

NATURAL RESOURCES

Prince Albert, Sask.
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Dear Sir:

I beg to advise that a contract is now in effect between the Department of Natural Resources and the Saskatchewan Government Airways with respect to radio service. As this contract will affect you as key station operator, the following information which is taken from the contract is being forwarded for your future guidance.

1. The hours of service agreed upon for the Prince Albert and La Ronge Stations are as follows:
 1. Between 7 A.M. and 7 P.M. continuous service from May 1st to September 15th inclusive.
 2. Between 8 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. continuous service from September 16th to September 30th inclusive.
 3. Between 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. continuous service from October 1st to October 31st inclusive.
 4. Between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. continuous service from November 1st to February 15th inclusive.
 5. Between 8 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. continuous service from February 16th to February 28th inclusive.
 6. Between 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. continuous service from March 1st to March 31st inclusive.
 7. Between 8 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. continuous service from April 1st to April 30th inclusive.

The above service is to include Sundays and holidays, but a clause has been included whereby holidays may be deleted by mutual agreement. It is expected that Christmas Day and New Year's Day will be covered by the above mentioned clause, you will however, be definitely advised of this at a later date.

EQUIPMENT

Radio equipment for use in aircraft or for ground station use will be rented to the Company at a flat rate per set, and all equipment so rented will remain the property of the Department.

MESSAGES

The Department has agreed to accept for transmission, messages presented by the Company or company's representative at any Departmental radio station. The messages must be in written form and carry a message number and shall have precedence in the following order:

1. Aircraft in distress. ✓
2. Sickness. ✓
3. Fire and routine aircraft position reports. ✓
4. Messages classed by the sender as being urgent. ✓
5. All other messages. ✓

The decision of the Departmental operator as to the priority of any message shall be final and binding on the Company. In the event messages are not in written form the operators count as to the number of words which will be accepted without question by the Company.

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Messages continued....

The Company will be allowed up to a maximum of 3,000 words per month at a flat rate. It will therefore not be necessary to keep a record of charges as in commercial messages, and it is requested that each operator furnish a duplicate statement promptly at the end of each calendar month indicating the total number of messages handled on behalf of the Company and the number of words contained therein. In the case of the La Ronge station, messages handled by Prince Albert should not be included in the totals, otherwise such messages would be counted twice. Circular messages addressed to two or more parties should be calculated on the basis of the number of words in the text times the number of parties to whom the message is addressed. The Department will not be responsible for the non-delivery of messages due to atmospheric conditions, the breakdown of equipment or through any cause beyond the control of the person operating the transmitting station. It is understood however that the Company shall be notified of the non-delivery of a message and that same shall not be included in the monthly word total.

AIRCRAFT POSITION REPORTS

The Department will record all position reports transmitted from aircraft and will furnish duplicate copies of these reports promptly at the end of each month. These reports should be forwarded to the Radio Branch in Prince Albert by each key station, and it will not be necessary to distinguish between regular Saskatchewan Government Airways aircraft calls and calls made by Saskatchewan Government Airways aircraft while engaged on fire patrol or fire suppression work.

WEATHER REPORTS

Weather reports will be collected at a flat rate from twelve selected stations and will be available at the Prince Albert Radio Station by 8:30 A.M. daily. The Department will however not be held responsible for non-delivery of weather reports to the Company if due to unfavorable atmospheric conditions, the breakdown of equipment, the absence of a Department employee at the point where the weather report should have originated, or to any other cause which is beyond the control of the key station operator. The Points selected for the transmission of weather reports are as follows:

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| 1. Bittern Creek | 2. Lac la Ronge | 3. Ile a la Crosse |
| 4. Buffalo Narrows | 5. Meadow Lake | 6. Pelican Narrows |
| 7. Beaver Lake | 8. Cumberland House | 9. South End Reindeer |
| 10. Wollaston Lake | 11. Stoney Rapids | 12. Big River |

In the event of bad weather or when the safety of an aircraft is involved, the Company may make requests for additional weather reports during the day. These reports will be furnished subject to the above mentioned conditions.

RADIO TO TELEPHONE HOOK-UP

As you are aware, facilities exist at the Prince Albert Station to connect with the Saskatchewan Government Telephone Service. In the event a request is made by the Company to utilize these facilities, the following rates will be levied on each conversation:

Two dollars for the first two minutes or fraction thereof and fifty cents for each additional minute or fraction of a minute.

It will be the duty of the Prince Albert operator to time the duration of the conversation and submit a statement at the end of each month in duplicate, showing the date and time the conversation took place, the parties who made use of the service, the duration of the conversation and the amount; this statement will then be used as a basis for billing the

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Similar contracts are pending between the Department and the Saskatchewan Government Trading, also the Saskatchewan Fish Board. However, until same are signed, it will be necessary to continue the handling of their messages in the customary manner.

Yours very truly,

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