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A. GENERAL:

The Turkey Tower Company may install and repair towers and antennas for Amateur Radio Operators solely for the advancement of Amateur Radio.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OWNER:

1. The owner agrees to furnish all necessary equipment as required by TTC personnel.

2. The owner agrees to provide plenty steak, eggs, biscuits, gravy, & coffee if the job is to be done before 8 AM. If the job is to be done after 8 AM the owner agrees to furnish plenty BarB-Q or steak (TTC

choice) and plenty beer (bud, bud lite, miller, or miller lite and in some cases all four).

3. The owner will make a substantial financial contribution to the TTC beverage account before any work will begin (make checks payable to Turkey Tower Company and mail to P.O.Box 68, Alexandria, LA. 71309).

4. The owner will automatically become a "Go-Fer" when the first crew member arrives on the job.

5. All applications for work must be witnessed and must contain at least the following attachments.

a. Bank statement sufficient to support the food, lodging, transportation, and beverage requirements of the TTC personnel.

b. Proof that all equipment in fact belong to the owner and is free of all liens, montages, etc.

c. Signed statement from all neighbors within 1/4 mile promising not to complain regardless of the amount of (RFI) interference.

d. Application (attachment A).

e. Equipment list (attachment B)

6. Additional charges will be made to the owner if any of the following situations exist or occur during the installation.

a. Rusty nuts (tower or antenna that is).

b. Wasp, ants, or other pest such as dogs, XYL's, etc.

c. Coax seal previously used.

d. Any unofficial observer is present.

7. The owner will have a cold beer ready for the TTC crew member when he steps off the tower.

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#### C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TURKEY TOWER COMPANY:

1. Turkey Tower Company will not be responsibly for anything.

2. TTC only works during excellent weather. TTC personnel does not work during rain, snow, sleet, wind, fog, or when the temperature is above 80 degrees or below 55 degrees.

3. TTC reserves the right to refuse any job based on any reason it wants to give.

4. TTC does not dig holes, install tower base sections, install guy post, mix or pour concrete, assemble antennas, make adjustments to antennas, check swr, install coax connectors, paint, or remove rust.

5. TTC will not guarantee any of its work.

6. The Turkey Tower Company is a non profit organization under the alcohol act of 1983.

7. TTC will not be responsible for beverage cans strewn about the premises of the owner; however, the owner reserves the right to collect all used beverage cans for sale provided 10% of all profits are returned tax free to the TTC beverage fund.

8. TTC will not install antennas larger than the TH6DXX. (3 element antennas).

9. Under no circumstances will TTC install TV antenna's or CB antennas.

10. Work time will be figured in "cases" only. One case equal to 1 hour real time. Two cases if the temperature is above 85 degrees, at which time all work will cease and the crew will get down to some serious beer drinking. If the ground crew exceeds 2 the charge time will be increased.

11. TTC reserves all rights to the refrigerator, bathroom, and run of the house during the entire time the crew and equipment are on the job.

12. TTC is not responsible for RFI, TVI, SWR, complaining neighbors, barking dogs, holes in the roof from things being dropped from the tower, including cans.

Note: The TTC crew member on the tower is always Boss. Anything he says goes while the job is in progress.

I have read and understand the conditions outlined in this agreement and will abide by the requirements set forth herein.

Owner	Witness	Date
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**ATTACHMENT A**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Frequency \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Extra charge if not heard on 146.520. Locations requiring overnight lodging will be the cost of lodging, food, drinks, and other COMMODITIES as required by the TTC crew. Out of state will be additional 25% plus transportation of personnel and equipment.)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional charge outside area code 318.

Application is for Tower Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Antenna Work \_\_\_\_\_

Height of Tower \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Tower \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Antenna: \_\_\_\_\_ HF \_\_\_\_\_ VHF \_\_\_\_\_ UHF \_\_\_\_\_ Antenna Size \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Antenna: DX \_\_\_ Chit Chat \_\_\_ Talk to Wife \_\_\_ Contest \_\_\_  
Shoot Skip \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Type Coax \_\_\_\_\_ Foam \_\_\_\_\_ Polyurethane \_\_\_\_\_  
(RG8, RG8X, RG58, etc)

How far from the house will the tower be located \_\_\_\_\_ Will the tower be bracketed to the house \_\_\_\_\_

How many sets of guy Wires \_\_\_\_\_ How far from the tower are the guy post \_\_\_\_\_

Who was the engineer on the original installation, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Will TTC crew have to rollout the guy wire and cut it \_\_\_\_\_

Explain any obstructions to the guy post (buildings, trees, fences, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

If tower has been used, have all sections been fitted on the ground and marked \_\_\_\_\_

Has the rotor and rotor plate been fitted in the top tower section and checked on the ground \_\_\_\_\_

Has the rotor been positioned north \_\_\_\_\_

Have all antennas been tested \_\_\_\_\_

How far from the refrigerator or ice chest is the tower site \_\_\_\_\_  
(feet to the nearest inch)



Do you have a dog\_\_\_If so does he/she "go" within 100 feet of the tower site\_\_\_\_? In other words do we have to watch where we step\_\_\_\_\_ Does he/she bite\_\_\_\_\_ All dogs must be kept in a pen or on a leash well away from the tower site while the TTC crew is present.

