

DROP AND BLOCK WIRE DISPOSITION WITH DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

1. GENERAL

- 1.01 This practice describes the disposition of drop and block wire with discontinuance of service or temporary disconnection.
- 1.02 The ends of all disconnected wires, which are intended for future use, shall be tagged at the points of disconnection. The tag shall indicate the address of the building end of the drop wire.

2. DISPOSITION OF WIRE

- 2.01 All drop and block wire shall be left in place, with disconnections made at appropriate locations, except in the following instances where they shall be removed:
 - a. On service disconnections where the wire run may create an unsafe condition.
 - b. Upon request of the property owner or his authorized agent.
 - c. In connection with rerouting or repair work.

3. DISCONNECTIONS

- 3.01 Disconnect the drop wire at the cable terminal for individual lines, party lines connected at terminal binding posts, generator feeds, and battery feeds which are not exposed to contact with foreign circuits of more than 300 volts potential, or with lightning disturbances (see Figure 1).
- 3.02 At aerial cable terminals, wire terminals, and outside building terminals, the drop shall be doubled back at the first ring and taped to itself with three wraps of friction tape (Figure 2).

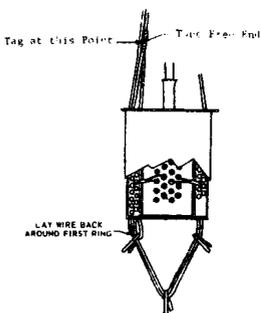


Figure 1. Drop Wire Disconnected
at Pole Mounted Terminal

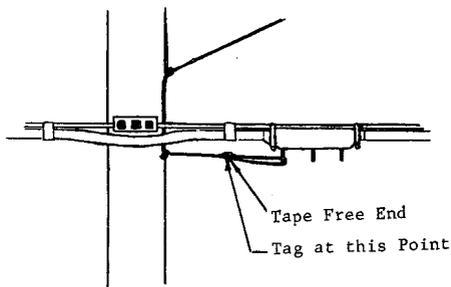


Figure 2. Drop Wire Disconnected at
Strand Mounted Terminal

- 3.03 At cross-connecting terminals, open wire leads, and party line taps outside of the terminal, remove the jumper wires, bridging connectors, and bridged drop wires, respectively. Tape as described in 3.02.
- 3.04 At underground cable terminals, tape bare wire after folding it back neatly inside the terminal. Be sure rubber grommets and gaskets are sealing properly.
- 3.05 Where the line is subject to possible contact with foreign circuits of more than 300 volts potential or with lightning disturbances, use the following procedure:
 - a. Disconnect party lines and other bridged circuits at the bridging point.
 - b. Twist the free end of the wire back on itself beyond the first ring or point of attachment, and tape as shown in Figure 3.
 - c. The station protector shall remain in place unless the subscriber requests that it be removed.
 - d. If the station protector is removed:
 - (1) The drop wire shall be removed.
 - (2) Where protectors are mounted inside buildings, plug the drop wire entrance hole. Where the protector is mounted outside the building, tape the inside wire and bend the ends back into the entrance hole and plug the hole.

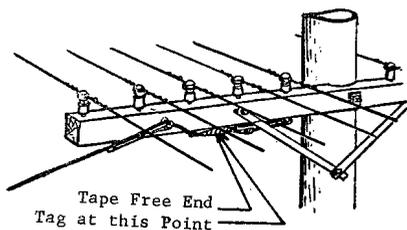


Figure 3. Drop Wire Disconnected at Open Wire Location