

PLAN FOR ISSUING STANDARD BELL SYSTEM PRACTICES—TRANSMISSION TESTING

1. GENERAL

- 1.01 Bell System Practices—Transmission Testing are prepared in the form of "Standard," "Provisional Standard" and "Provisional" practices and are made available to the field forces in a flexible arrangement with respect to binding. Under this plan the sections may be selected and bound so as best to meet the requirements for general reference, supervisory or testing purposes.
- 1.02 "Standard" practices are intended for general distribution and cover information recommended as standard for application throughout the Bell System.
- 1.03 "Provisional Standard" practices are furnished in limited quantity to all Bell Operating Companies for their information regarding new methods or equipment and for temporary use by such of the companies as may be concerned with their application. These are later replaced by "Standard" practices prepared on the basis of the experience gained in the application of the "Provisional Standard" practices.
- 1.04 "Provisional" practices apply to information prepared for specific trials and will be furnished only to the Bell Operating Companies involved in the trial.
- 1.05 "Standard" and "Provisional Standard" practices are listed in the numerical index. A suitable notation is used in the index to indicate "Provisional Standard" practices. "Provisional" practices will not be included in the index.
- 1.06 "Addenda" may be issued from time to time, as required, to modify "Standard" and "Provisional Standard" sections of practices. Such information will be included in any revisions of practices which may be issued at a later date.
- 1.07 Volumes of practices issued to supervisory forces may be arranged to contain all the sections of general nature which constitute Division K1 and such sections contained in other divisions as relate to the types of equipment and systems under their charge.
- 1.08 In addition to the volumes provided to meet the supervisory requirements, it is expected

that volumes constituting a complete file of all sections of Bell System Practices—Transmission Testing will be provided to meet the requirements for general reference purposes in the General, Division and District offices of each Bell Operating Company.

2. SIZE, COLOR SCHEME AND BINDING

- 2.01 Sections of Bell System Practices—Transmission Testing are furnished in loose-leaf form, nominal size, 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 10 $\frac{7}{8}$ " and the back edge is suitably perforated to facilitate binding in the approved covers available for this purpose.
- 2.02 In order to identify the status of particular sections, the following color scheme has been adopted:

Section	Color of Paper
Standard	White
Provisional Standard	Yellow
Addendum	Pink

"Provisional" sections are provided for use only in specific instances and may be furnished in any form and color most convenient for the particular case.

- 2.03 The approved covers which should be provided for each group or volume of sections are designed so as to facilitate the addition, replacement or rearrangement of the subject matter.
 - 2.04 The title appears on the front cover and also on the back edge of the binder, which is also arranged for marking to designate the volume number. Space is also provided for indicating the range of section numbers contained therein, when this is desired.
- ### 3. DISTRIBUTION AND REPLACEMENTS
- 3.01 "Standard" and "Provisional Standard" sections of Bell System Practices—Transmission Testing are stocked by the Western Electric Company and may be obtained through the branch house on requisition in the usual manner. Requisition should be worded as follows:

"—copies of Bell System Practices—Transmission Testing—Section K (give number)"

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- 3.02 "Provisional" practices are not stocked by the Western Electric Company. Additional copies may be obtained, however, from the A. T. and T. Co., Department of Operation and Engineering.
- 3.03 Requisitions for copies of practices which have been modified by addenda need not specifically mention such addenda since they will be automatically supplied with the sections. Addenda to "Standard" and "Provisional Standard" sections are stocked by the Western Electric Company and extra copies may be ordered separately if desired. Requisitions should be worded as follows:

"—copies of Bell System Practices—
Transmission Testing—Addendum to
Section K (give number)"

- 3.04 It is necessary for each Bell Operating Company to place in effect a plan which will insure distribution and upkeep of proper sections to the forces concerned. Checking lists of the sections in good standing should be provided to the field forces from time to time in order to provide for the replacement of obsolete sections and to insure that the latest issues are being used in every case.