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Case No. U-13836

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

by and between

SBC MICHIGAN

And

dPi TELECONNECT, LLC

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANYd/b/a SBC ILLINOIS,
INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY INCORPORATED d/b/a SBC INDIANA,
MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a SBC MICHIGAN,
NEVADA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a SBC NEVADA,
THE OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a SBC OHIO,
PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a SBC CALIFORNIA,
THE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY,
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE, L.P. d/b/a SBC ARKANSAS, SBC KANSAS,
SBC MISSOURI, SBC OKLAHOMA AND/OR SBC TEXAS
AND/OR WISCONSIN BELL, INC. d/b/a SBC WISCONSIN

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between one or more of

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Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana,
Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan,
Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada,
The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio,
Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California,
The Southern New England Telephone Company,
Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas,
Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin

and

dPi Teleconnect, L.L.C.

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INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

This Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (**the Agreement)**, by and between one or more of the SBC Communications Inc.-owned ILEC's **Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin,** (only to the extent that the agent for each such SBC-owned ILEC executes this Agreement for such SBC-owned ILEC and only to the extent that such SBC-owned ILEC provides Telephone Exchange Services as an ILEC in each of the state(s) listed below) and, dPi Teleconnect, L.L.C. ("CLEC"), (a Texas corporation), shall apply to the state(s) of California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Nevada, and Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, CLEC represents that it is, or intends to become, a provider of Telephone Exchange Service to residential and business End Users offered exclusively over its own Telephone Exchange Service facilities or predominantly over its own Telephone Exchange Service facilities in combination with the use of unbundled Network Elements purchased from other entity(ies) and the resale of Telecommunications Services of other carriers.

WHEREAS, the Parties want to Interconnect their networks at mutually agreed upon points of interconnection to provide, directly or indirectly, Telephone Exchange Services and Exchange Access to residential and business End Users over their respective Telephone Exchange Service facilities in the states which are subject to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are entering into this Agreement to set forth the respective obligations of the Parties and the terms and conditions under which the Parties will Interconnect their networks and facilities and provide to each other services as required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 as specifically set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Agreement, CLEC intends to operate where one or more of **Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin** is the incumbent Local Exchange Carrier(s) and CLEC, a competitive Local Exchange Carrier, has or, prior to the provisioning of any Interconnection, access to unbundled Network Elements, Telecommunications Services or any other functions, facilities, products or services hereunder, will have been granted authority to provide certain local Telephone Exchange Services in the foregoing ILEC Service areas by the appropriate State Commission(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

This Agreement is composed of General Terms and Conditions, which are set forth below, together with certain Appendices, Schedules, Exhibits and Addenda which immediately follow this Agreement, all of which are hereby incorporated in this Agreement by this reference and constitute a part of this Agreement.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. DEFINITIONS

Capitalized Terms used in this Agreement shall have the respective meanings specified below, in Section 1.x of each Appendix attached hereto, and/or as defined elsewhere in this Agreement.

1.1 General Definitions

1.1.1 **"A-link"** means a diverse pair of facilities connecting local end office switching centers with Signaling Transfer Points.

1.1.2 **"Act"** means the Communications Act of 1934 [47 U.S.C. 153(R)], as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) codified throughout 47 U.S.C.

1.1.3 **"Access Compensation"** is the compensation paid by one Party to the other Party for the origination/termination of intraLATA toll calls to/from its End User. Access compensation is in accordance with the LEC's tariffed access rates.

1.1.4 **"Access Service Request"** (**ASR**) is an industry standard form used by the Parties to add, establish, change or disconnect trunks for the purposes of Interconnection.

1.1.5 **"Accessible Letters"** are correspondence used to communicate pertinent information regarding **SBC-13STATE** to the client/End User community.

1.1.6 **"Account Owner"** means a telecommunications company, including **SBC-13STATE**, that stores and/or administers Line Record Information and/or Group Record Information in a Party's LIDB and/or Calling Name Database.

1.1.7 **"Advanced Services"** means intrastate or interstate wireline Telecommunications Services, such as ADSL, IDSL, xDSL, Frame Relay, Cell Relay and VPOP-Dial Access Service (an **SBC-13STATE** Frame Relay-based service) that rely on packetized technology and have the capability of supporting transmissions speeds of at least 56 kilobits per second in both directions. This definition of Advanced Services does not include:

1.1.7.1 Data services that are not primarily based on packetized technology, such as ISDN,

1.1.7.2 x.25-based and x.75-based packet technologies, or

1.1.7.3 Circuit switched services (such as circuit switched voice grade service) regardless of the technology, protocols or speeds used for the transmission of such services.

1.1.8 **"Affiliate"** is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.9 **"Alternate Billing Service" (ABS)** means a service that allows End Users to bill calls to accounts that may not be associated with the originating line. There are three types of ABS calls: calling card, collect and third number billed calls.

1.1.10 **"Applicable Law"** means all laws, statutes, common law, regulations, ordinances, codes, rules, guidelines, orders, permits, tariffs and approvals, including those relating to the environment or health and safety, of any Governmental Authority that apply to the Parties or the subject matter of this Agreement.

1.1.11 **"As Defined in the Act"** means as specifically defined by the Act.

1.1.12 **"As Described in the Act"** means as described in or required by the Act.

1.1.13 **"Automated Message Accounting"** (**AMA**) is a structure inherent in switch technology that initially records Telecommunication message information. AMA format is contained in the Automated Message Accounting document published by Telcordia (formerly known as Bellcore) as GR-1100-CORE, which defines and amends the industry standard for message recording.

1.1.14 **"Basic Analog Line Port"** is a line side switch connection available in either a loop or ground start signaling configuration used primarily for switched voice communications.

1.1.15 **"Billed Number Screening" (BNS)** means a validation of toll billing exception (TBE) data and performance of public telephone checks; i.e., determining if a billed line is a public (including those classified as semi-public) telephone number.

1.1.16 **"Bona Fide Request"** (**BFR**) is the process described in the applicable Appendix UNE.

1.1.17 **"Business Day"** means Monday through Friday, excluding holidays on which the applicable **SBC**-owned ILEC does not provision new retail services and products.

1.1.18 **"Busy Line Verification"** (**BLV**) means a service whereby an End User requests an operator to confirm the busy status of a line.

1.1.19 **"CABS"** means the Carrier Access Billing System.

1.1.20 **"Calling Card Service"** means a service that enables a calling End User to bill a telephone call to a calling card number with or without the help of an operator.

1.1.21 **"Calling Name Database"** means a Party's database containing current Calling Name Information, including the Calling Name Information of any telecommunications company participating in that Party's Calling Name Database. A Calling Name Database may be part of, or separate from, a LIDB.

1.1.22 **"Calling Name Delivery Service" (CNDS)** means a service that enables a terminating End User to identify the calling party by a displayed name before a call is answered. The calling party's name is retrieved from a Calling Name Database and delivered to the End User's premise between the first and second ring for display on compatible End User premises equipment.

1.1.23 **"Calling Name Information"** means a Telecommunications Carrier's records of its End Users names associated with one or more assigned ten-digit telephone numbers.

1.1.24 **"Calling Number Delivery"** means a feature that enables an End User to view the directory number of the calling party on a display unit.

1.1.25 **"Calling Party Number"** (**CPN**) means a Signaling System 7 "SS7" parameter whereby the ten (10) digit number of the calling Party is forwarded from the End Office.

1.1.26 **"Central Automatic Message Accounting (CAMA) Trunk"** means a trunk that uses Multi-Freuency (MF) signaling to transmit calls from CLEC's switch to an **SBC-13STATE** E911 Selective Router.

1.1.27 **"Centralized Message Distribution System"** (**CMDS**) means the transport system that LECs use to exchange outcollect and Carrier Access Billing System "CABS" access messages among each other and other Parties connected to CMDS.

1.1.28 **"Central office switch"** (**Central Office**) is a switching entity within the public switched telecommunications network, including but not limited to:

1.1.28.1 **"End Office Switch" or "End Office"** is a switching machine that **directly** terminates traffic to and receives traffic from purchasers of local exchange services. An End Office Switch does not include a PBX.

1.1.28.2 **"Tandem Office Switch" or "Tandem(s)"** are used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among other Central Office Switches. A Tandem Switch does not include a PBX.

1.1.29 **"Charge Number"** is a CCS signaling parameter that refers to the number transmitted through the network identifying the billing number of the calling party.

1.1.30 **"Claim"** means any pending or threatened claim, action, proceeding or suit.

1.1.31 **"CNAM Query"** means a Query that allows CLEC to query a Calling Name Database for Calling Name Information in order to deliver that information to CLEC's local CNDS subscribers.

1.1.32 **"CNAM Query Rate"** means a rate that applies to each CNAM Query received at the SCP where the Calling Name Database resides.

1.1.33 **"Collocation"** is As Described in the Act. Terms related to collocation are defined in the applicable Appendix Collocation or applicable collocation tariff, as appropriate.

1.1.34 **"Commercial Mobile Radio Services"** (**CMRS**) means Commercial Mobile Radio Service, As Defined in the Act and FCC rules.

1.1.35 **"Commission"** means the applicable State agency with regulatory authority over Telecommunications. Unless the context otherwise requires, use of the term **"Commissions"** means all of the thirteen agencies listed in this Section. The following is a list of the appropriate State agencies:

1.1.35.1 **the Arkansas Public Service Commission (AR-PSC);**
1.1.35.2 **Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CA-PUC);**
1.1.35.3 **the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC);**
1.1.35.4 **the Illinois Commerce Commission (IL-CC);**
1.1.35.5 **the Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission (IN-URC);**
1.1.35.6 **the Kansas Corporation Commission (KS-CC);**
1.1.35.7 **the Michigan Public Service Commission (MI-PSC);**
1.1.35.8 **the Missouri Public Service Commission (MO-PSC);**
1.1.35.9 **the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (NV-PUC);**
1.1.35.10 **the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUC-OH);**
1.1.35.11 **the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OK-CC);**
1.1.35.12 **the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC-TX); and**
1.1.35.13 **the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC-WI).**

1.1.36 **"Common Channel Signaling"** (**CCS**) means an out-of-band, packet-switched, signaling network used to transport supervision signals, control signals, and data messages. It is a special network, fully separate from the transmission path of the public switched network. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the CCS protocol used by the Parties shall be SS7.

1.1.37 **"Common Language Location Identifier**" (**CLLI**) codes provide a unique 11-character representation of a network interconnection point. The first 8 characters identify the city, state and building location, while the last 3 characters identify the network component.

1.1.38 **"Consequential Damages"** means Losses claimed to have resulted from any indirect, incidental, reliance, special, consequential, punitive, exemplary, multiple or any other Loss, including damages claimed to have resulted from harm to business, loss of anticipated revenues, savings, or profits, or other economic Loss claimed to have been suffered not measured by the prevailing Party's actual damages, and regardless of whether the Parties knew or had been advised of the possibility that such damages could result in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted, or done hereunder or related hereto, including willful acts or omissions.

1.1.39 **"Customer Usage Data"** means the Telecommunications Services usage data of a CLEC End User measured in minutes, sub-minute increments, message units, or otherwise, that is recorded by **SBC-13STATE** and forwarded to CLEC.

1.1.40 **"Custom Local Area Signaling Service Features"** (**CLASS**) means certain call-management service features that are currently available from **SBC-13STATE's** local networks. These could include: Automatic Call Back; Automatic Recall; Call Trace; Caller Identification and related blocking features; Calling Number Delivery; Customer Originated Trace; Distinctive Ringing/Call Waiting; Selective Call Forward; and Selective Call Rejection

1.1.41 **"Customer Name and Address Information" (CNA)** means the name, service address and telephone numbers of a Party's End Users for a particular Exchange Area. CNA includes nonpublished listings, coin telephone information and published listings.

1.1.42 **"Data Interexchange Carrier"** (**DIXC**) is a process designed to facilitate the reciprocal exchange of voice traffic load data between the **SBC-13STATE** and CLECs interconnecting with its network. This reciprocal exchange of data enables **SBC-13STATE** and each CLEC to have a complete view of traffic loads on both ends of two-way trunk groups. The knowledge of call attempt and overflow data counts on both ends of a two-way trunk group enables each company to more accurately estimate the offered, and thereby better estimate, the required quantities of trunks.

1.1.43 **"Delaying Event"** means any failure of a Party to perform any of its obligations set forth in this Agreement, caused in whole or in part by:

1.1.43.1 the failure of the other Party to perform any of its obligations set forth in this Agreement, including but not limited to a Party's failure to provide the other Party with accurate and complete Service Orders;

1.1.43.2 any delay, act or failure to act by the other Party or its End User, agent or subcontractor; or

1.1.43.3 any Force Majeure Event.

1.1.44 **"Dialing Parity"** is As Defined in the Act. As used in this Agreement, Dialing Parity refers to both Local Dialing Parity and Toll Dialing Parity.

1.1.45 **"Digital Signal Level"** is one of several transmission rates in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.

1.1.45.1 **"Digital Signal Level 0"** (**DS-0**) is the 64 Kbps zero-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.

1.1.45.2 **"Digital Signal Level 1"** (**DS-1**) is the 1.544 Mbps first-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.

1.1.45.3 **"Digital Signal Level 3"** (**DS-3**) is the 44.736 Mbps third-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.

1.1.46 **"Digital Subscriber Line"** (**DSL**) is as defined in the applicable Appendix DSL and/or the applicable tariff, as appropriate.

1.1.47 **"Electronic File Transfer"** is any system or process that utilizes an electronic format and protocol to send or receive data files.

1.1.48 **"End Users"** means a third-party residence or business that subscribes to Telecommunications Services provided by any of the Parties at retail. As used herein, the term "End Users" does not include any of the Parties to this Agreement with respect to any item or service obtained under this Agreement.

1.1.49 **"Enhanced Service Provider"** (**ESP**) is a provider of enhanced services as those services are defined in 47 CFR Section 64.702.

1.1.50 **"Exchange Access"** is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.51 **"Exchange Area"** means an area, defined by the Commission, for which a distinct local rate schedule is in effect.

1.1.52 **"Exchange Message Interface"** (**EMI**) (formerly Exchange Message Record - EMR) is the standard used for exchange of Telecommunications message information among Telecommunications Carriers for billable, non-billable, sample, settlement and study data. EMI format is contained in Telcordia Practice BR-010-200-010, CRIS Exchange Message Record.

1.1.53 **"Exchange Service"** means Telephone Exchange Service, As Defined in the Act.

1.1.54 **"Feature Group A" (FGA)** means calls either originated by, or delivered to, an End User who has purchased switched access FGA service from the interstate or intrastate tariffs of either Party. FGA also includes, but is not limited to, FGA-like services provided by either Party, where calls are originated from and/or delivered to numbers which are assigned to a Rate Center within one LATA but where the Party receiving the call is physically located in a LATA different than the LATA of the Party originating the call. The intercarrier compensation mechanism as well as additional definitions for FGA are specified in the appropriate Appendix FGA.

1.1.55 **"Feature Group D"** (**FGD**) is access available to all customers, providing trunk side access to a Party's End Office Switches with an associated uniform 101XXXX access code for customer's use in originating and terminating communications.

1.1.56 **"FCC"** means the Federal Communications Commission.

1.1.57 **"Fiber Meet"** means an Interconnection architecture method whereby the Parties physically Interconnect their networks via an optical fiber interface (as opposed to an electrical interface) at a mutually agreed upon location, at which one Party's responsibility or service begins and the other Party's responsibility ends.

1.1.58 **"Foreign Exchange"** (**FX**) means a service whereby calls either originated by or delivered to a customer who has purchased FX service from the state or interstate tariffs of either Party. FX also includes, but is not limited to, FX-like services provided by either Party where calls are originated from and/or delivered to numbers which are assigned to a Rate Center within one local calling area but where the Party receiving the call is physically located outside of that local calling area. FX service can be either interLATA or intraLATA. InterLATA FX, where the originating and receiving parties are physically located in different LATAs, is considered equivalent to FGA and the intercarrier compensation mechanism is the same as FGA. IntraLATA FX, when provided by two or more local exchange carriers "LECs", is considered a jointly provided service and meet-point billed by those providing it utilizing a mutually agreed to meet-point billing, or meet-point billing like procedure.

1.1.59 **"Governmental Authority"** means any federal, state, local, foreign, or international court, government, department, commission, board, bureau, agency, official, or other regulatory, administrative, legislative, or judicial authority with jurisdiction over the subject matter at issue.

1.1.60 **"Group Record"** means information in LIDB and/or the LIDB administrative system that is common to all telephone numbers in an NPA-NXX or all Special Billing Numbers in an NXX-0/1XX.

1.1.61 **"Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier**" (**ILEC**) is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.62 **"Intellectual Property"** means copyrights, patents, trademarks, trade secrets, mask works and all other intellectual property rights.

1.1.63 **"Integrated Digital Loop Carrier"** means a subscriber loop carrier system that is twenty-four (24) local Loop transmission paths combined into a 1.544 Mbps digital signal which integrates within the switch at a DS1 level.

1.1.64 **"Integrated Services Digital Network" (ISDN)** means a switched network service that provides end-to-end digital connectivity for the simultaneous transmission of voice and data. Basic Rate Interface-ISDN (BRI-ISDN) provides for a digital transmission of two 64 Kbps bearer channels and one 16 Kbps data channel (2B+D).

1.1.65 **"Interconnection"** is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.66 **"Interconnection Activation Date"** is the date that the construction of the joint facility Interconnection arrangement has been completed, trunk groups have been established, joint trunk testing is completed and trunks have been mutually accepted by the Parties.

1.1.67 **"Interexchange Carrier"** (**IXC**) means a carrier that provides, directly or indirectly, interLATA or intraLATA Telephone Toll Services.

1.1.68 **"InterLATA"** is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.69 **"Intermediate Distribution Frame"** (**IDF**) is a second frame that augments an existing Main Distribution Frame. Lines or outside cables do not terminate on the IDF.

1.1.70 **"Internet Service Provider"** (**ISP**) is an Enhanced Service Provider that provides Internet Services, and is defined in paragraph 341 of the FCC's First Report and Order in CC Docket No. 97-158.

1.1.71 **"IntraLATA Toll Traffic"** means the IntraLATA traffic between two locations within one LATA where one of the locations lies outside of the normal local calling area as defined by the applicable Commission.

1.1.72 **"Jurisdictional Identification Parameter"** (**JIP**) is an existing six (6) digit (NPA-NXX) field in the SS7 message. This field designates the first point of switching.

1.1.73 **"LIDB Editor"** means a SCP tool that bypasses the LIDB administrative system and provides emergency access to LIDB for data administration.

1.1.74 **"Line Information Data Base"** (**LIDB)** means a transaction-oriented database system that functions as a centralized repository for data storage and retrieval. LIDB is accessible through CCS networks. LIDB contains records associated with End User line numbers and special billing numbers. LIDB accepts queries from other network elements and provides return result, return error, and return reject responses as appropriate. Examples of information that Account Owners might store in LIDB and in their Line Records are: ABS Validation Data, Originating Line Number Screening (OLNS) data, ZIP Code data, and Calling Name Information.

1.1.75 **"LIDB Service Applications"** means the query types accepted for access to LIDB information.

1.1.76 **"Line Record"** means information in LIDB and/or the LIDB administrative system that is specific to a single telephone number or Special Billing Number.

1.1.77 **"Local Access Transport Area**" (**LATA**) is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.78 **"Local Exchange Carrier"** (**LEC**) is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.79 **"Local Exchange Routing Guide"** (**LERG**) is a Telcordia Reference document used by Telecommunications Carriers to identify NPA-NXX routing and homing information as well as Network element and equipment designations.

1.1.80 **"Local Calls"**, for purposes of intercarrier compensation, is traffic where all calls are within the same common local and common mandatory local calling area, i.e., within the same or different SBC Exchange(s) that participate in the same common local mandatory local calling area approved by the applicable state Commission. Local Calls must actually originate and actually terminate to parties physically located within the same common local or common mandatory local calling area.

1.1.81 **"Local Interconnection Trunks/Trunk Groups"** are used for the termination of Local Exchange Traffic, pursuant to Telcordia Technical Reference GR-317-CORE "GR-317.

1.1.82 **"Local Loop Transmission", "Unbundled Local Loop", "Loop"** means the transmission path which extends from the Network Interface Device or demarcation point at an End User's premise to the Main Distribution Frame or other designated frame or panel in the **SBC-13STATE** Serving Wire Center.

1.1.83 **"Local Number Portability"** means the ability of users of Telecommunications Services to retain, at the same location, the presence of a previously existing telephone number(s).

1.1.84 **"Location Routing Number (LRN)** is a ten (10) digit number that is assigned to the network switching elements (Central Office – Host and Remotes as required) for the routing of calls in the network. The first six (6) digits of the LRN will be one of the assigned NPA NXX of the switching element. The purpose and functionality of the last four (4) digits of the LRN have not yet been defined but are passed across the network to the terminating switch.

1.1.85 **"Local Service Provider"** (**LSP**) is the LEC that provides retail local Exchange Service to an End User. The LSP may or may not provide any physical network components to support the provision of that End User's service.

1.1.86 **"Loss"** or **"Losses"** means any and all losses, costs (including court costs), claims, damages (including fines, penalties, and criminal or civil judgments and settlements), injuries, liabilities and expenses (including attorneys' fees).

1.1.87 **"MECAB"** refers to the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing document prepared by the Billing Committee of the Ordering and Billing Forum "OBF", which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee "CLC of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions "ATIS". The MECAB document, published by ATIS as ATIS/OBF- MECAB- Issue 6, February 1998, contains the recommended guidelines for the billing of access services provided to an IXC by two or more LECs, or by one LEC in two or more states within a single LATA.

1.1.88 **"MECOD"** refers to the Multiple Exchange Carriers Ordering and Design Guidelines for Access Services - Industry Support Interface, a document developed by the Ordering/Provisioning Committee of the OBF, which functions under the auspices of the CLC of ATIS. The MECOD document, published by ATIS as ATIS/OBF- MECAB- Issue 3, February 1993, establishes methods for processing orders for access service which is to be provided to an IXC by two or more telecommunications providers.

1.1.89 **"Meet-Point Billing"** (**MPB**) refers to the billing associated with interconnection of facilities between two or more LECs for the routing of traffic to and from an IXC with which one of the LECs does not have a direct connection. In a multi-bill environment, each Party bills the appropriate tariffed rate for its portion of a jointly provided Switched Exchange Access Service.

1.1.90 **"Multiple Bill/Single Tariff"** is a billing method used when Switched Exchange Access Services is jointly provided by the Parties. As described in the MECAB document, each Party will render a bill in accordance with its own tariff for that portion of the service it provides. Each Party will bill its own network access service rates.

1.1.91 **"Mutual Compensation"** as defined in Appendix Reciprocal Compensation.

1.1.92 **"Network Data Mover"** (**NDM**) is an industry standard protocol for transferring information electrically.

1.1.93 **"Network Element"** is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.94 **"North American Numbering Plan"** (**NANP**) A numbering architecture in which every station in the NANP Area is identified by a unique ten-digit address consisting of a three-digit NPA code, a three digit central office code of the form NXX, and a four-digit line number of the form XXXX.

1.1.95 **"Numbering Plan Area"** (**NPA**) also called area code. An NPA is the 3-digit code that occupies the A, B, C positions in the 10-digit NANP format that applies throughout the NANP Area. NPAs are of the form NXX, where N represents the digits 2-9 and X represents any digit 0-9. In the NANP, NPAs are classified as either geographic or non-geographic. a) Geographic NPAs are NPAs which correspond to discrete geographic areas within the NANP Area. b) Non-geographic NPAs are NPAs that do not correspond to discrete geographic areas, but which are instead assigned for services with attributes, functionalities, or requirements that transcend specific geographic boundaries. The common examples are NPAs in the N00 format, e.g., 800.

1.1.96 **"Number Portability"** is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.97 **"NXX" or "Central Office Code"** is the three-digit switch entity indicator that is defined by the fourth through sixth digits of a 10-digit telephone number within the NANP. Each NXX Code contains 10,000 station numbers.

1.1.98 **"Ordering and Billing Forum"** (**OBF**) is a forum comprised of local telephone companies and inter-exchange carriers whose responsibility is to create and document Telecommunication industry guidelines and standards.

1.1.99 **"Originating Line Information"** (**OLI**) is an SS7 Feature Group D signaling parameter which refers to the number transmitted through the network identifying the billing number of the calling Party.

1.1.100 **"Originating Point Code" (OPC)** means a code assigned to identify CLEC's system(s) that originate SS7 messages, including LIDB Service Queries.

1.1.101 **"Party"** means either CLEC or the SBC-owned ILEC; use of the term "Party" includes each of the SBC-owned ILEC(s) that is a party to this Agreement. **"Parties"** means both CLEC and the SBC-owned ILEC; use of the term "Parties" includes each of the SBC-owned ILEC(s) that is a party to this Agreement.

1.1.102 **"Permanent Number Portability"** (**PNP**) is a long term method of providing LNP using LRN.

1.1.103 **"Person"** means an individual or a partnership, an association, a joint venture, a corporation, a business or a trust or other entity organized under Applicable law, an unincorporated organization or any Governmental Authority.

1.1.104 **"Physical Collocation"** is as defined in applicable Appendix Collocation or applicable tariff, where applicable.

1.1.105 **"Plain Old Telephone Service"** (**POTS**) means telephone service for the transmission of human speech.

1.1.106 **"Point of Interconnection"** (**POI**) is a physical location at which the Parties' networks meet for the purpose of establishing Interconnection. POIs include a number of different technologies and technical interfaces based on the Parties' mutual agreement.

1.1.107 **"Port**" is the point of interface/access connection to the **SBC-13STATE** public switched network. This may be a switch line side interface or switch trunk side interface.

1.1.108 **"Rate Center Area"** means the following in each applicable area:

1.1.108.1 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**

1.1.108.1.1 **"**Rate Center**"** means the specific geographic point that has been designated by a given LEC as being associated with a particular NPA-NXX code that has been assigned to the LEC for its provision of Telephone Exchange Service. The Rate Center is the finite geographic point identified by a specific V&H coordinate, which is used by that LEC to measure, for billing purposes, distance sensitive transmission services associated with the specific Rate Center.

1.1.108.2 **SBC NEVADA**

1.1.108.2.1 "Rate Center" denotes the designated points, representing exchanges, (or locations outside exchange areas), between which mileage measurements are made for the application of interexchange mileage rates. Rate Centers are defined in NV-PUC tariff A6.2.7.

1.1.108.3 **SBC CALIFORNIA**

1.1.108.3.1 "Rate Center" denotes the designated points, representing exchanges or district area (or locations outside exchange areas), between which mileage measurements are made for the application of interexchange and interdistrict mileage rates, as defined by the CA-PUC.A2, 2.1.1 Definition of Terms.

1.1.108.4 **SBC SNET**

1.1.108.4.1 "Rate Center means the specific geographic point and corresponding area that have been identified by a given LEC as being associated with a

particular NPA-NXX code that has been assigned to the LEC for its provision of Exchange Services.

1.1.108.5 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**

1.1.108.5.1 "Rate Center" means an uniquely defined geographical location within an exchange area (or a location outside the exchange area) for which mileage measurements are determined for the application of interstate tariffs.

1.1.109 **"Rating Point"** means the V&H coordinates associated with a particular telephone number for rating purposes.

1.1.110 **"Referral Announcement"** refers to a process by which calls are routed to an announcement that states the new telephone number of an End User.

1.1.111 **"Routing Point"** is a location which a LEC has designated on its own network as the homing or routing point for traffic inbound to Exchange Service provided by the LEC which bears a certain NPA-NXX designation. The Routing Point is employed to calculate mileage measurements for the distance-sensitive transport element charges of Switched Access services. The Routing Point need not be the same as the Rating Point, nor must it be located within the Rate Center area, but must be in the same LATA as the NPA-NXX.

1.1.112 **SBC Communications Inc**. **(SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

1.1.113 **SBC-2STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

1.1.114 **SBC-4STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

1.1.115 **SBC-7STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA,** the applicable SBC owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.1.116 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA,** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.1.117 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.1.118 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.1.119 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.1.120 **SBC ARKANSAS -** As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

1.1.121 **SBC CALIFORNIA –** As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/ba/ SBC California, the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in California.

1.1.122 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

1.1.123 **SBC ILLINOIS -** As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

1.1.124 **SBC INDIANA -** As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

1.1.125 **SBC MICHIGAN -** As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.

1.1.126 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.1.127 **SBC MISSOURI -** As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.

1.1.128 **SBC NEVADA –** As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

1.1.129 **SBC OHIO -** As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

1.1.130 **SBC OKLAHOMA -** As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.

1.1.131 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.1.132 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.1.133 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Texas.

1.1.134 **SBC WISCONSIN -** As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

1.1.135 **"Service Control Point**" (**SCP**) is the node in the common channel signaling network that accepts Queries for certain Database services. The SCP is a real time database system that receives Queries from service platforms, performs subscriber or application-specific service logic, and then sends a Response back to the Query-originating platform. Such service platforms can be Service Switching Points (SSPs) or other network nodes capable of properly formatting and launching Queries.

1.1.136 **"Service Management System" (SMS)** means an off-line system used to access, create, modify, or update information in a Database.

1.1.137 **"Service Provider Number Portability" (SPNP)** is synonymous with Permanent Number Portability "PNP".

1.1.138 **"Service Switching Point" (SSP)** is a telephone central office switch equipped with a Signaling System 7 (SS7) interface.

1.1.139 **"Signaling System 7"** (**SS7**) means a signaling protocol used by the CCS Network.

1.1.140 **"Signal Transfer Point"** (**STP**) performs a packet switching function that routes signaling messages among Service Switching Points (**SSP**), Service Control Points (**SCP**), Signaling Points (**SP**), and other STPs in order to set up calls and to query databases for Advanced Services.

1.1.141 **"Sleuth"** means an off-line administration system that monitors suspected occurrences of ABS-related fraud.

1.1.142 **"Special Billing Number" (SBN)** means a Line Record in LIDB that is based on an NXX-0/1XX numbering format. NXX-0/1XX numbering formats are similar to NPA-NXX formats except that the fourth digit of a SBN is either a zero (0) or a one (1).

1.1.143 **"State Abbreviation"** means the following:

1.1.143.1 "AR" means Arkansas
1.1.143.2 "CA" means California
1.1.143.3 "CT" means Connecticut
1.1.143.4 "IL" means Illinois
1.1.143.5 "IN" means Indiana
1.1.143.6 "KS" means Kansas
1.1.143.7 "MI" means Michigan
1.1.143.8 "MO" means Missouri
1.1.143.9 "NV" means Nevada
1.1.143.10 "OH" means Ohio
1.1.143.11 "OK" means Oklahoma
1.1.143.12 "TX" means Texas
1.1.143.13 "WI" means Wisconsin

1.1.144 **"Switched Access Detail Usage Data"** means a category 1101xx record as defined in the EMI Telecordia Practice BR 010-200-010.

1.1.145 **"Switched Exchange Access Service"** means the offering of transmission or switching cervices to Telecommunications Carriers for the purpose of the origination or termination of telephone toll service. Switched Exchange Access Services include: Feature Group A, Feature Group B, Feature Group D, 800/888 access, and 900 access and their successors or similar Switched Exchange Access Services.

1.1.146 **"Synchronous Optical Network"** (**SONET**) is an optical interface standard that allows inter-networking of transmission products from multiple vendors. The base rate is 51.84 Mbps ("OC-1/STS-1") and higher rates are direct multiples of the base rate, up to 13.22 Gbps.

1.1.147 **"Tape Load Facility"** means data entry points at the LIDB administrative system and/or the SCPs where LIDB resides.

1.1.148 **"Telecommunications"** is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.149 **"Telecommunications Carrier"** is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.150 **"Telecommunications Service"** is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.151 **"Telephone Exchange Service"** is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.152 **"Telephone Toll Service"** is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.153 **"Third Party"** means any Person other than a Party.

1.1.154 **"Toll Billing Exception Service" (TBE)** means a service that allows End Users to restrict third number billing or collect calls to their lines.

1.1.155 **"Toll Free Service"** is service provided with any dialing sequence that invokes toll-free, 800-like, service processing, for example for illustration only, 800 or 800-like services. Toll Free Service includes but is not limited to calls placed to 800/888 NPA Service Access Codes (SAC).

1.1.156 **"Translation Type"** means a code in the Signaling Connection Control Part (SCCP) of the SS7 signaling message. Signal Transfer Points (STPs) use Translation Types to identify the routing table used to route a LIDB Query and/or CNAM Query. All LIDB Queries and/or CNAM Queries that use the same Translation Type are routed to the same LIDB and/or CNAM Database for a particular Line Record or, prior to number portability, for a particular NPA-NXX.

1.1.157 **"Trunk"** means a communication line between two switching systems.

1.1.158 **"Trunk-Side"** refers to a Central Office Switch connection that is capable of, and has been programmed to treat the circuit as connecting to another switching entity (for example another Central Office switch). Trunk-Side connections offer those transmission and signaling features appropriate for the connection of switching entities and cannot be used for the direct connection of ordinary telephone station sets.

1.1.159 **"Wire Center"** is the location of one or more local switching systems. A point at which End User's loops within a defined geographic area converge. Such local loops may be served by one (1) or more Central Office Switches within such premises.

1.2 Definitions Applicable to **SBC-12STATE** Only

1.2.1 **"Main Distribution Frame"** (**MDF**) is termination frame for outside facility and inter-exchange office equipment at the central office for DS-0 and DSL services.

1.2.2 **"Serving Wire Center"** (**SWC**) means a Wire Center that serves the area in which the other Party's or a third party's Wire Center, aggregation point, point of termination, or point of presence is located.

1.2.3 **"Universal Digital Loop Carrier"** (**UDLC**) describes a DLC system that has a Central Office terminal channel bank that is connected to the CO switches on the analog side.

1.3 Definitions Applicable to **SBC-7STATE** Only

1.3.1 **"Line Side"** refers to End Office switch connections that have been programmed to treat the circuit as a local line connected to a terminating station (e.g., an ordinary subscriber's telephone station set, a PBX, answering machine, facsimile machine or computer). Line Side connections offer only those transmission and signal features appropriate for a connection between an End Office and such terminating station.

1.4 Definitions Applicable to **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** Only

1.4.1 **"Line Side"** refers to the switch port toward the CLEC's side of the equipment.

2. INTERPRETATION, CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

2.1 Definitions

2.1.1 For purposes of this Agreement, certain terms have been defined in this Agreement to encompass meanings that may differ from, or be in addition to, the normal connotation of the defined word. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, any term defined or used in the singular will include the plural. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation" and/or "but not limited to". The words "will" and "shall" are used interchangeably throughout this Agreement and the use of either connotes a mandatory requirement. The use of one or the other will not mean a different degree of right or obligation for either Party. A defined word intended to convey its special meaning is capitalized when used. Other terms that are capitalized and not defined in this Agreement will have the meaning in the Act, or in the absence of their inclusion in the Act, their customary usage in the Telecommunications industry as of the Effective Date.

2.2 Headings Not Controlling

2.2.1 The headings and numbering of Sections, Parts, Appendices Schedules and Exhibits to this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be construed to define or limit any of the terms herein or affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

2.2.2 This Agreement incorporates a number of Appendices which, together with their associated Attachments, Exhibits, Schedules and Addenda, constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties. In order to facilitate use and comprehension of the Agreement, the Appendices have been grouped under broad headings. It is understood that these groupings are for convenience of reference only, and are not intended to limit the applicability that any particular appendix, attachment, exhibit, schedule or addenda may otherwise have.

2.3 Referenced Documents

2.3.1 Unless the context shall otherwise specifically require, and subject to Section 21, whenever any provision of this Agreement refers to a technical reference, technical publication, CLEC Practice, **SBC-13STATE** Practice, any publication of telecommunications industry administrative or technical standards, or any other document specifically incorporated into this Agreement (collectively, a "**Referenced Instrument**"), it will be deemed to be a reference to the then-current version or edition (including any amendments, supplements, addenda, or successors) of each Referenced Instrument that is in effect, and will include the then-current version or edition (including any amendments, supplements, addenda, or successors) of any other Referenced Instrument incorporated by reference therein.

2.4 References

2.4.1 References herein to Sections, Paragraphs, Exhibits, Parts, Schedules, and Appendices shall be deemed to be references to Sections, Paragraphs and Parts of, and Exhibits, Schedules and Appendices to, this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require.

2.5 Tariff References

2.5.1 Wherever any Commission ordered tariff provision or rate is cited or quoted herein, it is understood that said cite encompasses any revisions or modifications to said tariff.

2.5.2 Wherever any Commission ordered tariff provision or rate is incorporated, cited or quoted herein, it is understood that said incorporation or reference applies only to the entity within the state whose Commission ordered that tariff.

2.5.3 Wherever the term "customer" is used in connection with **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's** retail tariffs, the term "customer" means the ultimate "consumer" or the "end user" of any tariffed service.

2.6 Conflict in Provisions

2.6.1 In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the Act, the provisions of the Act shall govern.

2.6.2 If any definitions, terms or conditions in any given Appendix, Attachment, Exhibit, Schedule or Addenda differ from those contained in the main body of this Agreement, those definitions, terms or conditions will supersede those contained in the main body of this Agreement, but only in regard to the services or activities listed in that particular Appendix, Attachment, Exhibit, Schedule or Addenda. In particular, if an Appendix contains a Term length that differs from the Term length in the main body of this Agreement, the Term length of that Appendix will control the length of time that services or activities are to occur under that Appendix, but will not affect the Term length of the remainder of this Agreement.

2.6.3 In **SBC SNET** only, in the event of a conflict between any provision in this Agreement and any provision in the DPUC-ordered tariffs covering the services that are the subject of this Agreement with **SBC SNET**, such DPUC-ordered tariffs will prevail.

2.7 Joint Work Product

2.7.1 This Agreement is the joint work product of the Parties and has been negotiated by the Parties and their respective counsel and shall be fairly interpreted in accordance with its terms and, in the event of any ambiguities, no inferences shall be drawn against either Party.

2.8 Severability

2.8.1 If any provision of this Agreement is rejected or held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, each Party agrees that such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent permissible so as to effect the intent of the Parties, and the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. If necessary to effect the intent of the Parties, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to amend this Agreement to replace the unenforceable language with enforceable language that reflects such intent as closely as possible. The Parties negotiated the terms and conditions of this Agreement for Interconnection, services and Network Elements as a total arrangement and it is intended to be nonseverable.

2.9 Incorporation by Reference

2.9.1 The General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, and every Interconnection, Resale Service Network Element, function, facility, product or service provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in the Appendices to this Agreement which are legitimately related to such Interconnection, Resale Service, Network Element, function, facility, product or service; and all such rates, terms and conditions are incorporated by reference herein and deemed a part of every Interconnection, Resale Service, Network Element, function, facility, product or service provided hereunder. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each Interconnection, Resale Service, Network Element, function, facility, product or service provided hereunder: definitions; interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; assurance of payment; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnity; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks and service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; no third Party beneficiaries, disclaimer of agency; assignment; subcontracting; hazardous substances and responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; customer inquiries; expenses; conflict of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

2.10 Non-Voluntary Provisions

2.10.1 This Agreement incorporates certain rates, terms and conditions that were not voluntarily negotiated by **SBC-13STATE**, but instead resulted from determinations made in arbitrations under Section 252 of the Act or from other requirements of regulatory agencies or state law (individually and collectively, a "Non-Voluntary Arrangement"). **SBC-13STATE** has identified some, but not all, of the Non-Voluntary Arrangements contained in this Agreement, by designating such provisions with asterisks. If any Non-Voluntary Arrangement is modified as a result of any order or finding by the FCC, the appropriate Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction, any Party may, by providing written notice to the other Party, require that any affected Non-Voluntary Arrangement (and any related rates, terms and conditions) be deleted or renegotiated, as applicable, in good faith and this

Agreement amended accordingly. If such modifications to this Agreement are not executed within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of such notice, a Party may pursue its rights under Section 10.

2.10.2 The Parties acknowledge that the Non-Voluntary Arrangements contained in this Agreement shall not be available in any state other than the state that originally imposed/required such Non-Voluntary Arrangement. By way of example only, the Parties acknowledge that the PUC-OH's imposition in Ohio of the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (and all terms and conditions relating thereto) shall not apply in or be "portable to" any state other than Ohio.

2.11 State-Specific Rates, Terms and Conditions

2.11.1 For ease of administration, this multistate Agreement contains certain specified rates, terms and conditions which apply only in a designated state ("**state-specific terms**"). To the extent that this Agreement contains specified rates, terms and conditions which apply only in a given state, such rates, terms and conditions shall not apply and shall have no effect in any other state(s) to which this Agreement is submitted for approval under Section 252(e) of the Act.

2.11.2 State-specific terms, as the phrase is described in Section 2.11.1 above, have been negotiated (or in the case of 2.10.2 above, included in the agreement per state requirement) by the Parties only as to the states where this Agreement has been executed, filed and approved. When the Parties negotiate an agreement for an additional state, neither Party shall be precluded by any language in this Agreement from negotiating state-specific terms for the state in which are to apply.

2.11.3 **Successor Rates.** Certain of the rates, prices and charges set forth in the applicable Appendix Pricing have been established by the appropriate Commissions in cost proceedings or dockets initiated under or pursuant to the Act. If during the Term that Commission or the FCC changes a rate, price or charge in an order or docket that applies to any of the Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services available hereunder, the Parties agree to amend this Agreement to incorporate such new rates, prices and charges, with such rates, prices and charges to be effective as of the date specified in such order or docket (including giving effect to any retroactive application, if so ordered). If either Party refuses to execute an amendment to this Agreement within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of such order or docket, the other Party may pursue its rights under Section 10.

2.12 Scope of Obligations

2.12.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, **SBC-13STATE'**s obligations under this Agreement shall apply only to:

2.12.1.1 the specific operating area(s) or portion thereof in which **SBC-13 STATE** is then deemed to be the ILEC under the Act (**the "ILEC Territory"**), and

2.12.1.2 assets that **SBC-13STATE** owns or leases and which are used in connection with **SBC-13STATE**'s provision to CLEC of any Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products or services provided or contemplated under this Agreement, the Act or any tariff or ancillary agreement referenced herein (individually and collectively, the **"ILEC Assets"**).

2.13 Affiliates

2.13.1 These General Terms and Conditions and all attachments and Appendices hereto (this Agreement), including subsequent amendments, if any, shall bind **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC and any entity that currently or subsequently is owned or controlled by or under common ownership or control with CLEC. CLEC further agrees that the same or substantially the same terms and conditions shall be incorporated into any separate agreement between **SBC-13STATE** and any such CLEC Affiliate that continues to operate as a separate entity. This Agreement shall remain effective as to CLEC and any such CLEC Affiliate for the term of this Agreement as stated herein until either **SBC-13STATE** or CLEC or any such CLEC Affiliate institutes renegotiation consistent with the provisions of this Agreement for renewal and term. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement will not supercede

a currently effective interconnection agreement between any such CLEC Affiliate and **SBC-13STATE** until the expiration of such other agreement.

3. NOTICE OF CHANGES -- SECTION 251(c)(5)

3.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall limit either Party's ability to upgrade its network through the incorporation of new equipment, new software or otherwise. Each Party agrees to comply with the Network Disclosure rules adopted by the FCC in CC Docket No. 96-98, Second Report and Order, codified at 47 C.F.R. 51.325 through 51.335, as such rules may be amended from time to time (the **"Network Disclosure Rules"**).

4. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

4.1 Upon approval by the Commission, CLEC agrees to begin providing Telephone Exchange Service within its certificated service area to business End Users within _____ calendar days and to residential End Users within _____ calendar days.

4.2 **SBC-12STATE** and CLEC shall each use their best efforts to meet the Interconnection Activation Dates.

4.3 Each Party is individually responsible to provide facilities within its network that are necessary for routing, transporting, measuring, and billing traffic from the other Party's network and for delivering such traffic to the other Party's network in the standard format compatible with **SBC-13STATE**'s network as referenced in Telcordia BOC Notes on LEC Networks Practice No. SR-TSV-002275, and to terminate the traffic it receives in that standard format to the proper address on its network. The Parties are each solely responsible for participation in and compliance with national network plans, including the National Network Security Plan and the Emergency Preparedness Plan.

4.4 The Parties shall exchange technical descriptions and forecasts of their Interconnection and traffic requirements in sufficient detail necessary to establish the Interconnections required to assure traffic completion to and from all End Users in their respective designated service areas.

4.5 Each Party is solely responsible for all products and services it provides to its End Users and to other Telecommunications Carriers.

