

AT&T California Structure Access Protocols

Protocol for applications for splice cases in manholes

1. General Guidelines:

- a. Review on a case-by-case basis
- b. Assess space available in manhole
 - i. Space must be available for a technician to safely enter, exit, and move reasonably unimpeded in the manhole both before/after the proposed splice case is placed
 - ii. Technicians must have necessary space to access and perform appropriate restoration, maintenance, and rearrangement work on existing and proposed splices. In certain situations, particularly with large copper cables, restoration procedures may require access by multiple technicians to access a splice concurrently, and these situations will be considered.
- c. If there is sufficient space available in the manhole, then assess cost and feasibility of alternatives to placing splice case in manhole, including:
 - i. Placing splice case elsewhere, e.g. buildings, sub boxes, AT&T-owned poles or handholes, if no excavation, trenching, or similar work would be required of the applicant.
 - ii. Reducing number of splice cases
- d. Determine whether, in light of cost and feasibility, alternative(s) to installation of splice case in manhole is (are) reasonable.
- e. If installation in manhole is most reasonable alternative, allow installation under conditions that ensure space occupied by splice case in manhole is minimized.

2. Racking

- a. Duct assignments and racking requirements will conform to AT&T construction guidelines.
- b. Applicant splice case, loop, and future cables must be securely attached per AT&T construction guidelines
- c. The method of racking and securing cables and splices shall assure orderly cable arrangement, and generally good housekeeping within the manhole, leaving free access to existing ducts, cables, and splices.

3. Application

- a. Applicant to provide a schematic of the splicing configuration including anticipated future cables/drops to be placed
- b. Digital photograph to be provided showing the location the applicant wants to place the splice/loop

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Protocols for overriding existing facilities

1. General Guidelines:
 - a. Review on a case-by-case basis
 - b. Assess alternatives to overriding
 - c. Assess risk of overriding
2. If no reasonable and feasible alternatives exist, giving the same consideration to cost and risk of service outages that AT&T would give in deciding between overriding and installing new conduit in order to install its own facilities in cases where AT&T would bear the cost of such installation, override with the following conditions:
 - a. AT&T to have inspector on site
 - b. Where, in AT&T's judgment, the risks of overriding are significant, AT&T may require an AT&T construction crew to be on site or on standby, at applicant's cost. AT&T will discuss this requirement in advance of the work operation.
 - c. An AT&T approved protective liner or innerduct will be used in all situations
 - d. Manufacturer and AT&T standards and guidelines must be followed in all situations, including but not limited to successful manual rodding. If there is a conflict between the standards, AT&T will provide guidance.

The protocols are intended to be in furtherance of carrying out the terms for structure access set forth in the executed Interconnection Agreement, or successor agreement, ("ICA") and shall be construed in light of the purpose of such terms and applicable law.

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