

**[DOTC DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 94-274,
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**PROVIDING GUIDELINES ON THE ACCESS TO AND USE OF THE
DOTC EMERGENCY TRUNKED RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM,
SETTING THE RULES AND PROCEDURES ON THE
ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL, MONITORING, SECURITY AND
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

Consistent with DOTC Memorandum dated 23 April 1993, in order to provide the appropriate guidelines on the access to and use of the DOTC Emergency Trunked Radio Communications System, and set the rules and procedures on the administrative control, monitoring, security, operation and maintenance of the System necessary to enhance its effectiveness and efficiency, the following guidelines for the Emergency Trunked Radio Communications System are accordingly adopted and this Circular hereby promulgated:

General Provisions

1. The Emergency Communications Project Office (ECPO), under the Communications Program Management Office (CPMO), Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), shall operate and manage the DOTC Emergency Trunked Radio Communications System, hereinafter referred as the "System".

As far as this Circular is concerned, "DOTC" refers to "CPMO/DOTC"; and "duly authorized official" of the Secretary shall mean the Project Director of the CPMO.

2. As configured, the System is not a "Radio Telephone System" but a Trunked Radio System where the telephone interphase capability is only one of the optional features of the System.

3. The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) and its Sectoral Offices and Attached Agencies, the Mt. Pinatubo Commission, other national government agencies and offices directly involved and tasked in the Mt. Pinatubo rehabilitation, disaster and relief assistance and related activities and projects, may be allowed access to and use of the System subject to the provisions of this Circular and other pertinent government issuances, rules and regulations.

Authorized User

4. By direct authority of the Secretary or his duly authorized official, other national government agencies and offices may also be allowed access to and use of the System, likewise, subject to the guidelines of this Circular and other pertinent government issuances, rules and regulations.

5. Inasmuch as the System is for emergency communications, such as, but not limited to, disaster and relief assistance and related activities and projects, in no case shall non-government organizations and societies, or private citizens individuals be allowed access to and use of the System.

The above entities may be so allowed only when the purpose is directly related to an emergency, such as, but not limited, to disaster and relief assistance and related activities and projects requiring their assistance as determined by the Secretary or his duly authorized officials and as long as they are licensed or authorized radio users.

6. It is understood, however, that all procedures and approvals allowing access to and use of the System shall be subject to the guidelines of this Circular and other pertinent government issuances, rules and regulations.

Schedule of Fees

7. For purposes of operating and maintaining the System for optimum capability and service, agencies, offices, groups of individuals who may be allowed access to and use of the System shall share in the expenses for operation and maintenance chargeable at cost and based on the following schedule of fees:

7.1 Non-recurring charges

7.1.1 Access fees per unit per Talk Group

7.1.1.1 Portable (Handheld Unit) —	P1,500.00
7.1.1.2 Mobile -	2,000.00
7.1.1.3 Base -	2,000.00

7.1.2 Programming fees per unit per Talk Group

7.1.2.1 Portable (Handheld Unit)	P1,500.00
7.1.2.2 Mobile -	2,000.00
7.1.2.3 Base -	2,000.00

7.1.3 Installation fees per unit (Labor Only)

7.1.3.1 Portable (Handheld Unit)	Not applicable
7.1.3.2 Mobile	P5,000.00
7.1.3.3 Base	8,000.00

(Within Metro Manila)

7.2 Monthly fees per unit per Talk Group

7.2.1 Portable (Handheld Unit)	P300.00
7.2.2 Mobile	400.00
7.2.3 Base	400.00

(Within Metro Manila)

8. The access to and use of the System are transactions strictly and purely