4.6 Facilities-based carriers and UNE-based Switch Port providers are responsible for administering their End User records in a LIDB.

4.6.1 **SBC CALIFORNIA** reserves the right on one hundred eighty (180) calendar days notice to require UNE-Based Switch Port providers to administer their End User records in **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s LIDB.

4.6.2 **SBC NEVADA** does not have a line information database and/or Calling Name database. Line Information Database services can be purchased from **SBC CALIFORNIA**.

4.7 At all times during the term of this Agreement, each Party shall keep and maintain in force at its own expense the following minimum insurance coverage and limits and any additional insurance and/or bonds required by Applicable Law:

4.7.1 Workers' Compensation insurance with benefits afforded under the laws of each state covered by this Agreement and Employers Liability insurance with minimum limits of $100,000 for Bodily Injury-each accident, $500,000 for Bodily Injury by disease-policy limits and $100,000 for Bodily Injury by disease-each employee.

4.7.2 Commercial General Liability insurance with minimum limits of: $10,000,000 General Aggregate limit; $5,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for all bodily injury or property damage incurred in any one occurrence; $1,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for Personal Injury and Advertising; $10,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate limit, with a $5,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for Products/Completed Operations. Fire Legal Liability sub-limits of $2,000,000 are also required if this Agreement involves collocation. The other Party must be named as an Additional Insured on the Commercial General Liability policy.

4.7.3 If use of an automobile is required, Automobile Liability insurance with minimum limits of $1,000,000 combined single limits per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, which coverage shall extend to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles.

4.7.4 Each Party shall require subcontractors providing services under this Agreement to maintain in force the insurance coverage and limits required in Sections 4.7 through 4.7.3 of this Agreement.

4.7.5 The Parties agree that companies affording the insurance coverage required under Section 4.7 shall have a rating of B+ or better and a Financial Size Category rating of VII or better, as rated in the A.M. Best Key Rating Guide for Property and Casualty Insurance Companies. Upon request from the other Party, each Party shall provide to the other Party evidence of such insurance coverage.

4.7.6 Each Party agrees to provide the other Party with at least thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice of cancellation, material reduction or non-renewal of any of the insurance policies required herein.

4.7.7 Each Party agrees to accept the other Party's program of self-insurance in lieu of insurance coverage if certain requirements are met. These requirements are as follows:

4.7.7.1 The Party desiring to satisfy its Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability obligations through self-insurance shall submit to the other Party a copy of its Certificate of Authority to Self-Insure its Workers' Compensation obligations issued by each state covered by this Agreement or the employer's state of hire; and

4.7.7.2 The Party desiring to satisfy its automobile liability obligations through self-insurance shall submit to the other Party a copy of the state-issued letter approving self-insurance for automobile liability issued by each state covered by this Agreement; and

4.7.7.3 The Party desiring to satisfy its general liability obligations through self-insurance must provide evidence acceptable to the other Party that it maintains at least an investment grade (e.g., B+ or higher) debt or credit rating as determined by a nationally recognized debt or credit rating agency such as Moody's, Standard and Poor's or Duff and Phelps.

4.7.8 This Section 4.7 is a general statement of insurance requirements and shall be in addition to any specific requirement of insurance referenced elsewhere in this Agreement or a Referenced Instrument.

4.8 Upon CLEC signature of this Agreement, CLEC shall provide **SBC-13STATE** with CLEC's state-specific authorized and nationally recognized OCN/AECNs for facilities-based (Interconnection and/or unbundled Network Elements) and a separate and distinct OCN/AECN for Resale Services.

4.9 In the event that CLEC makes any corporate name change (including addition or deletion of a d/b/a), change in OCN/AECN, or makes or accepts a transfer or assignment of interconnection trunks or facilities (including leased facilities), or a change in any other CLEC identifier (collectively, a **"CLEC Change"**), CLEC shall submit written notice to **SBC-13STATE** within thirty (30) calendar days of the first action taken to implement such CLEC Change. A CLEC may make one (1) CLEC Change in any twelve (12) month period without charge by **SBC-13STATE** for updating its databases, systems, and records solely to reflect such CLEC Change. In the event of any other CLEC Change, SBC-13STATE reserves the right to seek recovery of the costs associated with updating the applicable **SBC-13STATE** databases, systems, and records to reflect the CLEC Change. Notwithstanding the above, for each CLEC Change the CLEC shall pay any applicable charges associated with recording and otherwise updating any CLEC branding or announcement(s), and any applicable charges associated with any service orders or requests submitted to **SBC-13STATE** to make the CLEC Change.

4.10 When a End User changes its service provider from **SBC-13STATE** to CLEC or from CLEC to **SBC-13STATE** and does not retain its original telephone number, the Party formerly providing service to such End User shall furnish a referral announcement **("Referral Announcement")** on the original telephone number that specifies the End User's new telephone number.

4.10.1 The following pertains to **SBC ILLINOIS**, **SBC WISCONSIN** and **SBC CALIFORNIA** only:

4.10.1.1 Referral Announcements shall be provided by a Party to the other Party for the period of time and at the rates set forth in the referring Party's tariff(s); provided, however, if either Party provides Referral Announcements for a period different (either shorter or longer) than the period(s) stated in its tariff(s) when its End Users change their telephone numbers, such Party shall provide the same level of service to End Users of the other Party.

4.10.2 The following applies to **SBC INDIANA** only:

4.10.2.1 Referral Announcements shall be provided by a Party to the other Party for the period specified in 170 IAC 7-1.1-11(I)(3)(a) and (b) and at the rates set forth in the referring Party's tariff(s). However, if either Party provides Referral Announcements for a period different than the above period(s) when its End Users change their telephone numbers, such Party shall provide the same level of service to End Users of the other Party.

4.10.3 The following applies to **SBC MICHIGAN** only:

4.10.3.1 Referral Announcements shall be provided by a Party to the other Party for the period specified in Michigan Administrative Rule 484.134 and at the rates set forth in the referring Party's tariff(s). However, if either Party provides Referral Announcements for a period longer than the above period(s) when its End Users change their telephone numbers, such Party shall provide the same level of service to End Users of the other Party.

4.10.4 The following applies to **SBC OHIO** only:

4.10.4.1 Referral Announcements shall be provided by a Party to the other Party for the period of time specified in Rule 4901:1-5-12, Ohio Administrative Code and at the rates set forth in the referring Party's tariff(s). However, if either Party provides Referral Announcements for a period longer than the above period(s) when its End Users change their telephone numbers, such Party shall provide the same level of service to End Users of the other Party.

4.11 Each Party shall be responsible for labor relations with its own employees. Each Party agrees to notify the other Party as soon as practicable whenever such Party has knowledge that a labor dispute concerning its employees is delaying or threatens to delay such Party's timely performance of its obligations under this Agreement and shall endeavor to minimize impairment of service to the other Party (for example, by using its management personnel to perform work or by other means) in the event of a labor dispute to the extent permitted by Applicable Law.

4.12 Each Party shall act in good faith in its performance under this Agreement and, in each case in which a Party's consent or agreement is required or requested hereunder, such Party shall not unreasonably withhold or delay such consent or agreement.

4.13 Each Party agrees that this Agreement contains comprehensive OSS terms and conditions; however, CLEC represents and covenants that it will only use OSS for activities related to UNES, resold services or other services for which this Agreement contains terms, conditions and rates.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM, AND TERMINATION

5.1 In **SBC-13STATE,** with the exception of **SBC OHIO**, the Effective Date of this Agreement shall be ten (10) calendar days after the Commission approves this Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act or, absent such Commission approval, the date this Agreement is deemed approved under Section 252(e)(4) of the Act. In **SBC OHIO**, based on the PUC-OH, the Agreement is Effective upon filing and is deemed approved by operation of law on the 91st day after filing.

5.2 The term of this Agreement shall commence upon the Effective Date of this Agreement and shall expire on August 10, 2004, provided; however, should CLEC implement (i.e. provided assurance of payment, ordered facilities, and submitted ASRs for trunking) this Agreement within six (6) months of the Effective Date, then

this Agreement will automatically renew for one additional year and expire on August 10, 2005 (the **"Term**"). Absent the receipt by one Party of written notice from the other Party within 180 calendar days prior to the expiration of the Term to the effect that such Party does not intend to extend the Term, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect on and after the expiration of the Term until terminated by either Party pursuant to Section 5.3 or 5.4.

5.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, either Party may terminate this Agreement and the provision of any Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products or services provided pursuant to this Agreement, at the sole discretion of the terminating Party, in the event that the other Party fails to perform a material obligation or breaches a material term of this Agreement and the other Party fails to cure such nonperformance or breach within forty-five (45) calendar days after written notice thereof. Any termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 5.3 shall take effect immediately upon delivery of written notice to the other Party that it failed to cure such nonperformance or breach within forty-five (45) calendar days after written notice thereof.

5.4 If pursuant to Section 5.2, this Agreement continues in full force and effect after the expiration of the Term, either Party may terminate this Agreement after delivering written notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement, subject to Sections 5.5 and 5.6. Neither Party shall have any liability to the other Party for termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 5.4 other than its obligations under Sections 5.5 and 5.6.

5.5 Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement in accordance with Sections 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 or 23.2:

5.5.1 Each Party shall continue to comply with its obligations set forth in Section 42; and

5.5.2 Each Party shall promptly pay all amounts owed under this Agreement or place any Disputed Amounts into an escrow account that complies with Section 8.4 hereof;

5.5.3 Each Party's confidentiality obligations shall survive; and

5.5.4 Each Party 's indemnification obligations shall survive.

5.6 If either Party serves notice of expiration pursuant to Section 5.2 or Section 5.4, CLEC shall have ten (10) calendar days to provide **SBC-13STATE** written confirmation if CLEC wishes to pursue a successor agreement with **SBC-13STATE** or terminate its agreement. CLEC shall identify the action to be taken on each applicable (13) state(s). If CLEC wishes to pursue a successor agreement with **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC shall attach to its written confirmation or notice of expiration/termination, as applicable, a written request to commence negotiations with **SBC-13STATE** under Sections 251/252 of the Act and identify each of the state(s) the successor agreement will cover. Upon receipt of CLEC's Section 252(a)(1) request, the Parties shall commence good faith negotiations on a successor agreement.

5.7 The rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the earlier of (i) the effective date of its successor agreement, whether such successor agreement is established via negotiation, arbitration or pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act; or (ii) the date that is ten (10) months after the date on which **SBC-13STATE** received CLEC's Section 252(a)(1) request.

5.8 If at any time during the Section 252(a)(1) negotiation process (prior to or after the expiration date or termination date of this Agreement), CLEC withdraws its Section 252(a)(1) request, CLEC must include in its notice of withdrawal a request to adopt a successor agreement under Section 252(i) of the Act or affirmatively state that CLEC does not wish to pursue a successor agreement with **SBC-13STATE** for a given state. The rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the later of: 1) the expiration of the term of this Agreement, or 2) the expiration of ninety (90) calendar days after the date CLEC provides notice of withdrawal of its Section 252(a)(1) request. If the Term of this Agreement has expired, on the earlier of (i) the ninety-first (91st) calendar day following **SBC-13STATE**'s receipt of CLEC's notice of withdrawal of its Section 252(a)(1) request or (ii) the effective date of the agreement following approval by the Commission of the adoption of an agreement under 252(i), the Parties shall, have no further obligations under this Agreement except those set forth in Section 5.5 of this Agreement.

5.9 If CLEC does not affirmatively state that it wishes to pursue a successor agreement with **SBC-13STATE** in its, as applicable, notice of expiration or termination or the written confirmation required after receipt of the SBC-owned ILEC's notice of expiration or termination, then the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the later of 1) the expiration of the Term of this Agreement, or 2) the expiration of ninety (90) calendar days after the date CLEC provided or received notice of expiration or termination. If the Term of this Agreement has expired, on the ninety-first (91st) day following CLEC provided or received notice of expiration or termination, the Parties shall have no further obligations under this Agreement except those set forth in Section 5.5 of this Agreement.

5.10 In the event of termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 5.9, **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC shall cooperate in good faith to effect an orderly transition of service under this Agreement; provided that CLEC shall be solely responsible (from a financial, operational and administrative standpoint) to ensure that its End Users have been transitioned to a new LEC by the expiration date or termination date of this Agreement.

6. END USER FRAUD

6.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall not be liable to CLEC for any fraud associated with CLEC's End User's account, including 1+ IntraLATA toll, ported numbers, and Alternate Billing Service (**ABS**). ABS is a service that allows End Users to bill calls to account(s) that might not be associated with the originating line. There are three types of ABS calls: calling card, collect, and third number billed calls.

6.2 The Parties agree to cooperate with one another to investigate, minimize, and take corrective action in cases of fraud involving 1+ IntraLATA toll calls, ABS, and ported numbers. The Parties' fraud minimization procedures are to be cost-effective and implemented so as not to unduly burden or harm one Party as compared to the other.

6.3 In cases of suspected fraudulent activity by an End User, at a minimum, the cooperation referenced in Section 6.2 will include providing to the other Party, upon request, information concerning Customers who terminate services to that Party without paying all outstanding charges. The Party seeking such information is responsible for securing the End User's permission to obtain such information.

6.4 **SBC-10STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA,** and **SBC SNET** will provide notification messages to CLEC on suspected occurrences of ABS-related fraud on CLEC accounts stored in the applicable LIDB. **SBC CALIFORNIA** will provide such alert messages by e-mail. **SBC-10STATE** and **SBC SNET** will provide via fax.

6.4.1 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE (**on behalf of itself and **SBC SNET)** and **SBC CALIFORNIA** will use a Sleuth system to determine suspected occurrences of ABS-related fraud for CLEC using the same criteria **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC CALIFORNIA** use to monitor fraud on their respective accounts.

6.4.2 CLEC understands that Sleuth alerts only identify potential occurrences of fraud. CLEC understands and agrees that it will need to perform its own investigations to determine whether a fraud situation actually exists. CLEC understands and agrees that it will also need to determine what, if any, action CLEC should take as a result of a Sleuth alert.

6.4.3 The Parties will provide contact names and numbers to each other for the exchange of Sleuth alert notification information twenty-four (24) hours per day seven (7) days per week.

6.4.4 For each alert notification provided to CLEC, CLEC may request a corresponding thirty-day (30-day) historical report of ABS-related query processing. CLEC may request up to three reports per alert.

6.5 In **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC CALIFORNIA** ABS-related alerts are provided to CLEC at no additional charge, except as related in 6.6 below.

6.5.1 In **SBC CALIFORNIA**, 1+ IntraLATA toll fraud alerts are offered for Resale only under the product name Traffic Alert Referral Service (**TARS**). For TARS, CLEC agrees to pay a recurring usage rate as outlined in Appendix Pricing.

6.6 Traffic Alert Referral Service 1+ Intra-LATA Toll Fraud Monitoring

6.6.1 For terms and conditions for TARS, see Appendix Resale.

6.6.2 TARS is offered in **SBC CALIFORNIA** only.

7. ASSURANCE OF PAYMENT

7.1 Upon request by **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC will provide **SBC-13STATE** with adequate assurance of payment of amounts due (or to become due) to **SBC-13STATE**.

7.2 Assurance of payment may be requested by **SBC-12STATE** if:

7.2.1 at the Effective Date CLEC had not already established satisfactory credit by having made at least twelve (12) consecutive months of timely payments to **SBC-13STATE** for charges incurred as a CLEC; or

7.2.2 in **SBC-12STATE**'s reasonable judgment, at the Effective Date or at any time thereafter, there has been an impairment of the established credit, financial health, or credit worthiness of CLEC. Such impairment will be determined from information available from financial sources, including but not limited to Moody's, Standard and Poor's, and the Wall Street Journal. Financial information about CLEC that may be considered includes, but is not limited to, investor warning briefs, rating downgrades, and articles discussing pending credit problems; or

7.2.3 CLEC fails to timely pay a bill rendered to CLEC by **SBC-12STATE** (except such portion of a bill that is subject to a good faith, bona fide dispute and as to which CLEC has complied with all requirements set forth in Section 9.3); or

7.2.4 CLEC admits its inability to pay its debts as such debts become due, has commenced a voluntary case (or has had an involuntary case commenced against it) under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or any other law relating to insolvency, reorganization, winding-up, composition or adjustment of debts or the like, has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors or is subject to a receivership or similar proceeding.

7.3 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the assurance of payment will, at **SBC-12STATE**'s option, consist of

7.3.1 a cash security deposit in U.S. dollars held by **SBC-12STATE** ("Cash Deposit") or

7.3.2 an unconditional, irrevocable standby bank letter of credit from a financial institution acceptable to **SBC-12STATE** naming the SBC owned ILEC(s) designated by **SBC-12STATE** as the beneficiary(ies) thereof and otherwise in form and substance satisfactory to **SBC-12STATE** ("Letter of Credit").

7.3.3 The Cash Deposit or Letter of Credit must be in an amount equal to three (3) months anticipated charges (including, but not limited to, recurring, non-recurring and usage sensitive charges, termination charges and advance payments), as reasonably determined by **SBC-12STATE**, for the Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, Collocation or any other functions, facilities, products or services to be furnished by **SBC-12STATE** under this Agreement.

7.3.3.1 Notwithstanding anything else set forth in this Agreement, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will not request assurance of payment of charges reasonably anticipated by **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** to be incurred in Arkansas in an amount that would exceed one (1) month's projected bill for CLEC's initial market entry; provided, however, that after three (3) months of operation, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** may request assurance of payment of charges reasonably anticipated by **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** to be incurred in Arkansas in an amount not to exceed two times projected average monthly billing to CLEC.

7.3.3.2 Notwithstanding anything else set forth in this Agreement, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will not request assurance of payment of charges reasonably anticipated by **SBC**

SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE to be incurred in Oklahoma in an amount that would exceed two times projected average monthly billing to CLEC.

7.4 To the extent that **SBC-12STATE** elects to require a Cash Deposit, the Parties intend that the provision of such Cash Deposit shall constitute the grant of a security interest in the Cash Deposit pursuant to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in any relevant jurisdiction.

7.5 A Cash Deposit will accrue interest at the rate of six percent (6%) simple interest per annum. Interest will accrue on a Cash Deposit from the day after it is received by **SBC-12STATE** through the day immediately prior to the date the Cash Deposit is credited to CLEC's bill(s) or returned to CLEC. **SBC-12STATE** will not pay interest on a Letter of Credit.

7.6 **SBC-12STATE** may, but is not obligated to, draw on the Letter of Credit or the Cash Deposit, as applicable, upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:

7.6.1 CLEC owes **SBC-12STATE** undisputed charges under this Agreement that are more than thirty (30) calendar days past due; or

7.6.2 CLEC admits its inability to pay its debts as such debts become due, has commenced a voluntary case (or has had an involuntary case commenced against it) under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or any other law relating to insolvency, reorganization, winding-up, composition or adjustment of debts or the like, has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors or is subject to a receivership or similar proceeding; or

7.6.3 The expiration or termination of this Agreement.

7.7 If **SBC-12STATE** draws on the Letter of Credit or Cash Deposit, upon request by **SBC-12STATE**, CLEC will provide a replacement or supplemental letter of credit or cash deposit conforming to the requirements of Section 7.3.

7.8 Notwithstanding anything else set forth in this Agreement, if **SBC-12STATE** makes a request for assurance of payment in accordance with the terms of this Section, then **SBC-12STATE** shall have no obligation thereafter to perform under this Agreement until such time as CLEC has furnished **SBC-12STATE** with the assurance of payment requested; provided, however, that **SBC-12STATE** will permit CLEC a minimum of ten (10) Business Days to respond to a request for assurance of payment before invoking this Section.

7.8.1 If CLEC fails to furnish the requested adequate assurance of payment on or before the date set forth in the request, **SBC-12STATE** may also invoke the provisions set forth in Section 9.5 through Section 9.7.

7.9 The fact that a Cash Deposit or Letter of Credit is requested by **SBC-12STATE** shall in no way relieve CLEC from timely compliance with all payment obligations under this Agreement (including, but not limited to, recurring, non-recurring and usage sensitive charges, termination charges and advance payments), nor does it constitute a waiver or modification of the terms of this Agreement pertaining to disconnection or re-entry for non-payment of any amounts required to be paid hereunder.

7.10 For adequate assurance of payment of amounts due (or to become due) to **SBC SNET**, see the applicable DPUC ordered tariff.

8. BILLING AND PAYMENT OF CHARGES

8.1 Unless otherwise stated, each Party will render monthly bill(s) to the other for Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services provided hereunder at the rates set forth in the applicable Appendix Pricing, as set forth in applicable tariffs or other documents specifically referenced herein and, as applicable, as agreed upon by the Parties or authorized by a Party.

8.1.1 Remittance in full of all bills rendered by **SBC-10STATE** and **SBC CALIFORNIA** is due within thirty (30) calendar days of each bill date (the **"Bill Due Date"**). Payment must be made in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 8.3 of this Agreement.

8.1.2 Remittance in full of all bills rendered by **SBC NEVADA** is due in accordance with the terms set forth in the Commission C2-A Tariff, with the date on which amounts are due referred to herein as the **"Bill Due Date."**

8.1.3 Remittance in full of all bills rendered by **SBC SNET** is due in accordance with the terms set forth in the Connecticut Access Service Tariff approved by the DPUC, with the date on which amounts are due referred to herein as the **"Bill Due Date."**

8.1.4 Remittance in full of all bills rendered by CLEC is due within thirty (30) calendar days of each bill date (the **"Bill Due Date"**).

8.1.5 If CLEC fails to remit payment for any charges by the Bill Due Date, or if payment for any portion of the charges is received from CLEC after the Bill Due Date, or if payment for any portion of the charges is received in funds which are not immediately available to **SBC-12STATE** as of the Bill Due Date (individually and collectively, **"Past Due"**), then a late payment charge will be assessed as provided in Sections 8.1.5.1 through 8.1.5.3, as applicable.

8.1.5.1 If any charge incurred under this Agreement that is billed out of any **SBC-8STATE** billing system other than the **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** Customer Records Information System (CRIS) is Past Due, the unpaid amounts will accrue interest from the day following the Bill Due Date until paid at the lesser of (i) the rate used to compute the Late Payment Charge in the applicable **SBC-8STATE** intrastate access services tariff for that state and (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law. The method and timing for application of interest to any charge incurred under this Agreement that is billed out of any **SBC-8STATE** billing system other than **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s CRIS will comply with the process set forth in the applicable **SBC-8STATE** intrastate access services tariff for that state.

8.1.5.2 If any charge incurred under this Agreement that is billed out of **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s CRIS is Past Due, the unpaid amounts will accrue interest from the day following the Bill Due Date until paid. The interest rate applied to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** CRIS-billed Past Due unpaid amounts will be the lesser of (i) the rate used to compute the Late Payment Charge contained in the applicable **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** intrastate retail tariff governing Late Payment Charges to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s retail End Users that are business End Users in that state and (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law. The method and timing for application of interest to any charge incurred under this Agreement that is billed out of **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s CRIS will be governed by the **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** intrastate retail tariff governing Late Payment Charges to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s retail End Users that are business End Users in that state.

8.1.5.3 If any charge incurred under this Agreement that is billed out of any **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** billing system is Past Due, the unpaid amounts will accrue interest from the Bill Due Date at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month and (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law, compounded daily from the day following the Bill Due Date to and including the date that the payment is actually made and available.

8.2 If any charge incurred by **SBC-13STATE** under this Agreement is Past Due, the unpaid amounts will accrue interest from the day following the Bill Due Date until paid. The interest rate applied will be the lesser of (i) the rate used to compute the Late Payment Charge contained in the applicable **SBC-13STATE** intrastate access services tariff for that state and (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law, compounded daily from the Bill Due Date to and including the date that the payment is actually made and available.

8.3 CLEC shall make all payments to **SBC-12STATE** via electronic funds credit transfers through the Automated Clearing House Association (ACH) network to the financial institution designated by **SBC-12STATE**. Remittance information will be communicated together with the funds transfer via the ACH network. CLEC must use the CCD+ or the CTX transaction set. CLEC and **SBC-12STATE** will abide by the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) Rules and Regulations. Each ACH credit transfer must be received by **SBC-12STATE** no later than the Bill Due Date of each bill or Late Payment Charges will apply. **SBC-12STATE** is not liable for any delays in receipt of funds or errors in entries caused by CLEC or Third Parties, including CLEC's financial institution. CLEC is responsible for its own banking fees.

8.3.1 Processing of payments not made via electronic funds credit transfers through the ACH network may be delayed. CLEC is responsible for any Late Payment Charges resulting from CLEC's failure to use electronic funds credit transfers through the ACH network.

8.3.2 CLEC must make all payments to **SBC SNET** in "immediately available funds." All payments to **SBC SNET** must be made using one of the methods set forth in the Connecticut Access Service Tariff approved by the DPUC or via electronic funds credit transfers through the Automated Clearing House Association (ACH) network to the financial institution designated by **SBC SNET**. If CLEC makes payment through funds transfer via the ACH network, remittance information will be communicated together with the funds transfer via the ACH network. If CLEC makes payment through funds transfer via the ACH network, CLEC must use the CCD+ or the CTX transaction set. CLEC and **SBC SNET** will abide by the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) Rules and Regulations. Each payment must be received by **SBC SNET** no later than the Bill Due Date of each bill or Late Payment Charges will apply. **SBC SNET** is not liable for any delays in receipt of funds or errors in entries caused by CLEC or Third Parties, including CLEC's financial institution. CLEC is responsible for its own banking fees.

8.4 If any portion of an amount due to a Party (the **"Billing Party"**) under this Agreement is subject to a bona fide dispute between the Parties, the Party billed (the **"Non-Paying Party"**) must, prior to the Bill Due Date, give written notice to the Billing Party of the amounts it disputes **("Disputed Amounts")** and include in such written notice the specific details and reasons for disputing each item listed in Section 10.4.1. On or before the Bill Due Date, the Non-Paying Party must pay (i) all undisputed amounts to the Billing Party, and (ii) all Disputed Amounts into an interest bearing escrow account with a Third Party escrow agent mutually agreed upon by the Parties. To be acceptable, the Third Party escrow agent must meet all of the following criteria:

8.4.1 The financial institution proposed as the Third Party escrow agent must be located within the continental United States;

8.4.2 The financial institution proposed as the Third Party escrow agent may not be an Affiliate of either Party; and

8.4.3 The financial institution proposed as the Third Party escrow agent must be authorized to handle ACH (credit transactions) (electronic funds) transfers.

8.4.4 In addition to the foregoing requirements for the Third Party escrow agent, the disputing Party and the financial institution proposed as the Third Party escrow agent must agree in writing furnished to the Billing Party that the escrow account will meet all of the following criteria:

8.4.4.1 The escrow account must be an interest bearing account;

8.4.4.2 all charges associated with opening and maintaining the escrow account will be borne by the disputing Party;

8.4.4.3 that none of the funds deposited into the escrow account or the interest earned thereon may be used to pay the financial institution's charges for serving as the Third Party escrow agent;

8.4.4.4 all interest earned on deposits to the escrow account will be disbursed to the Parties in the same proportion as the principal; and

8.4.4.5 disbursements from the escrow account will be limited to those:

8.4.4.5.1 authorized in writing by both the disputing Party and the Billing Party (that is, signature(s) from representative(s) of the disputing Party only are not sufficient to properly authorize any disbursement); or

8.4.4.5.2 made in accordance with the final, non-appealable order of the arbitrator appointed pursuant to the provisions of Section 10.7; or

8.4.4.5.3 made in accordance with the final, non-appealable order of the court that had jurisdiction to enter the arbitrator's award pursuant to Section 10.7.

8.5 Disputed Amounts in escrow will be subject to Late Payment Charges as set forth in Section 8.1.5.

8.6 Issues related to Disputed Amounts shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures identified in the Dispute Resolution provisions set forth in Section 10.

8.7 If the Non-Paying Party disputes any charges and any portion of the dispute is resolved in favor of such Non-Paying Party, the Parties will cooperate to ensure that all of the following actions are completed:

8.7.1 the Billing Party will credit the invoice of the Non-Paying Party for that portion of the Disputed Amounts resolved in favor of the Non-Paying Party, together with any Late Payment Charges assessed with respect thereto no later than the second Bill Due Date after resolution of the dispute;

8.7.1.1 within ten (10) Business Days after resolution of the dispute, the portion of the escrowed Disputed Amounts resolved in favor of the Non-Paying Party will be released to the Non-Paying Party, together with any interest accrued thereon;

8.7.1.2 within ten (10) Business Days after resolution of the dispute, the portion of the escrowed Disputed Amounts resolved in favor of the Billing Party will be released to the Billing Party, together with any interest accrued thereon; and

8.7.1.3 no later than the third Bill Due Date after the resolution of the dispute, the Non-Paying Party will pay the Billing Party the difference between the amount of accrued interest the Billing Party received from the escrow disbursement and the amount of Late Payment Charges the Billing Party is entitled to receive pursuant to Section 8.1.5.

8.8 If the Non-Paying Party disputes any charges and the entire dispute is resolved in favor of the Billing Party, the Parties will cooperate to ensure that all of the actions required by Section 8.7.3 and Section 8.7.4 are completed within the times specified therein.

8.8.1 Failure by the Non-Paying Party to pay any charges determined to be owed to the Billing Party within the time specified in Section 8.7 shall be grounds for termination of the Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services provided under this Agreement.

8.9 If either Party requests one or more additional copies of a bill, the requesting Party will pay the Billing Party a reasonable fee for each additional copy, unless such copy was requested due to failure in delivery of the original bill or correction(s) to the original bill.

8.9.1 Each additional copy of any bill provided for billing from **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s CABS billing system will incur charges as specified in Access Service Tariff FCC No. 73 Section 13 Alternate Bill Media.

8.9.2 Bills provided to CLEC from **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s CRIS system through Bill Plus will incur charges as specified in Appendix Pricing.

8.10 Exchange of Billing Message Information

8.10.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC a specific Daily Usage File (**"DUF" or "Usage Extract"**) for Resale Services and Network Element usage sensitive services provided hereunder (**"Customer Usage Data"**). Such Customer Usage Data will be provided by **SBC-13STATE** in accordance with Exchange Message Interface **(EMI)** guidelines supported by OBF. Any exceptions to the supported

formats will be noted in the DUF implementation requirements documentation for each SBC owned ILEC. The DUF will include (i) specific daily usage, including both Local Traffic (if and where applicable) and LEC-carried IntraLATA Toll Traffic, in EMI format for usage sensitive services furnished in connection with each Resale Service and Network Element to the extent that similar usage sensitive information is provided to retail End Users of **SBC-13STATE** within that state, (ii) with sufficient detail to enable CLEC to bill its End Users for usage sensitive services furnished by **SBC-13STATE** in connection with Resale Services and Network Elements provided by **SBC-13STATE**. Procedures and processes for implementing the interfaces with **SBC-13STATE** will be included in implementation requirements documentation.

8.10.2 To establish file transmission for the Daily Usage File, CLEC must provide to **SBC-13STATE** a separate written request for each state no less than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the desired first transmission date for each file.

8.10.3 Unless otherwise specified in Appendix Message Exchange, call detail for LEC-carried calls that are alternately billed to CLEC End Users lines provided by **SBC-13STATE** through Resale or Network Elements will be forwarded to CLEC as rated call detail on the DUF.

8.10.4 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will bill CLEC for Usage Extract furnished by **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** in accordance with the price(s) provided in the applicable Appendix Pricing under "Electronic Billing Information."

8.10.5 Interexchange call detail on Resale Services or Network Elements (ports) that is forwarded to **SBC-13STATE** for billing, which would otherwise be processed by **SBC-13STATE** for its retail End Users, will be returned to the IXC and will not be passed through to CLEC. This call detail will be returned to the IXC with a transaction code indicating that the returned call originated from a resold account. Billing for Information Services and other ancillary services traffic on Resale Services and Network Elements (ports) will be passed through when **SBC-13STATE** records the message.

8.10.6 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE,** and **SBC-2STATE** Ancillary Services messages originated on or billed to a Resale Service or Network Element (port) in those seven (7) states are subject to the rates, terms and conditions of Appendix MESSAGE EXCHANGE.

8.10.7 CLEC is responsible for providing all billing information to each of its End Users, regardless of the method used to provision the End User's service.

9. NONPAYMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR DISCONNECTION

9.1 If a Party is furnished Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services under the terms of this Agreement in more than one (1) state, Sections 9.1 through 9.7, inclusive, shall be applied separately for each such state.

9.2 Failure to pay charges shall be grounds for disconnection of Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services furnished under this Agreement. If a Party fails to pay any charges billed to it under this Agreement, including but not limited to any Late Payment Charges or miscellaneous charges **("Unpaid Charges"),** and any portion of such Unpaid Charges remain unpaid after the Bill Due Date, the Billing Party will notify the Non-Paying Party in writing that in order to avoid disruption or disconnection of the Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services furnished under this Agreement, the Non-Paying Party must remit all Unpaid Charges to the Billing Party within ten (10) Business Days following receipt of the Billing Party's notice of Unpaid Charges.

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9.2.1 **SBC INDIANA** will also provide any written notification to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission as required by rule 170 IAC 7-6.

9.2.2 **SBC KANSAS** will also provide any written notification to the Kansas Corporation Commission as required by Order Number 5 (dated March 25, 2002) in Docket 01-GIMT-649-GIT.

9.2.3 **SBC MISSOURI** will also provide any written notification to the Missouri Public Service Commission as required by Rule 4 CSR 240-32.120.

9.3 If the Non-Paying Party desires to dispute any portion of the Unpaid Charges, the Non-Paying Party must complete all of the following actions not later than ten (10) Business Days following receipt of the Billing Party's notice of Unpaid Charges:

9.3.1 notify the Billing Party in writing which portion(s) of the Unpaid Charges it disputes, including the total amount disputed **("Disputed Amounts")** and the specific details listed in Section 10.4.1 of this Agreement, together with the reasons for its dispute; and

9.3.2 pay all undisputed Unpaid Charges to the Billing Party; and

9.3.3 pay all Disputed Amounts [other than disputed charges arising from Appendix Reciprocal Compensation] into an interest bearing escrow account that complies with the requirements set forth in Section 8.4; and

9.3.4 furnish written evidence to the Billing Party that the Non-Paying Party has established an interest bearing escrow account that complies with all of the terms set forth in Section 8.4 and deposited a sum equal to the Disputed Amounts [other than disputed charges arising from Appendix Reciprocal Compensation] into that account. Until evidence that the full amount of the Disputed Charges [other than disputed charges arising from Appendix Reciprocal Compensation] has been deposited into an escrow account that complies with Section 8.4 is furnished to the Billing Party, such Unpaid Charges will not be deemed to be "disputed" under Section 10.

9.4 Issues related to Disputed Amounts shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures identified in the Dispute Resolution provision set forth in Section 10.

9.5 **SBC-12STATE**

9.5.1 If the Non-Paying Party fails to (a) pay any undisputed Unpaid Charges in response to the Billing Party's Section 9.2 notice, (b) deposit the disputed portion of any Unpaid Charges into an interest bearing escrow account that complies with all of the terms set forth in Section 8.4 within the time specified in Section 9.3, (c) timely furnish any assurance of payment requested in accordance with Section 7 or (d) make a payment in accordance with the terms of any mutually agreed payment arrangement, the Billing Party may, in addition to exercising any other rights or remedies it may have under Applicable Law, provide written demand to the Non-Paying Party for payment of any of the obligations set forth in (a) through (d) of this Section within ten (10) Business Days. On the day that the Billing Party provides such written demand to the Non-Paying Party, the Billing Party may also exercise any or all of the following options:

9.5.1.1 suspend acceptance of any application, request or order from the Non-Paying Party for new or additional Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services under this Agreement; and/or

9.5.1.2 suspend completion of any pending application, request or order from the Non-Paying Party for new or additional Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services under this Agreement.

9.5.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Billing Party's exercise of any of its options under Section 9.5.1, Section 9.5.1.1 and Section 9.5.1.2:

9.5.2.1 will not delay or relieve the Non-Paying Party's obligation to pay all charges on each and every invoice on or before the applicable Bill Due Date, and

9.5.2.2 will exclude any affected application, request, order or service from any otherwise applicable performance interval, Performance Benchmark or Performance Measure.

9.6 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE only**

9.6.1 If the Non-Paying Party fails to pay the Billing Party on or before the date specified in the demand provided under Section 9.5.1 of this Agreement, the Billing Party may, in addition to exercising any other rights or remedies it may have under Applicable Law,

9.6.1.1 cancel any pending application, request or order from the Non-Paying Party for new or additional Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services under this Agreement; and

9.6.1.2 discontinue providing any Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services furnished under this Agreement.

9.6.1.2.1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in this Agreement, discontinuance of service by **SBC INDIANA** will comply with Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission rule 170 IAC 7-6.

9.6.1.2.2 The Billing Party has no liability to the Non-Paying Party or its End Users in the event of discontinuance of service.

9.6.1.2.3 Additional charges may become applicable under the terms of this Agreement following discontinuance of service.

9.7 **SBC-7STATE only**

9.7.1 Any demand provided by **SBC-7STATE** to CLEC under Section 9.5.1 will further specify that upon disconnection of CLEC, **SBC-7STATE** will cause CLEC's End Users that are provisioned through Resale Services to be transferred to **SBC-7STATE** local service.

9.7.1.1 A copy of the demand provided to CLEC under Section 9.7.1 will be provided to the Commission.

9.7.2 If the Non-Paying Party fails to pay the Billing Party on or before the date specified in the demand provided under Section 9.5.1 of this Agreement, the Billing Party may, in addition to exercising any other rights or remedies it may have under Applicable Law,

9.7.2.1 cancel any pending application, request or order for new or additional Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services under this Agreement; and

9.7.2.2 disconnect any Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services furnished under this Agreement.

9.7.2.2.1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in this Agreement, disconnection of service by **SBC KANSAS** will comply with Kansas Corporation Commission Order Number 5 (dated March 25, 2002) in Docket 01-GIMT-649-GIT.

9.7.3 On the same date that Resale Services to CLEC are disconnected, **SBC-7STATE** will transfer CLEC's End Users provisioned through Resale Services to **SBC-7STATE**'s local service. To the extent available at retail from **SBC-7STATE**, the Resale End Users transferred to **SBC-7STATE**'s local service will receive the same services that were provided through CLEC immediately prior to the time of transfer; provided, however, **SBC-7STATE** reserves the right to toll restrict (both interLATA and intraLATA) such transferred End Users.

9.7.3.1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in this Agreement, the transfer of Resale End Users to **SBC MISSOURI** will comply with Missouri Public Service Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-32.120.

9.7.3.2 **SBC-7STATE** will inform the Commission of the names of all Resale End Users transferred through this process.

9.7.3.3 Conversion charges and service establishment charges for transferring Resale End Users to **SBC-7STATE** as specified in Section 9.7.3 will be billed to CLEC.

9.7.3.4 The Billing Party has no liability to the Non-Paying Party or its End Users in the event of disconnection of service in compliance with Section 9.7.2. **SBC-7STATE** has no liability to CLEC or CLEC's End Users in the event of disconnection of service to CLEC and the transfer of any Resale End Users to **SBC-7STATE** local service in connection with such disconnection.

9.7.4 Within five (5) calendar days following the transfer, **SBC-7STATE** will notify each transferred Resale End User that because of CLEC's failure to pay **SBC-7STATE**, the End User's local service is now being provided by **SBC-7STATE**. This notice will also advise each transferred Resale End User that the End User has thirty (30) calendar days from the date of transfer to select a new Local Service Provider.

9.7.4.1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in this Agreement, notice of transfer to Missouri Resale End Users will comply with Missouri Public Service Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-32.120.

9.7.4.1.1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in this Agreement, notice of transfer to Kansas Resale End Users will comply with Kansas Corporation Commission Order No. 5 (dated March 25, 2002) in Docket 01-GIMT-649-GIT.

9.7.5 The transferred Resale End User shall be responsible for any and all charges incurred during the selection period other than those billed to CLEC under Section 9.7.3.3.

9.7.6 If any Resale End User transferred to **SBC-7STATE**'s local service under Section 9.7.3 of this Agreement fails to select a new Local Service Provider within thirty (30) calendar days of the transfer, **SBC-7STATE** may terminate the transferred Resale End User's service.

9.7.6.1 **SBC-7STATE** will notify the Commission of the names of all transferred Resale End Users whose local service was terminated pursuant to Section 9.7.5.

9.7.6.2 Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to obligate **SBC-7STATE** to continue to provide local service to any transferred Resale End User beyond the thirty (30) calendar day selection period. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to limit any and all disconnection rights **SBC-7STATE** has with regard to such transferred Resale End Users under Applicable Law; provided, however,

9.7.6.2.1 in **SBC CALIFORNIA** only, following expiration of the selection period and disconnection of such transferred Resale End Users, where facilities permit, **SBC CALIFORNIA** will furnish transferred and subsequently disconnected local residential End Users with "quick dial tone."

9.8 **SBC SNET only**

9.8.1 For nonpayment and procedures for disconnection for **SBC SNET**, see the applicable DPUC ordered tariff.

10. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

10.1 Finality of Disputes

10.1.1 Except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement, no claim may be brought for any dispute arising from this Agreement more than twenty-four (24) months from the date the occurrence which gives rise to the dispute is discovered or reasonably should have been discovered with the exercise of due care and attention.

10.1.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, a Party shall be entitled to dispute only those charges for which the Bill Due Date occurred within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date on which the other Party received notice of such Disputed Amounts.

10.2 Alternative to Litigation

10.2.1 The Parties desire to resolve disputes arising out of this Agreement without litigation. Accordingly, the Parties agree to use the following Dispute Resolution procedures with respect to any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach.

10.3 Commencing Dispute Resolution

10.3.1 Dispute Resolution shall commence upon one Party's receipt of written notice of a controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach. No Party may pursue any claim unless such written notice has first been given to the other Party. There are three (3) separate Dispute Resolution methods:

10.3.1.1 Service Center (**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**), LSC (**SBC-7STATE**) or LEC-C (**SBC SNET**);

10.3.1.2 Informal Dispute Resolution; and

10.3.1.3 Formal Dispute Resolution, each of which is described below.

10.4 LSC/ Service Center/LEC-C Dispute Resolution **-**the following Dispute Resolution procedures will apply with respect to any billing dispute arising out of or relating to the Agreement.

10.4.1 If the written notice given pursuant to Section 10.3 discloses that a CLEC dispute relates to billing, then the procedures set forth in this Section 10.4 shall be used and the dispute shall first be referred to the appropriate service center [**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** Service Center; **SBC-7STATE** Local Service Center **(LSC)**; **SBC SNET** Local Exchange Carrier Center (LEC-C)] for resolution. In order to resolve a billing dispute, CLEC shall furnish **SBC-13STATE** written notice of (i) the date of the bill in question, (ii) CBA/ESBA/ASBS or BAN number of the bill in question, (iii) telephone number, circuit ID number or trunk number in question, (iv) any USOC information relating to the item questioned, (v) amount billed and (vi) amount in question and (vii) the reason that CLEC disputes the billed amount. To be deemed a "dispute" under this Section 10.4, CLEC must provide evidence that it has either paid the disputed amount or established an interest bearing escrow account that complies with the requirements set forth in Section 8.4 of this Agreement and deposited all Unpaid Charges relating to Resale Services and Network Elements into that escrow account. Failure to provide the information and evidence required by this Section 10.4.1 not later than twenty-nine (29) calendar days following the Bill Due Date shall constitute CLEC's irrevocable and full waiver of its right to dispute the subject charges.

10.4.2 The Parties shall attempt to resolve Disputed Amounts appearing on **SBC-13STATE**'s current billing statements thirty (30) to sixty (60) calendar days from the Bill Due Date (provided the CLEC furnishes all requisite information and evidence under Section 10.4.1 by the Bill Due Date). If not resolved within thirty (30) calendar days, upon request, **SBC-13STATE** will notify CLEC of the status of the dispute and the expected resolution date.

10.4.3 The Parties shall attempt to resolve Disputed Amounts appearing on statements prior to the current billing statement within thirty (30) to ninety (90) calendar days, but resolution may take longer depending on the complexity of the dispute. If not resolved within thirty (30) calendar days from the date notice of the Disputed Amounts was received (provided that CLEC furnishes all requisite information and evidence under Section 10.4.1), **SBC-13STATE** will notify CLEC of the status of the dispute and the expected resolution date.