How far from the nearest bathroom is the tower site \_\_\_\_\_

If more than 50 feet are there any large trees on your property \_\_\_\_\_

What type of gear do you have \_\_\_\_\_  
(VHF, 2 MTR ETC.)

Do you have liability insurance \_\_\_\_\_ How Much \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have insurance on your equipment \_\_\_\_How much \_\_\_\_\_

Do you operate mobile \_\_\_\_ If so which:\_\_\_\_VF \_\_\_\_UHF \_\_\_\_HF  
\_\_\_\_Packet \_\_\_\_ Moonbounce \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about TTC? HF\_\_DX\_\_at the coffee shop\_\_\_\_  
on two meters \_\_\_\_ moonbounce \_\_\_\_ packet \_\_\_\_ local bar \_\_\_\_  
which bar \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose Turkey Tower Company?

Crew's good looks\_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_ Quality Of Work \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

This application must be approved by 2/3 of the TTC crew at least 7 days prior to work.

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\_\_\_\_\_

(TTC Chief Engineer)

(Owner)

(Date)

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**ATTACHMENT B**

1. Beer \_\_\_\_\_

2. Food \_\_\_\_\_

3. Tower \_\_\_\_\_ --

4. Antennas \_\_\_\_\_

5. Rotor \_\_\_\_\_

6. Guy Wire \_\_\_\_\_
  7. Cable Clamps \_\_\_\_ 12 for each set of guy wires.
  8. Thimbles \_\_\_\_\_ 6 for each set of guy wires
  9. Anti-twist bracket \_\_\_\_\_ 1 for each set of guy wires, if used
  10. Odd size wrenches \_\_\_\_\_ if required.
  11. Tower bolts \_\_\_\_\_ 3 large & 3 small for each tower section
  12. Rotor plate \_\_\_\_ check for fit on the ground
  13. Electrical \_\_\_ tape \_\_\_ 2 rolls per job.
  14. Did you remember to answer "yes" to #1 above \_\_\_\_ ?  
(If answer is "no", you had better make a mad dash to the nearest booze store or application is VOID.
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The purpose of the Turkey Tower Company is to assist those Amateur Radio Operators and prospective hams with their tower and antenna needs. It is our desire and hope that we can help every ham that needs help. TTC personnel does not work for personal gain, or do we expect to be compensated except for our personal expenses. TTC does not intend to insult anyone or group. It is our intent to help others while having FUN. Some of the information in this booklet is intended to be humorous and some of it is very useful. It is the wish of TTC personnel that you will be able to separate the two and use the information for your convenience and next tower/antenna job. Please feel free to call any of the TTC personnel on either of the CENLA repeaters for assistance, advice, or just chit chat.

The following is a partial list of satisfied customers.

KD5YU	W5JBK	WA5CRU	K5KTV	N5IQO	KB5CX
WG5X	WG5W	WB5ASD	K5IZY	N5JWA	KE5KT
WA5JAV	KB5SE	KE5RM	KE5MQ	AA5MU	N5CRC
KA5WPA	KD5RW	WB8TCT	KA5PEL	W50ZJ	KA5AJH
K5MS	WB6YEP	AA5UM	KI5KY	KA5WBU	N50PI
KB5KOS	N5NNV	KB5WG	AB5G	KN2N	K2PZ
W5BWA	WW5H	N5UYU	N5UYX	AA50C	N50YZ
AA5MA	W5AXD	KB5MEX	N5JMO	WD5DMI	N5SRD
N5LYC	KA1HDD	KA5TOO	N5JGC	KA50DP	N5LXN
N5JVO	N5KDU				

The Turkey Tower Company was founded in 1983 by Edward (Sludge) Switzer, WB8TCT. At that time Sludge was in the Air Force at England Air Force Base and devoted all his off duty time to Amateur Radio. He saw a need for someone in the area to assist others in the erection and maintenance of towers and antennas. His enthusiasm about the idea quickly spread to other hams in the area and a small group got together and formed Turkey Company Towers (TCT). Later changed to Turkey Tower Company (TTC) for the sake of simplicity only. Word of the Turkey Tower Company spread fast, the list of jobs grew, and Sludge's dream came true. Since that time dozens of tower and antenna projects have been completed by TTC. To our regrets the Air Force moved Sludge and his family to England. This time it was not England Air Force Base, but to the country of England. Sludge has since retired from the Air Force and has relocated to Andover, Ohio. With pride we dedicate this booklet to Sludge, WB8TCT.

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**Note: The Turkey Tower Company has been dissolved because it's members have all gotten to old to climb towers. Some of our staff have even passed away.**