Assistant Vice President Operations and Engineering
- 1. General Plant Supervisor
- 2. General Plant Manager
- 3. Assistant Vice President Operations and Engineering

#### Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company —

#### Eastern Area

### Western Area

### The Ohio Bell Telephone Company

# Indiana Bell Telephone Company,

Michigan Bell Telephone Company

### The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph

#### Long Lines Department

Incorporated

Company

# The Bell Telephone Company of Canada

#### The Southern New England Telephone Company

#### The Cincinnati and Suburban Bell Telephone Company

# Western Electric Company, Incorporated

#### Individual (by title)

1.	Plant Staff	Operations	Supervisor	-East
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- 2. Plant Staff Operations Manager East
- 3. Vice President Operations East
- 1. Plant Staff Operations Supervisor West
- 2. Plant Staff Operations Manager West
- 3. Vice President Operations West
- 1. General Plant Supervisor Cleveland, Ohio
- 2. General Plant Supervisor Columbus, Ohio
- 3. Defense Coordinator
- 1. General Plant Manager
- 2. Assistant Vice President Plant
- 3. Vice President and General Manager
- 1. General Plant Supervisor
- 2. General Plant Manager
- 3. Vice President Operations
- 1. Plant Service Engineer
- 2. Assistant Vice Persident Plant Operations
- 3. Vice President Staff
- 1. Plant Operating Engineer
- 2. Assistant Vice President Operating Staff
- 3. Director of Operations
- 1. Area Plant Supervisor
- 2. Area Plant Manager
- 3. Trans-Canada Status Centre
- 1. Vice President Operations
- 2. Vice President Southern Area
- 3. Vice President Northern Area
- 1. General Plant Supervisor
- 2. General Plant Manager
- 3. Operating Vice President
- 1. Vice President Service East
- 2. Vice President Service West
- 3. Vice President Customer Planning
- 4. Vice President Personnel and Labor Relations

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### Wisconsin Telephone Company

#### Illinois Bell Telephone Company

#### Northwestern Bell Telephone Company

### Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

# The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company

## Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company

#### Individual (by title)

- 1. General Plant Manager
- 2. Assistant Vice President Operations
- 3. Vice President Operations
- 1. General Plant Supervisor Chicago Area
- 2. General Plant Supervisor Suburban Area
- 3. General Plant Supervisor State Area
- 1. General Plant Supervisor Exchange
- 2. General Plant Supervisor Toll
- 3. Plant Operations Supervisor
- 4. Assistant Vice President Operations
- 1. General Plant Supervisor Outside Plant
- 2. General Plant Supervisor Equipment
- 3. Plant Operations Engineer
- 1. General Special Services Superintendent
- 2. Director Plant Operations
- 3. Assistant Vice President Operations
- 1. General Plant Manager Washington
- 2. General Plant Manager Oregon
- 3. Assistant Vice President Operations

### EXAMPLE OF MESSAGE INITIATING CONDITION BLUE

Date and Time Sent —
URGENT
CONDITION BLUE
A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES WILL BE TELEVISED NATIONWIDE TONIGHT AT 8:00 PM. ALL OFFICES
INVOLVED IN PROVIDING THIS SERVICE SHALL INITIATE CONDITION BLUE PER
SECTION 010-122-010 FOR THE PERIOD FROM ONE HOUR BEFORE THE BROADCAST,
UNTIL GOOD NIGHT AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00 PM EST.
YOU WILL BE ADVISED WHEN CONDITION BLUE IS TERMINATED OR
CHDEDCEDED

Originator —

Title

### **EXAMPLE OF MESSAGE INITIATING CONDITION YELLOW**

Originator —
Date and Time Sent —
URGENT
CONDITION YELLOW
EXISTING CONDITIONS ARE THREATENING TO THE NATIONAL WELFARE OF THE UNITED STATES. THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS SHOULD BEGIN OPERATIONS UNDER CONDITION YELLOW PER SECTION 010-122-010 IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE:
ALL STATES EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER BETWEEN THE CANADIAN BORDER AND THE GULF OF MEXICO.
ALL OFFICES SERVING BASES ASSOCIATED WITH SAC-PAS, NORAD OR JCSAN/COPAN AGENCIES.
YOU WILL BE ADVISED WHEN CONDITION YELLOW IS TERMINATED OR SUPERSEDED.

Title

### **EXAMPLE OF MESSAGE INITIATING CONDITION RED**