10.4.4 Any notice of Disputed Amounts given by **SBC-13STATE** to CLEC pursuant to Section 10.3 shall furnish CLEC written notice of: (i) the date of the bill in question, (ii) the account number or other identification of the bill in question, (iii) any telephone number, circuit ID number or trunk number in question, (iv) any USOC (or other descriptive information) questioned, (v) the amount billed, (vi) the amount in question, and (vii) the reason that **SBC-13STATE** disputes the billed amount. The Parties shall attempt to resolve Disputed Amounts appearing on current billing statement(s) thirty (30) to sixty (60) calendar days from the Bill Due Date (provided **SBC-13STATE**, furnishes all requisite

information by the Bill Due Date) and Disputed Amounts appearing on statements prior to the current billing statement within thirty (30) to ninety (90) calendar days, but resolution may take longer depending on the complexity of the dispute. If not resolved within thirty (30) calendar days, CLEC will notify **SBC-13STATE** of the status of the dispute and the expected resolution date.

10.4.5 If the Non-Paying Party is not satisfied by the resolution of the billing dispute under this Section 10.4, the Non-Paying Party may notify the Billing Party in writing that it wishes to invoke the Informal Resolution of Disputes afforded pursuant to Section 10.5 of this Agreement.

10.5 Informal Resolution of Disputes

10.5.1 Upon receipt by one Party of notice of a dispute by the other Party pursuant to Section 10.3 or Section 10.4.5, each Party will appoint a knowledgeable, responsible representative to meet and negotiate in good faith to resolve any dispute arising under this Agreement. The location, form, frequency, duration, and conclusion of these discussions will be left to the discretion of the representatives. Upon agreement, the representatives may utilize other alternative Dispute Resolution procedures such as mediation to assist in the negotiations. Discussions and the correspondence among the representatives for purposes of settlement are exempt from discovery and production and will not be admissible in the arbitration described below or in any lawsuit without the concurrence of both Parties. Documents identified in or provided with such communications that were not prepared for purposes of the negotiations are not so exempted, and, if otherwise admissible, may be admitted in evidence in the arbitration or lawsuit.

10.6 Formal Dispute Resolution

10.6.1 If the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute through the informal procedure described in Section 10.5, then either Party may invoke the formal Dispute Resolution procedures described in this Section 10.6. Unless agreed among all Parties, formal Dispute Resolution procedures, including arbitration or other procedures as appropriate, may be invoked not earlier than sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of the letter initiating Dispute Resolution under Section 10.3.

106.2 Claims Subject to Mandatory Arbitration. The following claims, if not settled through informal Dispute Resolution, will be subject to mandatory arbitration pursuant to Section 10.7 below:

10.6.2.1 Each unresolved billing dispute involving one percent (1%) or less of the amounts charged to the Disputing Party under this Agreement in the state in which the dispute arises during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding receipt of the letter initiating Dispute Resolution under Section 10.3. If the disputing Party has not been billed for a minimum of twelve (12) months immediately preceding receipt of the letter initiating Dispute Resolution under Section 10.3, the Parties will annualize the actual number of months billed.

10.6.3 Claims Subject to Elective Arbitration. Claims will be subject to elective arbitration pursuant to Section 10.7 if, and only if, the claim is not settled through informal Dispute Resolution and both Parties agree to arbitration. If both Parties do not agree to arbitration, then either Party may proceed with any remedy available to it pursuant to law, equity or agency mechanism.

10.6.4 Claims Not Subject to Arbitration. If the following claims are not resolved through informal Dispute Resolution, they will not be subject to arbitration and must be resolved through any remedy available to a Party pursuant to law, equity or agency mechanism.

10.6.4.1 Actions seeking a temporary restraining order or an injunction related to the purposes of this Agreement.

10.6.4.2 Actions to compel compliance with the Dispute Resolution process.

10.6.4.3 All claims arising under federal or state statute(s), including antitrust claims.

10.7 Arbitration

10.7.1 Disputes subject to mandatory or elective arbitration under the provisions of this Agreement will be submitted to a single arbitrator pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American

Arbitration Association or pursuant to such other provider of arbitration services or rules as the Parties may agree. The arbitrator shall be knowledgeable of telecommunications issues. Each arbitration will be held in **Dallas, Texas (SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE); Chicago, Illinois (SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE), San Francisco, California (SBC CALIFORNIA); Reno, SBC NEVADA (SBC NEVADA); or New Haven, Connecticut (SBC SNET)**, as appropriate, unless the Parties agree otherwise. The arbitration hearing will be requested to commence within sixty (60) calendar days of the demand for arbitration. The arbitrator will control the scheduling so as to process the matter expeditiously. The Parties may submit written briefs upon a schedule determined by the arbitrator. The Parties will request that the arbitrator rule on the dispute by issuing a written opinion within thirty (30) calendar days after the close of hearings. The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Secs. 1-16, not state law, shall govern the arbitrability of all disputes. The arbitrator will have no authority to award punitive damages, exemplary damages, Consequential Damages, multiple damages, or any other damages not measured by the prevailing Party's actual damages, and may not, in any event, make any ruling, finding or award that does not conform to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The times specified in this Section may be extended or shortened upon mutual agreement of the Parties or by the arbitrator upon a showing of good cause. Each Party will bear its own costs of these procedures, including attorneys' fees. The Parties will equally split the fees of the arbitration and the arbitrator. The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding and may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

11. AUDITS – Applicable in SBC-12STATE only

11.1 Subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 20 and except as may be otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, a Party (the **"Auditing Party"**) may audit the other Party's (the **"Audited Party"**) books, records, data and other documents, as provided herein, once annually, with the audit period commencing not earlier than the date on which services were first supplied under this Agreement **("service start date")** for the purpose of evaluating (i) the accuracy of Audited Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided hereunder and (ii) verification of compliance with any provision of this Agreement that affects the accuracy of Auditing Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided to Audited Party hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Auditing Party may audit the Audited Party's books, records and documents more than once annually if the previous audit found (i) previously uncorrected net variances or errors in invoices in Audited Party's favor with an aggregate value of at least five percent (5%) of the amounts payable by Auditing Party for audited services provided during the period covered by the audit or (ii) non-compliance by Audited Party with any provision of this Agreement affecting Auditing Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided to Audited Party with an aggregate value of at least five percent (5%) of the amounts payable by Audited Party for audited services provided during the period covered by the audit.

11.1.1 The scope of the audit shall be limited to the period which is the shorter of (i) the period subsequent to the last day of the period covered by the audit which was last performed (or if no audit has been performed, the service start date and (ii) the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date the Audited Party received notice of such requested audit, but in any event not prior to the service start date. Such audit shall begin no fewer than thirty (30) calendar days after Audited Party receives a written notice requesting an audit and shall be completed no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the start of such audit.

11.1.2 Such audit shall be conducted either by the Auditing Party's employee(s) or an independent auditor acceptable to both Parties; provided, however, if the Audited Party requests that an independent auditor be engaged and the Auditing Party agrees, the Audited Party shall pay one-quarter (1/4) of the independent auditor's fees and expenses. If an independent auditor is to be engaged, the Parties shall select an auditor by the thirtieth day following Audited Party's receipt of a written audit notice. Auditing Party shall cause the independent auditor to execute a nondisclosure agreement in a form agreed upon by the Parties.

11.1.3 Each audit shall be conducted on the premises of the Audited Party during normal business hours. Audited Party shall cooperate fully in any such audit and shall provide the auditor reasonable access to any and all appropriate Audited Party employees and any books, records and other documents reasonably necessary to assess (i) the accuracy of Audited Party's bills and (ii) Audited Party's compliance with the provisions of this Agreement that affect the accuracy of Auditing Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided to Audited Party hereunder. Audited Party may redact from the books, records and other documents provided to the auditor any Audited Party Proprietary Information that reveals the identity of End Users of Audited Party.

11.1.4 Each Party shall maintain reports, records and data relevant to the billing of any services that are the subject matter of this Agreement for a period of not less than twenty-four (24) months after creation thereof, unless a longer period is required by Applicable Law.

11.1.5 If any audit confirms any undercharge or overcharge, then Audited Party shall (i) promptly correct any billing error, including making refund of any overpayment by Auditing Party in the form of a credit on the invoice for the first full billing cycle after the Parties have agreed upon the accuracy of the audit results and (ii) for any undercharge caused by the actions of the Audited Party, immediately compensate Auditing Party for such undercharge, and (iii) in each case, calculate and pay interest as provided in Section 8.1 (depending on the SBC-owned ILEC(s) involved), for the number of calendar days from the date on which such undercharge or overcharge originated until the date on which such credit is issued or payment is made and available.

11.1.6 Except as may be otherwise provided in this Agreement, audits shall be performed at Auditing Party's expense, subject to reimbursement by Audited Party of one-quarter (1/4) of any independent auditor's fees and expenses in the event that an audit finds, and the Parties subsequently verify, a net adjustment in the charges paid or payable by Auditing Party hereunder by an amount that is, on an annualized basis, greater than five percent (5%) of the aggregate charges for the audited services during the period covered by the audit.

11.1.7 Any disputes concerning audit results shall be referred to the Parties' respective personnel responsible for informal resolution. If these individuals cannot resolve the dispute within thirty (30) calendar days of the referral, either Party may request in writing that an additional audit shall be conducted by an independent auditor acceptable to both Parties, subject to the requirements set out in Section 11.1. Any additional audit shall be at the requesting Party's expense.

11.2 Audits - **SBC SNET** only

11.2.1 Except as provided in Appendix Compensation, **SBC SNET** shall arrange for one (1) annual independent audit to be conducted by a "Big Six" independent public accounting firm or an accounting firm mutually agreed to by **SBC SNET**, CLEC and all other CLECs doing business with **SBC SNET** under the terms of an agreement adopted pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Act for the purpose of evaluating the accuracy of **SBC SNET**'s billing and invoicing.

11.2.2 **SBC SNET** will cooperate fully with the independent auditor in such audit and provide reasonable access to any and all appropriate **SBC SNET** employees, books, records and other documents reasonably necessary to perform the audit.

11.2.3 **SBC SNET** shall promptly correct any billing error that is revealed in the audit, including making refund of any overpayment to CLEC in the form of a credit on the invoice for the first full billing cycle after the audit report is issued; such refund shall include interest on the overpayment at the rate of eight percent (8%) per year. In the event that the audit reveals any underbilling and resulting underpayment to **SBC SNET** by CLEC, the underpayment shall be reflected in CLEC's invoice for the first full billing cycle after the audit report is issued. **SBC SNET** will not be entitled to recover interest on any underbilling to CLEC revealed by the audit for the time preceding the amount appearing on CLEC's bill from **SBC SNET**, however, **SBC SNET** shall be entitled to recover interest at the interest rate referenced in Section 8.1.5.1 on such underbilling and CLEC shall pay interest for the number of calendar days from the Bill Due Date of the bill on which such underbilling was rectified until the date on which payment is made and available to **SBC SNET**.

12. DISCLAIMER OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

12.1 EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, NO PARTY MAKES OR RECEIVES ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE INTERCONNECTION, RESALE SERVICES, NETWORK ELEMENTS, FUNCTIONS, FACILITIES, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IT PROVIDES UNDER OR IS CONTEMPLATED TO PROVIDE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND EACH PARTY DISCLAIMS THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND/OR OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. ADDITIONALLY, NO PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO THE CORRECTNESS OF DATA OR INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY ANY OTHER PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT WHEN SUCH DATA OR INFORMATION IS ACCESSED AND USED BY A THIRD PARTY.

13. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

13.1 Except for indemnity obligations expressly set forth herein or as otherwise expressly provided in specific appendices, each Party's liability to the other Party for any Loss relating to or arising out of such Party's performance under this Agreement, including any negligent act or omission (whether willful or inadvertent), whether in contract, tort or otherwise, including alleged breaches of this Agreement and causes of action alleged to arise from allegations that breach of this Agreement also constitute a violation of a statute, including the Act, shall not exceed in total the amount **SBC-13STATE** or CLEC has charged or would have charged to the other Party for the affected Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and service(s) that were not performed or were improperly performed.

13.2 Except as otherwise expressly provided in specific appendices, in the case of any Loss alleged or claimed by a Third Party to have arisen out of the negligence or willful misconduct of any Party, each Party shall bear, and its obligation shall be limited to, that portion (as mutually agreed to by the Parties or as otherwise established) of the resulting expense caused by its own negligence or willful misconduct or that of its agents, servants, contractors, or others acting in aid or concert with it.

13.3 A Party may, in its sole discretion, provide in its tariffs and contracts with its End Users or Third Parties that relate to any Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services provided or contemplated under this Agreement that, to the maximum extent permitted by Applicable Law, such Party shall not be liable to such End User or Third Party for (i) any Loss relating to or arising out of this Agreement, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, that exceeds the amount such Party would have charged the End User or Third Party for the Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services that gave rise to such Loss and (ii) any Consequential Damages. If a Party elects not to place in its tariffs or contracts such limitation(s) of liability, and the other Party incurs a Loss as a result thereof, the first Party shall indemnify and reimburse the other Party for that portion of the Loss that would have been limited had the first Party included in its tariffs and contracts the limitation(s) of liability described in this Section 13.3.

13.4 Neither CLEC nor **SBC-13STATE** shall be liable to the other Party for any Consequential Damages suffered by the other Party, regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, tort or otherwise, including negligence of any kind, whether active or passive (and including alleged breaches of this Agreement and causes of action alleged to arise from allegations that breach of this Agreement constitutes a violation of the Act or other statute), and regardless of whether the Parties knew or had been advised of the possibility that such damages could result in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted, or done hereunder or related hereto, including willful acts or omissions; provided that the foregoing shall not limit a Party's obligation under Section 14 to indemnify, defend, and hold the other Party harmless against any amounts payable to a Third Party, including any Losses, and Consequential Damages of such Third Party; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 13.4 shall impose indemnity obligations on a Party for any Loss or Consequential Damages suffered by that Party's End User in connection with any affected Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services. Except as provided in the prior sentence, each Party (**"Indemnifying Party"**) hereby releases and holds

harmless the other Party (**"Indemnitee"**) (and Indemnitee's Affiliates, and its respective officers, directors, employees and agents) against any Loss or Claim made by the Indemnifying Party's End User.

13.5 **SBC-13STATE** shall not be liable for damages to an End User's premises resulting from the furnishing of any Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products or services, including, if applicable, the installation and removal of equipment and associated wiring, unless the damage is caused by **SBC-13STATE**'s gross negligence or willful misconduct. **SBC-13STATE** does not guarantee or make any warranty with respect to Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products or services when used in an explosive atmosphere.

13.6 CLEC hereby releases **SBC-13STATE** from any and all liability for damages due to errors or omissions in CLEC's End User listing information as provided by CLEC to **SBC-13STATE** under this Agreement, including any errors or omissions occurring in CLEC's End User listing information as it appears in the White Pages directory, including, but not limited to, special, indirect, Consequential, punitive or incidental damages.

13.7 **SBC-13STATE** shall not be liable to CLEC, its End User or any other Person for any Loss alleged to arise out of the provision of access to 911 service or any errors, interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of 911 service.

13.8 This Section 13 is not intended to exempt any Party from all liability under this Agreement, but only to set forth the scope of liability agreed to and the type of damages that are recoverable. Both Parties acknowledge that they negotiated regarding alternate limitation of liability provisions but that such provisions would have altered the cost, and thus the price, of providing the Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services available hereunder, and no different pricing reflecting different costs and different limits of liability was agreed to.

14. INDEMNITY

14.1 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein or in specific appendices, each Party shall be responsible only for the Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services which are provided by that Party, its authorized agents, subcontractors, or others retained by such Parties, and neither Party shall bear any responsibility for the Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services provided by the other Party, its agents, subcontractors, or others retained by such Parties.

14.2 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein or in specific appendices, and to the extent not prohibited by Applicable Law and not otherwise controlled by tariff, each Party (the **"Indemnifying Party"**) shall release, defend and indemnify the other Party (the **"Indemnified Party"**) and hold such Indemnified Party harmless against any Loss to a Third Party arising out of the negligence or willful misconduct **("Fault")** of such Indemnifying Party, its agents, its End Users, contractors, or others retained by such Parties, in connection with the Indemnifying Party's provision of Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement; provided, however, that (i) with respect to employees or agents of the Indemnifying Party, such Fault occurs while performing within the scope of their employment, (ii) with respect to subcontractors of the Indemnifying Party, such Fault occurs in the course of performing duties of the subcontractor under its subcontract with the Indemnifying Party, and (iii) with respect to the Fault of employees or agents of such subcontractor, such Fault occurs while performing within the scope of their employment by the subcontractor with respect to such duties of the subcontractor under the subcontract.

14.3 In the case of any Loss alleged or claimed by a End User of either Party, the Party whose End User alleged or claimed such Loss (the **"Indemnifying Party"**) shall defend and indemnify the other Party (the **"Indemnified Party"**) against any and all such Claims or Losses by its End User regardless of whether the underlying Interconnection, Resale Service, Network Element, function, facility, product or service giving rise to such Claim or Loss was provided or provisioned by the Indemnified Party, unless the Claim or Loss was caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnified Party.

14.4 A Party (the **"Indemnifying Party"**) shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other Party **("Indemnified Party")** against any Claim or Loss arising from the Indemnifying Party's use of Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services provided under this Agreement involving:

14.4.1 Any Claim or Loss arising from such Indemnifying Party's use of Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services offered under this Agreement, involving any Claim for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of Intellectual Property rights arising from the Indemnifying Party's or its End User's use.

14.4.1.1 The foregoing includes any Claims or Losses arising from disclosure of any End User-specific information associated with either the originating or terminating numbers used to provision Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products or services provided hereunder and all other Claims arising out of any act or omission of the End User in the course of using any Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products or services provided pursuant to this Agreement.

14.4.1.2 The foregoing includes any Losses arising from Claims for actual or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property right of a Third Party to the extent that such Loss arises from an Indemnifying Party's or an Indemnifying Party's End User's use of Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products or services provided under this Agreement; provided, however, that an Indemnifying Party's obligation to defend and indemnify the Indemnified Party shall not apply:

14.4.1.2.1 where an Indemnified Party or its End User modifies Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products or services; provided under this Agreement; and

14.4.1.2.2 no infringement would have occurred without such modification.

14.4.2 Any and all penalties imposed on either Party because of the Indemnifying Party's failure to comply with the Communications Assistance to Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (**CALEA**); provided that the Indemnifying Party shall also, at its sole cost and expense, pay any amounts necessary to modify or replace any equipment, facilities or services provided to the Indemnified Party under this Agreement to ensure that such equipment, facilities and services fully comply with CALEA.

14.5 CLEC acknowledges that its right under this Agreement to Interconnect with **SBC-13STATE**'s network and to unbundle and/or combine **SBC-13STATE**'s Network Elements (including combining with CLEC's Network Elements) may be subject to or limited by Intellectual Property rights (including without limitation, patent, copyright, trade secret, trade mark, service mark, trade name and trade dress rights) and contract rights of Third Parties.

14.5.1 The Parties acknowledge that on April 27, 2000, the FCC released its Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket No. 96-98 (File No. CCBPol. 97-4), In the Matter of Petition of MCI *for* Declaratory *Ruling.* The Parties further acknowledge and agree that by executing this Agreement, neither Party waives any of its rights, remedies, or arguments with respect to such decision and any remand thereof, including its right to seek legal review or a stay pending appeal of such decision.

14.5.1.1 **SBC-13STATE** agrees to use its best efforts to obtain for CLEC, under commercially reasonable terms, Intellectual Property rights to each unbundled network element necessary for CLEC to use such unbundled network element in the same manner as **SBC-13STATE**.

14.5.1.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall have no obligation to attempt to obtain for CLEC any Intellectual Property right(s) that would permit CLEC to use any unbundled network element in a different manner than used by **SBC-13STATE**.

14.5.1.3 To the extent not prohibited by a contract with the vendor of the network element sought by CLEC that contains Intellectual Property licenses, **SBC-13STATE** shall reveal to CLEC the name of the vendor, the Intellectual Property rights licensed to **SBC-13STATE** under the vendor contract and the terms of the contract (excluding cost terms). **SBC-13STATE** shall, at CLEC's request, contact the vendor to attempt to obtain permission to reveal additional contract details to CLEC.

14.5.1.4 All costs associated with the extension of Intellectual Property rights to CLEC pursuant to Section 14.5.1.1, including the cost of the license extension itself and the costs associated with the effort to obtain the license, shall be a part of the cost of providing the unbundled network element to which the Intellectual Property rights relate and apportioned to all requesting carriers using that unbundled network element including **SBC-13STATE**.

14.5.2 **SBC-13STATE** hereby conveys no licenses to use such Intellectual Property rights and makes no warranties, express or implied, concerning CLEC's (or any Third Parties') rights with respect to such Intellectual Property rights and contract rights, including whether such rights will be violated by such Interconnection or unbundling and/or combining of Network Elements (including combining with CLEC's Network Elements) in **SBC-13STATE**'s network or CLEC's use of other functions, facilities, products or services furnished under this Agreement. Any licenses or warranties for Intellectual Property rights associated with unbundled network elements are vendor licenses and warranties and are a part of the Intellectual Property rights **SBC-13STATE** agrees in Section 14.5.1.1 to use its best efforts to obtain.

14.5.3 **SBC-13STATE** does not and shall not indemnify, defend or hold CLEC harmless, nor be responsible for indemnifying or defending, or holding CLEC harmless, for any Claims or Losses for actual or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property right or interference with or violation of any contract right that arises out of, is caused by, or relates to CLEC's Interconnection with **SBC-13STATE**'s network and unbundling and/or combining **SBC-13STATE**'s Network Elements (including combining with CLEC's Network Elements) or CLEC's use of other functions, facilities, products or services furnished under this Agreement. Any indemnities for Intellectual Property rights associated with unbundled network elements shall be vendor's indemnities and are a part of the Intellectual Property rights **SBC-13STATE** agrees in Section 14.5.1.1 to use its best efforts to obtain.

14.6 CLEC shall reimburse **SBC-13STATE** for damages to **SBC-13STATE**'s facilities utilized to provide Interconnection or unbundled Network Elements hereunder caused by the negligence or willful act of CLEC, its agents or subcontractors or CLEC's End User or resulting from CLEC's improper use of **SBC-13STATE**'s facilities, or due to malfunction of any facilities, functions, products, services or equipment provided by any person or entity other than **SBC-13STATE**. Upon reimbursement for damages, **SBC-13STATE** will cooperate with CLEC in prosecuting a claim against the person causing such damage. CLEC shall be subrogated to the right of recovery by **SBC-13STATE** for the damages to the extent of such payment.

14.7 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, each Party agrees that should it cause any non-standard digital subscriber line ("xDSL") technologies (as that term is defined in the applicable Appendix DSL and/or the applicable commission-ordered tariff, as appropriate) to be deployed or used in connection with or on **SBC-13STATE** facilities, that Party ("**Indemnifying Party**") will pay all costs associated with any damage, service interruption or other Telecommunications Service degradation, or damage to the other Party's ("**Indemnitee**'s") facilities.

14.8 Indemnification Procedures

14.8.1 Whenever a claim shall arise for indemnification under this Section 14, the relevant Indemnified Party, as appropriate, shall promptly notify the Indemnifying Party and request in writing the Indemnifying Party to defend the same. Failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of any liability that the Indemnifying Party might have, except to the extent that such failure prejudices the Indemnifying Party's ability to defend such claim.

14.8.2 The Indemnifying Party shall have the right to defend against such liability or assertion, in which event the Indemnifying Party shall give written notice to the Indemnified Party of acceptance of the defense of such claim and the identity of counsel selected by the Indemnifying Party.

14.8.3 Until such time as Indemnifying Party provides written notice of acceptance of the defense of such claim, the Indemnified Party shall defend such claim, at the expense of the Indemnifying Party, subject to any right of the Indemnifying Party to seek reimbursement for the costs of such defense in the event that it is determined that Indemnifying Party had no obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Party for such claim.

14.8.4 Upon accepting the defense, the Indemnifying Party shall have exclusive right to control and conduct the defense and settlement of any such claims, subject to consultation with the Indemnified Party. So long as the Indemnifying Party is controlling and conducting the defense, the Indemnifying Party shall not be liable for any settlement by the Indemnified Party unless such Indemnifying Party has approved such settlement in advance and agrees to be bound by the agreement incorporating such settlement.

14.8.5 At any time, an Indemnified Party shall have the right to refuse a compromise or settlement, and, at such refusing Party's cost, to take over such defense; provided that, in such event the Indemnifying Party shall not be responsible for, nor shall it be obligated to indemnify the refusing Party against, any cost or liability in excess of such refused compromise or settlement.

14.8.6 With respect to any defense accepted by the Indemnifying Party, the Indemnified Party will be entitled to participate with the Indemnifying Party in such defense if the claim requests equitable relief or other relief that could affect the rights of the Indemnified Party, and shall also be entitled to employ separate counsel for such defense at such Indemnified Party's expense.

14.8.7 If the Indemnifying Party does not accept the defense of any indemnified claim as provided above, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ counsel for such defense at the expense of the Indemnifying Party.

14.8.8 In the event of a failure to assume the defense, the Indemnified Party may negotiate a settlement, which shall be presented to the Indemnifying Party. If the Indemnifying Party refuses to agree to the presented settlement, the Indemnifying Party may take over the defense. If the Indemnifying Party refuses to agree to the presented settlement and refuses to take over the defense, the Indemnifying Party shall be liable for any reasonable cash settlement not involving any admission of liability by the Indemnifying Party, though such settlement may have been made by the Indemnified Party without approval of the Indemnifying Party, it being the Parties' intent that no settlement involving a non-monetary concession by the Indemnifying Party, including an admission of liability by such Party, shall take effect without the written approval of the Indemnifying Party.

14.8.9 Each Party agrees to cooperate and to cause its employees and agents to cooperate with the other Party in the defense of any such claim and the relevant records of each Party shall be available to the other Party with respect to any such defense, subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth in Section 20.

15. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

15.1 Attachment Performance Measures provides monetary payments for failure to meet specified performance standards. The provisions of that Attachment constitute the sole obligation of **SBC-13STATE** to pay damages or financial penalties for failure to meet specified performance standards identified in such Attachment and all other Attachments to this Agreement.

16. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

16.1 Any Intellectual Property originating from or developed by a Party shall remain in the exclusive ownership of that Party.

17. NOTICES

17.1 Subject to Section 17.2, notices given by one Party to the other Party under this Agreement shall be in writing (unless specifically provided otherwise herein), and unless otherwise expressly required by this Agreement to be delivered to another representative or point of contact, shall be

17.1.1 delivered personally;

17.1.2 delivered by express overnight delivery service;

17.1.3 mailed, via certified mail or first class U.S. Postal Service, with postage prepaid, and a return receipt requested; or

17.1.4 delivered by facsimile; provided that a paper copy is also sent by a method described in sections 17.1.1, 17.1.2, or 17.1.3..

17.1.5 Notices will be deemed given as of the earliest of:

17.1.5.1 the date of actual receipt,

17.1.5.2 the next Business Day when sent via express overnight delivery service,

17.1.5.3 five (5) calendar days after mailing in the case of first class or certified U.S. Postal Service, or

17.1.5.4 on the date set forth on the confirmation produced by the sending facsimile machine when delivered by facsimile prior to 5:00 p.m. in the recipient's time zone, but the next Business Day when delivered by facsimile at 5:00 p.m. or later in the recipient's time zone.

17.1.6 Notices will be addressed to the Parties as follows:

NOTICE CONTACT	**CLEC CONTACT**	**SBC-13STATE CONTACT**
NAME/TITLE	Brian A. Bolinger, Vice President of Legal Affairs	Contract Management ATTN: Notices Manager
STREET ADDRESS	2992 LBJ Freeway, Suite 225	311 S. Akard, 9th Floor Four SBC Plaza
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Dallas, TX 75234	Dallas, TX 75202-5398
FACSIMILE NUMBER	972-488-5500 ext. 4018	214-464-2006

17.1.7 Either Party may unilaterally change its designated contact, address, telephone number and/or facsimile number for the receipt of notices by giving written notice to the other Party in compliance with this Section. Any notice to change the designated contact, address, telephone and/or facsimile number for the receipt of notices shall be deemed effective ten (10) calendar days following receipt by the other Party.

17.2 **SBC-13STATE** communicates official information to CLECs via its Accessible Letter notification process. This process covers a variety of subjects, including updates on products/services promotions; deployment of new products/services; modifications and price changes to existing products/services; cancellation or retirement of existing products/services; and operational issues.

17.3 In the **SBC-13STATES**, Accessible Letter notification will be via electronic mail **("e-mail")** distribution. Accessible Letter notification via e-mail will be deemed given as of the date set forth on the e-mail message.

17.4 In **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC may designate up to a maximum of ten (10) recipients for Accessible Letter notification via e-mail.

17.5 In **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC shall submit a completed Accessible Letter Recipient Change Request Form to the individual specified on that form to designate in writing each individual's e-mail address to whom CLEC requests Accessible Letter notification be sent. CLEC shall submit a completed Accessible Letter Recipient Change Request Form to add, remove or change recipient information for any CLEC recipient of Accessible

Letters. Any completed Accessible Letter Recipient Change Request Form shall be deemed effective ten (10) calendar days following receipt by **SBC-13STATE**. **SBC-13STATE** may, at its discretion, change the process by which the CLEC provides Accessible Letter recipient information. Changes to this process will be developed through the CLEC User Forum process and will be implemented only with the concurrence of the CLEC User Forum Global Issues group.

17.6 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE only:**

17.6.1 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** shall provide a toll free facsimile number to CLEC for the submission of requests for Resale Services and Network Elements under this Agreement; CLEC shall provide **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** with a toll free facsimile number for notices from **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** relating to requests for Resale Services and Network Elements under this Agreement.

18. PUBLICITY AND USE OF TRADEMARKS OR SERVICE MARKS

18.1 Neither Party nor its subcontractors or agents shall use in any advertising or sales promotion, press releases, or other publicity matters any endorsements, direct or indirect quotes, or pictures that imply endorsement by the other Party or any of its employees without such first Party's prior written approval. The Parties will submit to each other for written approval, prior to publication, all publicity matters that mention or display one another's name and/or marks or contain language from which a connection to said name and/or marks may be inferred or implied; the Party to whom a request is directed shall respond promptly. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed as preventing either Party from publicly stating the fact that it has executed this Agreement with the other Party.

18.2 Nothing in this Agreement shall grant, suggest, or imply any authority for one Party to use the name, trademarks, service marks, logos, proprietary trade dress or trade names of the other Party in any advertising, press releases, publicity matters, marketing and/or promotional materials or for any other commercial purpose without prior written approval from such other Party.

19. NO LICENSE

19.1 Except at otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no license under patents, copyrights or any other Intellectual Property right (other than the limited license to use consistent with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Agreement) is granted by either Party or shall be implied or arise by estoppel with respect to any transactions contemplated under this Agreement.

20. CONFIDENTIALITY

20.1 Both Parties agree to treat Proprietary Information received from the other in accordance with the provisions of Section 222 of the Act.

20.2 Unless otherwise agreed, the obligations of confidentiality and non-use do not apply to such Proprietary Information that:

20.2.1 Was at the time of receipt, already known to the Receiving Party, free of any obligation to keep confidential and evidenced by written records prepared prior to delivery by the Disclosing Party; or

20.2.2 Is, or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act of the Receiving Party; or

20.2.3 Is rightfully received from a Third Party having no direct or indirect secrecy or confidentiality obligation to the Disclosing Party with respect to such information; provided that such Receiving Party has exercised commercially reasonable efforts to determine whether such Third Party has any such obligation; or

20.2.4 Is independently developed by an agent, employee representative or Affiliate of the Receiving Party and such Party is not involved in any manner with the provision of services pursuant to this Agreement and does not have any direct or indirect access to the Proprietary Information; or

20.2.5 Is disclosed to a Third Party by the Disclosing Party without similar restrictions on such Third Party's rights; or

20.2.6 Is approved for release by written authorization of the Disclosing Party, but only to the extent of the authorization granted; or

20.2.7 Is required to be made public or disclosed by the Receiving Party pursuant to Applicable Law or regulation or court order or lawful process.

21. INTERVENING LAW

21.1 This Agreement is the result of negotiations between the Parties and may incorporate certain provisions that resulted from arbitration by the appropriate STATE Commission(s). In entering into this Agreement, the Parties acknowledge and agree that on May 24, 2002, the D.C. Circuit issued its decision in *United States Telecom Association, et. al v. FCC,* 290 F.3d 415 (D.C. Cir. 2002) ("*USTA* decision"), in which the Court granted the petitions for review of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-238) ("the UNE Remand Order") and the FCC's Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 98-147 and Fourth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-355) (rel. Dec. 9, 1999) ("the Line Sharing Order"), and vacated and remanded the Line Sharing and UNE Remand Orders in accordance with the decision. In addition, the FCC adopted its Triennial Review Order on February 20, 2003, on remand from the *USTA* decision and pursuant to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, CC Docket No. 01-338 (FCC 01-361) (rel. Dec. 20, 2001). Moreover, on January 25, 1999, the United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in *AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Utilities Bd.,* 525 U.S. 366 (1999) (and on remand, *Iowa Utilities Board v. FCC,* 219 F.3d 744 (8th Cir. 2000)) and *Ameritech v. FCC*, No. 98-1381, 1999 WL 116994, 1999 Lexis 3671 (1999) and on appeal to and remand by the United States Supreme Court, *Verizon v. FCC, et. al*, 535 U.S. 467 (2002). In addition, on April 27, 2001, the FCC released its Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, 16 FCC Rcd 9151 (2001) (the "ISP Compensation Order"), which was remanded in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, 288 F.3d 429 (D.C. Cir. 2002) (all collectively referred to as the "Orders"). In entering into this Agreement, the Parties acknowledge and agree that the provisions set forth in this Agreement are based upon SBC-13STATE's obligations under FCC rules and regulations as they existed prior to their vacature by the D.C. Circuit in its USTA Decision. By executing this Agreement and any Amendments to such Agreement and carrying out the provisions herein, neither Party waives, but instead expressly reserves, all of its rights, remedies and arguments with respect to the Orders and any other federal or state regulatory, legislative or judicial action(s), including but not limited to any legal or equitable rights of review and remedies (including agency reconsideration and court review), and its rights under this Intervening Law paragraph. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, these rights also include but are not limited to **SBC-13STATE**'s right to exercise its option at any time in the future to adopt on a date specified by **SBC-13STATE** the FCC ISP terminating compensation plan, after which date ISP-bound traffic will be subject to the FCC's prescribed terminating compensation rates, and other terms and conditions. If any reconsideration, agency order, appeal, court order or opinion, stay, injunction or other action by any state or federal regulatory or legislative body or court of competent jurisdiction stays, modifies, or otherwise affects any of the rates, terms and/or conditions ("provisions") in this Agreement, specifically including but not limited to those arising with respect to the Orders, the affected provision(s) will be immediately invalidated, modified or stayed as required to effectuate the subject order upon the written request of either Party ("Written Notice"). In such event, the Parties shall have sixty (60) days from the Written Notice to attempt to negotiate and arrive at an agreement on the appropriate conforming modifications to the Agreement. If the Parties are unable to agree upon the conforming modifications required within sixty (60) days from the Written Notice, any disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation of the actions required or the provisions affected by such order shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution process provided for in this Agreement.

22. GOVERNING LAW

22.1 Unless otherwise provided by Applicable Law, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Act, the FCC Rules and Regulations interpreting the Act and other applicable federal law. To the extent that federal law would apply state law in interpreting this Agreement, the domestic laws of the state in which the Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services at issue are furnished or sought shall apply, without regard to that state's conflict of laws principles. The Parties submit to personal jurisdiction in Little Rock, Arkansas; San Francisco, California; New Haven, Connecticut; Chicago, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; Topeka, Kansas; Detroit, Michigan; St. Louis, Missouri; Reno, Nevada; Columbus, Ohio; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Dallas, Texas and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and waive any and all objection to any such venue.

23. REGULATORY APPROVAL

23.1 The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement and any amendment or modification hereto will be filed with the Commission for approval in accordance with Section 252 of the Act and may thereafter be filed with the FCC. The Parties believe in good faith and agree that the services to be provided under this Agreement are in the public interest. Each Party covenants and agrees to fully support approval of this Agreement by the Commission or the FCC under Section 252 of the Act without modification.

23.2 Unless otherwise agreed, if the designated Party fails to file this agreement with the appropriate State commission within sixty (60) days of both Parties signatures, then this signed agreement is null and no longer valid. In such event, the designated Party may not file this signed agreement for approval unless it obtains the express written permission of the other Party. If the other Party objects to the filing of this signed agreement following the expiration of the sixty (60) days referenced above, then either Party may initiate negotiations for a successor agreement under Section 251/252 of the Act. If negotiations are commenced by either Party, then the Parties will determine what rates, terms and conditions, if any, will apply until such time as a successor agreement is reached.

24. CHANGES IN END USER LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE PROVIDER SELECTION

24.1 Applies to **SBC-12STATE only**

24.1.1 Each Party will abide by applicable federal and state laws and regulations in obtaining End User authorization prior to changing an End User's Local Exchange Carrier to itself and in assuming responsibility for any applicable charges as specified in the FCC's rules regarding Subscriber Carrier Selection Changes (47 CFR 64.1100 through 64.1170) and any applicable state regulation. Each Party shall deliver to the other Party a representation of authorization that applies to all orders submitted by a Party under this Agreement requiring a LEC change. A Party's representation of authorization shall be delivered to the other Party prior to the first order submitted to the other Party. Each Party shall retain on file all applicable letters and other documentation of authorization relating to its End User's selection of such Party as its LEC, which documentation shall be available for inspection by the other Party at its request during normal business hours and at no charge.

24.1.2 Only an End User can initiate a challenge to a change in its LEC. If an End User notifies one Party that the End User requests local exchange service, and the other Party is such End User's LEC, then the Party receiving such request shall be free to immediately access such End User's CPNI subject to the requirements of the applicable Appendix OSS restricting access to CPNI in order to immediately provide service to such End User.

24.1.3 When an End User changes or withdraws authorization from its LEC, each Party shall release End User-specific facilities belonging to the ILEC in accordance with the End User's direction or that of the End User's authorized agent. Further, when an End User abandons its premise (that is, its place of business or domicile), **SBC-12STATE** is free to reclaim the unbundled Network Element facilities for use by another End User and is free to issue service orders required to reclaim such facilities.

24.1.4 Neither Party shall be obligated by this Agreement to investigate any allegations of unauthorized changes in local exchange service (slamming) at the request of the other Party; provided, however, that each Party shall cooperate with any investigation of a complaint alleging an unauthorized change in local exchange service at the request of the FCC or the applicable state Commission.

24.2 Applies to **SBC SNET** only

24.2.1 The Parties agree that CLEC will not submit a Local Exchange Carrier order for an End User to the Local Service Provider currently serving that End User without proper authorization from that End User, as required by the FCC in Subpart K, Part 64 rules and regulations and by the DPUC in its applicable rules and regulations. **SBC SNET**'s wholesale tariff, Section 18, further documents requirements for Local Exchange Carrier changes and required End User authorizations.

24.2.2 The Parties agree to the re-use of existing network facilities when an End User changes its provider of local exchange service and the network facilities are provided by the same network provider.

25. COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATION

25.1 Each Party shall comply at its own expense with all Applicable Laws that relate to that Party's obligations to the other Party under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring or permitting either Party to contravene any mandatory requirement of Applicable Law.

25.2 Each Party warrants that it has obtained all necessary state certification required in each state covered by this Agreement prior to ordering any Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services from the other Party pursuant to this Agreement. Upon request, each Party shall provide proof of certification.

25.3 Each Party shall be responsible for obtaining and keeping in effect all approvals from, and rights granted by, Governmental Authorities, building and property owners, other carriers, and any other Third Parties that may be required in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

25.4 Each Party represents and warrants that any equipment, facilities or services provided to the other Party under this Agreement comply with the CALEA.

26. LAW ENFORCEMENT

26.1 **SBC-12 STATE** and CLEC shall reasonably cooperate with the other Party in handling law enforcement requests as follows:

26.1.1 Intercept Devices:

26.1.1.1 Local and federal law enforcement agencies periodically request information or assistance from local telephone service providers. When either Party receives a request associated with an End User of the other Party, it shall refer such request to the Party that serves such End User, unless the request directs the receiving Party to attach a pen register, trap-and-trace or form of intercept on the Party's facilities, in which case that Party shall comply with any valid request.

26.1.2 Subpoenas:

26.1.2.1 If a Party receives a subpoena for information concerning an End User the Party knows to be an End User of the other Party, it shall refer the subpoena to the Requesting Party with an indication that the other Party is the responsible company, unless the subpoena requests records for a period of time during which the receiving Party was the End User's service provider, in which case that Party will respond to any valid request.

26.1.3 Emergencies:

26.1.3.1 If a Party receives a request from a law enforcement agency for a temporary number change, temporary disconnect, or one-way denial of outbound calls by the receiving Party's switch for an End User of the other Party, that Receiving Party will comply with a valid

emergency request. However, neither Party shall be held liable for any claims or Losses arising from compliance with such requests on behalf of the other Party's End User and the Party serving such End User agrees to indemnify and hold the other Party harmless against any and all such claims or Losses.

26.2 **SBC SNET** and CLEC shall reasonably cooperate with the other Party in handling law enforcement requests as follows:

26.2.1 Each of the Parties agree to comply with the applicable state and federal law enforcement authorities, laws, and requirements, including but not limited to, the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (**CALEA**) and to report to applicable State and Federal law enforcement authorities as required by law, the Telecommunications Services and related information provided by each of the Parties in Connecticut.

27. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES/INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

27.1 Each Party is an independent contractor, and has and hereby retains the right to exercise full control of and supervision over its own performance of its obligations under this Agreement and retains full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of its employees assisting in the performance of such obligations. Each Party and each Party's contractor(s) shall be solely responsible for all matters relating to payment of such employees, including the withholding or payment of all applicable federal, state and local income taxes, social security taxes and other payroll taxes with respect to its employees, as well as any taxes, contributions or other obligations imposed by applicable state unemployment or workers' compensation acts and all other regulations governing such matters. Each Party has sole authority and responsibility to hire, fire and otherwise control its employees.

27.2 Nothing contained herein shall constitute the Parties as joint venturers, partners, employees or agents of one another, and neither Party shall have the right or power to bind or obligate the other. Nothing herein will be construed as making either Party responsible or liable for the obligations and undertakings of the other Party. Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a Party as a legal representative or agent of the other Party, nor shall a Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against or in the name or on behalf of the other Party unless otherwise expressly permitted by such other Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no Party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party, whether regulatory or contractual, or to assume any responsibility for the management of the other Party's business.

28. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES; DISCLAIMER OF AGENCY

28.1 This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their permitted assigns, and nothing herein expressed or implied shall create or be construed to create any Third Party beneficiary rights hereunder. This Agreement shall not provide any Person not a party hereto with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action, or other right in excess of those existing without reference hereto.

29. ASSIGNMENT

29.1 CLEC may not assign or transfer (whether by operation of law or otherwise) this Agreement (or any rights or obligations hereunder) to a third person without the prior written consent of **SBC-13STATE**; provided that CLEC may assign or transfer this Agreement to its Affiliate by providing ninety (90) calendar days' prior written notice to **SBC-13STATE** of such assignment or transfer; provided, further, that such assignment is not inconsistent with Applicable Law (including the Affiliate's obligation to obtain proper Commission certification and approvals) or the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CLEC may not assign or transfer this Agreement (or any rights or obligations hereunder) to its Affiliate if that Affiliate is a party to a separate agreement with **SBC-13STATE** under Sections 251 and 252 of the Act. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void ab initio.

29.2 As a condition of any assignment or transfer of this Agreement (or any rights hereunder) that is permitted under or consented to by **SBC-13STATE** pursuant to this Section 29, CLEC agrees that any change, modification or other activity required for **SBC-13STATE** to accommodate or recognize the successor to or assignee of CLEC shall be a CLEC Change and shall be subject to Section 4.9.

29.3 If during the Term, **SBC-13STATE** sells, assigns or otherwise transfers any ILEC Territory or ILEC Assets to a person other than an Affiliate or subsidiary, **SBC-13STATE** shall provide CLEC not less than ninety (90) calendar days prior written notice of such sale, assignment or transfer. Upon the consummation of such sale, assignment or transfer, CLEC acknowledges that **SBC-13STATE** shall have no further obligations under this Agreement with respect to the ILEC Territories and/or ILEC Assets subject to such sale, assignment or transfer, and that CLEC must establish its own Section 251 and 252 arrangement with the successor to such ILEC Territory and/or ILEC Assets.

30. SUBCONTRACTING

30.1 If either Party retains or engages any subcontractor to perform any of that Party's obligations under this Agreement, each Party will remain fully responsible for the performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, including any obligations either Party performs through subcontractors.

30.2 Each Party will be solely responsible for payments due that Party's subcontractors.

30.3 No subcontractor will be deemed a Third Party beneficiary for any purposes under this Agreement.

30.4 No contract, subcontract or other agreement entered into by either Party with any Third Party in connection with the provision of Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services hereunder will provide for any indemnity, guarantee or assumption of liability by the other Party to this Agreement with respect to such arrangement, except as consented to in writing by the other Party.

30.5 Any subcontractor that gains access to Customer Proprietary Network Information ("**CPNI**") or Proprietary Information covered by this Agreement shall be required by the subcontracting Party to protect such CPNI or Proprietary Information to the same extent the subcontracting Party is required to protect such CPNI or Proprietary Information under the terms of this Agreement.

31. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION

31.1 Each Party shall be solely responsible at its own expense for the proper handling, use, removal, excavation, storage, treatment, transport, disposal, or any other management by such Party or any person acting on its behalf of all Hazardous Substances and Environmental Hazards introduced to the affected work location and will perform such activities in accordance with Applicable Law.

31.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement and to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, **SBC-13STATE** shall, at CLEC's request, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CLEC, each of its officers, directors and employees from and against any losses, damages, costs, fines, penalties and expenses (including reasonable attorneys and consultant's fees) of every kind and nature to the extent they are incurred by any of those parties in connection with a claim, demand, suit, or proceeding for damages, penalties, contribution, injunction, or any other kind of relief that is based upon, arises out of, is caused by, or results from: (i) the removal or disposal from the work location of a Hazardous Substance by **SBC-13STATE** or any person acting on behalf of **SBC-13STATE**, or the subsequent storage, processing, or other handling of such Hazardous Substances after they have been removed from the work location, (ii) the Release of a Hazardous Substance, regardless of its source, by **SBC-13STATE** or any person acting on behalf of **SBC-13STATE**, or (iii) the presence at the work location of an Environmental Hazard for which **SBC-13STATE** is responsible under Applicable Law or a Hazardous Substance introduced into the work location by **SBC-13STATE** or any person acting on behalf of **SBC-13STATE**.

31.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement and to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, CLEC shall, at **SBC-13STATE**'s request, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless **SBC-13STATE**, each of its officers, directors and employees from and against any losses, damages, costs, fines, penalties and expenses (including reasonable attorney's and consultant's fees) of every kind and nature to the extent they

are incurred by any of those parties in connection with a claim, demand, suit, or proceeding for damages, penalties, contribution, injunction, or any other kind of relief that is based upon, arises out of, is caused by, or results from: (i) the removal or disposal of a Hazardous Substance from the work location by CLEC or any person acting on behalf of CLEC, or the subsequent storage, processing, or other handling of such Hazardous Substances after they have been removed from the work location, (ii) the Release of a Hazardous Substance, regardless of its source, by CLEC or any person acting on behalf of CLEC, or (iii) the presence at the work location of an Environmental Hazard for which CLEC is responsible under Applicable Law or a Hazardous Substance introduced into the work location by CLEC or any person acting on behalf of CLEC.

31.4 For the purposes of this agreement, "Hazardous Substances" means 1) any material or substance that is defined or classified as a hazardous substance, hazardous waste, hazardous material, hazardous chemical, pollutant, or contaminant under any federal, state, or local environmental statute, rule, regulation, ordinance or other Applicable Law dealing with the protection of human health or the environment, 2) petroleum, oil, gasoline, natural gas, fuel oil, motor oil, waste oil, diesel fuel, jet fuel, and other petroleum hydrocarbons, or 3) asbestos and asbestos containing material in any form, and 4) any soil, groundwater, air, or other media contaminated with any of the materials or substances described above.

31.5 For the purposes of this agreement, "Environmental Hazard" means 1) the presence of petroleum vapors or other gases in hazardous concentrations in a manhole or other confined space, or conditions reasonably likely to give rise to such concentrations, 2) asbestos containing materials, or 3) any potential hazard that would not be obvious to an individual entering the work location or detectable using work practices standard in the industry.

31.6 For the purposes of this agreement, "Release" means any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, disposal, or other movement into 1) the work location, or 2) other environmental media, including but not limited to, the air, ground or surface water, or soil.

32. FORCE MAJEURE

32.1 No Party shall be responsible for delays or failures in performance of any part of this Agreement (other than an obligation to make money payments) resulting from acts or occurrences beyond the reasonable control of such Party, including acts of nature, acts of civil or military authority, any law, order, regulation, ordinance of any Governmental Authority, embargoes, epidemics, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, hurricanes, floods, work stoppages, equipment failures, cable cuts, power blackouts, volcanic action, other major environmental disturbances, unusually severe weather conditions, inability to secure products or services of other persons or transportation facilities or acts or omissions of transportation carriers (individually or collectively, a **"Force Majeure Event"**) or any Delaying Event caused by the other Party or any other circumstances beyond the Party's reasonable control. If a Force Majeure Event shall occur, the Party affected shall give prompt notice to the other Party of such Force Majeure Event specifying the nature, date of inception and expected duration of such Force Majeure Event, whereupon such obligation or performance shall be suspended to the extent such Party is affected by such Force Majeure Event during the continuance thereof or be excused from such performance depending on the nature, severity and duration of such Force Majeure Event (and the other Party shall likewise be excused from performance of its obligations to the extent such Party's obligations relate to the performance so interfered with). The affected Party shall use its reasonable efforts to avoid or remove the cause of nonperformance and the Parties shall give like notice and proceed to perform with dispatch once the causes are removed or cease.

33. TAXES

33.1 Each Party purchasing Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement shall pay or otherwise be responsible for all federal, state, or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts, municipal fees, transfer, transaction or similar taxes, fees, or surcharges (hereinafter "Tax") imposed on, or with respect to, the Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements,

functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement provided by or to such Party, except for (a) any Tax on either party's corporate existence, status, or income or (b) any corporate franchise Taxes. Whenever possible, Taxes shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice.

33.2 With respect to any purchase of Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement if any Tax is required or permitted by Applicable Law to be collected from the purchasing Party by the providing Party, then: (i) the providing Party shall bill the purchasing Party for such Tax; (ii) the purchasing Party shall remit such Tax to the providing Party; and (iii) the providing Party shall remit such collected Tax to the applicable taxing authority. Failure to include Taxes on an invoice or to state a Tax separately shall not impair the obligation of the purchasing Party to pay any Tax. Nothing shall prevent the providing Party from paying any Tax to the appropriate taxing authority prior to the time: (1) it bills the purchasing Party for such Tax, or (2) it collects the Tax from the purchasing Party. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the purchasing Party shall be liable for and the providing Party may collect Taxes which were assessed by or paid to an appropriate taxing authority within the statute of limitations period but not included on an invoice within four (4) years after the Tax otherwise was owed or due.

33.3 With respect to any purchase hereunder of Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement that are resold to a third party, if any Tax is imposed by Applicable Law on the End User in connection with any such purchase, then: (i) the purchasing Party shall be required to impose and/or collect such Tax from the End User; and (ii) the purchasing Party shall remit such Tax to the applicable taxing authority. The purchasing Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the providing Party for any costs incurred by the providing Party as a result of actions taken by the applicable taxing authority to collect the Tax from the providing Party due to the failure of the purchasing Party to pay or collect and remit such tax to such authority.

33.4 If the providing Party fails to bill or to collect any Tax as required herein, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party: (i) the purchasing Party shall remain liable for such uncollected Tax; and (ii) the providing Party shall be liable for any penalty and interest assessed with respect to such uncollected Tax by such authority. However, if the purchasing Party fails to pay any Taxes properly billed, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, the purchasing Party will be solely responsible for payment of the Taxes, penalty and interest.

33.5 If the purchasing Party fails to impose and/or collect any Tax from End Users as required herein, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, the purchasing Party shall remain liable for such uncollected Tax and any interest and penalty assessed thereon with respect to the uncollected Tax by the applicable taxing authority. With respect to any Tax that the purchasing Party has agreed to pay or impose on and/or collect from End Users, the purchasing Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the providing Party for any costs incurred by the providing Party as a result of actions taken by the applicable taxing authority to collect the Tax from the providing Party due to the failure of the purchasing Party to pay or collect and remit such Tax to such authority.

33.6 If either Party is audited by a taxing authority or other Governmental Authority, the other Party agrees to reasonably cooperate with the Party being audited in order to respond to any audit inquiries in a proper and timely manner so that the audit and/or any resulting controversy may be resolved expeditiously.

33.7 To the extent a sale is claimed to be for resale and thus subject to tax exemption, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation of the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. Failure to timely provide said resale tax exemption certificate will result in no exemption being available to the purchasing Party for any period prior to the date that the purchasing Party presents a valid certificate. If Applicable Law excludes or exempts a purchase of Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement from a Tax, but does not also provide an exemption procedure, then the providing Party will not collect such Tax if the purchasing Party (a) furnishes the providing Party with a letter signed by an officer of the purchasing Party claiming an exemption and identifying the Applicable Law that both allows such exemption and does not require an exemption certificate; and (b) supplies the providing

Party with an indemnification agreement, reasonably acceptable to the providing Party, which holds the providing Party harmless from any tax, interest, penalties, loss, cost or expense with respect to forbearing to collect such Tax.

33.8 With respect to any Tax or Tax controversy covered by this Section 34, the purchasing Party is entitled to contest with the imposing jurisdiction, pursuant to Applicable Law and at its own expense, any Tax that it is ultimately obligated to pay or collect. The purchasing Party will ensure that no lien is attached to any asset of the providing Party as a result of any contest. The purchasing Party shall be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery of amounts that it had previously paid resulting from such a contest. Amounts previously paid by the providing Party shall be refunded to the providing Party. The providing Party will cooperate in any such contest.

33.9 All notices, affidavits, exemption certificates or other communications required or permitted to be given by either Party to the other under this Section 34 shall be sent in accordance with Section 17 hereof.

34. NON-WAIVER

34.1 Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, no waiver of any provision of this Agreement and no consent to any default under this Agreement shall be effective unless the same is in writing and properly executed by or on behalf of the Party against whom such waiver or consent is claimed. Waiver by either Party of any default by the other Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other default. Failure of either Party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege hereunder shall not be construed as a continuing or future waiver of such term, condition, right or privilege. No course of dealing or failure of any Party to strictly enforce any term, right, or condition of this Agreement in any instance shall be construed as a general waiver or relinquishment of such term, right or condition.

35. NETWORK MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT

35.1 The Parties will work cooperatively to implement this Agreement. The Parties will exchange appropriate information (for example, maintenance contact numbers, network information, information required to comply with law enforcement and other security agencies of the Government, escalation processes, etc.) to achieve this desired result.

35.2 Each Party will administer its network to ensure acceptable service levels to all users of its network services. Service levels are generally considered acceptable only when End Users are able to establish connections with little or no delay encountered in the network. Each Party will provide a 24-hour contact number for Network Traffic Management issues to the other's surveillance management center.

35.3 Each Party maintains the right to implement protective network traffic management controls, such as "cancel to", "call gapping" or 7-digit and 10-digit code gaps, to selectively cancel the completion of traffic over its network, including traffic destined for the other Party's network, when required to protect the public-switched network from congestion as a result of occurrences such as facility failures, switch congestion or failure or focused overload. Each Party shall immediately notify the other Party of any protective control action planned or executed.

35.4 Where the capability exists, originating or terminating traffic reroutes may be implemented by either Party to temporarily relieve network congestion due to facility failures or abnormal calling patterns. Reroutes shall not be used to circumvent normal trunk servicing. Expansive controls shall be used only when mutually agreed to by the Parties.

35.5 The Parties shall cooperate and share pre-planning information regarding cross-network call-ins expected to generate large or focused temporary increases in call volumes to prevent or mitigate the impact of these events on the public-switched network, including any disruption or loss of service to the other Party's End Users. Facsimile (FAX) numbers must be exchanged by the Parties to facilitate event notifications for planned mass calling events.

35.6 Neither Party shall use any Interconnection, Resale Service, Network Element, function, facility, product or service provided under this Agreement or any other service related thereto or used in combination therewith in any manner that interferes with or impairs service over any facilities of **SBC-13STATE**, its affiliated companies or other connecting telecommunications carriers, prevents any carrier from using its Telecommunications Service, impairs the quality or the privacy of Telecommunications Service to other carriers or to either Party's End Users, causes hazards to either Party's personnel or the public, damage to either Party's or any connecting carrier's facilities or equipment, including any malfunction of ordering or billing systems or equipment. Upon such occurrence either Party may discontinue or refuse service, but only for so long as the other Party is violating this provision. Upon any such violation, either Party shall provide the other Party notice of the violation at the earliest practicable time.

36. SIGNALING

36.1 The Parties will Interconnect their networks using SS7 signaling as defined in GR-000317-CORE and GR-000394-CORE, including ISDN User Part (ISUP) for trunk signaling and Transaction Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) for CCS-based features in the Interconnection of their networks. Each Party may establish CCS interconnections either directly and/or through a Third Party. If CCS interconnection is established through a Third Party, the rates, terms, and conditions of the Parties' respective tariffs will apply. If CCS interconnection is established directly between CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**, the rates, terms, and conditions of Appendix SS7 will apply.

36.2 The Parties will cooperate in the exchange of TCAP messages to facilitate full interoperability of CCS-based features between their respective networks, including all CLASS features and functions, to the extent each Party offers such features and functions to its own End Users. All CCS signaling parameters deployed by both Parties will be provided including CPN. All privacy indicators will be honored.

37. TRANSMISSION OF TRAFFIC TO THIRD PARTIES

37.1 CLEC will not send to **SBC-13STATE** local traffic that is destined for the network of a Third Party unless CLEC has the authority to exchange traffic with that Third Party.

38. CUSTOMER INQUIRIES

38.1 Except as otherwise required by Section 24.1, each Party will refer all questions regarding the other Party's services or products directly to the other Party at a telephone number specified by that Party.

38.2 Except as otherwise required by Section 24.1, each Party will ensure that all of its representatives who receive inquiries regarding the other Party's services:

39.2.1 Provide the number described in Section 39.1 to callers who inquire about the other Party's services or products; and

39.2.2 Do not in any way disparage or discriminate against the other Party or its products or services.

38.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, CLEC shall be the primary point of contact for CLEC's End Users with respect to the services CLEC provides such End Users.

38.4 CLEC acknowledges that **SBC-13STATE** may, upon End User request, provide services directly to such End User similar to those offered to CLEC under this Agreement.

39. EXPENSES

39.1 Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, each Party will be solely responsible for its own expenses involved in all activities related to the matters covered by this Agreement.

39.2 **SBC-12STATE** and CLEC shall each be responsible for one-half (1/2) of expenses payable to a Third Party for Commission fees or other charges (including regulatory fees, reproduction and delivery expense and any costs of notice or publication, but not including attorney's fees) associated with the filing of this Agreement or any amendment to this Agreement. Prior to the filing of this Agreement in the State of

Nevada, CLEC will submit a check in the amount of $200.00, payable to **Public Utilities Commission of Nevada,** to cover its portion of the expenses incurred with filing this Agreement. Prior to the filing of each and every Amendment filed in connection with this Agreement in the State of Nevada, CLEC will submit a check in the amount of $200.00, payable to **Public Utilities Commission of Nevada,** to cover its portion of the expenses incurred with filing of each amendment filed in connection with this Agreement. Upon receipt of CLEC's check, the Agreement will be processed for filing with the Commission.

40. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

40.1 The Parties represent that no employee or agent of either Party has been or will be employed, retained, paid a fee, or otherwise received or will receive any personal compensation or consideration from the other Party, or any of the other Party's employees or agents in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement or any associated documents.

41. SURVIVAL

41.1 The Parties' obligations under this Agreement which by their nature are intended to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement: Section 5.5; Section 5.6, Section 7.3; Section 8.1; Section 8.4; Section 8.5; Section 8.6; Section 8.7; Section 10, Section 11; Section 13; Section 14; Section 15; Section 16.1; Section 18; Section 19; Section 20; Section 22; Section 25.4; Section 26.1.3; Section 32; Section 34 and Section 42.

42. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

42.1 This Agreement is intended to describe and enable specific Interconnection and compensation arrangements between the Parties. This Agreement is the arrangement under which the Parties may purchase from each other the products and services described in Section 251 of the Act and obtain approval of such arrangement under Section 252 of the Act. Except as agreed upon in writing, neither Party shall be required to provide the other Party a function, facility, product, service or arrangement described in the Act that is not expressly provided herein.

42.2 Except as specifically contained herein or provided by the FCC or any Commission within its lawful jurisdiction, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to affect any access charge arrangement.

43. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

43.1 No provision of this Agreement shall be deemed amended or modified by either Party unless such an amendment or modification is in writing, dated, and signed by an authorized representative of both Parties. The rates, terms and conditions contained in the amendment shall become effective upon approval of such amendment by the appropriate Commissions. **SBC-12STATE** and CLEC shall each be responsible for its share of the publication expense (i.e. filing fees, delivery and reproduction expense, and newspaper notification fees), to the extent publication is required for filing of an amendment by a specific state.

43.2 Neither Party shall be bound by any preprinted terms additional to or different from those in this Agreement that may appear subsequently in the other Party's form documents, purchase orders, quotations, acknowledgments, invoices or other communications.

44. APPENDICES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

44.1 ACCESS TO RIGHTS-OF-WAY -- SECTION 251(b)(4)

44.1.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide to CLEC access to Poles, Conduits and Rights of Ways pursuant to the applicable Appendix ROW, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.2 COLLOCATION -- SECTION 251(c)(6)

44.2.1 Collocation will be provided pursuant to the applicable Appendix Collocation, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.3 DATABASE ACCESS

44.3.1 **SBC13STATE** shall provide to CLEC nondiscriminatory access to databases and associated signaling necessary for call routing and completion pursuant to the applicable Appendix UNE, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.4 DIALING PARITY -- SECTION 251(b)(3)

44.4.1 The Parties shall provide Local Dialing Parity to each other as required under Section 251(b)(3) of the Act.

44.4.2 **SBC12STATE** shall provide IntraLATA Dialing Parity in accordance with Section 271(e)(2) of the Act.

44.5 INTERCONNECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(c)(2)(A),(B),(C); 47 CFR § 51.305(a)(1)

44.5.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide to CLEC Interconnection of the Parties' facilities and equipment for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic and Exchange Access traffic pursuant to the applicable Appendix ITR, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Methods for Interconnection and Physical Architecture shall be as defined in the applicable Appendix NIM, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6 NUMBER PORTABILITY -- SECTIONS 251(b)(2)

44.6.1 The Parties shall provide to each other Permanent Number Portability (**PNP**) on a reciprocal basis as outlined in the applicable Appendix Number Portability, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.7 OTHER SERVICES

44.7.1 911 and E911 Services

44.7.1.1 **SBC-13STATE** will make nondiscriminatory access to 911 and E911 services available under the terms and conditions of the applicable Appendix 911, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.7.1.2 The Parties agree that for "data only" providers the following rules concerning 911 requirements apply:

44.7.1.2.1 The Parties agree that CLEC will not have to establish 911 trunking or interconnection to Ameritech's 911 Selective Routers, and therefore **SBC-13STATE** shall not provide 911 services for those information service applications in which CLEC does not offer its end users the ability to place outgoing voice calls provided that; and

44.7.1.2.2 CLEC understands and agrees that, should it decide to provide voice service, it is required to meet all applicable Commission 911 service requirements; and

44.7.1.2.3 CLEC agrees to begin implementing access to 911 sufficiently in advance of the planned implementation of voice service to meet its 911 requirements. CLEC understands that the steps it must take to fulfill its 911 obligation include, but are not limited to, obtaining NXX(s) from NECA for the exchange area(s) CLEC plans to serve, submission of the appropriate form(s) to **SBC-13STATE**, and, following **SBC-13STATE**'s processing of such form(s), obtaining approval from the appropriate PSAP(s) for the CLEC's 911 service architecture. CLEC further understands that PSAP approval may include testing 911 trunks with appropriate PSAP(s). CLEC understands that, based on **SBC-13STATE**'s prior

experience with CLEC implementation of 911, these steps require a minimum of sixty (60) days.

44.7.1.2.4 CLEC agrees to indemnify and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless from the consequences of CLEC's decision to not interconnect with **SBC-13STATE**'s 911 Selective Routers. The provisions of General Terms and Conditions Section 14 shall apply to such indemnification.

44.7.2 AIN

44.7.2.1 One or more of the ILECs making up **SBC-13STATE** have deployed a set of AIN features and functionalities unique to the particular ILEC(s). As such, the AIN network architecture, methods of access and manner of provisioning are specific to that ILEC or those ILECs. Accordingly, any request for AIN access pursuant to this Agreement must be reviewed for technical feasibility, with all rates, terms and conditions related to such request to be determined on an individual case basis and to be negotiated between the Parties. Upon request by CLEC, and where technically feasible, **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC with access to **SBC-13STATE**'s Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) platform, AIN Service Creation Environment (SCE) and AIN Service Management System (SMS) based upon ILEC-specific rates, terms, conditions and means of access to be negotiated by the Parties pursuant to Section 252 of the Act, and incorporated into this Agreement by Appendix or amendment, as applicable, subject to approval by the appropriate state Commission.

44.7.3 Directory Assistance (DA)

44.7.3.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide nondiscriminatory access to Directory Assistance services under the terms and conditions identified in the applicable Appendix DA, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.7.4 Hosting

44.7.4.1 At CLEC's request, **SBC-10STATE** shall perform hosting responsibilities for the provision of billable message data and/or access usage data received from CLEC for distribution to the appropriate billing and/or processing location or for delivery to CLEC of such data via **SBC-10STATE**'s internal network or the nationwide CMDS network pursuant to the applicable Appendix HOST, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.7.5 Operator Services (OS)

44.7.5.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide nondiscriminatory access to Operator Services under the terms and conditions identified in the applicable Appendix OS, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.7.6 Signaling System 7 Interconnection

44.7.6.1 At CLEC's request, **SBC-13STATE** shall perform SS7 interconnection services for CLEC pursuant to the applicable Appendix SS7, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.7.7 Publishing and Directory

44.7.7.1 **SBC-13STATE** will make nondiscriminatory access to Publishing and Directory service available under the terms and conditions of the applicable Appendix White Pages, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.7.8 RESALE--SECTIONS 251(b)(1)

44.7.8.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide to CLEC Telecommunications Services for resale at wholesale rates pursuant to the applicable Appendix Resale, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.7.9 TRANSMISSION AND ROUTING OF SWITCHED ACCESS TRAFFIC PURSUANT TO 251(c)(2)

44.7.9.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide to CLEC certain trunk groups (Meet Point Trunks) under certain parameters pursuant to the applicable Appendix ITR, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.7.10 TRANSMISSION AND ROUTING OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE TRAFFIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(c)(2)(D); 252(d)(1) and (2); 47 CFR § 51.305(a)(5).

44.7.10.1 The applicable Appendix Compensation, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, prescribe traffic routing parameters for Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s) the Parties shall establish over the Interconnections specified in the applicable Appendix ITR, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.7.11 UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS -- SECTIONS 251(c)(3)

44.7.11.1 Pursuant to the applicable Appendix UNE, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC access to Unbundled Network elements for the provision of Telecommunications Service as required by Sections 251 and 252 of the Act and in the Appendices hereto. CLEC agrees to provide access to its Network Elements to **SBC-13STATE** under the same terms, conditions and prices contained herein and in the applicable Appendices hereto.

45. AUTHORITY

45.1 Each of the SBC-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that it is a corporation or limited partnership duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of incorporation or formation. Each of the SBC-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that SBC Telecommunications, Inc. has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement as agent for that SBC-owned ILEC. Each of the SBC-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that it has full power and authority to perform its obligations hereunder.

45.2 CLEC represents and warrants that it is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Texas and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder. CLEC represents and warrants that it has been or will be certified as a LEC by the Commission(s) prior to submitting any orders hereunder and is or will be authorized to provide the Telecommunications Services contemplated hereunder in the territory contemplated hereunder prior to submission of orders for such Service.

45.3 Each Person whose signature appears below represents and warrants that he or she has authority to bind the Party on whose behalf he or she has executed this Agreement.

46. COUNTERPARTS

46.1 This Agreement may be executed in counterparts. Each counterpart shall be considered an original and such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

47. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

47.1 **SBC-12STATE**

47.1.1 The terms contained in this Agreement and any Appendices, Attachments, Exhibits, Schedules, and Addenda constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, superseding all prior understandings, proposals and other communications, oral or written between the Parties during the negotiations of this Agreement and through the execution and/or Effective Date of this Agreement. This Agreement shall not operate as or constitute a novation of any agreement or contract between the Parties that predates the execution and/or Effective Date of this Agreement.

47.2 **SBC SNET**

47.2.1 The rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement and any Appendices, Attachments, Exhibits, Schedules, Addenda, Commission approved tariffs and other documents or instruments referred to herein and incorporated into this Agreement by reference constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, superseding all prior understandings, proposals and other communications, oral or written between the Parties pre-dating the execution of this Agreement; provided, however, that none of the rates, terms or conditions of this Agreement shall be construed to apply in any manner to any period prior to the termination and/or expiration date of any agreement that this Agreement replaces. This Agreement shall not operate as or constitute a novation of any agreement or contract between the Parties that predates the execution and/or Effective Date of this Agreement.

48. SELECTION OF BILLING OPTIONS

48.1 This Agreement contains an Appendix A to the General Terms and Conditions wherein the CLEC will select certain options available under this Agreement.

SBC-13STATE Agreement
Signatures

dPi Teleconnect, L.L.C.

Signature: David B. Dorwart

Name: David B. Dorwart
(Print or Type)

Title: President / CEO
(Print or Type)

Date: 5-22-03

Facilities-Based OCN# _____

Resale OCN # _____

ACNA _____

Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a SBC SNET, Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin by SBC Telecommunications, Inc., its authorized agent

Signature: M. Auinbauh

Name: Mike Auinbauh
(Print or Type)

Title: *For/* President - Industry Markets

Date: JUL 0 7 2003

Appendix A

to the

General Terms and Conditions

Appendix A to General Terms and Conditions

This Appendix A to the General Terms and Conditions sets forth the CLEC's election of certain options in connection with the Alternate Billed Services (ABS) Appendix attached to and made a part of this Agreement. CLEC will place an "X" within the appropriate box indicating the Billing Option CLEC selects for **either** 1) All States **or** 2) a Specific State, in which this Agreement is being filed. **If CLEC fails to select one of the billing options identified below, the default selection of ABS Billing Option 1 will be selected on CLEC's behalf.**

BILLING OPTIONS	ALL STATES	SPECIFIC STATE(S)
ABS BILLING OPTION 1		
ABS BILLING OPTION 2		
ABS BILLING OPTION 3		

DPI TELECONNECT, L.L.C.

Signature:_____

Name:_____
(Print or Type)

Title:_____
(Print or Type)

Date:_____

APPENDIX 800

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APPENDIX 800
(Access To the Toll Free Calling Database)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Access to the Toll Free Calling Database provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

1.2 **SBC Communications Inc**. **(SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

1.3 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

1.4 **SBC-4STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

1.5 **SBC-7STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA,** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA,** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA –** As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.

1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS-** As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

1.14 **SBC INDIANA -** As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN -** As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.

1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.17 **SBC MISSOURI -** As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.

1.18 **SBC NEVADA -** As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

1.19 **SBC OHIO-** As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA -** As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.

1.21 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.23 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.

1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN -** As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2. DESCRIPTION

2.1 Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this Agreement, **SBC SNET** does not offer Access to the Toll Free Calling Database under this Agreement. Rather, Access to the Toll Free Calling Database is available from **SBC SNET** as described in Section 18.2.9, 800 Database Access, of the CT Access Service Tariff.

2.2 **SBC-12STATE**'s 800 database, an American National Standards Institute (**ANSI**) Signaling System 7 (**SS7**) call-related database system, receives updates processed from the national System Management System (**SMS**) database. Customer records in the SMS are created or modified by entities known as Responsible Organizations ("Resp Org") who obtain access to the SMS via the System Management System/800 database, Tariff FCC No. 1. 800 Service Providers must either become their own Resp Org or use the services of an established Resp Org. The services of a Resp Org include creating and updating 800 records in the SMS to download to the 800 database(s). **SBC-12STATE** does not, either through a tariff or contract, provide Resp Org service.

2.3 After the 800 customer record is created in the SMS, the SMS downloads the records to the appropriate databases, depending on the area of service chosen by the 800 subscriber. An 800 customer record is created in the SMS for each 800 number to be activated. The SMS initiates all routing changes to update information on a nationwide basis.

2.4 Access to the Toll Free Calling Database allows CLEC to access **SBC-12STATE**'s 800 database for the purpose of switch query and database response. Access to the Toll Free Calling Database supports the processing of toll free calls (e.g., 800 and 888) where identification of the appropriate carrier (800 Service Provider) to transport the call is dependent upon the full ten digits of the toll free number (e.g., 1+800+NXX+XXXX). Access to the Toll Free Calling Database includes all 800-type dialing plans (i.e., 800, 888, and other codes as may be designated in the future).

2.5 Access to the Toll Free Calling Database provides the carrier identification function required to determine the appropriate routing of an 800 number based on the geographic origination of the call, from a specific or any combination of NPA/NXX, NPA or LATA call origination detail.

2.6 There are three optional features available with 800 service:

2.6.1 Designated 10-Digit Translation;

2.6.2 Call Validation; and

2.6.3 Call Handling and Destination.

2.6.4 The Designated 10-Digit Translation feature converts the 800 number into a designated 10-digit number. If the 800 Service Provider provides the designated 10-digit number associated with the 800 number and request delivery of the designated 10-digit number in place of the 800 number, **SBC-12STATE** will deliver the designated 10-digit number.

2.6.5 The Call Handling and Destination feature allows the customer to create routing schemes utilizing:

2.6.5.1 Time of Day

2.6.5.2 Day of Week

2.6.5.3 Day of Year

2.6.5.4 Allocation of Traffic by Percentage

2.6.5.5 NPA-NXX-XXXX

2.6.6 The Call Validation feature List Turnaround feature (referred to as the Six-Digit Master Number List Turnaround feature in **SBC-2STATE**) applies when customer identification is performed for Canadian and Caribbean toll free numbers. This feature is billed in lieu of the Basic Toll Free Access Query charge.

3. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

3.1 Access to the Toll Free Calling Database provided under these terms and conditions is only available for use in the provision of telephone exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunication Services as specified in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and any effective rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and the State regulatory Commission.

3.2 Access to the Toll Free Calling Database is offered separate and apart from other unbundled network elements necessary for operation of the network routing function addressed in these terms and conditions, e.g., end office 800 (SSP) functionality and (CCS/SS7) signaling. This Appendix is separate from the prices, terms, conditions and billing for such related elements, and in no way shall this Appendix be construed to circumvent the prices, terms, conditions or billing as specified for such related elements.

3.3 CLEC shall address its queries to **SBC-12STATE**'s database to the alias point code of the STP pair identified by **SBC-12STATE**. CLEC's queries shall use subsystem number 0 in the calling party address field and a translations type of 254 with a routing indicator set to route on global title. CLEC acknowledges that such subsystem number and translation type values are necessary for **SBC-12STATE** to properly process queries to its 800 database.

3.4 Each Party warrants to the other that it shall send queries and SS7 messages conforming to the ANSI approved standards for SS7 protocol and pursuant to the Specifications and Standards documents attached and incorporated herein in Exhibit I. Both Parties acknowledge that transmission in said protocol

is necessary for each Party to provision Access to the Toll Free Calling Database (or the equivalent thereof). Each Party reserves the right to modify its network pursuant to other specifications and standards, which may include Telcordia's specifications, defining specific service applications, message types, and formats, that may become necessary to meet the prevailing demands within the U.S. telecommunications industry. All such changes shall be announced in accordance with the then prevailing industry standard procedures. Each Party shall work cooperatively to coordinate any necessary changes.

3.5 CLEC acknowledges and agrees that CCS/SS7 network overload due to extraordinary volumes of queries and/or other SS7 network messages can and will have a detrimental effect on the performance of **SBC-12STATE**'s CCS/SS7 network and its 800 database. CLEC further agrees that **SBC-12STATE**, at its sole discretion, may employ certain automatic and/or manual overload controls within **SBC-12STATE**'s CCS/SS7 network to guard against these detrimental effects. **SBC-12STATE** shall report to CLEC any instances where overload controls are invoked due to CLEC's CCS/SS7 network. CLEC shall take immediate corrective actions as are necessary to cure the conditions causing the overload situation.

3.6 During periods of 800 database system congestion, **SBC-12STATE** shall utilize an automatic code gapping procedure to control congestion that may affect the service of all customers of **SBC-12STATE**'s 800 database. The automatic code gapping procedure used by **SBC-12STATE** shall notify the CLEC's switch of the gap length (how long CLEC's switch should wait before sending another query) and the gap duration (how long the switch should continue to perform gapping). For example, during an overload condition, the automatic code gapping procedures shall tell **SBC-12STATE**'s 800 database when to begin to drop one out of three queries received. This code gapping procedure shall be applied uniformly to all users of **SBC-12STATE**'s 800 database. **SBC-12STATE** reserves the right to manually invoke the automatic code gapping procedure to control congestion.

3.7 Prior to **SBC-12STATE** initiating service under this Appendix, CLEC shall provide an initial forecast of busy hour query volumes. CLEC shall update its busy hour forecast for each upcoming calendar year (January - December) by October 1 of the preceding year and also whenever CLEC anticipates a change to existing forecasts. CLEC shall provide such updates each year for as long as this Appendix is in effect; provided, the obligation to provide updates shall not extend for longer than three years, assuming this Appendix in effect for that long or longer. If prior to the establishment of a mutually agreeable service effective date, in writing, **SBC-12STATE**, at its discretion, determines that it lacks adequate processing capability to provide Access to the Toll Free Calling Database to CLEC, **SBC-12STATE** shall notify CLEC of **SBC-12STATE**'s intent not to provide the services under this Appendix and this Appendix will be void and have no further effect.

3.8 CLEC shall from time to time at **SBC-12STATE**'s request, provide additional forecasted information as deemed necessary by **SBC-12STATE** for network planning in connection with this offering.

3.9 **SBC-12STATE** shall test the Access to the Toll Free Calling Database in conjunction with CCS/SS7 Interconnection Service (e.g., Appendix SS7) as outlined in Telcordia Technical References TR-NWT-000533, TR-NWT-000954, TR-TSV-000905, TP76638, GR-954-CORE, GR-905-CORE and Pacific Bell PUB L-780023-PB/NB and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** AM-TR-OAT-000069.

3.10 CLEC shall only use Access to the Toll Free Calling Database to determine the routing requirements for originating 800 calls. Neither CLEC nor carrier customers of CLEC, if CLEC is acting on behalf of other carriers, shall use the database information to copy, store, maintain or create any table or database of any kind or for any purpose. If CLEC acts on behalf of other carriers to access **SBC-12STATE**'s Toll Free Calling Database, CLEC shall prohibit such carriers from copying, storing, maintaining, or creating any table or database of any kind from any response provided by **SBC-12STATE** after a query to **SBC-12STATE**'s Toll Free Calling Database. CLEC shall only use this network element in connection with the provision of telephone exchange and Exchange Access services.

3.11 CLEC shall ensure that it has sufficient link capacity and related facilities to handle its signaling and toll free traffic without adversely affecting other network subscribers.

3.12 **SBC-12STATE** shall provide Access to the Toll Free Calling Database as set forth in this Appendix only as such elements are used for CLEC's activities on behalf of its local service customers where **SBC-12STATE** is the incumbent local exchange carrier. CLEC agrees that any other use of **SBC-12STATE**'s Toll Free Calling Database for the provision of 800 database service by CLEC will be pursuant to the terms, conditions, rates, and charges of **SBC-12STATE**'s effective tariffs, as revised, for 800 database services.

3.13 Ordering and Billing Inquiries

3.13.1 Ordering and billing inquires for the elements described herein shall be directed to:

3.13.1.1 For **SBC-7STATE -** the Local Service Center (LSC).

3.13.1.2 For **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE -** the AIIS Service Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

4. RATE REGULATIONS

4.1 CLEC shall pay a Local Service Order Request Charge for each CLEC request for service order activity to establish Access to the Toll Free Calling Database in the **SBC-12STATE** region.

4.2 The prices at which **SBC-13STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with Access to the Toll Free Calling Database are contained in the applicable Appendix PRICING and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

4.3 CLEC shall pay a nonrecurring charge when a CLEC establishes or changes a signaling point code. The rates and charges for Signaling Point Code(s) are described in the Appendix SS7. This charge also applies to point code information provided by CLECs allowing other telecommunications providers to use the CLEC's SS7 signaling network.

4.4 Rate Elements

There are four rate elements associated with Access to the Toll Free Calling Database:

4.4.1 Basic Toll Free Access Query Rate Element

4.4.2 Designated 10-Digit Translation Rate Element (referred to as POTS Translations in **SBC-2STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**).

4.4.3 Call Validation Rate Element (referred to as Multiple Destination Routing Rate Element in **SBC-2STATE**).

4.4.4 Call Handling and Destination Rate Element (referred to as Six-Digit Master Number List Turnaround Rate Element in **SBC-2STATE** and 800 Database Vertical Feature in **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**).

4.5 CLEC shall pay the Basic Toll Free Access query rate for each query received and processed by **SBC-12STATE**'s database. When applicable, the charge for the additional features (Designated 10-Digit Translation, Call Validation, and Call Handling and Destination) are per query and in addition to the Basic Toll Free Access query charge; and shall also be paid by CLEC.

5. MONTHLY BILLING

5.1 For information regarding billing, non-payment, disconnects, and dispute resolution, see the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

6. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

6.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately

related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

APPENDIX 800
EXHIBIT I

1. SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS

1.1 Description of Subject Area And Issuing Organization	Document Number
1.1.1 Telcordia, SS7 Specifications	TR-NWT-000246
1.1.1.1	TR-NWT-000271
1.1.1.2	TR-NWT-000533
1.1.2 Telcordia, CCS Network Interface Specifications	TR-TSV-000905
1.1.2.1	TP 76638
1.1.2.2	TR-NWT-00095

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APPENDIX PHYSICAL COLLOCATION

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Physical Collocation provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

2.2 **SBC-2STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

2.3 **SBC-4STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

2.4 **SBC-7STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA,** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

2.5 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA,** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

2.6 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

2.7 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

2.8 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

2.9 **SBC ARKANSAS -** As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

2.10 **SBC CALIFORNIA –** As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.

2.11 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

2.12 **SBC ILLINOIS -** As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

2.13 **SBC INDIANA -** As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

2.14 **SBC MICHIGAN -** As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.

2.15 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

2.16 **SBC MISSOURI -** As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.

2.17 **SBC NEVADA -** As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

2.18 **SBC OHIO -** As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

2.19 **SBC OKLAHOMA -** As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.

2.20 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

2.21 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

2.22 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.

2.23 **SBC WISCONSIN -** As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2.24 **"Active Central Office Space"** denotes the existing, central office switch room space, which can be designated for physical collocation, with sufficient infrastructure systems. Also denotes central office space that may contain obsolete and unused equipment.

2.25 **"Adjacent Structure"** is a Collocator provided structure at **SBC-13STATE**'s Premises adjacent to an Eligible Structure. This arrangement is only permitted when space is legitimately exhausted inside the Eligible Structure and to the extent technically feasible.

2.26 **"Application Fee"** means the charge assessed by **SBC-13STATE** to process the Collocator's application for physical collocation requests.

2.27 **"Approved Vendor"** is a vendor who is qualified by **SBC-13STATE** for installation, and/or removal of central office equipment, which is administered by **SBC-13STATE** Procurement on a state-by-state basis.

2.28 **"Augment"** is a request from the Collocator to add equipment, cable, and/or Collocation services to or to remove cable and/or Collocation services from an existing Physical Collocation arrangement.

2.29 **"Caged Physical Collocation"** is a cage or similar structure (not including a top) enclosing Collocator's Physical Collocation Space in which a Collocator may install its telecommunications equipment.

2.30 **"Cageless Physical Collocation"** is a Collocation arrangement, provided in single bay increments, and does not require the construction of a cage or similar structure.

2.31 **"Collocation Interconnection Power Panel" (CIPP)** is a DC Power panel for Power termination. ***Two DC Power panels are available: (1) A DC power panel designed to provide either 20, 40 or 50 (Maximum) AMPS (redundant) of DC voltage, (2) A DC Power Panel designed to provide either 100 or 200 (Maximum) AMPS (redundant) of DC voltage; See*** also 9.6.5.

2.32 **"Collocator"** is any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust corporation, or governmental entity or any other entity who is collocated in **SBC-13STATE** location, for purposes of Interconnection with **SBC-13STATE** or access to Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs).

2.33 **"Delivery Date"** is the date, which **SBC-13STATE** provides the requested collocation space to the Collocator in accordance with the Delivery Intervals set forth in Section 12 of this Agreement.

2.34 **"Eligible Equipment"** is the equipment eligible for collocation as defined in Section 6 of this Appendix.

2.35 **"Eligible Structure"** is (1) a **SBC-13STATE** central office, serving wire center or tandem office, or (2) a building or similar structure owned or leased by **SBC-13STATE** that houses its network facilities, or (3) a structure that houses **SBC-13STATE** transmission facilities on public rights-of-way, including but not limited to vaults containing loop concentrators or similar structures.

2.36 **"Engineering Design Charge"** is the charge assessed by **SBC-4STATE** to perform the central office survey for caged and cageless serving arrangements and to implement the collocation area.

2.37 **"Entrance Fiber Facility"** is an arrangement where a Collocator-provided single mode fire retardant dielectric fiber optic cable extends from the **SBC-13STATE** designated manhole into the **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure designated splice point. It is used as a transmission medium to the designated splice point. Collocator shall be permitted no more than two (2) entrance routes into the **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure, if available.

2.38 **"Equipment"** means hardware that must use power, have electronics, and provide a Telecommunications Service. The equipment must be a complete piece, unit, or item of such equipment, not a piece-part or sub-component (such as a line card) of a complete unit of equipment. The Collocator may not collocate its equipment sub-components or piece-parts.

2.39 **"Individual Case Basis" (ICB)** is a pricing method used for services that are not tariffed or are not standard offerings or configurations.

2.40 **"Infrastructure Systems"** include, but are not limited to, structural components, such as floors capable of supporting equipment loads, frames, heating, ventilating and air conditioning ("HVAC") systems, electrical systems (AC power), DC Power, power distribution via frames or bays, high efficiency filtration, humidity controls, remote alarms, compartmentation, and smoke purge.

2.41 **"Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook"** or like document is a publication provided to the Collocators, which provides information on how to order collocation arrangements and the processes and requirements for collocation in the **SBC-13STATE**'s, which is located on the **SBC-13STATE** CLEC ONLINE Web-Site (https://clec.sbc.com/), as amended from time to time.

2.42 "**Non Standard Collocation Request" (NSCR)** in **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, is a pricing method used for services that are not tariffed or are not standard offerings or configurations.

2.43 **"Other Central Office Space"** denotes the space within the central office, which can be designated for physical collocation where infrastructure systems do not currently exist and must be constructed.

2.44 **"Physical Collocation"** is as defined in Section 4 of this Appendix.

2.45 **"Physical Collocation Space"** is the space provided for the Collocator's physical collocation arrangement located within an **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure.

2.46 **"Point of Termination" (POT)** denotes the point of demarcation, within an Eligible Structure at which the **SBC-13STATE** responsibility for the provisioning of service ends.

2.47 **"Premises"** means **SBC-13STATE**'s Eligible Structures and all land owned, leased or otherwise controlled by **SBC-13STATE** that is adjacent to these Eligible Structures.

2.48 **"Project Management Fee"** reflects **SBC-13STATE**'s labor costs to manage the provisioning of the individual Collocator's space requirements for a particular Physical Collocation Space request. This fee is applicable upon the submission of an application.

2.49 **"Shared Physical Collocation Cage"** is a caged Physical Collocation Space that is shared by two or more Collocators within the **SBC-13STATE**'s Eligible Structure.

2.50 **"Technically Feasible" -** A collocation arrangement is technically feasible if, in accordance with either national standards or industry practice, there is no significant technical impediment to its establishment. Deployment by any incumbent LEC of a collocation arrangement gives rise to a rebuttable presumption in favor of a Collocator seeking collocation in **SBC-13STATE**'s Eligible Structures that such an arrangement is technically feasible.

2.51 **"Unbundled Network Element" (UNE)** is As Defined in the Act.

2.52 **"Unused Space"** is space within **SBC-13STATE** Premises which is available for collocation (subject to technically feasibility, state and local safety and engineering requirements, third party property rights, and other requirements set forth in this Agreement) unless it is (a) physically occupied by non-obsolete and/or used equipment; (b) assigned to another collocator; (c) used to provide physical access to occupied space; (d) used to enable technicians to work on equipment located within occupied space; (e) properly reserved for future use, either by **SBC-13STATE** or by another carrier or affiliate; or (f) essential for the administration and proper functioning of **SBC-13STATE**'s Premises.

3. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF APPENDIX

3.1 The purpose of this Appendix is to set forth the terms and conditions, including pricing, in which **SBC-13STATE** will provide Physical Collocation to Collocator.

3.2 Preparation Prior to Regulatory Approval

3.2.1 Upon the written request of Collocator, **SBC-13STATE** shall consider an application for collocation space submitted prior to receiving the approval. Upon such an election, this Appendix shall become effective but only insofar as to be applicable to the consideration of an application for collocation space. In the event that the Appendix does not become fully effective as contemplated by this Section, Collocator shall not be entitled to any refund or return of any such payments beyond any portion of the charges paid but not attributable to costs incurred by **SBC-13STATE**. To the extent that **SBC-13STATE** has incurred preparation costs not included within any payment made by Collocator, Collocator shall pay those costs within thirty (30) calendar days of notice by **SBC-13STATE**.

3.2.2 Collocator is responsible for obtaining an approved Interconnection Agreement (ICA) and meeting the State Certification requirements. The following shall apply:

3.2.2.1 If the State Commission has not approved the ICA prior to completion of the build-out, **SBC-13STATE** will not process service orders for interconnection or access to UNEs. However, the requested space will be turned over to the Collocator if the final non-recurring costs have been received. Monthly recurring charges will commence when space is turned over.

3.2.2.2 If the Collocator has not received their State Certification prior to completion of the build-out, **SBC-13STATE** will not process service orders for interconnection or access to UNEs. However, the requested space will be turned over to the Collocator if the final non-recurring costs have been received. Monthly recurring charges will commence when space is turned over.

3.2.2.3 If the Collocator has not received their State Certification or the State Commission has not approved the ICA by Day one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after space turnover, then the Collocator (forfeits) all charges collected to date by **SBC-13STATE** and the collocation space. The Collocator will have thirty (30) calendar days to remove any equipment and bays placed by the Collocator in the premise.

3.2.2.4 The Parties agree that billing for all costs incurred in the establishment of Physical Collocation for the Collocator will be provided to the Collocator within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of the billing cycle. Billing will be subject to true up if interim rates are pending State or Federal Commission approval.

4. GENERAL OFFERINGS

4.1 Except where Physical Collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations, **SBC-13STATE** will provide Physical Collocation to Collocator for the purpose of interconnecting to **SBC-13STATE** network for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service or exchange access, or both pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251 (c)(2), or for obtaining access to **SBC-13STATE** Unbundled Network Elements ("UNEs") for the provision of a telecommunications service pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251 (c)(3) of the FTA 96. Physical Collocation will be provided on a "first come, first served" basis, in accordance with the requirements of the Act (including 47 U.S.C. 251 (c)(6) of the FTA 96.

4.1.1 Caged Physical Collocation

4.1.1.1 In the **SBC-13STATE**'s, Collocator may apply for Caged Physical Collocation in initial and subsequent increments of fifty (50) square feet. Space totaling less than fifty (50) square feet will be provided where technically feasible. The caged serving arrangement is an area designated by **SBC-13STATE** within an Eligible Structure to be used by a Collocator for the sole purpose of installing, maintaining and operating Collocator provided equipment. **SBC-13STATE** will provide floor space, floor space conditioning, cage common systems and safety and security on a per square foot basis. **SBC-13STATE** will prorate the charge for site conditioning and preparation undertaken to construct or condition the Physical Collocation Space so the first Collocator in an **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure will not be responsible for the entire cost of site preparation.

4.1.1.2 The Collocator must use a contractor/vendor to perform the necessary preparation activities within the Collocator's Physical Collocation Space including the construction of the cage and any physical security arrangements, if applicable; provided, however, any such contractor/vendor shall be subject to the prior written approval of **SBC-13STATE**, such Physical Collocation Space preparation activities shall be in accordance with all approved plans and specifications and coordinated with **SBC-13STATE**, and the Collocator shall be solely responsible for all charges of any such contractor/vendor. The Collocator must provide a cage enclosure (not including a top), cable rack and support structure inside the cage, lighting, receptacles, cage grounding, cage sign and door key set.

4.1.2 Shared Caged Collocation

4.1.2.1 Upon request, **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Collocator Shared Caged Collocation in any Unused Space.

4.1.2.1.1 A Collocator may request that **SBC-13STATE** provide Shared Caged Collocation via (i) a new request for Physical Collocation whereby the Collocator requesting such space allocates the requested space among the number of Collocators initially requesting such space (**"New Shared Collocation"**) or (ii) a request by Collocator to enter into a sublease arrangement with another Resident Collocators(s) in Collocator's existing Physical Collocation (**"Subleased Shared Collocation"**). In each Shared Caged Collocation arrangement, **SBC-13STATE**'s single point of contact

(SPOC) with respect to such arrangement shall be referred to as the **"Primary Collocator"**. For New Shared Collocation, the Primary Collocator shall be the single Collocator that submits the request for New Shared Collocation on behalf of the other Resident Collocators (as defined below). For Subleased Shared Collocation, the Primary Collocator shall be the Collocator that originally requested and occupied such space and is the sublessor in such arrangement. For purposes of this section, each Collocator (including Resident Collocator(s) and the Primary Collocator) to a Shared Caged Collocation arrangement is sometimes referred to as a **"Resident Collocator"**. An order for Shared Caged Collocation shall include blanket letters of authorization signed by the Primary Collocator that authorize each other Resident Collocator to utilize the Connecting Facility Assignments associated with the Primary Collocator and signed by each Resident Collocator that authorize the Primary Collocator to request and place firm orders for Shared Caged Collocation and facilities on behalf of such Resident Collocators.

4.1.2.1.2 New Shared Collocation is available in minimum increments of fifty (50) square feet (per caged space dimensions, not per Collocator). Space totaling less than fifty (50) square feet will be provided where technically feasible. Resident Collocators shall request New Shared Collocation from **SBC-13STATE** in a single application. The Primary Collocator shall submit a request and any subsequent order for New Shared Collocation. The Collocator must use a contractor/vendor to perform the necessary preparation activities within the Collocator's Physical Collocation Space including the construction of the cage and any physical security arrangements, if applicable; provided, however, any such contractor/vendor shall be subject to the prior written approval of **SBC-13STATE**, such Physical Collocation Space preparation activities shall be in accordance with all approved plans and specifications and coordinated with **SBC-13STATE**, and the Collocator shall be solely responsible for all charges of any such contractor/vendor. The Collocator must provide a cage enclosure (not including a top), cable rack and support structure inside the cage, lighting, receptacles, cage grounding, cage sign and door key set. **SBC-13STATE** will prorate the Preparation Charges incurred by **SBC-13STATE** to condition the space for Collocation use among the Resident Collocators utilizing the New Shared Collocation space, by determining the total preparation charges to make that space available and allocating that charge to each Resident Collocator based on the percentage attributable to each Resident Collocator as provided on the Collocation order by the Primary Collocator, provided that the percentage attributable to the Resident Collocators in a New Shared Collocation space equals in the aggregate one hundred percent (100%). **SBC-13STATE** will prorate the charge for site conditioning and preparation undertaken to condition the collocation space so the first Collocator in an **SBC-13STATE** Premise will not be responsible for the entire cost of site preparation. Allocation of Preparation Charges shall occur only upon the initial delivery of New Shared Collocation and **SBC-13STATE** shall not be required to adjust such allocation if another Resident Collocator subsequently shares such space. Except with respect to prorated Preparation Charges, **SBC-13STATE** shall bill only the Primary Collocator for, and the Primary Collocator shall be the primary obligor with respect to the payment of, all charges other than Preparation Charges billed on New Shared Collocation. It is the Primary Collocator's responsibility to recover from each other Resident Collocator such Collocator's proportionate share of such other charges billed to the Primary Collocator for the New Shared Cage Collocation. If Collocator is a Resident Collocator but

not the Primary Collocator in a New Shared Collocation arrangement, Collocator agrees that the Primary Collocator's rates, terms and conditions relating to New Shared Collocation set forth in the Primary Collocator's Section 251/252 agreement or the applicable tariff under which the Primary Collocator purchases collocation shall apply to its New Shared Collocation arrangement in lieu of those set forth herein. Further, if Collocator is the Primary Collocator in a New Shared Collocation arrangement, as a condition of ordering New Shared Allocation, Collocator shall require its Resident Collocator(s) to execute an agreement prior to the Delivery Date that, inter alia, requires such Resident Collocator(s)' compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions relating to Collocation contained in this Agreement and designates **SBC-13STATE** as a third party beneficiary of such agreement. Collocator, acting in its capacity as Primary Collocator, shall notify its Resident Collocator(s) of the obligation to comply with this Agreement with respect to the New Shared Collocation arrangement and shall be responsible for any breach of such provisions by the Resident Collocator(s).

4.1.2.1.3 For Subleased Shared Collocation, if the Collocator is the Primary Collocator, then that (Primary) Collocator shall be responsible for its and its Resident Collocator's compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Agreement. As a condition to permitting another Collocator to sublease space from Collocator, Collocator shall require such other Collocator(s) to execute a sublease agreement prior to the Delivery Date that, inter alia, requires such Collocator's compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions relating to Collocation contained in this Agreement and designates **SBC-13STATE** as a third party beneficiary of such agreement. Collocator, acting in its capacity as Primary Collocator, shall notify its Resident Collocator(s) of the obligation to comply with this Agreement relating to Physical Collocation and shall be responsible for any breach of such provisions by the Resident Collocator(s). If Collocator is the sublessee (i.e., not the Primary Collocator) in a Subleased Shared Collocation arrangement, Collocator agrees that Primary Collocator's rates, terms and conditions relating to Subleased Shared Collocations set forth in the Primary Collocator's Section 251/252 agreement or the applicable tariff under which the Primary Collocator purchases collocation t shall apply to its Subleased Shared Collocation arrangement in lieu of those set forth herein.

4.1.2.1.4 The Primary Collocator represents and warrants to **SBC-13STATE** that each Resident Collocator with which it shares Shared Caged Collocation space shall Collocate equipment only as permitted by Section 6.1 of this Appendix and which is necessary to Interconnect with **SBC-13STATE** or for access to **SBC-13STATE**'s Unbundled Network Elements. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Collocator access to **SBC-13STATE**'s Unbundled Network Elements and permit Collocator to interconnect its network with **SBC-13STATE** from Shared Caged Collocation, regardless if Collocator was the original Collocator. Collocator, however, shall have no right to request and **SBC-13STATE** shall have no obligation to provide Collocator's Resident Collocators access to **SBC-13STATE**'s Unbundled Network Elements or **SBC-13STATE**'s network. Instead, a Resident Collocator's rights shall be as determined by such Resident Collocator's contractual arrangement (Section 251/252 agreement or tariff, as applicable) with **SBC-13STATE**.

4.1.2.1.5 As a condition of entering into Shared Caged Collocation, Collocator agrees that if it is not the Primary Collocator in a New Shared Collocation, or if it is the sublessee in a Subleased Shared Collocation arrangement, it unconditionally

and irrevocably undertakes and guarantees **SBC-13STATE** the prompt and full payment of any charges assessed on the Shared Caged Collocation. If the Primary Collocator in a Shared Caged Collocation arrangement no longer occupies the space, the other Resident Collocators must immediately identify a new Primary Collocator. If only one Collocator remains in the Shared Cage Collocation, that Collocator shall become the Primary Collocator. **SBC-13STATE** shall bill the new Primary Collocator any applicable charges to change **SBC-13STATE**'s records and databases to reflect such new Primary Collocator.

4.1.3 Cageless Physical Collocation

4.1.3.1 Subject to technical feasibility and security requirements, **SBC-13STATE** will allow Collocator to collocate in any Unused Space in **SBC-13STATE's** Eligible Structure (eg. Central Office, CEV, Hut or Cabinet containing Telecommunications Equipment), without requiring the construction of a cage or similar structure, and without requiring the creation of a separate entrance to Collocator's Physical Collocation Space. **SBC-13STATE** will designate the space to be used for cageless collocation. **SBC-13STATE** may require Collocator to use a central entrance to the building in which the cageless collocation is provided, but may not require construction of a new entrance for Collocator's use, and once inside the building, **SBC-13STATE** must permit Collocator to have direct access to their equipment.

4.1.3.2 Collocator will install their own bay(s) by an **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor. **SBC-13STATE** will provide space for the bay(s) in either a Standard Bay arrangement of 10 sq. ft. or a Non-Standard Bay arrangement of 18 sq. ft. The standard bay and non-standard bay dimensions are as follows:

4.1.3.3 Standard bay dimensions cannot exceed 7'0" high, and 23" interior width, 26" exterior width, and up to 15" deep.

4.1.3.4 Non-standard bay dimensions cannot exceed 7'0" high, 36" in width and up to 36" in depth.

4.1.3.5 **SBC-13STATE** prefers that the equipment mounted in the bay be flush mounted with the front of the bay; provided, however, in no event may the equipment be mounted beyond the lower front kick plate (normally 5") for appropriate egress. The total depth of bay, including equipment and associated cabling must not exceed 15" for a standard bay.

4.1.3.6 **SBC-13STATE** may not require Collocator to use an intermediate interconnection arrangement (i.e., a POT bay) that simply increases collocation costs without a concomitant benefit to incumbents, in lieu of direct connection to **SBC-13STATE**'s network if technically feasible. **SBC-13STATE** may take reasonable steps to protect its own equipment, such as, but not limited to, enclosing **SBC-13STATE** equipment in its own cage, and other reasonable security measures examples of which are described herein Section 13 of this Appendix. **SBC-13STATE** must make cageless collocation space available in single-bay increments, meaning that Collocator can purchase space in single bay increments. **SBC-13STATE** will prorate the charge for site conditioning and preparation undertaken to construct or condition the collocation space so the first Collocator in an **SBC-13STATE** Premise will not be responsible for the entire cost of site preparation. **SBC-13STATE** will provide collocation space in CEV's, Huts or Cabinets in increments of "rack inches" (the amount of vertical rack space required to mount the Collocator's equipment including any space required for equipment separation and heat dissipation).

4.1.4 Adjacent Structure Collocation

4.1.4.1 When space is legitimately exhausted inside an **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure, **SBC-13STATE** will permit Collocator to physically collocate in an Adjacent Structure (e.g.

controlled environmental vaults, controlled environmental huts or similar structures such as those used by **SBC-13STATE** to house telecommunications equipment) located at **SBC-13STATE**'s Premises to the extent technically feasible. **SBC-13STATE** will permit Collocator or a third party to construct or otherwise procure such Adjacent Structure, subject to reasonable safety and maintenance requirements, zoning and other state and local regulations, and **SBC-13STATE**'s right to exercise reasonable control over the design, construction, and placement of such Adjacent Structures. **SBC-13STATE** will allow the Collocator to provide equipment installed within the Adjacent Structure subject to all the requirements set forth in this Appendix. Collocator will be responsible for securing the required licenses and permits, the required site preparations, and will retain responsibility for building and site maintenance associated with placing the Adjacent Structure. **SBC-13STATE** may reserve reasonable amounts of space adjacent to its Eligible Structure needed to expand its Eligible Structure to meet building growth requirements. **SBC-13STATE** will assign the location where the Adjacent Structure will be placed.

4.1.4.2 When requested, **SBC-13STATE** will provide up to 100 AMPS of AC power to the Adjacent Structure when Central Office Switchboard AC capacity exists and up to 200 AMPS of DC power to the Adjacent Structure up to 50 cable feet from the Central Office. When power requirements are beyond these office capacities and distance limitations, **SBC-13STATE** will treat the requirements as a non-standard request (ICB or NSCR) and coordinate a mutually agreeable solution for provisioning power with Collocator. At its option, Collocator may choose to provide its own AC and DC power to the Adjacent Structure. **SBC-13STATE** will provide power and physical collocation services and facilities to such Adjacent Structures, subject to the same nondiscrimination requirements as other physical collocation arrangements in this Agreement.

4.1.4.3 If Physical Collocation Space becomes available in a previously exhausted Eligible Structure, **SBC-13STATE** will not require Collocator to move or prohibit Collocator from moving, a collocation arrangement into that structure. Instead **SBC-13STATE** will continue to allow the Collocator to collocate in any Adjacent Structure that the Collocator has constructed or otherwise procured.

4.2 All requests for **"Other Physical Collocation"** arrangements or other Collocation services not contained in this Appendix will be considered on a case-by-case basis (ICB or NSCR). Other Physical Collocation arrangements or other Collocation services requested via an ICB or NSCR shall (i) be subject to the payment by CLEC of all applicable costs in accordance with Section 252(d)(1) of the Act to process such request and develop, provision and bill such Collocation method or service, (ii) be excluded from any provisioning intervals or performance measures contained in this Agreement, and (iii) require the Parties to reach written agreement on any rates, terms and conditions applicable to such ICB or NSCR within thirty (30) days after CLEC confirms its order pursuant to the ICB or NSCR. When a Collocator requests a particular Physical Collocation arrangement, the Collocator is entitled to a rebuttable presumption that such arrangement is technically feasible if any incumbent LEC, with a substantially similar network, has deployed such collocation arrangement in any incumbent LEC Physical Collocation Space. If **SBC-13STATE** refuses to provide a Physical Collocation arrangement, or an equally cost effective arrangement, it may do so if it rebuts the presumption before the state commission that the particular premises in question cannot support the arrangement because of either technical reasons or lack of space.

4.3 The Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor will be permitted access to the **SBC-13STATE** Main Distribution Frame and/or its equivalent for installation and termination of interconnection cabling and the cabling arrangement to provide grounding for equipment. Collocator must use an **SBC-13STATE** Approved Power Installation Vendor to install power cable(s) from the Collocator's Physical Collocation Space to the designated **SBC-13STATE**'s Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB) or Power Plant Primary Distribution points, whichever is applicable. Additional requirements relating to installation and placement of interconnection cabling and power cabling is set forth in Section 10.5.3 and 10.6 of this Appendix.

4.4 **SBC-13STATE** shall permit Collocator to place its own connecting transmission facilities within **SBC-13STATE**'s Eligible Structure in the Physical Collocation space, without requiring the Collocator to purchase any equipment or connecting facilities solely from **SBC-13STATE**, subject to reasonable safety limitations.

4.5 **SBC-13STATE** shall voluntarily permit the Collocator to provide, via installation by an **SBC-13STATE** approved vendor, a direct connection between its collocated equipment in a Physical Collocation Space to its collocated equipment located within the same **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure provided such Collocator has satisfied the statutory and contractual requirements for collocation in each instance. In addition, **SBC-13STATE** shall permit the Collocator to provide, via installation by an **SBC-13STATE** approved vendor, a direct connection between its collocated equipment and the collocated equipment of one or more separate telecommunications carriers collocated within the same **SBC-13STATE** Premises provided that Collocator and each such carrier has satisfied the statutory and contractual requirements to qualify for collocation. Where technically feasible, a connection may be made using copper cable, dark fiber, lit fiber, or such other transmission medium (media) mutually agreed to by SBC and collocators in writing. A collocation application listing a different medium (media) for a connection, even if accepted by **SBC-13STATE**, shall not constitute such a writing. A Collocator's request for a connection using other transmission medium (media) shall be submitted via the NSCR/ICB procedure.

4.5.1 **SBC-13STATE** will designate and engineer the route, place cable racking (if applicable) and provide space to be used for such connections. Such connections and their installation shall be subject to the same reasonable safety requirements that **SBC-13STATE** imposes on its own equipment and facilities, without requiring the Collocator to purchase any equipment or connecting facilities solely from **SBC-13STATE**.

5. SPACE AVAILABILITY AND ASSIGNMENT

5.1 At the request of Collocator, **SBC-13STATE** will provide space for Physical Collocation as described above. **SBC-13STATE** is not required to provide Physical Collocation at a particular Eligible Structure if it demonstrates that physical collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations. In such cases and with the qualifications set forth above, **SBC-13STATE** will provide Adjacent Structure Collocation as described above or Virtual Collocation, as described in the Appendix Virtual Collocation, except where **SBC-13STATE** proves that Adjacent Structure Collocation and/or Virtual Collocation is not technically feasible. If Adjacent Structure Collocation or Virtual Collocation is not technically feasible, **SBC-13STATE** will make a good faith effort to negotiate other methods of interconnection and access to unbundled network elements to the extent technically feasible.

5.2 **SBC-13STATE** will provide physical collocation arrangements in Eligible Structures and on its Premises on a "first-come, first-served" basis. The determination whether there is sufficient space to accommodate Physical Collocation at a particular Eligible Structure or at a particular Premise will be made initially by **SBC-13STATE**. **SBC-13STATE** will notify Collocator as to whether its request for space is been granted or denied due to a lack of space within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of a Collocator's accurate and complete Physical Collocation Application. If **SBC-13STATE** determines that Collocator's Physical Collocation Application is unacceptable, **SBC-13STATE** shall advise Collocator of any deficiencies within this ten (10) calendar day period. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Collocator with sufficient detail so that Collocator has a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the queue to obtain the Physical Collocation arrangement, Collocator must cure any deficiencies in its Application and resubmit such Application within ten (10) calendar days after being advised of deficiencies. Any changes to the amount or type of floor space, interconnection terminations, and power requested from the originally submitted Physical Collocation Application will not be considered a deficiency, but rather as a new Physical Collocation Application with a new ten (10) calendar day space notification and delivery interval.

5.2.1 When space for Physical Collocation in a particular Eligible Structure is not available, **SBC-13STATE** shall place Collocator on the waiting list for collocation in a particular Eligible Structure

according to the date Collocator submitted its application for Physical Collocation in that Eligible Structure.

5.3 If **SBC-13STATE** contends that space for Physical Collocation is not available in an Eligible Structure, **SBC-13STATE** must allow Collocator to tour the entire central office or other Eligible Structure in question, without charge and within ten (10) calendar from the receipt of **SBC-13STATE**'s denial of space notification or such later date as mutually agreed by the parties. Prior to taking a tour, each representative must execute and deliver to **SBC-13STATE** a standard nondisclosure agreement. In no event shall any camera or other video/audio-recording device be brought on or utilized during any tour of an **SBC-13STATE**'s Eligible Structure.

5.3.1 If Collocator disputes **SBC-13STATE**'s determination, Collocator can elect a review to be made by a mutually agreed to third party engineer or a Commission designate, under a non-disclosure agreement. All costs of the third-party inspection including, but not limited to, all payments to the third-party engineer or Commission designate in connection with the inspection, shall be shared equally by **SBC-13STATE** and the Collocator. The third party engineer shall take into consideration **SBC-13STATE**'s planned use for the Eligible Structure under review and, to the extent it can review Collocator space and how it is used.

5.3.2 If **SBC-13STATE** denies a Collocator's request for Physical Collocation because of space limitations and, after touring the applicable Eligible Structure, the Parties are unable to resolve the issue of whether the denial of space was proper, **SBC-13STATE** shall, in connection with any complaint filed by Collocator, file with the appropriate Commission detailed floor plans or diagrams of such Eligible Structure along with whatever additional information has been ordered by such Commission, subject to protective order. These floor plans or diagrams must show what space, if any, **SBC-13STATE** or any of its affiliates has reserved for future use, and must describe in detail the specific future uses for which the space has been reserved and the length of time for each reservation.

5.4 **SBC-13STATE** will maintain a publicly available document, posted for viewing on **SBC-13STATE**'s CLEC ONLINE Web-site, indicating all Eligible Structures that are full, and will update such a document within ten (10) calendar days of the date at which an Eligible Structure runs out of Physical Collocation Space.

5.5 Upon receipt of a written request, **SBC-13STATE** will submit to the Collocator within ten (10) calendar days of the submission of the request a report describing in detail the space that is available for collocation in a particular **SBC-13STATE** Premises. This report will specify the amount of collocation space available at each requested Premises, the number of collocators, and any modifications in the use of the space since the last report. This report will also include measures that **SBC-13STATE** is taking to make additional space additional space available for collocation. **SBC-13STATE** will provide a report for two (2) to five (5) requests in ten (10) business days and six (6) to twenty (20) requests in twenty-five (25) business days. Should the Collocator submit more than twenty (20) requests at once, **SBC-13STATE** will provide the information on a scheduled basis of ten (10) additional offices for every ten (10) business days.

5.5.1 In **SBC-13STATE**, reports shall be ordered via the Collocation order form on **SBC-13STATE's** CLEC ONLINE Web-site and shall specifically identify the CLLI code of each Premises for which a report is ordered.

5.5.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall recover costs for the implementation of these reporting measures in a reasonable manner.

5.5.3 **SBC-13STATE** shall permit a Collocator to submit Physical Collocation Space preferences prior to **SBC-13STATE** assigning the carrier's space. Such preference shall be indicated on the Collocator's Physical Collocation application.

5.6 **SBC-13STATE** is not required to lease or construct additional space to provide for Physical Collocation when existing space has been exhausted. Moreover, **SBC-13STATE** is not required to, nor shall this Appendix create any obligation or expectation, to relinquish used, or forecasted space to undertake the construction of new quarters or to construct additions to existing quarters in order to satisfy any request for additional space or the placement of Collocator equipment or facilities, whether through an initial request for

Physical Collocation or a subsequent request for more space in an Eligible Structure. **SBC-13STATE** and Collocator shall not unreasonably warehouse forecasted space.

5.7 To the extent possible, **SBC-13STATE** will make contiguous space available to a Collocator if a Collocator seeks to expand an existing Physical Collocation arrangement and such request meets **SBC-13STATE**'s non-discriminatory practices regarding efficient space utilization.

5.8 When planning renovations of existing Eligible Structures or constructing or leasing new Eligible Structures, **SBC-13STATE** will take into account future demand based upon its knowledge of Collocator demand for Collocation. Collocator will provide **SBC-13STATE** with a two (2)-year rolling forecast of its requirements for Collocation that will be reviewed jointly on a yearly basis by the Parties.

5.9 **SBC-13STATE** may retain a limited amount of floor space for **SBC-13STATE**'s own specific future uses; provided, however that neither **SBC-13STATE** nor any of its affiliates may reserve space for future use for like equipment on terms more favorable than those that apply to other telecommunications carriers, including Collocator, seeking to reserve Collocation space for their own future use. Except for space needed for switching equipment "turnaround" (e.g., the installation of new switching equipment to replace then-existing switching equipment), other telecommunications equipment and infrastructure, if any, and/or otherwise permitted or directed by applicable rule or order, **SBC-13STATE** will relinquish any space held for future use before denying a request for Virtual Collocation on grounds of space limitations, unless **SBC-13STATE** proves to the Commission that Virtual Collocation at that point is not technically feasible, including that space does not exist. In any such event, **SBC-13STATE** and the Collocator will attempt to reach a mutually agreeable alternative method of interconnection.

5.10 At the request of the Commission or Collocator, **SBC-13STATE** shall remove any obsolete and unused equipment (e.g., retired in-place") from its Eligible Structures. **SBC-13STATE** shall be permitted to recover the cost of removal and/or relocation of such equipment if **SBC-13STATE** incurs expenses that would not otherwise have been incurred (at the time of the request or subsequent thereto) except to increase the amount of space available for collocation (e.g., costs to expedite removal of equipment or store equipment for reuse).

5.11 **SBC-13STATE** may impose reasonable restrictions on its provision of additional Unused Space available for Collocation (so-called "warehousing") as described in paragraph 586 of the First Report and Order (96-325); provided, however, that **SBC-13STATE** shall not set a maximum space limitation on Collocator unless **SBC-13STATE** proves to the Commission that space constraints make such restrictions necessary.

5.12 Notwithstanding anything contrary in this Agreement, **SBC-13STATE** maintains ultimate authority to assign and configure space for Physical Collocation within its Premises. **SBC-13STATE** will assign Physical Collocation Space on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory. **SBC-13STATE**'s space assignment will not (i) materially increase a Collocator's collocation costs or materially delay a Collocator's occupation and use of the **SBC-13STATE**'s Premises, unless required by operational constraints unrelated to competitive concerns, or (ii) reduce unreasonably the total space available for physical collocation or preclude unreasonably Physical Collocation within **SBC-13STATE**'s Premises. In addition, **SBC-13STATE** will not assign Physical Collocation Space that will discriminatorily impair the quality of service or impose other material limitations on the service Collocator wishes to offer.

5.13 **SBC-13STATE** may restrict Physical Collocation to space separated from space housing **SBC-13STATE's** Equipment, provided that each of the following conditions is met:

(1) Either legitimate security concerns, or operational constraints unrelated to **SBC-13STATE's** or any of its Affiliates' or subsidiaries competitive concerns, warrant such separation;

(2) Any Physical Collocation Space assigned to an Affiliate or subsidiary of **SBC-13STATE** is separate from space housing **SBC-13STATE's** equipment;

(3) The separated space will be available in the same time frame as, or a shorter time frame than, non-separated space;

(4) The cost of the separate space to Collocator will not be materially higher than the cost of non-separated space; and

(5) The separated space is comparable, from a technical and engineering standpoint, to non-separated space.

5.14 **SBC-13STATE** may require the employees and contractors of Collocator to use a central or separate entrance to the **SBC-13STATE** Premises; provided, however, that where **SBC-13STATE** requires that the employees or contractors of Collocator access collocated Equipment only through a separate entrance, employees and contractors of the **SBC-13STATE**'s Affiliates and Subsidiaries will be subject to the same restriction.

5.15 **SBC-13STATE** may construct or require the construction of a separate entrance to access Physical Collocation Space, provided that each of the following conditions is met:

(1) Construction of a separate entrance is technically feasible;

(2) Either legitimate security concerns, or operational constraints unrelated to **SBC-13STATE's** or any of its Affiliates' or Subsidiaries competitive concerns, warrant such separation;

(3) Construction of a separate entrance will not artificially delay collocation provisioning; and

(4) Construction of a separate entrance will not materially increase Collocator's costs.

6. ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT FOR COLLOCATION

6.1 **SBC-13STATE** will allow Equipment to be collocated only if (1) it is "necessary" for interconnection to the **SBC-13STATE**'s network for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service or exchange access, or for access to **SBC-13STATE**'s unbundled network elements ("UNEs") for the provision of a Telecommunications Service, under all the standards and requirements addressed in this Section 6, or (2) **SBC-13STATE** voluntarily decides to allow the Equipment to be collocated on a non-discriminatory basis.

6.2 For purposes of this Section 6, Equipment is considered "necessary" as follows:

(1) Equipment is considered necessary for Interconnection if an inability to deploy that Equipment would, as a practical, economic, or operational matter, preclude the Collocator from obtaining interconnection with **SBC-13STATE** at a level equal in quality to that which **SBC 13STATE** obtains within its own network or **SBC-13STATE** provides to any Affiliate, subsidiary, or other party.

(2) Equipment is considered necessary for access to a UNE if an inability to deploy that Equipment would, as a practical, economic, or operational matter, preclude Collocator from obtaining nondiscriminatory access to that UNE, including any of its features, functions, or capabilities.

6.3 Subject to the requirements of Section 6, "Stand-alone Function" Equipment that may be collocated include:

(1) Transmission equipment that is optical terminating equipment or a multiplexer

(2) Equipment being collocated to terminate basic transmission facilities pursuant to sections 64.1401 and 64.1402 of 47 C.F.R. (Expanded Interconnection) as of August 1, 1996.

(3) Equipment specified in the definition of "Advanced Services Equipment" in section 1.3.d of the SBC/Ameritech Merger Conditions. "Advanced Services Equipment" is defined as, and limited to, the following equipment: DSLAMs or functionally equivalent equipment; spectrum splitters that are used solely in the provision of Advanced Services; packet switches and multiplexers such as ATMs and Frame Relay engines used to provide Advanced Services; modems used in the provision of packetized data; and DACS frames used only in the provision of Advanced Services.

(4) Optical Concentrator Devices ("OCDs") or functionally equivalent Equipment used to provide Advanced Services.

(5) Remote switch modules ("RSMs") used in conjunction, via an umbilical, with host switches located in different CLEC locations.

6.4 **SBC-13STATE** may, at its option on a non-discriminatory basis, deny collocation of any of the above, or any other, Equipment if collocation of that Equipment would burden **SBC 13STATE**'s property interests and alternative Equipment not imposing such a burden is practically, economically, and operationally available to obtain interconnection or access to UNEs consistent with sections 251(c)(2) and 251(c)(3) of the Act. For **SBC-13STATE** to consider whether a request avoids such burden, the CLEC must provide all information needed by **SBC-13STATE** concerning the equipment or facilities in question, including without limitation its size (height, width, and depth) and its requirements for power, heat, ventilation, and air conditioning, and other resources. In addition, in order for **SBC-13STATE** to determine whether or not Equipment meets the "necessary" standard, CLEC must provide information establishing how it intends to use the equipment for interconnection with **SBC-13STATE**'s network for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service and exchange access and/or for access to **SBC-13STATE**'s UNEs for the provision of a Telecommunications Service. For this purpose, CLEC must identify what it intends to interconnect the Equipment to and/or what it intends to use the Equipment to access and must identify the services it intends to use the Equipment to provide. To qualify for collocation, any of the above Equipment that is used for switching or routing must be (1) "necessary" under the standards set forth above for access to a **SBC-13STATE** UNE sub-loop and (2) used solely for that purpose unless it also meets the requirements set forth below for collocating "Multi-functional Equipment." Equipment excluded from collocation in any other sub-section of this Section 6 also would be excluded as "stand-alone function" Equipment. **SBC-13STATE** will make determinations on a request-by-request basis of whether or not Equipment meets these standards in order to be permitted, or whether or not Equipment will be voluntarily permitted. Moreover, if CLEC seeks to collocate a switch, CLEC must provide information establishing whether the switch is a packet switch, a circuit switch, or a combination. If the switch is a circuit switch or a combination, CLEC must provide information establishing whether or not the switch is used in conjunction, via an umbilical, with host switches located in different CLEC locations.

6.5 **SBC-13STATE** will not allow collocation of, among other Equipment, traditional, circuit switches or enhanced/information services Equipment. For purposes of this section, "traditional, circuit switch" is defined as any Equipment that performs circuit switching independently of other switches or switching systems and does not meet the requirements set forth below for collocating "Multi-functional Equipment." "Traditional circuit switches" include, but are not limited to, the following examples of equipment when such equipment does not meet such requirements: (1) equipment with circuit switching capabilities included in 47 CFR section 51.319(c) which defines "local circuit switching capability" and "local tandem switching capability;" (2) equipment that is used to obtain circuit switching capabilities, without reliance upon a host switch; and (3) equipment with the functionality of a class 4 or 5 switch including, without limitation, the following: Lucent Pathstar, 5E, 4E, or 1A switch; DMS 10, 100, 200, or 250 switch; Ericsson AXE-10 switch; and Siemens EWSD. For purposes of this Section 6, "enhanced services" are defined as in 47 CFR section 64.702, and "information services" are defined as in section 3(2) of the Act.

6.6 For purposes of this Section 6, "Multi-functional Equipment" is defined as Equipment that combines one or more functions that are necessary for interconnection or access to UNEs with one or more functions that would not meet that standard as stand-alone functions ("Unnecessary Functions"). **SBC-13STATE** will permit the collocation of Multi-functional Equipment if and only if the primary purpose and function of the Equipment, as the Collocator seeks to deploy it, meets all the requirements set forth Section 6.3 above for either interconnection or access to UNEs. For a piece of Multi-functional Equipment to be utilized primarily to obtain equal in quality interconnection or nondiscriminatory access to one or more UNEs, there also must be a logical nexus between the additional functions the Equipment would perform and the telecommunication services which the Collocator seeks to provide to its customers by means of the interconnection or UNE. The additional functions must aid in the actual transmission or routing of telephone exchange service and exchange access used with interconnection, or in the actual provision of the telecommunications service used with access to UNEs, in the manner that the CLEC intends to provide such services. For example, **SBC-13STATE** will not allow collocation of certain Equipment including, without limitation, Equipment used to provide payroll processing, data collection, billing, or Equipment that generates customer orders, manages trouble tickets or inventory, or stores customer records in centralized databases, or other operation support systems, or other Equipment that does not provide

telecommunications services. Collocator may not collocate Multi-Functional Equipment that has Unnecessary Functions which significantly increases the burden on **SBC-13STATE**'s property interests. For example, the additional functions must not require reconfiguration of the outer boundaries of the CLEC's collocation space, increased floor support, or upgrades to power, air conditioning, heating, or similar plant. **SBC-13STATE** also will consider other potential burdens on a request-by request basis, together with making determinations of whether or not particular Equipment meets all the standards in this Section 6. For **SBC-13STATE** to make these considerations, the CLEC must provide, without limitation, the information described in Section 6.4.

6.7 Ancillary Equipment or facilities do not provide telecommunications services and are not "necessary" for interconnection or access to unbundled network elements. **SBC-13STATE** voluntarily allows the Collocator to place in its Physical Collocation space certain ancillary Equipment or facilities solely to support and be used with Equipment that the Collocator has legitimately collocated in the same premises. Solely for this purpose, cross-connect and other simple frames, portable test equipment, equipment racks and bays, and potential other ancillary equipment or facilities may be placed in **SBC-13STATE**'s premises, on a non-discriminatory basis, only if **SBC-13STATE** agrees to such placement.

6.8 Collocator may not collocate certain equipment, facilities, or hardware which duplicate equipment, facilities or hardware used, and functions performed, by **SBC-13STATE** as part of its provision of infrastructure systems for collocation. Such equipment, facilities or hardware include, without limitation, Battery Distribution Fuse Bays, air conditioners, heaters, or bulk power plants. These and other types of equipment, facilities or hardware that do not provide Telecommunications Services may not be collocated.

6.9 **SBC-13STATE** will consider other equipment that provides a Telecommunications Service on a request-by request basis, together with making determinations of whether or not particular Equipment meets all the standards in this Section 6.

6.10 **SBC-13STATE** does not assume any responsibility for the installation, furnishing, designing, engineering, or performance of the Collocator's equipment and facilities.

6.11 All types of equipment placed in **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structures or on its Premises by Collocators must meet the **SBC-13STATE** minimum safety standards. The minimum safety standards are as follows: (1) equipment complying with **SBC-13STATE** LEC document TP76200MP which contains network equipment, power, grounding, environmental, and physical design requirements and also contains Level 1 safety requirements except in Texas and any other state that has adopted the same approach as Texas, where Collocator's equipment must meet Telcordia Level 1 safety requirements as set forth in Telcordia documents SR-3580 and GR-63-CORE, Network Equipment Building Systems (NEBS); or, (2) Collocator must demonstrate that its equipment has a history of safe operation defined by installation in an ILEC (including **SBC-13STATE**) prior to January 1, 1998 with no known history of safety problems.

6.12 **SBC-13STATE** will not object to the collocation of equipment on the grounds that the equipment does not comply with safety or engineering standards that are more stringent than the safety or engineering standards that **SBC-13STATE** applies to its own network equipment. **SBC-13STATE** will not object to the collocation of equipment on the ground that the equipment fails to comply with Network Equipment and Building Specifications performance standards or any other performance standards.

6.13 In the event that **SBC-13STATE** denies Collocation of Collocator's equipment, citing minimum safety standards, **SBC-13STATE** will provide within five (5) business days of Collocator's written request to **SBC-13STATE** representative(s), a list of **SBC-13STATE** equipment placed since January 1, 1998 within the network areas of the Eligible Structure for which Collocation was denied together with an affidavit attesting that all of such **SBC-13STATE** equipment met or exceeded the then current minimum safety standards when such equipment was placed in the Eligible Structure.

6.14 In the event Collocator submits an application requesting collocation of certain equipment and **SBC-13STATE** determines that such equipment is not necessary for interconnection or access to UNEs or does not meet the minimum safety standards or any other requirements of this Appendix, the Collocator must not collocate the equipment. If Collocator disputes such determination by **SBC-13STATE**, Collocator may not

collocate such equipment unless and until the dispute is resolved in its favor. If **SBC-13STATE** determines that Collocator has already collocated equipment which is not necessary for interconnection or access to UNEs or does not meet the minimum safety requirements or any other requirements of this Appendix, the Collocator must remove the equipment from the collocation space within ten (10) business days of the date of the written notice from **SBC-13STATE**. Collocator will be responsible for the removal and all resulting damages. If Collocator disputes such determination, Collocator must remove such equipment pending the resolution of the dispute. If the Parties do not resolve the dispute, **SBC-13STATE** or Collocator may file a complaint at the Commission seeking a formal resolution of the dispute.

7. PHYSICAL COLLOCATION SPACE CHARGES

7.1 Physical Collocation Space

For each Physical Collocation request, Collocator must submit a separate Physical Collocation Application with the applicable Application and Project Management Fees including, but not limited to, the following types of requests: (i) a request to physically collocate equipment in a new Physical Collocation Space, (ii) a request to Augment an existing Physical Collocation Space, (iii) a request for direct cabling within an Eligible Structure, (iv) a request to partially disconnect and/or removal of Collocator's Eligible Equipment from an Eligible Structure, (v) a request to complete disconnect and/or removal of Collocator's Eligible Equipment from an Eligible Structure, (v) an ICB or NSCR, and (vi) specified revisions to Collocation Applications. A copy of the Physical Collocation Application may be obtained from the **SBC-13STATE** Collocation Services Account Manager or from the **SBC-13STATE** CLEC ONLINE Web-Site.

7.2 **SBC-13STATE** will contract for and perform the construction and preparation activities necessary to prepare the Physical Collocation Space, using the same or consistent practices that are used by **SBC-13STATE** for other construction and preparation work performed in the Eligible Structure.

7.3 Recurring/Non-Recurring charges - The Parties acknowledge that CLEC may have obtained use of Physical Collocation Space and **SBC-13STATE**-provided facilities/equipment therein pursuant to a Collocation Application(s) submitted to **SBC-13STATE** prior to the effective date of this Agreement ("CLEC's Physical Collocation Embedded Base"). To the extent the CLEC's Physical Collocation Embedded Base, if any, was purchased by CLEC from an applicable **SBC-13STATE** Commission-ordered physical collocation tariff in a particular state, the associated non-recurring and recurring rates (and intervals for uncompleted work associated with those Applications) set forth in such tariff, as amended from time to time, shall continue to apply to the CLEC's Physical Collocation Embedded Base in such state. For the CLEC's Physical Collocation Embedded Base, if any, purchased by CLEC pursuant to rates, terms and conditions agreed to by the Parties in an applicable prior interconnection agreement for a particular state, the associated agreed to nonrecurring and recurring rates in the applicable prior interconnection agreement, attached hereto in the Pricing Schedule entitled "Physical Collocation Embedded Based Rates and Charges" (Appendix Pricing) and incorporated herein by reference (and any intervals for uncompleted work associated with those Applications), shall continue to apply to the CLEC's Physical Collocation Embedded Base in that state.[1] For any Collocation Application(s) submitted by CLEC to **SBC-13STATE** after the effective date of this Agreement, the associated recurring and non-recurring rates and charges in the Pricing Schedule entitled "Physical Collocation CDOW Rates and Charges" (Appendix Pricing) attached hereto and incorporated by reference, and the intervals set forth herein, shall apply. Charges may be generated on an ICB/NSCR basis or may be contained the state specific Appendix Pricing.

[1] In the event that this Agreement is the subject of any adoption request by a CLEC ("Adopting CLEC") pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, for purposes of this Agreement, the term "CLEC's Physical Collocation Embedded Base" shall mean the Adopting CLEC's own Physical Collocation Embedded Base and the nonrecurring and recurring rates (and intervals for uncompleted work associated with those Applications) for such Physical Collocation Embedded Base shall be the nonrecurring and recurring rates (and intervals) in the tariff (as amended from time to time) the Adopting CLEC previously elected to purchase its Physical Collocation Embedded Base from or the nonrecurring and recurring rates (and intervals) previously agreed to by the Adopting CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** pursuant to an applicable, prior interconnection agreement between the Adopting CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**.

7.3.1 An ICB/NSCR quote is prepared by **SBC-13STATE** to estimate non-recurring and recurring charges associated with the requested Physical Collocation Space, Augment, or Collocation services where a state specific Appendix Pricing rate element does not exist. This ICB/NSCR quote is prepared specifically for collocation requests and is not associated in any way with the Bona Fide Request (BFR) process used to request UNEs or other unique items not contained in a Collocator's ICA. The ICB/NSCR will be subject to true-up one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days following the job completion date.

7.4 Collocator shall pay its proportionate share of any reasonable security arrangements **SBC-13STATE** employs to protect **SBC-13STATE** equipment and ensure network reliability.

7.5 Payment of Preparation - Prior to any obligation on **SBC-13STATE** to start any preparation of the Physical Collocation Space, Collocator shall pay **SBC-13STATE** fifty percent (50%) of the Preparation Charge and eighty-five percent (85%) of any custom work charge required to create or vacate any entrance facility for the Collocator ("Custom Work"). Collocator also has the option of submitting a surety bond to cover these charges, in lieu of a check. The remainder of the Preparation Charge and any Custom Work charge are due upon completion and prior to occupancy by the Collocator.

7.6 Occupancy Conditioned on Payment - **SBC-13STATE** shall not permit Collocator to have access to the Physical Collocation Space for any purpose other than inspection during construction of Collocator's Physical Collocation Space until **SBC-13STATE** is in receipt of complete payment of the Preparation Charge and any Custom Work charges.

7.7 Breach Prior to Commencement Date - In the event that the Collocator materially breaches this Agreement by purporting to terminate this Agreement after **SBC-13STATE** has begun preparation of the Physical Collocation Space but before **SBC-13STATE** has been paid the entire amounts due under this Appendix, then in addition to any other remedies that **SBC-13STATE** might have, the Collocator shall be liable in the amount equal to the non-recoverable costs less estimated net salvage. Non-recoverable costs include the non-recoverable cost of equipment and material ordered, provided or used; the non-recoverable cost of installation and removal including the costs of equipment and material ordered, provided or used; labor; transportation and any other associated costs.

7.8 Late Payment Charge - In the event that any charge is not paid when due, the unpaid amounts shall bear interest in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in **SBC-13STATE**'s intrastate tariff late payment provision(s) applicable to access services for the State in which the Physical Collocation Space is located, or the highest rate permitted by law, whichever is lower, from the due date until paid.

7.9 Charges will begin to accrue on the Effective Billing Date - The Effective Billing Date is the Delivery Date.

7.10 The monthly recurring charge(s) shall begin to apply, no later than five (5) calendar days from the date that **SBC-13STATE** made the Physical Collocation Space available to the Collocator, Physical Collocation Space regardless of any failure by Collocators to complete its work. The fact that **SBC-13STATE** may have additional work to perform after Collocator does complete its work shall not bar the start of such charges.

7.11 The charges for an Adjacent Structure Collocation and for a Physical Collocation arrangement that is provided in Eligible Structures other than Central Offices shall be determined on Individual Case Basis (ICB/NSCR) in the **SBC-13STATES**.

8. USE OF PHYSICAL COLLOCATION SPACE

8.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall ensure that the Physical Collocation Space and the Eligible Structure comply with all applicable fire and safety codes. The preparation shall be arranged by **SBC-13STATE** in compliance with all applicable codes, ordinances, resolutions, regulations and laws.

8.2 Restroom access and parking will be provided on a reasonable basis in the **SBC-13STATES**.

8.3 A list of all Collocator equipment that will be placed within the Physical Collocation Space shall be set forth on the Collocator's Physical Collocation Application, which includes associated power requirements, floor

loading, and heat release of each piece of Collocator's equipment. Collocator warrants and represents that the Physical Collocation Application contains a complete and accurate list of such Collocator equipment. Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor shall not place or leave any other equipment or facilities within the Physical Collocation Space without the express written consent of **SBC-13STATE**.

8.4 In the event that subsequent to the submission of the Physical Collocation Application and its list of the Collocator's equipment with the required technical information, Collocator desires to place in the Physical Collocation Space any telecommunications equipment or such ancillary telecommunications facilities not so set forth in the Physical Collocation Application, Collocator shall furnish to **SBC-13STATE** a new Physical Collocation Application and any applicable charges to cover such equipment or facilities. Thereafter, consistent with its obligations under the Act and applicable FCC and Commission rules, orders, and awards, **SBC-13STATE** may provide such written consent or may condition any such consent on additional charges arising from the request, including any applicable fees and any additional requirements such as power and environmental requirements for such requested telecommunications equipment and/or facilities. Upon the execution by both **SBC-13STATE** and Collocator of a final list and description and receipt by **SBC-13STATE** of payment of any applicable non-recurring charges, the Physical Collocation arrangement shall be deemed to have been amended and such requested telecommunications equipment and/or facilities shall be included within "Collocator's Equipment."

8.5 Collocator's Equipment, operating practices, or other activities or conditions attributable to Collocator that represents a demonstrable threat to **SBC-13STATE** network, equipment, or facilities, including the Eligible Structure, or to the network, equipment, or facilities of any person or entity located in the Eligible Structure, is strictly prohibited.

8.6 Operation of any equipment, facilities or any other item placed in the Physical Collocation Space shall not interfere with or impair service over **SBC-13STATE** network, equipment, or facilities, or the network, equipment, or facilities of any other person or entity located in the Eligible Structure; create hazards for or cause damage to those networks, equipment, or facilities, the Physical Collocation Space, or the Eligible Structure; impair the privacy of any communications carried in, from, or through the network, equipment, facilities the Physical Collocation Space or the Eligible Structure; or create hazards or cause physical harm to any person, entity, or the public. Any of the foregoing events would be a material breach of this Appendix.

8.7 In no case shall the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor or any person or entity purporting to be acting through or on behalf of the Collocator make any significant rearrangement, modification, improvement, addition, repair, or other alteration to the Physical Collocation Space the Eligible Structure or the Adjacent Structure without the advance written permission or direction of **SBC-13STATE**. **SBC-13STATE** shall consider a modification, improvement, addition, repair, or other alteration requested by Collocator, provided that **SBC-13STATE** shall have the right to reject or modify any such request. If **SBC-13STATE** performs any such construction, and the associated cost shall be paid by Collocator in accordance with **SBC-13STATE** then-standard custom work order process, ICB or NSCR.

9. COLLOCATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

9.1 Consistent with the nature of the Eligible Structure, the Adjacent Structure and the environment of the Physical Collocation Space, Collocator shall not use the Physical Collocation Space for office, retail, or sales purposes. No signage or markings of any kind by Collocator shall be permitted on the Eligible Structure, on the grounds surrounding the building, or on the Adjacent Structure.

9.2 Collocator represents and warrants that each item of Collocator's Equipment meets **SBC-13STATE** minimum safety standards and are compliant with the other requirements set forth in this Appendix. DISCLOSURE OF ANY NON-COMPLIANT EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES TO **SBC-13STATE** IN A PHYSICAL COLLOCATION APPLICATION OR OTHERWISE SHALL NOT QUALIFY THIS ABSOLUTE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT IN ANY MANNER.

9.3 Procurement, installation and termination of interconnection cabling between Collocator's Physical Collocation Space and **SBC-13STATE** Main Distribution Frame and/or interconnection points by Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor. Additional requirements relating to installation and termination of interconnection cabling is set forth in Section 10.5.3 of this Appendix.

9.4 Procurement and installation of power cable(s) by Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Power Installation Vendor from the Physical Collocation Space to the designated **SBC-13STATE**'s Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB) or Power Plant Primary Distribution points, whichever is applicable. Additional requirements relating to installation of power cable(s) is set forth in Section 10.6 of this Appendix.

9.5 Collocator's employees, agents and contractors shall be permitted access to the Physical Collocation Space at all times, provided that Collocator's employees, agents and contractors comply with **SBC-13STATE**'s policies and practices pertaining to fire, safety and security. Collocator agrees to comply promptly with all laws, ordinances and regulations affecting the use of the Physical Collocation Space.

9.6 Collocator is solely responsible for the design, engineering, installation, testing, performance, and maintenance of the Collocator Telecom Equipment used by Collocator in the Physical Collocation Space. Collocator may not disassemble, remove or otherwise reconfigure the cage enclosure (Physical Collocation Space) at any time unless it has been provided by the Collocator. Collocator is also responsible for servicing, supplying, repairing, installing and maintaining the following facilities within the Physical Collocation Space in the **SBC-13STATES**:

9.6.1 Its fiber optic cable(s);

9.6.2 Its Collocator Telecom Equipment;

9.6.3 Collocator requested dedicated point of termination frame maintenance, including replacement of fuses and circuit breaker restoration, to the extent that such fuses and circuit breakers are within Collocator's Physical Collocation Space; and

9.6.4 The connection cable and associated equipment which may be required within Collocator's Physical Collocation Space to the point(s) of termination of that cable within Collocator's Physical Collocation Space.

9.6.5 **SBC-13STATE** requires that a Collocation Interconnect Power Panel (CIPP) must be used when the Physical Collocation arrangement is not served from **SBC-13STATE**'s BDFB. No CIPP is required for 20, 40 or 50 amp arrangements, which are served from **SBC-13STATE**'s BDFB. The CIPPs are designed to provide 20, 40, 50 or 100/200 (maximum) amp redundant increments of DC power. The CIPP is always required for 100/200 amp or greater power arrangements. The Collocator will furnish and install the (CIPP) within a Collocator-provided equipment bay designated by Collocator. The CIPP must meet TP76200MP Level 1 requirements.

9.7 Collocator will, whenever possible, place their telecom equipment in the Physical Collocation Space within ninety (90) calendar days of Delivery Date. Collocator must interconnect to **SBC-13STATE**'s network or gain access to **SBC-13STATE**'s unbundled network elements within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of Delivery Date. If Collocator fails to do so, **SBC-13STATE** may, upon written notice, terminate that Physical Collocation arrangement, and Collocator shall be liable in an amount equal to the unpaid balance of the charges due under this Appendix for the terminated arrangement and, further, shall continue to be bound by the provisions of this Appendix, the terms and any context of which indicates continued viability or applicability beyond termination. For purposes of this Section, Collocator Telecom Equipment is considered to be interconnected when physically connected to **SBC-13STATE**'s network or a **SBC-13STATE** unbundled network element for the purpose of Collocator providing a telecommunications service.

9.8 Orders for additional space will not be accepted until the existing Collocator's Physical Collocation Space in the requested Eligible Structure, is "efficiently used." Orders for additional Connecting Facility Assignments (CFAs) will not be accepted until the specific CFA type requested (i.e. DSO, DS1, Fiber, etc.) in the requested Eligible Structure is "efficiently use."

9.8.1 For purposes of this Appendix, "efficiently used" space means the Collocator is utilizing between sixty percent (60%) and one hundred percent (100%) of the Collocator's existing collocation space arrangement, caged and/or cageless, in a particular Eligible Structure. The determination as to whether this criterion is met or necessary is solely within the reasonable judgment of **SBC-13STATE**.

9.8.2 For purposes of this Appendix, "efficiently used" CFA means that at least sixty percent (60%) of the Collocator's specific type of CFA (cable pairs, coaxial or fiber facilities) requested is currently being used for purpose of interconnecting to **SBC-13STATE** network for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service or exchange access. The determination as to whether this criterion is met or the use is necessary is solely within the reasonable judgment of **SBC-13STATE**.

9.9 Subject to the limitations and restrictions of this Appendix, Collocator may place or install in or on the Physical Collocation Space such fixtures and unpowered facilities as it shall deem desirable for the proper use of the Physical Collocation Space as described above. Personal property, fixtures and unpowered facilities placed by Collocator in the Physical Collocation Space shall not become a part of the Physical Collocation Space, even if nailed, screwed or otherwise fastened to the Physical Collocation Space, but shall retain their status as personal property and may be removed by Collocator at any time. Any damage caused to the Physical Collocation Space by the removal of such property shall be repaired at Collocator's expense.

9.10 This Appendix and the Collocation provided hereunder is made available subject to and in accordance with Sections 9.10.1, 9.10.2, 9.10.3, and 9.10.4. Collocator shall strictly observe and abide by each in **SBC-13STATES**.

9.10.1 **SBC-13STATE** TP76200MP, Network Equipment: Power, Grounding, Environmental, and Physical Design Requirements, and any successor document(s), including as such may be modified at any time and from time to time;

9.10.2 **SBC-13STATE**'s most current Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook and any successor document(s), as may be modified from time to time as set forth below.

9.10.3 **SBC-13STATE** TP76300MP, standards and requirements for equipment and facilities installations, and any successor document(s) within **SBC-13STATE** central offices and may be modified from time to time.

9.10.4 Any statutory and/or regulatory requirements in effect at the time of the submission of the Physical Collocation Application or that subsequently become effective and then when effective.

10. COOPERATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

10.1 **SBC-13STATE** will contract for and perform the construction and preparation activities necessary to prepare the Physical Collocation Space using the same or consistent practices that are used by **SBC-13STATE** for other construction and preparation work performed in the Eligible Structure. **SBC-13STATE** will permit Collocator to subcontract the construction of Physical Collocation arrangements with contractors/vendors approved by **SBC-13STATE**, provided that **SBC-13STATE** will not unreasonably withhold approval of contractors.

10.2 **SBC-13STATE** will allow Collocator to select its own contractors for all required engineering and installation services associated with the Collocator Telecom Equipment (*e.g.*, **SBC-13STATE** shall not require Collocator to use **SBC-13STATE**'s internal engineering or installation work forces for the engineering and installation of the Collocator Telecom Equipment). Installation of the Collocator Telecom Equipment in the Physical Collocation Space must nevertheless comply with **SBC-13STATE** TP76300MP. Collocator-selected contractors must agree to all policies and procedures in this Appendix. Access to the Eligible Structure or **SBC-13STATE**'s Premises and the Physical Collocation Space for Collocator contractors is provided submit to the same requirements as the Collocator.

10.2.1 In **SBC-13STATE**, Collocator's contractors must be certified as required in the Interconnector's Collocation Handbook which is not incorporated herein but available on **SBC-13STATE**'s CLEC ONLINE Web-Site.

10.3 If the Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook, **SBC-13STATE**'s CLEC ONLINE Web-Site or the TP76200MP, is modified subsequent to the effective date of this agreement from the attached, the following shall apply:

10.3.1 If a modification is made after the date on which Collocator has or orders a Physical Collocation arrangement, **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Collocator with those modifications or with revised versions of such, listing or noting the modifications as appropriate. Any such modification shall become effective and thereafter applicable under this Appendix thirty (30) calendar days after such amendment is released by **SBC-13STATE**.

10.4 The terms and conditions expressly set forth in this Appendix shall control in the event of an irreconcilable conflict with the Collocation Services Handbook, **SBC-13STATE**'s CLEC ONLINE Web-Site, **SBC-13STATE** TP76300MP, and the TP76200MP in the **SBC-13STATES**.

10.5 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide an interconnection point or points, physically accessible by both **SBC-13STATE** and Collocator (typically a **SBC-13STATE** manhole) at which a Collocator fiber optic cable can enter the Eligible Structure, provided that **SBC-13STATE** will designate interconnection points as close as reasonably possible to the Eligible Structure. **SBC-13STATE** will provide at least two such interconnection points at each Eligible Structure where there are at least two entry points for **SBC-13STATE**'s cable facilities and at which space is available for new facilities in at least two of those entry points. Collocator shall use a single mode dielectric, plenum rated, fire retardant fiber optic cable as a transmission medium to the Physical Collocation Space. Collocator shall be permitted no more than two (2) entrance routes into the Building, if available.

10.5.1 Collocator is responsible for bringing its fiber optic cable to an accessible point outside of the Eligible Structure designated by **SBC-13STATE**, and for leaving sufficient cable length to fully extend the fiber optic cable to the Collocator's assigned space within the Eligible Structure. Under **SBC-13STATE** observation, the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor will fully extend such Collocator-provided cable per the **SBC-13STATE** TP76300MP to the Collocator's assigned Physical Collocation Space. Coordination for placement of entrance cable facilities must be scheduled with **SBC-13STATE**'s designated Outside Plant Engineer and must obtain an approved Method of Procedures (MOP) from **SBC-13STATE**.

10.5.2 **SBC-13STATE** will permit interconnection of copper or coaxial cable only if first approved by the appropriate State Commission and will permit collocation of microwave transmission equipment along with the microwave entrance facility except where such collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations.

10.5.3 **SBC-13STATE** will be responsible for determining equipment location within the Eligible Structure. Procurement, installation and termination of interconnection cabling between Collocator's Physical Collocation Space and **SBC-13STATE** Main Distribution Frame and/or its equivalent will be installed by the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor. The Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor must obtain an approved Method of Procedures (MOP) from **SBC-13STATE** and follow the **SBC-13STATE**'s standards and requirements for installation of equipment and facilities. **SBC-13STATE** will install and stencil the termination blocks or panels at **SBC-13STATE**'s Main Distribution Frame and/or its equivalent for the hand off of the Actual Point of Termination (APOT) Connection(s) to the Collocator.

10.6 Unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing, **SBC-13STATE** will provide for all AC and DC power requirements in the Eligible Structure. The Collocator is not permitted to, and will not, place any AC or DC power-generating or power-storing devices (including, for example but not limited to rectifiers, battery plants, AC or DC generators) in the Eligible Structure. Power will support Collocator Telecom Equipment at the specified DC and AC voltages. At a minimum, the power and **SBC-13STATE**'s associated

performance, availability, restoration, and other operational characteristics shall be at parity with that provided to **SBC-13STATE**'s substantially similar telecommunications equipment unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing. Loads specified by the Collocator represent the peak current that will be imposed on a power feeder at any voltage within the emergency operating limits of the equipment and any normal operating condition (i.e. not a short circuit or other malfunction). Even though circuit design is based on peak current, DC power plant design sizing by the **SBC-13STATE**'s is based on demand management. **SBC-13STATE** will engineer, design, and place cable racks for all power cable routes within the Eligible Structure. Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Power Installation Vendor will install the power cable(s) from the Physical Collocation Space to **SBC-13STATE**'s dedicated termination points on the Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB. When the **SBC-13STATE**'s designated power termination point(s) is at the **SBC-13STATE**'s Power Plant Primary Distribution, the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Power Installation Vendor will install, but not terminate the Collocator's power cable(s). The Collocator must contact the assigned **SBC-13STATE** Project Manager five (5) business days prior to scheduling a request for the termination of Collocator's power cable(s) to the **SBC-13STATE**'s Power Plant Primary Distribution, which will be performed by **SBC-13STATE**. The Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Power Installation Vendor must obtain an approved Method of Procedures (MOP) from **SBC-13STATE** and follow the **SBC-13STATE** TP76300MP.

10.7 **SBC-13STATE** will provide negative DC and AC power, back-up power, lighting, ventilation, heat, air conditioning and other environmental conditions necessary for the Collocator's equipment in the same manner and at the same standards that **SBC-13STATE** provides such conditions for its own substantially similar equipment or facilities within that Eligible Structure.

10.8 Regeneration of either DS-1 or DS-3 signal levels may be provided by Collocator or **SBC-13STATE** under its then-standard custom work order process or NSCR, including payment requirements prior to the installation of the regeneration equipment.

10.9 Collocator and **SBC-13STATE** are each responsible for providing to the other contact numbers for technical personnel who are readily accessible twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

10.10 **SBC-13STATE** shall maintain for the Eligible Structure customary building services, utilities (excluding telephone facilities), including janitor and elevator services, 24 hours a day.

10.11 **SBC-13STATE** agrees to make, at its expense, all changes and additions to the Eligible Structure required by laws, ordinances, orders or regulations of any municipality, county, state or other public authority including the furnishing of required sanitary facilities and fire protection facilities, except fire protection facilities specially required because of the installation of telephone or electronic equipment and fixtures in the Physical Collocation Space.

10.12 Collocator and **SBC-13STATE** are each responsible for providing trouble report status or any network trouble of problems when requested by the other.

10.13 In **SBC-13STATE**, each Party is responsible for immediate verbal notification to the other of significant outages or operations problems which could impact or degrade that other's network, equipment, facilities, or services, and for providing an estimated clearing time for restoration. In addition, written notification must be provided within twenty-four (24) hours from verbal notification.

10.14 In the event **SBC-13STATE** determines it necessary for Physical Collocation Space to be moved within the Eligible Structure in which the Physical Collocation Space is located or to another Eligible Structure, Collocator is required to do so. If such relocation arises from circumstances beyond the reasonable control of **SBC-13STATE**, including condemnation or government order or regulation that makes the continued occupancy of the Physical Collocation Space or Eligible Structure too costly in **SBC-13STATE**'s sole judgment, Collocator shall be responsible for the cost of preparing the new Physical Collocation Space at the new location. Otherwise **SBC-13STATE** shall be responsible for any reasonable preparation costs.

10.14.1 In the event that a Collocator requests that the Physical Collocation Space be moved within the **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure or to another Eligible Structure, **SBC-13STATE** shall permit the

Collocator to relocate the Physical Collocation Space, subject to the availability of space and associated requirements. Collocator shall be responsible for all charges associated with the move, including the reinstallation of its equipment and facilities and the preparation of the new Physical Collocation Space and the new Wire Center as applicable.

10.15 In the event the Collocator cancels its order after **SBC-13STATE** has begun preparation of the Physical Collocation Space, but before **SBC-13STATE** has been paid the entire amount due under this Agreement, then in addition to other remedies that **SBC-13STATE** might have, the Collocator shall be liable in the amount equal to the non-recoverable costs less estimated net salvage. Non-recoverable costs include the non-recoverable cost of equipment and material ordered, provided or used; the non-recoverable cost of installation and removal, including the costs of equipment and material ordered, provided or used; labor; transportation and any other associated costs. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide the Collocator with a detailed invoice showing the costs it incurred associated with preparation of Collocator's Physical Collocation request.

10.16 Collocator may discontinue or terminate a Physical Collocation Arrangement on not less than thirty (30) days advance notice to **SBC-13STATE** by submitting a complete and accurate Physical Collocation Application plus applicable fees. Upon the discontinuance or termination of a Physical Collocation arrangement, the Collocator shall pay to **SBC-13STATE** all costs associated with returning the Physical Collocation Space to **SBC-13STATE** in the same condition as when **SBC-13STATE** first began any construction work on such space on behalf of Collocator. Such costs include, but are not limited to, costs associated with removal by **SBC-13STATE** of facilities, cabling and cages.

10.17 Upon discontinuance or termination of the Physical Collocation arrangement, the Collocator will work cooperatively with **SBC-13STATE** to remove the Collocator's equipment from **SBC-13STATE** property subject to the condition that the removal of such equipment can be accomplished without damaging or endangering other equipment located in the central office. **SBC-13STATE** is not responsible for and will not guarantee the condition of such equipment if removed by Collocator or an **SBC-13STATE** vendor hired by Collocator. Collocator shall indemnify and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless from any damage or claims associated with removal of its equipment or other equipment located in the central office damaged while Collocator is removing its own equipment. The Collocator is responsible for arranging for and paying for the removal of physically collocated equipment including all costs associated with equipment removal, packing and shipping. Arrangements for and the removal of the Collocator's physically collocated equipment must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of **SBC-13STATE** receipt of Collocator's Physical Collocation Application to terminate the Physical Collocation arrangement, unless a different time period is mutually agreed upon. The Collocator will pay all arrangement monthly charges until all equipment is removed. If the Collocator has not removed the equipment within this timeframe, **SBC-13STATE** has the right to remove the equipment and bill the Collocator for any reasonable expense associated with removal of the equipment. **SBC-13STATE** shall have no responsibility for damage done to such removed equipment caused by **SBC-13STATE** or its contractors during the removal process. Collocator will indemnify and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless for any damage or claims associated with the removed equipment or other equipment located in the central office damaged if **SBC-13STATE** removes Collocator's equipment. Any equipment not removed in this time frame may be removed by **SBC-13STATE** and stored in a non- **SBC-13STATE** location, at the expense of the Collocator.

10.18 Upon termination of the Physical Collocation arrangement, the Collocator must remove the fiber entrance cable used for the Physical Collocation. If the entrance cable(s) is not scheduled and removed within thirty (30) calendar days after discontinuance of use, **SBC-13STATE** may arrange for the removal, and the Collocator will be responsible for any charges incurred to remove the cable as set forth in Section 10.18 below. **SBC-13STATE** and the Collocator will cooperatively manage the removal process. The Collocator is only responsible for physically removing entrance cables housed in conduits or inner-ducts and will only be required to do so when **SBC-13STATE** instructs the Collocator such removal can be accomplished without damaging or endangering other cables contained in a common duct or other equipment residing in the central office.

10.19 If Collocator fails to remove its equipment and facilities from the Physical Collocation Space within thirty (30) calendar days after discontinuance of use, **SBC-13STATE** may perform the removal and shall charge Collocator for any materials used in any such removal, and the time spent on such removal at the then-applicable hourly rate for custom work. Further, in addition to the other provisions herein, Collocator shall indemnify and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless from any and all claims, expenses, fees, or other costs associated with any such removal by **SBC-13STATE**.

10.20 Other than the security restrictions described herein, **SBC-13STATE** shall place no restriction on access to Collocator's central office Physical Collocation Space by Collocator's employees and designated agents. Such space shall be available to Collocator designated agents twenty-four (24) hours per day each day of the week. **SBC-13STATE** will not impose unreasonable security restrictions for the Eligible Structure, including the Physical Collocation Space.

10.21 Demarcation Point – **SBC-13STATE** shall designate the point(s) of termination within the Eligible Structure as the point(s) of physical demarcation between Collocator's network and **SBC-13STATE**'s network, with each being responsible for maintenance and other ownership obligations and responsibilities on its side of that demarcation point. Collocator is responsible for coordinating with **SBC-13STATE** to ensure that services are installed in accordance with a service request.

10.22 Collocator is responsible for testing, isolating and clearing trouble when the trouble has been isolated to inside the Physical Collocation Space, or to any piece of Collocator Telecom Equipment, or any other Collocator-provided facility or piece of equipment. If **SBC-13STATE** testing is also required, it will be provided at applicable charges.

11. TESTING AND ACCEPTANCE

11.1 Collocator and **SBC-13STATE** will complete an acceptance walk-through of the Physical Collocation Space prior to **SBC-13STATE** turning the Physical Collocation Space over to Collocator. Exceptions that are noted during this acceptance walk-through shall be corrected by **SBC-13STATE** as soon as commercially reasonable after those exceptions are provided in writing, which exceptions shall be provided no more than five (5) business days after the walk through. The correction of these exceptions from Collocator's Physical Collocation request shall be at **SBC-13STATE**'s expense.

11.2 Once the Collocator's equipment installation is successfully completed, power must be turned up and tested, and connectivity must be tested. Power testing, and connectivity testing in certain situations, will require a cooperative test involving the Collocator, its **SBC-13STATE** approved installation contractor, **SBC-13STATE**, and/or **SBC-13STATE** vendor.

11.3 All installations of equipment must be in accordance with the **SBC-13STATE** TP76300MP and subject to review by an **SBC-13STATE** maintenance engineer for compliance. Should **SBC-13STATE** maintenance engineer determine during their review audit that the installation is not compliant with specifications, the Collocator or it's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor must correct non compliant items and schedule an additional review audit after corrective work has been performed.

11.4 Collocator shall be responsible for coordination with its **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor to be at the site for acceptance testing.

11.5 Once Collocator has accepted the facilities, the Collocator will order either interconnection or access to UNEs from **SBC-13STATE** to be connected to their equipment.

12. DELIVERY INTERVALS

12.1 The construction interval relates to the period in which **SBC-13STATE** shall construct and turnover to the Collocator the requested Physical Collocation Space. The delivery interval begins on the date **SBC-13STATE** receives an accurate and complete Physical Collocation Application from the Collocator. The delivery interval ends on the date **SBC-13STATE** is ready to turnover the Physical Collocation Space to the Collocator ("Delivery Date"). The Collocator must provide the **SBC-13STATE**, within seven (7) calendar

days from the date of notification granting the application request, a confirmatory response in writing to continue construction along with the fifty percent (50%) payment of non-recurring charges (unless payment was received with application) or the delivery interval provided in table below will not commence until such time as **SBC-13STATE** has received such response and payment. If the Collocator has not provided the **SBC-13STATE** such response and payment by the twelfth (12) calendar day after the date **SBC-13STATE** notified Collocator its request has been granted, the application will be canceled. Physical Collocation Space is not reserved until **SBC-13STATE**'s receipt of the confirmatory response in writing from the Collocator with applicable fees. The delivery interval assigned will be provided to the Collocator by **SBC-13STATE** with the ten (10) calendar day space notification. Each complete and accurate Physical Collocation Application received by **SBC-13STATE** from the Collocator will be processed in the order received unless the Collocator provides a priority list, whichever is applicable. The delivery interval for Physical Collocation is determined by **SBC-13STATE** taking into consideration the various factors set forth in Table (1) below including, without limitation, the number of all Physical Collocation Applications submitted by Collocator and the need for additional preparation of the space such as overhead racking, additional power or HVAC.

Table (1)

Number of All Physical Collocation Applications submitted by one Collocator per state or metering region	Overhead Iron/Racking Exists for Active Collocation Space Use	Overhead Iron/Racking Does Not Exist for Active Collocation Space Use	Additional Power or HVAC is not Required for the assigned Inactive Collocation Space Use	Additional Power or HVAC is Required for the assigned Inactive Collocation Space Use
1 – 10	60 calendar days	80 calendar days	140 calendar days	180 calendar days
11-20	65 calendar days	85 calendar days	145 calendar days	185 calendar days

12.2 Should the Collocator submit twenty-one (21) or more applications within ten (10) business days, the above delivery intervals will be increased by five (5) calendar days for every five (5) additional applications or fraction thereof. Any material revision to an application will be treated as a new application and the delivery intervals set forth in Table (1) above will be re-started. All Physical Collocation Applications (except requests for Adjacent Structure Collocation) received by **SBC-13STATE** from a Collocator within a ten (10) business day period shall be treated as submitted at the same time for purposes of administering the above staggering intervals. The Caged and Cageless collocation delivery interval ends when roughed in and the assigned space has been distinctly marked by **SBC-13STATE**.

12.2.1 For example, but not by way of limitation, if a Collocator submits twelve (12) Caged/Cageless Physical Collocation Applications in a state, the delivery intervals assigned by **SBC-13STATE** will depend on which variables apply within each Eligible Structure Physical Collocation is requested:

If Applications (1-4) are for Physical Collocation Space where Active Collocation Space is available and overhead racking exists, the delivery intervals assigned will be sixty (60) days. If Applications (5-6) are for Physical Collocation Space and only Inactive Collocation Space exists and additional power or HVAC is not required, the delivery interval assigned will be one hundred forty (140) calendar days. If Applications (7-12) are for Physical Collocation Space where Active Collocation Space is available and overhead racking does not exist, the delivery intervals assigned to Applications (7-10) will be eighty (80) calendar days and for Applications (11-12) will be assigned eighty five (85) calendar days.

12.3 The second fifty percent (50%) payment must be received by **SBC-13STATE** prior to the space being turned over to the Collocator. At space turnover, the Actual Point of Termination (APOT) Connection(s) will be provided to the Collocator by **SBC-13STATE**.

12.4 For the following interconnection cabling Augments, the Collocator must submit a complete and accurate Physical Collocation Application:

- 168 DS1 connections and/or
- 48 DS3 connections and/or
- 400 Copper (shielded or nonshielded) cable pair connections
- 12 fiber pair connections

This application must include an up-front payment of the Application Fee and fifty percent (50%) of all applicable non-recurring charges.

12.5 The cabling Augment interval is determined by **SBC-13STATE** taking into consideration the various factors set forth in Table (2) below including, without limitation, the number of all Physical Collocation Applications for the above Augments submitted by Collocator, the type of infrastructure available for collocation, and the need for additional preparation of the infrastructure such as overhead racking and additional power. The cabling Augment interval assigned will be provided to the Collocator by **SBC-13STATE** with the ten (10) calendar day Augment notification. Each complete and accurate Physical Collocation Application received by **SBC-13STATE** from the Collocator will be processed in the order received unless the Collocator provides a priority list, whichever is applicable. The cabling Augment interval is determined by **SBC-13STATE** taking into consideration the various factors set forth in Table (2) below including, without limitation, the number of all Physical Collocation Applications for the above Augments submitted by Collocator, the type of infrastructure available for collocation, and the need for additional preparation of the infrastructure such as overhead racking and additional power.

Table (2)

Number of AllCabling Augment Applications submitted by One Collocator per state or metering region	Necessary Elements such as Iron/Racking and Power exist for Physical Collocation Use	Necessary Elements such as Iron/Racking and Power does not exist for Physical Collocation Use
1 – 10	30 calendar days	60 calendar days
11-20	35calendar days	65 calendar days

12.6 Should the Collocator submit twenty-one (21) or more Physical Collocation Applications for cabling Augments within ten (10) business days, the above delivery intervals will be increased by five (5) calendar days for every five (5) additional application or fraction thereof. Any material revision to a Physical Collocation Application for cabling Augments will be treated as a new application and will be subject to the delivery intervals set forth in Table (2) above. All applications received by **SBC-13STATE** from a Collocator within a ten (10) business day period shall be treated as submitted at the same time for purposes of administering the above staggering intervals.

12.6.1 For example, but not by way of limitation, if a Collocator submits twelve (12) Physical Collocation Applications for cabling Augments in a state, the delivery intervals assigned will depend on which variables apply within each Eligible Structure requested:

If Applications (1-4) are for Physical Collocation cabling Augments where necessary elements such as overhead racking and power exists, the delivery interval assigned will be thirty (30) days. If Applications (5-12) are for Physical Collocation where necessary elements such as overhead racking and power does not exists, the delivery interval assigned to Applications (5-10) will be sixty (60) calendar days and for Applications (11-12) sixty five (65) calendar days.

12.7 For all Augments other than provided above, **SBC-13STATE** will work cooperatively with Collocator to negotiate a mutually agreeable delivery interval.

12.8 Within twenty (20) calendar days or mutually agreed upon time, from **SBC-13STATE**'s receipt of the confirmatory response in writing to continue construction on the Physical Collocation arrangement requested along with the fifty percent (50%) payment of non-recurring charges (unless payment was received with application), Network Support and/or appropriate departments will schedule a walk through visit with the CLEC and/or vendor to provide floor plans of space and the preliminary route design for the interconnection and power cabling.

12.9 **SBC-13STATE** and the Collocator will come to agreement regarding Collocator inspection visits during the construction of the Physical Collocation Space. These visits will be allowed during regular business hours only and will require that the Collocator be escorted by an **SBC-13STATE** employee. Escort charges will apply. These visits will be jointly agreed upon by **SBC-13STATE** and the Collocator and will be determined on a case by case basis.

12.10 During **SBC-13STATE** delivery interval, if engineering design work is complete, which includes asbestos removal, HVAC installation, filtration, floor loading, floor preparation, and overhead racking placement, **SBC-13STATE** will notify Collocator that their vendors or contractors will be allowed to do work in parallel with **SBC-13STATE** throughout the remaining delivery interval. The Collocator must obtain an approved Method of Procedures (MOP) from **SBC-13STATE** and follow **SBC-13STATE**'s Technical Publication for installation of equipment and facilities. Security Access requirements in Section 13 of this Appendix will apply.

12.11 In responding to an application request that requires an ICB/NSCR, **SBC-13STATE** shall advise the Collocator with the quote whether space for the Virtual Collocation requested is available.

12.12 Adjacent Structure Collocation Delivery Intervals

12.12.1 **SBC-13STATE** Delivery Interval, rates, terms and conditions for Adjacent Structures Collocation will be determined on an individual case basis (ICB)/Non Standard Collocation Request (NSCR).

13. SECURITY

13.1 As provided herein, **SBC-13STATE** may require reasonable security arrangements to protect its equipment and ensure network reliability. **SBC-13STATE** may recover the costs of implementing security measures from Collocators in a reasonable manner via the appropriate State Commissions. Except as provided below, **SBC-13STATE** may only impose security arrangements that are as stringent as the security arrangements that **SBC-13STATE** maintains at its own premises for its own employees or authorized contractors. **SBC-13STATE** must allow Collocator to access its installed Physical Collocation equipment twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, in **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structures without requiring either a security escort of any kind or delaying a Collocator's employees' entry into **SBC-13STATE**'s Eligible Structure. Reasonable security measures that **SBC-13STATE** may adopt include, but are not limited to, the following:

13.1.1 Installing security cameras or other monitoring systems; or

13.1.2 Requiring Collocator personnel to use badges with computerized tracking systems; or

13.1.3 Requiring Collocator employees to undergo the same level of security training, or its equivalent, that **SBC-13STATE**'s own employees, or third party contractors providing similar functions, must undergo; provided, however, that **SBC-13STATE** may not require Collocator employees to receive such training from **SBC-13STATE** itself, but must provide information to Collocator on the specific type of training required so Collocator's employees can conduct their own training. Qualification program and security training details shall be included in **SBC-13STATE**'s technical publications and/or Collocation website(s). **SBC-13STATE** does not use any information collected in the course of implementing or operating security arrangements "for any marketing or other purpose in aid of competing with Collocators".

13.1.4 **SBC-13STATE** may take reasonable steps to protect its own equipment, such as enclosing the equipment in a cage. If **SBC-13STATE** chooses to construct an interior security partition around its own equipment, that partition may not interfere with Collocators' access to their own equipment, including equipment collocated directly adjacent to **SBC-13STATE**'s equipment. **SBC-13STATE**'s enclosure of its own equipment will not be a basis for a claim that space is exhausted.

13.2 Collocators and **SBC-13STATE** will each establish disciplinary procedures up to and including dismissal or denial of access to the Eligible Structure and other **SBC-13STATE**'s property for certain specified actions that damage, or place the equipment, facilities, or the network or personnel of the Collocators or **SBC-13STATE** in jeopardy. The following are actions that could damage or place the Eligible Structure, or the network or the personnel of the Collocators or **SBC-13STATE**, in jeopardy and may justify disciplinary action up to and including dismissal or the denial of access to the Eligible Structure and other **SBC-13STATE** property:

13.2.1 Theft or destruction of **SBC-13STATE**'s or any Collocator's property.

13.2.2 Use or attempted use/sale of alcohol or illegal drugs on **SBC-13STATE**'s property.

13.2.3 Industrial espionage.

13.2.4 Threats or violent acts against other persons on **SBC-13STATE**'s property.

13.2.5 Knowing violations of any local, state or federal law on **SBC-13STATE**'s property.

13.2.6 Permitting unauthorized persons access to **SBC-13STATE**'s or Collocator's equipment on **SBC-13STATE**'s property.

13.2.7 Carrying a weapon on **SBC-13STATE**'s property.

13.3 In addition, the Collocator and **SBC-13STATE** will take appropriate disciplinary steps as determined by each party to address any violations reported by **SBC-13STATE** or the Collocator of **SBC-13STATE**'s policies and practices on security, safety, network reliability, and business conduct as defined in **SBC-13STATE**'s Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook and/or CLEC ONLINE Web-Site, provided that such information and any and all updates to it are timely provided to the Collocator.

13.3.1 **SBC-13STATE** categorizes such violations, applies disciplinary steps and other consequences for such violations, and applies special procedures for national or other emergencies, as set forth in **SBC-13STATE's** Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook.

13.4 Collocators will provide indemnification and insurance as set forth in this agreement to cover any damages caused by the Collocator's technicians at a level commensurate with the indemnification and insurance provided by **SBC-13STATE**'s authorized contractors with equivalent access. The indemnification provisions and requirements are reciprocal to **SBC-13STATE** as well.

13.5 **SBC-13STATE** may use reasonable security measures to protect its equipment, including, but not limited to, enclosing its equipment in its own cage, the use of security cameras or other monitoring devices, badges with computerized tracking systems, identification swipe cards, keyed access, and/or logs, as appropriate for the Eligible Structures where physical collocation will take place.

14. CASUALTY LOSS

14.1 If the Eligible Structure or the Physical Collocation Space is damaged by fire or other casualty, and:

14.1.1 The Physical Collocation Space is not rendered untenantable in whole or in part, **SBC-13STATE** shall repair the same at its expense (as herein limited) and the recurring charges shall not be abated, or

14.1.2 The Physical Collocation Spaces is rendered untenantable in whole or in part and such damage or destruction can be repaired within ninety (90) calendar days, **SBC-13STATE** has the option to repair the Physical Collocation Space at its expense (as herein limited) and the recurring charges shall be proportionately abated to the extent and while Collocator was deprived of the use. If the Physical

Collocation Space cannot be repaired within ninety (90) calendar days, or **SBC-13STATE** opts not to rebuild, then the Physical Collocation arrangement provided in the Physical Collocation Space shall (upon notice to Collocator within thirty (30) calendar days following such occurrence) terminate as of the date of such damage. **SBC-13STATE** shall endeavor to relocate Collocator equipment in alternative location, or assist Collocator in developing alternative to physical location.

14.2 Any obligation on the part of **SBC-13STATE** to repair the Physical Collocation Space shall be limited to repairing, restoring and rebuilding the Physical Collocation Space as originally prepared for Collocator and shall not include any obligation to repair, restore, rebuild or replace any alterations or improvements made by Collocator or by **SBC-13STATE** on request of Collocator; any Collocator Telecom Equipment; or other facilities or equipment located in the Physical Collocation Space by Collocator or by **SBC-13STATE** on request of Collocator.

14.3 In the event that the Eligible Structure shall be so damaged by fire or other casualty that closing, demolition or substantial alteration or reconstruction thereof shall be necessary then, notwithstanding that the Physical Collocation Space may be unaffected thereby, **SBC-13STATE**, at its option, may terminate any Physical Collocation arrangement in that Eligible Structure by giving Collocator ten (10) calendar days prior written notice within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of such occurrence, if at all possible.

15. REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT

15.1 Unless otherwise set forth herein, if Collocator shall default in performance of any term or condition herein, and the default shall continue for thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of written notice, or if Collocator is declared bankrupt or insolvent or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, **SBC-13STATE** may, immediately or at any time thereafter, without notice or demand, enter and repossess the Physical Collocation Space, expel Collocator and any claiming under Collocator, remove any Collocator Telecom Equipment and any other items in the Physical Collocation Space, forcibly if necessary, and thereupon such Physical Collocation arrangement shall terminate, without prejudice to any other remedies **SBC-13STATE** might have. **SBC-13STATE** may exercise this authority on an individual collocation space basis. **SBC-13STATE** may also refuse additional applications for collocation and/or refuse to complete any pending orders for additional space or collocation by Collocator at any time thereafter.

16. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

16.1 Collocator acknowledges and understands that **SBC-13STATE** may provide space in or access to the Eligible Structure to other persons or entities ("Others"), which may include competitors of Collocator; that such space may be close to the Physical Collocation Space, possibly including space adjacent to the Physical Collocation Space and/or with access to the outside of the physical collocation space; and that if Collocator requests a cage around its equipment, the cage Physical Collocation Space is a permeable boundary that will not prevent the Others from observing or even damaging Collocator's equipment and facilities. In addition to any other applicable limitation, **SBC-13STATE** shall have absolutely no liability with respect to any action or omission by any other, regardless of the degree of culpability of any such other or **SBC-13STATE**, and regardless of whether any claimed **SBC-13STATE** liability arises in tort or in contract. Collocator shall save and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless from any and all costs, expenses, and claims associated with any such acts or omission by any Other acting for, through, or as a result of Collocator.

17. INDEMNIFICATION OF SBC-13STATE

17.1 In addition to any indemnification obligations set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement), Collocator's shall indemnify and hold harmless **SBC-13STATE** the agents, employees, officers, directors and shareholders of any of them ("Indemnities"), from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, claims, causes of action, fines, penalties, losses, costs, expenses (including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees), damages, injuries, of any kind, (individually and collectively "Liabilities"), including but not limited to, Liabilities as a result of (a) injury to or death of any person; (b) damage to or loss or destruction of any property; or (c) Liabilities related in any manner to employee benefits, workers

compensation, payroll tax, and any other employer obligations which may be asserted against **SBC-13STATE** where such liabilities arise in connection with Collocator's use of persons that it classifies as an independent contractor or subcontractor to perform obligations under this Agreement; (d) attachments, liens or claims of material persons or laborers, arising out of or resulting from or in connection with this Agreement or the performance of or failure to perform and directly or indirectly caused, in whole or part, by acts of omissions, negligent or otherwise, of Collocator or a contractor or a representative of Collocator or an employee of any one of them, except to the extent such Liabilities arise from the willful or intentional misconduct of **SBC-13STATE** or its employees.

18. OSHA STATEMENT

18.1 Collocator, in recognition of **SBC-13STATE**'s status as an employer, agrees to abide by and to undertake the duty of compliance on behalf of **SBC-13STATE** with all federal, state and local laws, safety and health regulations relating to the Physical Collocation Space which Collocator has assumed the duty to maintain pursuant to this Agreement, and to indemnify and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless for any judgments, citations, fines, or other penalties which are assessed against **SBC-13STATE** as the result of Collocator's failure to comply with any of the foregoing. **SBC-13STATE**, in its status as an employer, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, safety and health standards and regulations with respect to the structural and those other portions of the Physical Collocation Space which **SBC-13STATE** has agreed to maintain pursuant hereto.

19. NOTICES

19.1 Except in emergency situations, **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Collocator with written notice five (5) business days prior to those instances where **SBC-13STATE** or its subcontractors may be undertaking a major construction project in the general area of the Physical Collocation Space or in the general area of the AC and DC power plants which support the Physical Collocation Space.

19.2 **SBC-13STATE** will inform Collocator by telephone of any emergency-related activity that **SBC-13STATE** or its subcontractors may be performing in the general area of the Physical Collocation Space occupied by Collocator or in the general area of the AC and DC power plants which support the Physical Collocation Space. Notification of any emergency related activity should be made to Collocator as soon as reasonably possible so that Collocator can take any action required to monitor or protect its service.

19.3 **SBC-13STATE** will provide Collocator with written notification within ten (10) business days of any scheduled AC or DC power work or related activity in the Eligible Structure that will cause an outage or any type of power disruption to Collocator Telecom Equipment. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Collocator immediate notification by telephone of any emergency power activity that would impact Collocator Telecom Equipment.

19.4 Except as may be specifically permitted in this Agreement, any notice or demand, given by one party to the other shall be in writing and shall be valid and sufficient if dispatched by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, in the United States mails, or by facsimile transmission; provided, however, that notices sent by such registered or certified mail shall be effective on the third business day after mailing and those sent by facsimile transmission shall only be effective on the date transmitted if such notice is also sent by such registered or certified mail no later than the next business day after transmission, all addressed as follows:

If to **AR, CA, CT, KS, MO, NV, OK, TX**:

NOTICE CONTACT	CLEC CONTACT	SBC-8STATE CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Jenna Brown, Manager – Regulatory Affairs	Account Manager-Collocation
STREET ADDRESS	88 Rowland Way	2600 North Central Expressway 6th Floor
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Novato, CA 94945	Richardson, TX 75080

If to **IL, IN, MI, OH, WI:**

NOTICE CONTACT	CLEC CONTACT	SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Brian A. Bolinger, Vice President of Legal Affairs	Account Manager-Collocation
STREET ADDRESS	2997 LBJ Freeway, Suite 225	350 N. Orleans Street, 5th Floor
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Dallas, TX 75234	Chicago, IL 60654

Either party hereto may change its address by written notice given to the other party hereto in the manner set forth above.

19.5 Except as may be specifically permitted in this Agreement, any payment desired or required to be given by one party to the other shall be dispatched by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, in the United States mails, and shall be addressed as follows:

	CLEC CONTACT	SBC-13STATE CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Brian A. Bolinger, Vice President of Legal Affairs	CSC
STREET ADDRESS	2997 LBJ Freeway, Suite 225	2600 North Central Expressway, 6th Floor
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Dallas, TX 75234	Dallas, TX 75080

20. INSURANCE

20.1 Collocator shall furnish **SBC-13STATE** with certificates of insurance which evidence the minimum levels of insurance set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, and state the types of insurance and policy limits provided by Collocator. **SBC-13STATE** shall be named as an ADDITIONAL INSURED on general liability policy.

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED OR MATERIALLY CHANGED, THE ISSUING COMPANY WILL MAIL THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER (S).

20.1.1 In addition to the insurance requirements set forth in this Agreement, Collocator must maintain all Risk Property coverage on a full replacement cost basis insuring all of Collocator's personal property situated on or within the Eligible Structure. Collocator releases **SBC-13STATE** from and waives any and all right of recovery, claim, action or cause of action against **SBC-13STATE**, its agents, directors, officers, employees, independent contractors, and other representatives for any loss or damage that may occur to equipment or any other personal property belonging to Collocator or located on or in the space at the request of Collocator when such loss or damage is by reason of fire or water or the elements or any other risks that would customarily be included in a standard all risk insurance policy covering such property, regardless of cause or origin, including negligence of **SBC-13STATE**, its agents, directors, officers, employees, independent contractors, and other representatives. Property insurance on Collocator's fixtures and other personal property shall contain a waiver of subrogation against **SBC-13STATE**, and any rights of Collocator against **SBC-13STATE** for damage to Collocator's fixtures or personal property are hereby waived. Collocator may also elect to purchase business interruption and contingent business interruption insurance, knowing that **SBC-13STATE** has no liability for loss of profit or revenues should an interruption of service occur that is attributable to any Physical Collocation arrangement provided under this Appendix.

20.2 The limits for insurance set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement may be increased by **SBC-13STATE** from time to time during the term of a Collocation arrangement to at least such minimum limits as shall then be customary in respect of comparable situations within the existing **SBC-13STATE** structure.

20.3 All policies purchased by Collocator shall be deemed to be primary and not contributing to or in excess of any similar coverage purchased by **SBC-13STATE**.

20.4 All insurance must be in effect on or before occupancy date and shall remain in force as long as any of Collocator's equipment or other Collocator facilities or equipment remain within the Eligible Structure.

20.5 Collocator shall submit certificates of insurance reflecting the coverages specified in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement prior to, and as a condition of, **SBC-13STATE**'s obligation to turn over the Physical Collocation Space to Collocator or to permit any Collocator-designated subcontractors into the Eligible Structure. Collocator shall arrange for **SBC-13STATE** to receive thirty (30) calendar day's advance written notice from Collocator's insurance company(ies) of cancellation, non-renewal or substantial alteration of its terms.

20.6 Collocator must also conform to recommendations made by **SBC-13STATE**'s Property Insurance Company, if any, unless a recommendation is also applicable to **SBC-13STATE** and **SBC-13STATE** does not so conform in the Eligible Structure where the Physical Collocations pace is located.

20.7 Failure to comply with the provisions of this "Insurance" Section will be deemed a material breach of this Agreement.

21. PROTECTON OF SERVICE AND PROPERTY

21.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall use its existing power back-up and power recovery plan in accordance with its standard policies for the specific Central Office.

21.2 For the purpose of notice permitted or required by this Appendix, each Party shall provide the other Party a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

21.3 Except as may otherwise be provided:

21.3.1 **SBC-13STATE** and Collocator shall each exercise reasonable care to prevent harm or damage to the other Party, its employees, agents or customers, or their property; and

21.3.2 Each Party, its employees, agents, or representatives agree to take reasonable and prudent steps to ensure the adequate protection of property and services of the other Party.

21.3.3 Each Party shall restrict access to the Eligible Structure and the Physical Collocation Space to employees and authorized agents of that other Party to the extent necessary to perform their specific job function.

21.4 **SBC-13STATE** shall use electronic access controls to protect all spaces which house or contain Collocator equipment or equipment enclosures, but if electronic controls are not available, **SBC-13STATE** shall either furnish security guards at those **SBC-13STATE** locations already protected by security guards on a seven (7) day per week, twenty-four (24) hour a day basis; and if none, **SBC-13STATE** shall permit Collocator to install monitoring equipment in the collocation space to carry data back to Collocator's work center for analysis. Collocator agrees that Collocator is responsible for problems or alarms related to Collocator's equipment or equipment enclosures located on **SBC-13STATE**'s Physical Collocation Space.

21.5 **SBC-13STATE** shall furnish Collocator with the identifying credentials to be carried by its employees and authorized agents to be paid for by the Collocator. The Collocator must maintain an updated list of all authorized employees and authorized agents on an individual Collocation Space basis for every Eligible Structure where there are **SBC-13STATE** security guards.

21.6 Collocator shall comply with the security and safety procedures and requirements of **SBC-13STATE**, including but not limited to sign-in, and identification.

21.7 **SBC-13STATE** shall furnish Collocator with all keys, entry codes, lock combinations, or other materials or information that may be needed to gain entry into any secured Collocator space in central offices. In the event of an emergency, Collocator shall contact a SPOC provided by **SBC-13STATE** for access to spaces which house or contain Collocator equipment or equipment enclosures.

21.8 **SBC-13STATE** shall use reasonable measures to control unauthorized access from passenger and freight elevators to spaces which contain or house Collocator equipment or equipment enclosures.

21.9 **SBC-13STATE** shall use best efforts to provide notification within two (2) hours to designated Collocator personnel to indicate an actual security breach.

21.10 **SBC-13STATE** shall be responsible for the security of the Eligible Structure. If a security issue arises or if Collocator believes that **SBC-13STATE**'s security measures are unreasonably lax, Collocator shall notify **SBC-13STATE** and the Parties shall work together to address the problem. **SBC-13STATE** shall, at a minimum, do the following:

21.10.1 Where a cage is used, **SBC-13STATE** shall design collocation cages to prevent unauthorized access; provided, however, that Collocator realizes and assents to the fact that the cage will be made of wire mesh.

21.10.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall establish procedures for controlling access to the collocation areas by employees, security guards and others. Those procedures shall limit access to the collocation areas to **SBC-13STATE**'s employees, agents or invitees having a business need, such as a periodic review of the Physical Collocation Space, to be in these areas. **SBC-13STATE** shall require all persons entering the collocation areas to wear identification badges.

21.10.3 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide card key access to all collocation equipment areas where a secured pathway to the collocation space is made available to Collocators, along with a positive key control system for each Collocator's caged Physical Collocation Space. **SBC-13STATE** shall respond immediately to reported problems with Collocator key cards.

21.10.4 In emergency situations, common courtesy will be extended between Collocator and **SBC-13STATE**'s employees, including the provision of first aid and first aid supplies.

21.11 Collocator shall limit access to Collocator employees directly to and from the Physical Collocation Space and will not enter unauthorized areas under any circumstances.

22. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

22.1 The Parties acknowledge and agree that certain rights and obligations including without limitation, the ability to collocate and use equipment meeting the "necessary" standard, the provision of 251(c)(6) cross-connections, and adherence to certain policies and practices of assigning space set forth in this Appendix are subject to any legal or equitable rights of review and remedies (including agency reconsideration and court review). If any reconsideration, agency order, appeal, court order or opinion, stay, injunction or other action by any state or federal regulatory body or court of competent jurisdiction stays, modifies, or otherwise affects any of those rights and obligations, or the related rates, terms and conditions herein, specifically including those arising with respect to Federal Communications Commission's *Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability*, Fourth Report and Order, FCC 01-204, CC Docket No. 98-147 (Rel. August 8, 2001) or any other proceeding, the affected rights, obligations, or the related rates and/or terms and conditions shall be (i) immediately and automatically invalidated, modified, or stayed consistent with the action of the legislative body, court or regulatory agency with respect to any collocation applications then pending (i.e., for physical collocation, the space has not been completed and turned over to the CLEC) and any thereafter submitted, and (ii) invalidated, modified or stayed consistent with the action of the legislative body, court or regulatory agency with respect to then existing collocation arrangements to the extent set forth in and in accordance with a written notice of either Party. In any such event, the Parties shall expend diligent, good faith efforts to arrive at an agreement on any modifications that may be required to the Appendix as a result of such invalidation, modification, or stay, and any Party's notice. If negotiations

fail, disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation of the actions required or the provisions affected shall be handled under the Dispute Resolution procedures set forth in this Agreement.

23. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

23.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the this Agreement are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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APPENDIX VIRTUAL COLLOCATION

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Virtual Collocation provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and Collocator.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **SBC Communications Inc**. **(SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

2.2 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

2.3 **SBC-4STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

2.4 **SBC-7STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA,** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

2.5 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA,** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

2.6 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

2.7 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

2.8 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

2.9 **SBC ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

2.10 **SBC CALIFORNIA** – As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.

2.11 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

2.12 **SBC ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

2.13 **SBC INDIANA -** As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

2.14 **SBC MICHIGAN -** As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.

2.15 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

2.16 **SBC MISSOURI -** As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.

2.17 **SBC NEVADA -** As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

2.18 **SBC OHIO -** As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

2.19 **SBC OKLAHOMA -** As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.

2.20 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

2.21 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

2.22 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.

2.23 **SBC WISCONSIN -** As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2.24 **"Approved Vendor"** is a vendor who is qualified by **SBC-13STATE** for installation, and/or removal of central office equipment, which is administered by **SBC-13STATE** Procurement on a state by state basis.

2.25 **"Active Central Office Space"** denotes the existing, central office switch room space, which can be designated for virtual collocation, with sufficient infrastructure systems. Also, denotes central office space that may contain obsolete unused equipment.

2.26 **"Application Fee"** means the charge assessed by **SBC-13STATE** to process the Collocator's application for virtual collocation requests.

2.27 **"Augment"** is a request from the Collocator to add equipment, cable, and/or Collocation services to or to remove cable and/or Collocation services from an existing Virtual Collocation arrangement.

2.28 **"Collocator"** is any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust corporation, or governmental entity or any other entity who is collocated in **SBC-13 STATE** location, for purposes of interconnection with **SBC-13STATE** or access to Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs).

2.29 **"Delivery Date"** is the date, which **SBC-13STATE** provides the requested collocation space to the Collocator in accordance with the Delivery Intervals set forth in Section 12 of this Agreement.

2.30 **"Eligible Equipment"** is the equipment eligible for collocation as defined in Section 6.0 of this Appendix.

2.31 **"Eligible Structure"** is (1) a **SBC-13STATE** central office, serving wire center or tandem office, or (2) a building or similar structure owned or leased by **SBC-13STATE** that houses its network facilities, or (3) a

structure that houses **SBC-13STATE** transmission facilities on public rights-of-way, including but not limited to vaults containing loop concentrators or similar structures.

2.32 **"Entrance Fiber Facility"** is an arrangement where a Collocator provided single mode fire retardant dielectric fiber optic cable extends from the **SBC-13STATE** designated manhole into the **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure designated splice point. It is used as a transmission medium to the designated splice point. Collocator shall be permitted no more than two (2) entrance routes into the **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure, if available.

2.33 **"Fiber Distribution Frame" (FDF)** is an architecture which serves as the primary interface between outside plant (OSP) fiber optic facilities entering a Central Office structure and the fiber optic equipment installed within that same location. The FDF provides a centralized point for the organization and administration of the fiber optic facility and intra-building fiber equipment cables, provides a flexible platform for future fiber growth, and provides rearrangeable connections between any two terminations or appearances.

2.34 **"Individual Case Basis" (ICB)** is a pricing method used for services that are not tariffed or are not standard offerings or configurations.

2.35 **"Infrastructure Systems"** - include, but are not limited to, structural components, such as floors capable of supporting equipment loads, frames, heating, ventilating and air conditioning ("HVAC") systems, electrical systems (AC power), DC power, power distribution via frames or bays, high efficiency filtration, humidity controls, remote alarms, compartmentation, and smoke purge.

2.36 **"Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook"** or like document is a publication provided to the Collocators, which provides information on how to order collocation arrangements and the processes and requirements for collocation in the **SBC-13STATE**'s, which is located on the **SBC-13STATE** CLEC ONLINE Web-Site (https://clec.sbc.com/clec),as amended from time to time.

2.37 **"Manned Office"** A Central Office where **SBC-13STATE** has actual technicians present to perform repair, installation, and/or maintenance during the time the Collocator requests under this Agreement.

2.38 **"Non Standard Collocation Request" (NSCR)** in **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, is a pricing method used for services that are not tariffed or are not standard offerings or configurations.

2.39 **"Project Management Fee"** reflects **SBC-13STATE** labor costs to manage the provisioning of the individual Collocator's space requirements for a particular Virtual Collocation Space request. This fee is applicable upon submission of an application.

2.40 **"Technically Feasible" -** A collocation arrangement is technically feasible if, in accordance with either national standards or industry practice, there is no significant technical impediment to its establishment. Deployment by any incumbent LEC of a collocation arrangement gives rise to a rebuttable presumption in favor of a Collocator seeking collocation in **SBC-13STATE**'s Eligible Structures that such an arrangement is technically feasible.

2.41 "**Unmanned Office"** Any Central Office which does not meet the definition of Manned Office.

2.42 **"Virtual Collocation"** is as defined in 4.2 of this Appendix.

3. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF APPENDIX

3.1 The purpose of this Appendix is to set forth the terms and conditions, including pricing, in which **SBC-13STATE** will provide Virtual Collocation to Collocator.

3.2 Preparation Prior to Regulatory Approval

3.2.1 Upon the written request of Collocator, **SBC-13STATE** shall consider an application for collocation space submitted prior to receiving the approval. Upon such an election, this Appendix shall become effective but only insofar as to be applicable to the consideration of an application for collocation space. In the event that the Appendix does not become fully effective as contemplated by this

Section, Collocator shall not be entitled to any refund or return of any such payments beyond any portion of the charges paid but not attributable to costs incurred by **SBC-13STATE**. To the extent that **SBC-13STATE** has incurred preparation costs not included within any payment made by Collocator, Collocator shall pay those costs within thirty (30) calendar days of notice by **SBC-13STATE**.

3.2.2 Collocator is responsible for obtaining an approved Interconnection Agreement (ICA) and meeting the State Certification requirements. The following shall apply:

3.2.2.1 If the State Commission has not approved the ICA prior to completion of the build-out, **SBC-13STATE** will not process service orders for interconnection or access to UNEs. However, the requested space will be turned over to the Collocator if the final non-recurring costs have been received. Monthly recurring charges will commence when space is turned over.

3.2.2.2 If the Collocator has not received their State Certification prior to completion of the build-out, **SBC-13STATE** will not process service orders for interconnection or access to UNEs. However, the requested space will be turned over to the Collocator if the final non-recurring costs have been received. Monthly recurring charges will commence when space is turned over.

3.2.2.3 If the Collocator has not received their State Certification or the State Commission has not approved the ICA by Day one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after space turnover, then the Collocator (forfeits) all charges collected to date by **SBC-13STATE** and the collocation space. The Collocator will have thirty (30) calendar days to remove any equipment and bays placed by the Collocator in the premise.

3.3 The Parties agree that billing for all costs incurred in the establishment of Virtual Collocation for the Collocator will be provided to the Collocator within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of the billing cycle. Billing will be subject to true up if interim rates are pending State or Federal Commission approval.

4. GENERAL OFFERINGS

4.1 Except where Virtual Collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations, **SBC-13STATE** will provide Virtual Collocation to Collocator for the purpose of interconnecting to **SBC-13STATE** network for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service or exchange access, or both pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251 (c)(2), or for obtaining access to **SBC-13STATE** Unbundled Network Elements ("UNEs") for the provision of a telecommunications service pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251 (c)(3) of the FTA 96. Virtual Collocation will be provided on a "first come, first served" basis, in accordance with the requirements of the Act (including 47 U.S.C. 251 (c)(6) of the FTA 96.

4.2 In the case of **SBC-13STATE** Virtual Collocation, the Collocator is responsible for engineering and furnishing the virtually collocated equipment. Collocator must use an **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor to perform the installation of such in the **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure. The Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor will be permitted access to the **SBC-13STATE** Main Distribution Frame or its equivalent for installation and termination of interconnection cabling and the cabling arrangement to provide grounding for equipment. Collocator must use an **SBC-13STATE** Approved Power Installation Vendor to install power cable(s) from the Collocator's Virtual Collocation Space to the designated **SBC-13STATE**'s Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB) or Power Plant Primary Distribution points, whichever is applicable. Additional requirements relating to installation and placement of interconnection cabling and power cabling is set forth in Section 10.5 and 10.6 of this Appendix. **SBC-13STATE** will exercise physical control over, but not ownership of, the equipment installed by Collocator in a Virtual Collocation arrangement. The equipment and associated facilities will be maintained and repaired at the direction of the Collocator by **SBC-13STATE**.

4.2.1 Collocator will install their own bay(s) by an **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor. **SBC-13STATE** will provide space for the bay(s) in either a Standard Bay arrangement of 10 sq. ft. or a Non-Standard Bay arrangement of 18 sq. ft. The standard bay and non-standard bay dimensions are as follows:

4.2.1.1 Standard bay dimensions cannot exceed 7'0" high, and 23" interior width, 26" exterior width, and up to 15" deep.

4.2.1.2 Non-standard bay dimensions cannot exceed 7'0" high, 36" in width, and up to 36" in depth.

4.2.1.3 **SBC-13STATE** prefers that the equipment mounted in the bay be flush mounted with the front of the bay, however the equipment must not be mounted beyond the lower front kick plate (normally 5") for appropriate egress. The total depth of bay, including equipment and associated cabling must not exceed 15" for a standard bay.

4.2.1.4 At **SBC-13STATE** option, where an individual standard bay owned by **SBC-13STATE** in a Central Office is shared with a Collocator, the standard bay will be apportioned on a quarter rack basis.

4.2.2 Virtual Collocation is available at **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structures as specified in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Tariff FCC No. 4.

4.2.3 **SBC-13STATE** will exercise physical control, but not ownership, over any equipment deployed for the purposes of Virtual Collocation.

4.2.4 Upon request, **SBC-13STATE** will designate the floor space for the "occupancy" of a Collocator provided storage cabinet for circuit packs, plug-ins, test equipment, etc. The Collocator's provided storage cabinet will be installed and grounded by the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor. The ground point will be designated by **SBC-13STATE**. Installation of additional Collocator storage cabinet(s) will be mutually agreed upon between the parties.

4.2.4.1 **SBC-13STATE** standard floor space for Collocator's provided storage cabinet is 10 sq. ft. that cannot exceed 7'0 high, 31" exterior width, up to 15" depth with a swing radius of (Front) aisle egress of 36" or (Rear) aisle egress of 30".

4.2.4.2 **SBC-13STATE** non-standard floor space for Collocator's provided storage cabinet is 18 sq. ft. that cannot exceed 7'0 high, 38" exterior width, and up to 36" depth with a swing radius of (Front) aisle egress of 36" or (Rear) aisle egress of 36".

4.2.5 Virtual Collocation is separate and distinct from Physical Collocation. Requests to convert from Virtual Collocation to Physical Collocation will require re-design and re-termination of the services to a Physical Collocation arrangement. Any requests to convert requires a new physical application be submitted, and the appropriate charges will apply.

4.2.6 The Collocator is responsible for all alarm monitoring of its virtually collocated equipment and all expenses associated. Since the maintenance of the Collocator's equipment is at the direction and control of the Collocator, **SBC-13STATE** will not be responsible for responding to alarms and will only conduct maintenance and repair activities at the direction of the Collocator.

4.2.7 Virtual Collocation is ordered as set forth in **SBC-13STATE** Virtual Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook or like document found on the **SBC-13STATE** CLEC ONLINE Web-Site for Virtual Collocation. **SBC-13STATE** will designate the location or locations within its Eligible Structure for the placement of all equipment and facilities associated with virtual collocation. Virtual Collocation does not involve the reservation of segregated Central Office or CEV, Hut and Cabinet space for the use of Collocators.

4.2.8 Virtual Collocation is available for the direct connection of one Collocator provided facility to a separate Collocator provided facility within the same **SBC-13STATE** wire center provided the Collocators are interconnected with **SBC-13STATE** network. Available connections include copper cable, coaxial cable, and fiber optic cable.

4.2.8.1 **SBC-13STATE** will designate and engineer the route, place cable racking (if applicable) and provide space to be used for such facilities. **SBC-13STATE** shall permit Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor to install such facilities using copper or optical fiber facilities subject to the same reasonable safety requirements that **SBC-13STATE** imposes

on its own equipment and facilities, without requiring the Collocator to purchase any equipment or connecting facilities solely from **SBC-13STATE**.

5. SPACE AVAILABILITY

5.1 At the request of Collocator, **SBC-13STATE** will provide space for Virtual Collocation as described above. **SBC-13STATE** is not required to provide Virtual Collocation at a particular Eligible Structure, if it demonstrates that Virtual Collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations. When Virtual Collocation is not technically feasible, **SBC-13STATE** will make a good faith effort to negotiate other methods of interconnection and access to unbundled network elements to the extent technically feasible.

5.2 **SBC-13STATE** will provide Virtual Collocation arrangements in Eligible Structures on a "first-come, first-served" basis. The determination whether there is sufficient space to accommodate Virtual Collocation at a particular Eligible Structure will be made initially by **SBC-13STATE**. **SBC-13STATE** will notify Collocator as to whether its request for space has been granted or denied due to a lack of space within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of a Collocator's accurate and complete Virtual Collocation Application. If **SBC-13STATE** determines that Collocator's Virtual Collocation Application is unacceptable, **SBC-13STATE** shall advise Collocator of any deficiencies within this ten (10) calendar day period. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Collocator with sufficient detail so that Collocator has a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the queue to obtain the Virtual Collocation arrangement, Collocator must cure any deficiencies in its Application and resubmit such Application within ten (10) calendar days after being advised of the deficiencies. Any changes to the amount or type of floor space, interconnection terminations, and power requested from the originally submitted Virtual Collocation Application will not be considered a deficiency, but rather as a new Virtual Collocation Application with a new ten (10) calendar day space notification and a new delivery interval.

5.2.1 When space for Virtual Collocation in a particular Eligible Structure is not available, **SBC-13STATE** shall place Collocator on the waiting list for Virtual Collocation in a particular Eligible Structure according to the date the Collocator submitted its application for Virtual Collocation in that Eligible Structure.

6. ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT FOR COLLOCATION

6.1 In accordance with Section 251(c)(6) of the Telecommunications Act, CLEC may collocate equipment "necessary for interconnection or access to unbundled network elements," if the equipment also meets **SBC-13STATE**'s equipment safety standards, which are described in another section. For purposes of this section, "necessary" means directly related to and thus necessary, required, or indispensable to interconnection or access to unbundled network elements. Such uses are limited to interconnection to the **SBC-13STATE**'s network "for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service or exchange access," or for access to **SBC-13STATE**'s unbundled network elements "for the provision of a telecommunications service." Equipment that may be collocated solely for these purposes includes: (1) transmission equipment including, but not limited to, optical terminating equipment and multiplexers; and (2) equipment being collocated to terminate basic transmission facilities pursuant to sections 64.1401 and 64.1402 of 47 C.F.R. (Expanded Interconnection) as of August 1, 1996.

6.2 Multifunctional Equipment is not "necessary" for interconnection or access to unbundled network elements. CLEC may not collocate Multifunctional Equipment except as expressly and specifically allowed, on a voluntary basis, in this Section or mutually agreed to by **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC. For purposes of this section, "Multifunctional Equipment," means equipment that has both (1) functions that make the equipment "necessary for interconnection or access to unbundled network elements" and (2) additional functions that are not "necessary" for these purposes. Such additional functions include, but are not limited to, switching and enhanced service functions.

6.3 **SBC-13STATE** permits CLEC collocation, on a non-discriminatory basis, of complete pieces or units of equipment specified in the definition of "Advanced Services Equipment" in section 1.3.d of the

SBC/Ameritech Merger Conditions. To the extent that certain complete units of Advanced Services Equipment are not "necessary" for interconnection or access to unbundled network elements because they are Multifunctional Equipment and for other reasons, **SBC-13STATE** voluntarily allows such CLEC collocation. Under the SBC/Ameritech Merger Conditions, "Advanced Services Equipment" is defined as, and limited to, the following equipment: "(1) DSLAMs or functionally equivalent equipment; (2) spectrum splitters that are used solely in the provision of Advanced Services; (3) packet switches and multiplexers such as ATMs and Frame Relay engines used to provide Advanced Services; (4) modems used in the provision of packetized data; and (5) DACS frames used only in the provision of Advanced Services. Spectrum splitters (or the equivalent functionality) used to separate the voice grade channel from the Advanced Services channel shall not be considered Advanced Services Equipment; any such splitters installed after the Merger Closing Date that are located at the customer premises shall be considered network terminating equipment." To qualify for collocation, the complete units of Advanced Services Equipment must either (A) be solely of the types, and exclusively for the uses, included in this definition or (B) be of such types, and for such uses, combined solely with additional functions that are "necessary for interconnection or access to unbundled network elements." For instance, additional switching use, except as included below, or enhanced services functionality would disqualify the equipment from collocation. **SBC-13STATE** voluntarily allows CLEC to collocate Optical Concentrator Devices ("OCDs") or functionally equivalent equipment used to provide Advanced Services.

6.4 To qualify for collocation, the equipment must be a complete piece, unit, or item of such equipment, not a piece-part or sub-component (such as a line card) of a complete unit of equipment. CLEC may not collocate, or place into **SBC-13STATE**'s equipment, CLEC's equipment sub-components or piece-parts.

6.5 **SBC-13STATE** does not allow collocation of other Multifunctional Equipment, except that **SBC-13STATE** voluntarily allows CLEC collocation, on a non-discriminatory basis, of remote switch modules ("RSMs") solely under the following conditions: (1) the RSM may not be used as a stand-alone switch; the RSM must report back to and be controlled by a CLEC identified and controlled (*i.e.*, CLEC owned or leased) host switch, and direct trunking to the RSM will not be permitted, and (2) the RSM must be used only for the purpose of interconnection with the **SBC-13STATE**'s network for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service or exchange access or for access to the **SBC-13STATE**'s unbundled network elements for the provision of a telecommunications service. **SBC-13STATE** voluntarily will allow CLEC to collocate, on a non-discriminatory basis, other multi-functional equipment only if **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC mutually agree to such collocation.

6.6 **SBC-13STATE** will not allow collocation of stand-alone switching equipment, equipment used solely for switching, or any enhanced services equipment. For purposes of this section, "stand-alone switching equipment" is defined as any equipment that can perform switching independently of other switches or switching systems. "Stand-alone switching equipment" includes, but is not limited to, the following examples: (1) equipment with switching capabilities included in 47 C.F.R. section 51.319(c); (2) equipment that is used to obtain circuit switching capabilities, without reliance upon a host switch, regardless of other functionality that also may be combined in the equipment; and (3) equipment with the functionality of a class 4 or 5 switch including, without limitation, the following: Lucent Pathstar, 5E, 4E, or 1A switch; DMS 10, 100, 200, or 250 switch; Ericsson AXE-10 switch; Siemens EWSD; and any such switch combined with other functionality.

6.7 Ancillary equipment is not "necessary" for interconnection or access to unbundled network elements. **SBC-13STATE** voluntarily allows CLECs to place in its premises certain ancillary equipment solely to support and be used with equipment that the CLEC has legitimately collocated in the same premises. Solely for this purpose, cross-connect and other simple frames, routers, portable test equipment, equipment racks and bays, and potential other ancillary equipment may be placed in **SBC-13STATE**'s premises, on a non-discriminatory basis, only if **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC mutually agree to such placement. CLEC may not place in **SBC-13STATE**'s premises types of ancillary equipment, including but not limited to Battery Distribution Fuse Bays ("BDFBs"), that would duplicate equipment used by **SBC-13STATE**, and/or that would duplicate functions performed by **SBC-13STATE**, as part of its provision of infrastructure systems for collocation. Such placement would waste space and other resources and, in at least some cases (such as

BDFBs), harm **SBC-13SSTATE**'s ability to plan for and provide service to other customers including, but not limited to, other CLECs.

6.8 Pending the FCC's reasonably timely completion of remand proceedings in accordance with the Court's Opinion in *GTE Service Corporation v. FCC*, 205 F.3d 416 (D.C. Cir. 2000) ("*GTE Opinion*"), **SBC-13TATE** voluntarily will not disturb (1) equipment and (2) connection arrangements between different collocators' equipment in an **SBC-13STATE** premises, that prior to the May 11, 2000 effective date of the *GTE Opinion* (1) were in place in **SBC-13STATE** or (2) were requested by CLEC and accepted by **SBC-13STATE** on the same basis as under the FCC's original, pre-partially-vacated Collocation Order (*Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability*, CC Docket No. 98-147, *First Report and Order* (FCC 99-48), 14 FCC Rcd 4761 (1999)). **SBC-13STATE**'s agreement not to disturb these collocation arrangements pending timely completion of the remand proceedings will immediately expire if a federal or state court or regulatory agency (1) attempts to apply any of the most favored nation provisions of the Act, of any state Merger Conditions, or of the FCC SBC/Ameritech Merger Conditions to such arrangements or (2) deems such arrangements to be discriminatory vis-à-vis other carriers.

6.9 **SBC-13STATE** does not assume any responsibility for the installation, furnishing, designing, engineering, or performance of the Collocator's equipment and facilities.

6.10 All types of equipment placed in **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structures by Collocators must meet the **SBC-13STATE** minimum safety standards. The minimum safety standards are as follows: (1) equipment complying with **SBC-13STATE** LEC document TP76200MP which contains network equipment, power, grounding, environmental, and physical design requirements and contains Level 1 safety requirements except in Texas, and any other state that has adopted the same approach as Texas, where Collocator's equipment must meet Telcordia Level 1 safety requirements as set forth in Telcordia documents SR-3580 and GR-63-CORE, Network Equipment Building Systems (NEBS); or, (2) Collocator must demonstrate that its equipment has a history of safe operation defined by installation in an ILEC (including **SBC-13STATE**) prior to January 1, 1998 with no known history of safety problems.

6.11 **SBC-13STATE** will not object to the collocation of equipment on the grounds that the equipment does not comply with safety or engineering standards that are more stringent than the safety or engineering standards that **SBC-13STATE** applies to its own network equipment. **SBC-13STATE** will not object to the collocation of equipment on the ground that the equipment fails to comply with Network Equipment and Building Specifications performance standards or any other performance standards.

6.12 In the event that **SBC-13STATE** denies Collocation of Collocator's equipment, citing minimum safety standards, **SBC-13STATE** will provide within five (5) business days of Collocator's written request to **SBC-13STATE** representative(s), a list of **SBC-13STATE** equipment placed since January 1, 1998 within the network areas of the Eligible Structure for which Collocation was denied together with an affidavit attesting that all of such **SBC-13STATE** equipment met or exceeded the then current minimum safety standards when such equipment was placed in the Eligible Structure.

6.13 In the event Collocator submits an application requesting collocation of certain equipment and **SBC-13STATE** determines that such equipment is not necessary for interconnection or access to UNEs or does not meet the minimum safety standards or any other requirements of this Appendix, the Collocator must not collocate the equipment. If Collocator disputes such determination by **SBC-13STATE**, Collocator may not collocate such equipment unless and until the dispute is resolved in its favor. If **SBC-13STATE** determines that Collocator has already collocated equipment which is not necessary for interconnection or access to UNEs or does not meet the minimum safety requirements or any other requirements of this Appendix, the Collocator must remove the equipment from the collocation space within ten (10) business days of the date of the written notice from **SBC-13STATE**. Collocator will be responsible for the removal and all resulting damages. If Collocator disputes such determination, Collocator must remove such equipment pending the resolution of the dispute. If the Parties do not resolve the dispute, **SBC-13STATE** or Collocator may file a complaint at the Commission seeking a formal resolution of the dispute.

7. VIRTUAL COLLOCATION SPACE CHARGES

7.1 Virtual Collocation Space

7.1.1 For each Virtual Collocation request, Collocator must submit a separate Virtual Collocation Application with the applicable Application and Project Management Fees including, but not limited to, the following types of requests: (i) a request to virtually collocate equipment in a new Virtual Collocation Space, (ii) a request to Augment, (v) an ICB or NSCR, and (vi) specified revisions to Collocation Applications. A copy of the Virtual Collocation Application may be obtained from the **SBC-13STATE** Collocation Services Account Manager or from the **SBC-13STATE** CLEC ONLINE Web-Site.

7.2 **SBC-13STATE** will contract for and perform the construction and preparation activities necessary to prepare the Virtual Collocation Space, using the same or consistent practices that are used by **SBC-13STATE** for other construction and preparation work performed in the Eligible Structure.

7.3 Recurring/Non-Recurring charges - The Parties acknowledge that CLEC may have obtained Virtual Collocation therein pursuant to a Collocation Application(s) submitted to **SBC-13STATE** prior to the effective date of this Agreement ("CLEC's Virtual Collocation Embedded Base"). To the extent the CLEC's Virtual Collocation Embedded Base, if any, was purchased by CLEC from an applicable **SBC-13STATE** Commission-ordered virtual collocation tariff in a particular state, the associated non-recurring and recurring rates (and intervals for uncompleted work associated with those Applications) set forth in such tariff, as amended from time to time, shall continue to apply to the CLEC's Virtual Collocation Embedded Base in such state. For the CLEC's Virtual Collocation Embedded Base, if any, purchased by CLEC pursuant to rates, terms and conditions agreed to by the Parties in an applicable prior interconnection agreement for a particular state, the associated agreed to nonrecurring and recurring rates in the applicable prior interconnection agreement, attached hereto in the Pricing Schedule entitled "Virtual Collocation Embedded Based Rates and Charges" (Appendix Pricing) and incorporated herein by reference (and any intervals for uncompleted work associated with those Applications), shall continue to apply to the CLEC's Virtual Collocation Embedded Base in that state.[1] For any Collocation Application(s) submitted by CLEC to **SBC-13STATE** after the effective date of this Agreement, the associated recurring and non-recurring rates and charges in the Pricing Schedule entitled "Virtual Collocation CDOW Rates and Charges" (Appendix Pricing) attached hereto and incorporated by reference, and the intervals set forth herein, shall apply. Charges may be generated on an ICB/NSCR basis or may be contained the state specific Appendix Pricing.

7.3.1 An ICB/NSCR quote is prepared by **SBC-13STATE** to estimate non-recurring and recurring charges associated with the requested Virtual Collocation Space, Augment, or Collocation services where a state specific rate element does not exist in the attached Appendix Pricing. This ICB/NSCR quote is prepared specifically for collocation requests and is not associated in any way with the Bona Fide Request (BFR) process used to request UNEs or other unique items not contained in a Collocator's ICA. The ICB/NSCR will be subject to true-up one hundred-twenty (120) days following the job completion date.

7.4 Payment of Space Preparation - Prior to any obligation on **SBC-13STATE** to start any preparation of the Virtual Collocation space, Collocator shall pay **SBC-13STATE** fifty percent (50%) of the non-recurring charges and eighty-five percent (85%) of any custom work charge required to create or vacate any entrance facility for the Collocator ("Custom Work"). The remainder of the non-recurring charges and any custom work charge are due upon completion and prior to occupancy by the Collocator.

7.5 Occupancy Conditioned on Payment - **SBC-13STATE** shall not permit Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor to have access to the Virtual Collocation space for any purpose during construction of the

[1] In the event that this Agreement is the subject of any adoption request by a CLEC ("Adopting CLEC") pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, for purposes of this Agreement, the term "CLEC's Virtual Collocation Embedded Base" shall mean the Adopting CLEC's own Virtual Collocation Embedded Base and the nonrecurring and recurring rates (and intervals for uncompleted work associated with those Applications) for such Virtual Collocation Embedded Base shall be the nonrecurring and recurring rates (and intervals) in the tariff (as amended from time to time) the Adopting CLEC previously elected to purchase its Virtual Collocation Embedded Base from or the nonrecurring and recurring rates (and intervals) previously agreed to by the Adopting CLEC and **SBC-13 STATE** pursuant to an applicable, prior interconnection agreement between the Adopting CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**.

Collocator's Virtual Collocation space until **SBC-13STATE** is in receipt of complete payment of the non-recurring and any custom work charges.

7.6 Breach Prior to Commencement Date - In the event that the Collocator materially breaches this Agreement by purporting to terminate this Agreement after **SBC-13STATE** has begun preparation of the Virtual Collocation space but before **SBC-13STATE** has been paid the entire amounts due under this Article, then in addition to any other remedies that **SBC-13STATE** might have, the Collocator shall be liable in the amount equal to the non-recoverable costs less estimated net salvage. Non-recoverable costs include the non-recoverable cost of equipment and material ordered, provided or used; the non-recoverable cost of installation and removal, including the costs of equipment and material ordered, provided or used; labor; transportation and any other associated costs.

7.7 Late Payment Charge - In the event that any charge, when billed in a timely manner is not paid when due, the unpaid amounts shall bear interest in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in **SBC-13STATE** General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) attached.

7.8 Charges will begin to accrue on the Effective Billing Date - The Effective Billing Date is the Delivery Date.

7.9 The monthly recurring charge(s) shall begin to apply within, but no later than five (5) calendar days from the date that **SBC-13STATE** made the Virtual Collocation Space available to the Collocator. The fact that **SBC-13STATE** may have additional work to perform after Collocator does complete its work shall not bar the start of such charges.

7.10 **SBC-13STATE** shall ensure that the Virtual Collocation Space and the Eligible Structure comply with all applicable fire and safety codes. The preparation shall be arranged by **SBC-13STATE** in compliance with all applicable codes, ordinances, resolutions, regulations and laws.

8. USE OF VIRTUAL COLLOCATION SPACE

8.1 A list of all Collocator equipment that will be placed within the Virtual Collocation Space shall be set forth on the Collocator's Virtual Collocation Application, which includes associated power requirements, floor loading, and heat release of each piece of Collocator's equipment. Collocator warrants and represents that the Virtual Collocation Application contains a complete and accurate list of such Collocator equipment. Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor shall not place or leave any other equipment or facilities within the Virtual Collocation space without the express written consent of **SBC-13STATE**.

8.2 In the event that subsequent to the submission of the Virtual Collocation Application and its list of the Collocator's equipment with the required technical information, Collocator desires to place in the Virtual Collocation Space any telecommunications equipment or such ancillary telecommunications facilities not so set forth in the Virtual Collocation Application, Collocator shall furnish to **SBC-13STATE** a new Virtual Collocation Application and any applicable charges to cover such equipment or facilities. Thereafter, consistent with its obligations under the Act and applicable FCC and Commission rules, orders, and awards, **SBC-13STATE** may provide such written consent or may condition any such consent on additional charges arising from the request, including any applicable fees and any additional requirements such as power and environmental requirements for such requested telecommunications equipment and/or facilities. Upon the execution by both **SBC-13STATE** and Collocator of a final list and description and receipt by **SBC-13STATE** of payment of any applicable non-recurring charges, the Virtual Collocation arrangement shall be deemed to have been amended and such requested telecommunications equipment and/or facilities shall be included within "Collocator's Equipment."

8.3 Collocator's Equipment, operating practices, or other activities or conditions attributable to Collocator that represents a demonstrable threat to **SBC-13STATE** network, equipment, or facilities, including the Eligible Structure, or to the network, equipment, or facilities of any person or entity located in the Eligible Structure, is strictly prohibited.

8.4 Operation of any equipment, facilities or any other item placed in the Virtual Collocation Space shall not interfere with or impair service over **SBC-13STATE** network, equipment, or facilities, or the network,

equipment, or facilities of any other person or entity located in the Eligible Structure; create hazards for or cause damage to those networks, equipment, or facilities, the Virtual Collocation Space, or the Eligible Structure; impair the privacy of any communications carried in, from, or through the network, equipment, facilities the Virtual Collocation Space or the Eligible Structure; or create hazards or cause physical harm to any person, entity, or the public. Any of the foregoing events would be a material breach of this Appendix.

8.5 In no case shall Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor or any person or entity purporting to be acting through or on behalf of Collocator make any significant rearrangement, modification, improvement, addition, repair, or other alteration to the Virtual Collocation Space or the Eligible Structure without the advance written permission or direction of **SBC-13STATE**. **SBC-13STATE** shall consider a modification, improvement, addition, repair, or other alteration requested by Collocator, provided that **SBC-13STATE** shall have the right to reject or modify any such request. **SBC-13STATE** will perform any such construction, and the associated cost shall be paid by Collocator in accordance with **SBC-13STATE** then-standard custom work order process or ICB/NSCR.

9. COLLOCATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

9.1 The Collocator will provide at its expense, all facilities and equipment necessary to facilitate interconnection and access to **SBC-13STATE** UNEs including, without limitation, the following:

9.1.1 All plug-ins and/or circuit packs (working, spare, and replacements).

9.1.2 All provisioning of virtually collocated equipment.

9.1.3 Any ancillary equipment and cabling used for remote monitoring alarms and control.

9.1.4 Any technical publications and updates associated with all Collocator-owned and provided equipment.

9.1.5 Any Product Change Notice (PCN) modifications, upgrades, and/or changes to the Collocator's equipment that requires the work to be performed within the Eligible Structure must be completed by an **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor or Manufacturer. Escort charges will apply. Collocator must make access arrangements with the LOC as described in Section 14.1.4.1 of this Appendix.

9.1.6 All training as specified in Section 9.14.

9.1.7 All defective hard-wired equipment upgrades or changes within the Eligible Structure must be completed by an **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor or Manufacturer. Escort charges will apply. Collocator must make access arrangements with the LOC as described in Section 14.1.4.1 of this Appendix.

9.1.8 A storage cabinet for the storage of Collocator's spare circuit packs, unique tools, test equipment, etc. used by **SBC-13STATE** to maintain and repair virtually collocated equipment.

9.1.9 Procurement, installation and termination of interconnection cabling between Collocator's Virtual Collocation Space and **SBC-13STATE** Main Distribution Frame or its equivalent by Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor. Additional requirements relating to installation and termination of interconnection cabling is set forth in Section 10.5 of this Appendix.

9.1.10 Procurement and installation of power cable(s) by Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Power Installation Vendor from the Virtual Collocation Space to the designated **SBC-13STATE**'s Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB) or Power Plant Primary Distribution points, whichever is applicable. Additional requirements relating to installation of power cable(s) is set forth in Section 10.6 of this Appendix.

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9.2 The Collocator is responsible for coordinating with the LOC in arranging mutually agreed upon visits to the Eligible Structure during the following timeframes and escort charges will apply. The Collocator must identify employee(s) and/or Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor(s) that will attend the visit and arrange access for these visit(s) as described in Section 9.2.6 of this Appendix.

9.2.1 Once when beginning the initial equipment installation.

9.2.2 Once during the middle of the equipment installation.

9.2.3 Once at turn-up completion of such equipment installation.

9.2.4 One (1) general visit per calendar year.

9.2.5 Additional mutually agreed upon visits. (Examples: Acceptance of Virtual Collocation Space and the purpose of performing a visual inspection on the installed equipment completed by the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor prior to turn-up.)

9.2.6 These visits must be arranged ten (10) business days in advance with the LOC. The LOC will generate the appropriate trouble ticket as described in Section 14. A maximum of two (2) Collocator's representatives per escort may participate in any one (1) of the site visits.

9.3 Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor shall install all plug-ins and/or circuit packs (working and spare) for fully equipped bays. As an alternative to fully equipped bays, Collocator shall equip the bay(s) with sufficient common equipment and cabling for a minimum of one year's projected growth.

9.4 When Collocator requires additional capacity, a collocation Augment application is required. For Augments of this type, Collocator may fully equip the additional bay, or may equip the additional bay as described below.

9.4.1 For either an initial installation or an Augment as described above, when a bay is in place but Collocator has elected under Section 9.3 above not to fully equip the bay.

9.4.2 All bays will be powered, cabled, and equipped with sufficient common plugs, so that joint test and acceptance can be completed.

9.4.3 Collocator will pay the monthly recurring charges for the space occupied by the bay regardless of how many shelves are filled.

9.4.4 Collocator will be responsible for capacity management of the equipment placed.

9.5 After the initial installation, or an Augment, **SBC-13STATE** shall only install additional plug-ins and circuit packs for a minimum of one (1) shelf at a time upon the Collocator's request. Collocator may use an **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor for installing plug-ins and circuit packs when less than one full shelf is required. Access for such services will be arranged by the Collocator by contacting the LOC. The LOC will generate appropriate trouble ticket as described in Section 14 for **SBC-13STATE** to perform the installation, routine maintenance, or to escort the **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor, whichever applies. If the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor has a current existing Installation Agreement (IA) in a central office, then escort charges will not apply.

9.6 In circumstances where shelves only capable of single use plug-in(s) and/or circuit pack(s), the Collocator shall, within thirty (30) calendar days, fully populate the shelf to which the plug-in(s) or circuit pack(s) will be added.

9.7 Standard offered interval for installation of plug-ins and/or circuit packs that involves no more than plugging in the circuit packs or plug-ins will be performed by **SBC-13STATE** as described in Section 14.

9.8 Non-standard offered interval request for the installation of plug-ins and/or circuit packs performed by **SBC-13STATE** that is less than the minimum standard requirement described in Section 9.5 and involves no more than plugging in the circuit packs and/or plug-ins will be charged a minimum of a 4-hour holiday call-out. This will be a mutual agreed arrangement with the LOC and the Collocator. The LOC will generate appropriate trouble ticket as described in Section 14 of this Appendix for **SBC-13STATE** to perform the installation and the shipment of the circuit packs and/or plug-ins will be arranged by the Collocator. If the interval exceeds the 4-hour call-out, the additional hours will be charged at 2.5 times the labor rate for the state the request is generated.

9.9 The Collocator must provide, at its expense, replacements for any recalled, obsolete, defective, or damaged interconnection or entrance cables, equipment, plug-ins, circuit packs, unique tools, test equipment, or any other item or material provided by the Collocator for placement in/on **SBC-13STATE**

property. Collocator shall provide a stock of such items (excluding unique tools and test equipment) to **SBC-13STATE** to replace non-functioning items when needed, with a goal of shipping replacement stock no more frequently than once per quarter. **SBC-13STATE** shall notify Collocator as it uses packs from the stock so that Collocator may replenish the stock. Collocator will provide pre-addressed postage paid mailing packages for return shipment of non-functioning circuit pack(s), plug-in(s), or any other item or material being used by **SBC-13STATE** to repair and maintain Collocator's virtually collocated equipment. **SBC-13STATE** shall notify Collocator when any other types of replacement parts or equipment are required. During repair calls, **SBC-13STATE** technician shall confirm to Collocator representative when **SBC-13STATE** has used a circuit pack/plug-in or other types of replacement parts or equipment. **SBC-13STATE** shall notify Collocator upon discovery that test equipment or tools are damaged or otherwise not functioning properly. Notification shall be given to the Collocator personnel participating in the repair efforts if the discovery is made during the course of a repair, or to a contact specified by the Collocator if the discovery is made at some other time.

9.10 The Collocator is responsible for providing the appropriate number of usable equipment spares. Arranging movement of any circuit pack(s) or plug-in(s) between Eligible Structures will be at the Collocator's expense and their responsibility. Replacements must be delivered to the **SBC-13STATE** central office or **SBC-13STATE** designated location using the equipment spare within five (5) business days of notification that a spare was used or tested defective.

9.11 The Collocator must provide identification markings on all circuit packs, spares, test equipment, equipment, bays, and any other Collocator owned property provided to **SBC-13STATE** for Virtual Collocation.

9.12 The Collocator will provide at the initial Method and Procedure (MOP) meeting the following:

9.12.1 Escalation documentation.

9.12.2 Test and acceptance package as described in the SBC-owned ILEC's installation testing standards and requirements located on the **SBC-13STATE** CLEC ONLINE Web-Site.

9.12.3 Contact names and numbers to arrange for return shipment of defective circuit packs and plug-ins. Collocator will keep this information current.

9.12.4 Functional contacts for the virtual collocation arrangements, including names, telephone numbers, and each person's responsibilities (e.g.), Augments, trouble reports, emergency contact). Collocator will keep this information current.

9.13 To the extent known, the Collocator can provide forecasted information to **SBC-13STATE** on anticipated additional Virtual Collocation requirements. Forecasts are for planning purposes only and will not be used for provisioning space or interconnection arrangements.

9.14 **SBC-13STATE** will identify the training needs of **SBC-13STATE** personnel from the list of equipment received by the Collocator on the **SBC-13STATE** Virtual Application Form. The Collocator will be responsible for training **SBC-13STATE** personnel on the repair and maintenance of the Collocator's equipment, unless: (a) the equipment is already used by **SBC-13STATE** in the Eligible Structure; or (b) **SBC-13STATE** technicians assigned to the Eligible Structure have already been trained on the repair and maintenance of that type of equipment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the equipment is already used by **SBC-13STATE**, but Collocator uses the equipment in a different configuration, Collocator will be responsible for any additional training required for repair and maintenance of the equipment in the configuration used by the Collocator. **SBC-13STATE** will contact Collocator with the required number of **SBC-13STATE** personnel to be trained and the contact name for the Collocator to coordinate training schedules. The Collocator will be responsible for the following:

9.14.1 Arrange for the training supplier and pay all costs for the training sessions including, without limitation, the cost of the trainer(s), transportation and lodging of such trainer(s), required course material.

9.14.2 Pay all costs associated with **SBC-13STATE's** employee(s) attendance at the training including, without limitation, lodging, transportation, employees labor rate for time away from job, and per diem, if applicable.

9.14.3 **SBC-13STATE** may require additional training requirements to adequately provide 7 X 24 hour coverage on the Collocator's virtually collocated equipment when labor resources change for a particular Eligible Structure. **SBC-13STATE** will notify the Collocator when applicable.

9.14.4 Training may be provided on-site when possible.

9.14.5 The training for which the Collocator will be responsible includes training for the following functions to the extent such functions will be performed by **SBC-13STATE** and additional training is necessary.

9.14.5.1 Installation, repair, and maintenance of any unique cabling and circuits inside the bay of equipment.

9.14.5.2 Use of on-line documentation or schematics unique to the equipment and unlike that commonly used by **SBC-13STATE**.

9.14.5.3 Any testing, repair methods, and procedure documents utilized by Collocator, consistent with the manufacturer's operations and maintenance (O&M) manual.

9.14.5.4 Training when updates of technical publications or equipment information are issued.

9.14.5.5 **SBC-13STATE** will work cooperatively with Collocator to schedule and complete the training requirements prior to Collocator's equipment turn-up. When Collocator provides scheduled training, **SBC-13STATE** is responsible for employee attendance.

9.15 Collocator will provide remote, real-time network technical support, guidance and direction to **SBC-13STATE** for all collocated facilities and equipment using on-line telephone support.

9.16 Collocator is responsible for coordinating with **SBC-13STATE** to ensure that services are installed in accordance with a service request.

9.17 Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor will, whenever possible, install the Collocator's equipment in the Virtual Collocation Space within ninety (90) calendar days of Delivery Date. Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor must interconnect to **SBC-13STATE**'s network or gain access to **SBC-13STATE**'s unbundled network elements within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of Delivery Date. If Collocator fails to do so, **SBC-13STATE** may, upon written notice, terminate that Virtual Collocation arrangement, and Collocator shall be liable in an amount equal to the unpaid balance of the charges due under and, further, shall continue to be bound by the provisions of this Appendix, the terms and any context of which indicates continued viability or applicability beyond termination. For purposes of this Section, Collocator equipment is considered to be interconnected when physically connected to **SBC-13STATE** network or a **SBC-13STATE** UNE for the purpose of Collocator providing a telecommunications service.

10. COOPERATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

10.1 **SBC-13STATE** will work cooperatively with the Collocator to develop implementation plans including timelines associated with the following:

10.1.1 Ensuring that the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor meets required safety standards as contained in TP76200MP and SBC-owned ILEC's standards and requirements for equipment and facility installations.

10.1.2 **SBC-13STATE** placement of Collocator's fiber into an **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure.

10.1.3 Location and completion of all splicing.

10.1.4 Completion of installation of equipment and facilities.

10.1.5 Removal of above facilities and equipment.

10.2 This Appendix and the Collocation provided hereunder is made available subject to and in accordance with Sections 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.4 and 10.2.5. Collocator shall strictly observe and abide by each.

10.2.1 **SBC-13STATE** TP76200MP, standards for network equipment, power, grounding, environmental, and virtual design requirements, and any successor document(s), including as such may be modified at any time and from time to time.

10.2.2 SBC-owned ILEC's Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook or like document, and any successor document(s), as may be modified from time to time as set forth below in Section 10.3.

10.2.3 **SBC-13STATE** TP76300MP, standards and requirements for equipment and facility installations, and any successor document(s) within **SBC-13STATE** central offices and may be modified from time to time.

10.2.4 Any statutory and/or regulatory requirements in effect at the time of the submission of the Virtual Collocation Application or that subsequently become effective and then when effective.

10.2.5 The SBC-owned ILEC's Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook or like document, **SBC-13STATE** TP76300MP, and the **SBC-13STATE** TP 76200MP standards are not incorporated herein but are available on the **SBC-13STATE** CLEC ONLINE Web-Site.

10.3 If the SBC-owned ILEC's Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook or like document, **SBC-13STATE** TP76300MP for equipment and facility installations, and the **SBC-13STATE** TP 76200MP standards are modified subsequent to the effective date of this Appendix from the attached, the following shall apply:

10.3.1 If a modification is made after the date on which Collocator has or orders a Virtual Collocation arrangement, **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Collocator with those modifications or with revised versions of such, listing or noting the modifications as appropriate. Any such modification shall become effective and thereafter applicable under this Appendix thirty (30) calendar days after such amendment is released by **SBC-13STATE**.

10.3.2 Notwithstanding Sections 10.3.1, any modification made to address situations potentially harmful to **SBC-13STATE** or another's network, equipment, or facilities, the Eligible Structure, the Virtual Collocation Space, or to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements shall become effective immediately. **SBC-13STATE** will immediately notify Collocator of any such modification.

10.4 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide an interconnection point or points, physically accessible by both **SBC-13STATE** and Collocator (typically a **SBC-13STATE** manhole) at which a Collocator fiber optic cable can enter the Eligible Structure, provided that **SBC-13STATE** will designate interconnection points as close as reasonably possible to the Eligible Structure. The Collocator's fiber must be a single mode fire retardant dielectric fiber optic cable used as a transmission medium to the dedicated splice point. The fiber cable will be spliced to a fiber cable tail at the dedicated splice point by **SBC-13STATE** and terminated to the Fiber Distribution Frame (FDF) or panel. All fiber termination requests will be distributed from the FDF or panel to the Collocator's designated bay per the Front Equipment Drawing by fiber cross-connects with sufficient slack for the Collocator to terminate in their equipment. Collocator shall be permitted no more than two (2) entrance routes into the Eligible Structure, if available; **SBC-13STATE** will provide at least two such interconnection points at each Eligible Structure where there are at least two entry points for **SBC-13STATE** cable facilities and at which space is available for new facilities in at least two of those entry points.

10.4.1 Collocator is responsible for bringing its fiber optic cable to an accessible point outside of the Eligible Structure designated by **SBC-13STATE**, and for leaving sufficient cable length in order for **SBC-13STATE** to fully extend such Collocator-provided cable to the vault. The fiber optic entrance cable must be provided by the Collocator to **SBC-13STATE** prior to the schedule Delivery Date for the Virtual Collocation arrangement. If the fiber optic entrance cable is not provided by the Collocator prior to the scheduled Delivery Date, **SBC-13STATE** will advise the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor at space turnover that the costs associated with the fiber optic entrance cable placement will be refunded at **SBC-13STATE** earliest convenience and the job will be closed. The

Collocator will need to submit an Augment Virtual Collocation Application when ready to request the fiber optic entrance cable placement into the Virtual Collocation arrangement.

10.4.2 **SBC-13STATE** will permit interconnection of copper or coaxial cable only if first approved by the appropriate State Commission, and will permit collocation of microwave transmission equipment along with the microwave entrance facility, except where such collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations.

10.5 **SBC-13STATE** will be responsible for determining equipment location within the Eligible Structure. Procurement, installation and termination of interconnection cabling between Collocator's Virtual Collocation Space and **SBC-13STATE** Main Distribution Frame or its equivalent will be installed by the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor. The Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor must obtain an approved Method of Procedures (MOP) from **SBC-13STATE** and follow the **SBC-13STATE** TP76300MP standards and requirements for installation of equipment and facilities. **SBC-13STATE** will install and stencil termination blocks or panels at **SBC-13STATE**'s Main Distribution Frame or its equivalent for the hand off of the Actual Point of Termination (APOT) Connection(s) to the Collocator.

10.6 Unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing, **SBC-13STATE** will provide for all AC and DC power requirements in the Eligible Structure. The Collocator Approved Vendor is not permitted to, and will not, place any AC or DC power-generating or power-storing devices (including, for example but not limited to rectifiers, battery plants, AC or DC generators) in the Eligible Structure. Power will support Collocator's equipment at the specified DC and AC voltages. At a minimum, the power and **SBC-13STATE** associated performance, availability, restoration, and other operational characteristics shall be at parity with that provided to **SBC-13STATE** substantially similar telecommunications equipment unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing. Loads specified by the Collocator represent the peak current that will be imposed on a power feeder at any voltage within the emergency operating limits of the equipment and any normal operating condition (i.e. not a short circuit or other malfunction). Even though circuit design is based on peak current, DC power plant design sizing by the **SBC-13STATE** is based on demand management. **SBC-13STATE** will engineer, design, and place cable racks for all power cable routes within the Eligible Structure. Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Power Installation Vendor will install and terminate the power cable(s) from the Virtual Collocation Space to **SBC-13STATE**'s designated termination points on the Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB). When the **SBC-13STATE**'s designated power termination point(s) is at the **SBC-13STATE**'s Power Plant Primary Distribution, the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Power Installation Vendor will install, but not terminate the Collocator's power cable(s). The Collocator must contact the assigned **SBC-13STATE** Project Manager five (5) business days prior to scheduling a request for the termination of Collocator's power cable(s) to the **SBC-13STATE**'s Power Plant Primary Distribution, which will be performed by **SBC-13STATE**. The Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Power Installation Vendor must obtain an approved Method of Procedures (MOP) from **SBC-13STATE** and follow the SBC-owned ILEC's standards and requirements for installation of equipment and facilities.

10.7 **SBC-13STATE** will provide negative DC and AC power, back-up power, lighting, ventilation, heat, air conditioning and other environmental conditions necessary for the Collocator's equipment in the same manner and at the same standards that **SBC-13STATE** provides such conditions for its own substantially similar equipment or facilities within that Eligible Structure.

10.8 Regeneration of either DS-1 or DS-3 signal levels may be provided by Collocator or **SBC-13STATE** under the custom work order process or ICB/NSCR, including payment requirements prior to the installation of the regeneration equipment.

10.9 Collocator and **SBC-13STATE** are each responsible for providing to the other contact numbers for technical personnel who are readily accessible twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

10.10 **SBC-13STATE** shall maintain for the Eligible Structure customary building services, utilities (excluding telephone facilities), including janitor and elevator services, 24 hours a day.

10.11 **SBC-13STATE** agrees to make, at its expense, all changes and additions to the Eligible Structure required by laws, ordinances, orders or regulations of any municipality, county, state or other public authority

including the furnishing of required sanitary facilities and fire protection facilities, except fire protection facilities specially required because of the installation of telephone or electronic equipment and fixtures in the Virtual Collocation Space.

10.12 Collocator and **SBC-13STATE** are each responsible for providing trouble report status or any network trouble of problems when requested by the other.

10.13 Each Party is responsible for immediate verbal notification to the other of significant outages or operations problems which could impact or degrade that other's network, equipment, facilities, or services, and for providing an estimated clearing time for restoration. In addition, written notification must be provided within twenty-four (24) hours from verbal notification.

10.14 In the event **SBC-13STATE** determines it necessary for the Virtual Collocation Space to be moved within the Eligible Structure in which the Virtual Collocation Space is located or to another Eligible Structure, Collocator is required to do so. If such relocation arises from circumstances beyond the reasonable control of **SBC-13STATE**, including condemnation or government order or regulation that makes the continued occupancy of the Virtual Collocation Space or Eligible Structure too costly in **SBC-13STATE** sole judgment, Collocator shall be responsible for the cost of preparing the new Virtual Collocation Space at the new location. Otherwise **SBC-13STATE** shall be responsible for any reasonable preparation costs.

10.15 In the event the Collocator cancels its order after **SBC-13STATE** has begun preparation of the Virtual Collocation Space, but before **SBC-13STATE** has been paid the entire amounts due under this Agreement, then in addition to other remedies that **SBC-13STATE** might have, the Collocator shall be liable in the amount equal to the non-recoverable costs less estimated net salvage. Non-recoverable costs include the non-recoverable cost of equipment and material ordered, provided or used; the on-recoverable cost of installation and removal, including the costs of equipment and material ordered, provided or used; labor; transportation and any other associated costs. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide the Collocator with a detailed invoice showing the costs it incurred associated with preparation of Collocator's Virtual Collocation request.

10.16 Collocator may discontinue or terminate a Virtual Collocation Arrangement on not less than thirty (30) days advance notice to **SBC-13STATE** by submitting a complete and accurate Virtual Collocation Application plus applicable fees. Upon the discontinuance or termination of a Virtual Collocation arrangement, the Collocator shall pay to **SBC-13STATE** all costs associated with returning the Virtual Collocation Space to **SBC-13STATE** in the same condition as when **SBC-13STATE** first began any construction work on such Virtual Collocation Space. Such costs include, but are not limited to, costs associated with removal by **SBC-13STATE** of facilities and cabling.

10.17 Upon discontinuance or termination of the Virtual Collocation arrangement, the Collocator will work cooperatively with **SBC-13STATE** to remove the Collocator's equipment from **SBC-13STATE** property subject to the condition that the removal of such equipment can be accomplished without damaging or endangering other equipment located in the central office. **SBC-13STATE** is not responsible for and will not guarantee the condition of such equipment if removed by the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** vendor hired by Collocator. Collocator shall indemnify and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless from any damage or claims associated with removal of its equipment or other equipment located in the central office damaged while Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** vendor is removing its own equipment. The Collocator is responsible for arranging for and paying for the removal of virtually collocated equipment including all costs associated with equipment removal, packing and shipping. Arrangements for and the removal of the Collocator virtually collocated equipment must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of **SBC-13STATE** receipt of Collocator's Virtual Collocation Application to terminate the virtual collocation arrangement, unless a different time period is mutually agreed upon. The Collocator will pay all arrangement monthly charges until all equipment is removed. If the Collocator has not removed the equipment within this timeframe, **SBC-13STATE** has the right to remove the equipment and bill the Collocator for any reasonable expense associated with removal of the equipment. **SBC-13STATE** shall have no responsibility for damage done to such removed equipment caused by **SBC-13STATE** or its contractors during the removal process. Collocator will indemnify and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless for any damage or claims associated with the removed equipment or other equipment located in the central office damaged if **SBC-13STATE** removes Collocator's equipment. Any

equipment not removed in this time frame may be removed by **SBC-13STATE** and stored in a non- **SBC-13STATE** location, at the expense of the Collocator.

10.18 Upon termination of the Virtual Collocation arrangement, the Collocator must remove the fiber entrance cable used for the Virtual Collocation. If the entrance cable(s) is not scheduled and removed within (30) calendar days after discontinuance of use, **SBC-13STATE** may arrange for the removal, and the Collocator will be responsible for any charges incurred to remove the cable as set forth in Section 10.18 below. **SBC-13STATE** and the Collocator will cooperatively manage the removal process. The Collocator is only responsible for physically removing entrance cables housed in conduits or inner-ducts and will only be required to do so when **SBC-13STATE** instructs the Collocator such removal can be accomplished without damaging or endangering other cables contained in a common duct or other equipment residing in the central office.

10.19 If Collocator fails to remove its equipment and facilities from the Virtual Collocation Space within thirty (30) calendar days after discontinuance of use, **SBC-13STATE** may perform the removal and shall charge Collocator for any materials used in any such removal, and the time spent on such removal at the then-applicable hourly rate for custom work. Further, in addition to the other provisions herein, Collocator shall indemnify and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless from any and all claims, expenses, fees, or other costs associated with any such removal by **SBC-13STATE**.

11. TEST AND ACCEPTANCE

11.1 Collocator and **SBC-13STATE** will complete an acceptance walk-through visit of the Virtual Collocator's Space prior to turning the Virtual Collocation Space over to the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor. Exceptions that are noted during this acceptance walk-through visit shall be corrected by **SBC-13STATE** as soon as commercially reasonable after those exceptions are provided in writing, which exceptions shall be provided no more than five (5) business days after the walk through. The correction of these exceptions from Collocator's Virtual Collocation request shall be at **SBC-13STATE** expense.

11.2 Prior to Collocator's installation vendor powering up equipment, and after the frame connections and equipment has been installed, Collocator will schedule a pre-performance visual inspection visit with the LOC as specified in Section 9.2.5. The Collocator is responsible for visually inspecting the installation and to assure compliance with technical publication specifications. This visit shall be scheduled to take place within ten (10) business days after Collocator's request and shall take no longer than eight (8) hours. Should Collocator determine during the visual inspection that the installation is not compliant with specifications, Collocator may schedule an additional visual inspection after corrective work has been performed. Collocator shall be responsible for coordination with its **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor to be at the site for the visual inspection, acceptance testing and, when necessary, corrective work.

11.3 Prior to scheduled turn-up of the virtual collocated equipment, the Collocator will arrange to deliver to the **SBC-13STATE** Central Office, or other pre-designated location by **SBC-13STATE**, any spare plug-ins, circuit packs, tests sets, unique tools, circuit design information, technical publications, and any other necessary items that are needed to maintain and repair the Collocator's equipment. It is the Collocator's responsibility to arrange with their **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor to place any of the items provided into the Collocator's designated storage cabinet or shelf, if applicable.

11.4 Once the Collocator's equipment installation inspection is successfully completed, power must be turned up and tested, the virtually collocated equipment and remote monitoring capabilities must be tested, and connectivity must be tested. Power testing, and connectivity testing in certain situations, will require a cooperative test involving the Collocator, its **SBC-13STATE** approved installation contractor, **SBC-13STATE**, and/or **SBC-13STATE** vendor. Collocator and its installation contractor will perform the equipment and remote monitoring testing. To the extent possible, **SBC-13STATE** will work with Collocator to coordinate testing to minimize the number of visits required by Collocator and its contractor.

11.5 All installations of equipment must be in accordance with the **SBC-13STATE** TP76300MP standards and requirements for equipment and facility installations and subject to review by an **SBC-13STATE**

maintenance engineer for compliance. Should **SBC-13STATE** maintenance engineer determine during their review that the installation is not compliant with specifications, Collocator may schedule an additional visual inspection after corrective work has been performed.

11.6 Collocator shall be responsible of coordination with its **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor to be at the site for acceptance testing.

11.7 Upon successful completion of the testing as described in Section 11.4 above, **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Collocator with written acceptance notification no more than five (5) business days after turnup of the virtually collocated equipment. Immediately following this notification, **SBC-13STATE** will begin to maintain and repair the virtual collocated equipment at the direction of the Collocator, if all training requirements have been met.

11.8 Collocator shall accept the installation of equipment and facilities prior to the installation of services using the equipment. Once the equipment is installed and accepted, Collocator will either order interconnection or network elements from **SBC-13STATE** to connect to the equipment.

12. DELIVERY INTERVALS

12.1 The delivery interval relates to the period in which **SBC-13STATE** shall construct and turnover to the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor the requested Virtual Collocation Space. The delivery interval begins on the date **SBC-13STATE** receives an accurate and complete Virtual Collocation Application from the Collocator. The delivery interval ends on the date **SBC-13STATE** is ready to turnover the Virtual Collocation Space to Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor ("Delivery Date"). The Collocator must provide the **SBC-13STATE**, within seven (7) calendar days from the date of notification granting the application request, a confirmatory response in writing to continue construction along with the fifty percent (50%) payment of non-recurring charges (unless payment was received with application) or the delivery interval provided in table below will not commence until such time as **SBC-13STATE** has received such response and payment. If the Collocator has not provided the **SBC-13STATE** such response and payment by the twelfth (12th) calendar day after the date **SBC-13STATE** notified Collocator its request has been granted, the application will be canceled. Virtual Collocation Space is not reserved until **SBC-13STATE**'s receipt of the confirmatory response in writing from the Collocator with applicable fees. The delivery interval assigned will be provided to the Collocator by **SBC-13STATE** with the ten (10) calendar day space notification. Each complete and accurate Virtual Collocation Application received by **SBC-13STATE** from the Collocator will be processed in the order received unless the Collocator provides a priority list, whichever is applicable. The delivery interval for Virtual Collocation is determined by **SBC-13STATE** taking into consideration the various factors set forth in Table (1) below including, without limitation, the number of all Virtual Collocation Applications submitted by Collocator and the need for additional preparation of the space such as overhead racking, additional power or HVAC.

Table (1)

Number of All Virtual Collocation Applications submitted by One Collocator per state or meter in region	Overhead Iron/ Racking Exists for Virtual Collocation Space Use	Overhead Iron/ Racking DoesNot Exist for Virtual Collocation Space Use	Additional Power or HVAC is Required for Virtual Collocation Space Use
1 – 10	60 calendar days	80 calendar days	180 calendar days
11-20	65 calendar days	85 calendar days	185 calendar days

12.2 Should the Collocator submit twenty-one (21) or more applications within ten (10) business days, the above delivery intervals will be increased by five (5) calendar days for every five (5) additional applications or fraction thereof. Any material revision to an application will be treated as a new application and the delivery intervals set forth in Table (1) above will be re-started. All Virtual Collocation Applications received by **SBC-13STATE** from a Collocator within a ten (10) business day period shall be treated as submitted at the same

time for purposes of administering the above staggering intervals. Virtual Collocation delivery interval ends when roughed in and the assigned space has been distinctly marked by **SBC-13STATE**.

12.2.1 For example, but not by way of limitation, if a Collocator submits twelve (12) complete and accurate Virtual Collocation Applications in a state, the delivery intervals assigned by **SBC-13STATE** will depend on which variables apply within each Eligible Structure Virtual Collocation is requested:

If Applications (1-4) are for Virtual Collocation Space where overhead racking exists, the delivery intervals assigned will be sixty (60) days. If Applications (5-11) are for Virtual Collocation Space where overhead racking does not exist, the delivery intervals assigned to Applications (5-10) will be eighty (80) calendar days and Application (11) will be assigned eighty five (85) calendar days. The Virtual Collocation Application (12) was requested in an Eligible Structure that needs additional HVAC added and would be assigned one hundred and eight five (185) calendar days.

12.3 The second fifty percent (50%) payment must be received by **SBC-13STATE** prior to the space being turned over to the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor. At space turnover, the Actual Point of Termination (APOT) Connection(s) will be provided to the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor by **SBC-13STATE**.

12.4 For the following interconnection cabling Augments, the Collocator must submit a complete and accurate Virtual Collocation Application:

- 168 DS1 connections and/or
- 48 DS3 connections and/or
- 400 Copper (shielded or nonshielded) cable pair connections
- 12 fiber pair connections

This application must include an up-front payment of the Application Fee and fifty percent (50%) of all applicable non-recurring charges.

12.5 The cabling Augment interval is determined by **SBC-13STATE** taking into consideration the various factors set forth in Table (2) below including, without limitation, the number of all Virtual Collocation Applications for the above Augments submitted by Collocator, the type of infrastructure available for collocation, and the need for additional preparation of the infrastructure such as overhead racking and additional power. The cabling Augment interval assigned will be provided to the Collocator by **SBC-13STATE** with the ten (10) calendar day Augment notification. Each complete and accurate Virtual Collocation Application received by **SBC-13STATE** from the Collocator will be processed in the order received unless the Collocator provides a priority list, whichever is applicable. The cabling Augment interval is determined by **SBC-13STATE** taking into consideration the various factors set forth in Table (2) below including, without limitation, the number of all Virtual Collocation Applications for the above Augments submitted by Collocator, the type of infrastructure available for collocation, and the need for additional preparation of the infrastructure such as overhead racking and additional power.

Table (2)

Number of All Cabling Augment Applications submitted by One Collocator per state or metering region	Necessary Elements such as Iron/Racking and Power exist for Virtual Collocation Use	Necessary Elements such as Iron/Racking and Power do not exist for Virtual Collocation Use
1 – 10	30 calendar days	60 calendar days
11-20	35calendar days	65 calendar days

12.6 Should the Collocator submit twenty-one (21) or more Virtual Collocation Applications for cabling Augments within ten (10) business days, the above cabling Augment intervals will be increased by five (5) calendar days for every five (5) additional application or fraction thereof. Any material revision to a Virtual Collocation Application for cabling Augments will be treated as a new application and the cabling Augment

delivery intervals set forth in Table (2) above. All cabling Augment applications received by **SBC-13STATE** from a Collocator within a ten (10) business day period shall be treated as submitted at the same time for purposes of administering the above staggering intervals.

12.6.1 For example, but not by way of limitation, if a Collocator submits twelve (12) Virtual Collocation Applications for cabling Augments in a state, the delivery intervals assigned will depend on which variables apply within each Eligible Structure requested:

If Applications (1-4) are for Virtual Collocation cabling Augments where necessary elements such as overhead racking and power exists, the delivery interval assigned will be thirty (30) calendar days. If Applications (5-12) are for Physical Collocation where necessary elements such as overhead racking and power does not exists, the delivery interval assigned to Applications (5-10) will be sixty (60) calendar days and for Applications (11-12) sixty five (65) calendar days.

12.7 For all Augments other than provided above, **SBC-13STATE** will work cooperatively with Collocator to negotiate a mutually agreeable delivery intervals.

12.8 Within twenty (20) calendar days or mutually agreed upon time, from **SBC-13STATE**'s receipt of the confirmatory response in writing to continue construction on the Virtual Collocation arrangement requested along with the fifty percent (50%) payment of non-recurring charges (unless payment was received with application), **SBC-13STATE** will schedule a walk through visit with the CLEC and/or vendor to provide floor plans of space and the preliminary route design for the interconnection and power cabling.

12.9 During **SBC-13STATE** delivery interval, if engineering design work is complete, which includes asbestos removal, HVAC installation, filtration, floor loading, floor preparation, and overhead racking placement, **SBC-13STATE** will notify Collocator that their **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor will be allowed to do work in parallel with **SBC-13STATE** throughout the remaining delivery interval. The Collocator must obtain an approved Method of Procedures (MOP) from **SBC-13STATE** and follow **SBC-13STATE**'s Technical Publication for installation of equipment and facilities.

12.10 In responding to an application request that requires an ICB/NSCR, **SBC-13STATE** shall advise the Collocator with the quote whether space for the Virtual Collocation requested is available.

13. REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT

13.1 Except in emergency situations, and/or except when **SBC-13STATE** network reliability is at risk, Collocator will initiate the repair and maintenance process by contacting **SBC-13STATE** LOC. Collocator-owned fiber optic facilities and central office terminating equipment will be repaired and maintained only upon the request and direction of the Collocator. In an emergency, **SBC-13STATE** may perform necessary repairs without prior notification or both Parties agree to delineate methods and procedures for emergency notification handling with the LOC. The labor rates applicable to Virtual Collocation are contained within the state specific Appendix Pricing that apply to **SBC-13STATE** central offices and **SBC-13STATE** CEVs, Huts and Cabinets for all maintenance and repairs performed at the direction of the Collocator by **SBC-13STATE**.

13.2 When initiating repair or maintenance requests of Collocator provided virtually collocated equipment, Collocator shall provide the LOC with the following:

13.2.1 Notification that the purpose of the call is to establish a virtual collocation trouble ticket;

13.2.2 **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure's CLLI, circuit identification and/or telephone number;

13.2.3 Location of virtually collocated equipment (Bay, frame, shelf, circuit pack, location and type);

13.2.4 A detailed description of the trouble;

13.2.5 The name and telephone number of the Collocator's employee or Center that will cooperatively test with **SBC-13STATE** at no charge to **SBC-13STATE**; and

13.2.6 The type of the trouble.

13.3 When an **SBC-13STATE** technician calls the Collocator to perform repair/maintenance initiated by a trouble ticket, the Collocator will provide the **SBC-13STATE** technician with the proper sequencing of repair tasks, including any testing necessary to determine needed repairs.

13.4 **SBC-13STATE** is not obligated to provide any test equipment to support the Collocator's equipment. To the extent that test equipment owned by **SBC-13STATE** is located in the central office with the Collocator's equipment, is compatible with Collocator's equipment and is not currently being used to repair **SBC-13STATE** owned equipment, **SBC-13STATE** can use this test equipment for test operations directed by the Collocator. **SBC-13STATE** assumes no liability for damage to Collocator's equipment caused by using **SBC-13STATE** test equipment.

SBC-13STATE is not obligated to move test equipment from one central office to another or to provide any test equipment specifically for use on Collocator's equipment. **SBC-13STATE** is under no obligation to provide lists of test equipment available at central offices and availability is not implied or guaranteed. Test set availability can only be guaranteed by the Collocator providing test equipment for their exclusive use in maintaining their equipment.

13.5 Upon mutual agreement, when service affecting reports cannot be restored and it is determined support is necessary, the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor may enter the Eligible Structure to assist in troubleshooting and resolving problems associated with the trouble report. If **SBC-13STATE**, working with the Collocator believes that it would be beneficial to allow the Collocator on site to aid in troubleshooting or restoring equipment, it will so request. Charges for an escort will apply in either situation and the Collocator must identify the employee and/or **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor that will assist in the restoration.

13.6 The Collocator may request **SBC-13STATE** to perform routine maintenance and scheduled events, at mutually agreed upon times, which will be billed on a time and material basis and performed on a case by case basis. When requesting maintenance on Collocator owned equipment, the Collocator shall provide **SBC-13STATE** with location and identification of the equipment, a detailed description of the maintenance requested, and the estimated time required performing the routine maintenance.

13.7 For routine maintenance, product upgrades, PCN's, Engineering Complaints, storage cabinet inventories, and generic upgrades, etc., the Collocator will contact the LOC to arrange access for the Manufacturer or Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor to perform the necessary work and escort charges will apply as described in Section 14. For service affecting problems covered by the Manufacturer's warranty, **SBC-13STATE** shall perform repairs as described in Section 14 of this Appendix.

13.8 **SBC-13STATE** is responsible for maintaining 7 X 24 maintenance and repair schedule for the Collocator's virtual collocation equipment at the direction of the Collocator on at a time and material basis, however, maintenance and repair will only be provided on a 7 X 24 basis if the Collocator trains the adequate number of **SBC-13STATE** personnel provided to the Collocator per Eligible Structure.

14. MEAN TIME RESPONSE INTERVAL (MTRI)

14.1 **SBC-13STATE** will be responsible for repairing/maintaining Collocator's virtually collocated equipment at the direction of the Collocator with the same diligence it repairs/maintains its own equipment. At a minimum, **SBC-13STATE** agrees to meet service response interval for installation, repair, and/or maintenance as defined below. Collocator will advise the LOC verbally, of the priority level for each trouble report based on the criteria below. The response interval is defined as the time from the conclusion of a trouble report call from Collocator to the LOC, to the time a **SBC-13STATE** technician notifies the Collocator's technical support center from the specified trouble location, of the Collocator's virtually collocated equipment that the technician is ready to begin repairs. The Mean Time Response Intervals (MTRIs) for each priority level follows:

14.1.1 **Priority 1 Tickets**. The MTRI for a Priority 1 Ticket is as follows: two (2) hours Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for Manned Offices; four (4) hour minimum callout Monday through Friday between the hours of 5:01 p.m. to 7:59 a.m.; Saturday and Sunday;

and Unmanned Offices. If the callout exceeds the 4-hour minimum, additional hours will be charged at the callout rate for the duration of the ticket. A Priority 1 Ticket is issued for the following reasons:

14.1.1.1 Any network trouble reports where equipment and associated cabling indicates service degradation. This could include LOS (Loss of Signal), LOF (Loss of Frame), LOP (Loss of Pointer) or excessive errors.

14.1.1.2 Telemetry problems causing the loss of surveillance.

14.1.1.3 Remote access to the virtually collocated equipment.

14.1.2 **Priority 2 Tickets**—The MTRI for a Priority 2 Ticket is twenty-four (24) hours. A Priority 2 Ticket is issued for the following reasons:

14.1.2.1 All other non-service affecting report that is not a threat to customer service over night. Also, issue this type of priority ticket when a non-standard installation of plug-in(s) and/or circuit pack(s) is requested by the Collocator as described in Section 9.8.

14.1.3 **Priority 3 Tickets**—The MTRI for a Priority 3 Ticket is seventy-two (72) hours. A Priority 3 Ticket is issued for the following reasons:

14.1.3.1 Minor reports that have been determined not to be an immediate threat to customer service.

14.1.4 **Priority 4 Tickets**—The MTRI for a Priority 4 Ticket is four (4) business days. A Priority 4 Ticket is issued for the following reasons:

14.1.4.1 Installation of plug-ins or circuit packs, routine maintenance, etc. as described in Section 9.5 and 13.7. When installation is performed by the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor or Manufacturer, the Collocator will make arrangements with the LOC for a mutual agreed arrangement and escort charges will apply, unless the Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor has a current existing Installation Agreement (IA) for the installation being performed in the Central Office. All jobs as described above that are to be performed by **SBC-13STATE** shall be requested through the LOC by the Collocator and completed at the direction of the Collocator. Collocator must identify the Manufacturer and/or **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor performing the work.

14.2 Charges to install, repair, and maintain Collocator's equipment will be billed per the state specific rates provided in the attached Appendix Pricing. If Collocator has not supplied sufficient replacement/installment part(s) or appropriate test equipment at the time **SBC-13STATE**'s technician is ready to begin work at a Central Office, **SBC-13STATE** will close out the ticket. Collocator must generate another trouble report to request the repair, installation, and/or maintenance once such part(s) and/or equipment have been delivered to the Eligible Structure.

15. CASUALTY LOSS

15.1 If the Eligible Structure is damaged by fire or other casualty, and:

15.1.1 The Virtual Collocation Space is rendered non-tenantable in whole or in part, **SBC-13STATE** shall repair the same at its expense (as herein limited) and the recurring charges shall not be abated; or

15.1.2 The Virtual Collocation Space is rendered non-tenantable in whole or in part and such damage or destruction can be repaired within ninety (90) calendar days, **SBC-13STATE** has the option to repair the collocation space at its expense (as herein limited) and the recurring charges shall be proportionately abated to the extent and while Collocator was deprived of the use. If the collocation space cannot be repaired within ninety (90) calendar days, or **SBC-13STATE** opts not to rebuild, then the collocation arrangement provided shall (upon notice to Collocator within thirty (30) calendar days following such occurrence) terminate as the date of such damage. **SBC-13STATE** shall endeavor to relocate Collocator equipment to an alternative location.

15.2 Any obligation on the part of **SBC-13STATE** to repair the collocation space shall be limited to repairing, restoring, and rebuilding the collocation space as originally prepared for Collocator and shall not include any obligation to repair, restore, rebuild or replace any Collocator equipment; or other facilities or equipment located in the Virtual Collocation Space. Upon mutual agreement, when Collocator's space or equipment is damaged, the Collocator may arrange a visit with the LOC to inspect the condition and escort charges will apply. The Collocator must identify the employee(s) and/or **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor that will attend in the visit.

15.3 In the event the Eligible Structure shall be so damaged by fire or other casualty that closing, demolition or substantial alteration or reconstruction thereof shall be necessary then, notwithstanding that the collocation space may be unaffected thereby, **SBC-13STATE** at its option, may terminate any collocation arrangement in that Eligible Structure by giving Collocator ten (10) business days prior written notice within thirty (30) business days following the date of such occurrence, if at all possible.

16. REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT

16.1 Unless otherwise set forth herein, if Collocator shall default in performance of any term or condition herein, and the default shall continue for thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of written notice, or if Collocator is declared bankrupt or insolvent or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, **SBC-13STATE** may, immediately or at any time thereafter, without notice or demand, expel Collocator and any claiming under Collocator, remove any Collocator equipment and any other items in the Virtual Collocation Space, forcibly if necessary, and there upon such Virtual Collocation arrangement shall terminate, without prejudice to any other remedies **SBC-13STATE** might have. **SBC-13STATE** may exercise this authority on an individual collocation space basis. **SBC-13STATE** may also refuse additional applications for collocation and/or refuse to complete any pending orders for additional space or collocation by Collocator at any time thereafter.

17. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

17.1 Collocator acknowledges and understands that **SBC-13STATE** may provide space in or access to the Eligible Structure to other persons or entities ("Others"), which may include competitors of Collocator's; that such space may be close to the Virtual Collocation Space, possibly including space adjacent to the Virtual Collocation Space and/or with access to the outside of the Virtual Collocation Space. In addition to any other applicable limitation, **SBC-13STATE** shall have absolutely no liability with respect to any action or omission by any other, regardless of the degree of culpability of any such other or **SBC-13STATE**, and regardless of whether any claimed **SBC-13STATE** liability arises in tort or in contract. Collocator shall save and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless from any and all costs, expenses, and claims associated with any such acts or omission by any Other acting for, through, or as a result of Collocator.

18. INDEMNIFICATION OF SBC-13STATE

18.1 Indemnification of **SBC-13STATE**

18.1.1 In addition to any indemnification obligations set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement), Collocator's shall indemnify and hold harmless **SBC-13STATE** the agents, employees, officers, directors and shareholders of any of them ("Indemnities"), from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, claims, causes of action, fines, penalties, losses, costs, expenses (including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees), damages, injuries, of any kind, (individually and collectively "Liabilities"), including but not limited to, Liabilities as a result of (a) injury to or death of any person; (b) damage to or loss or destruction of any property; or (c) Liabilities related in any manner to employee benefits, workers compensation, payroll tax, and any other employer obligations which may be asserted against **SBC-13STATE** where such liabilities arise in connection with Collocator's use of persons that it classifies as an independent contractor or subcontractor to perform obligations under this Agreement; (d) attachments, liens or claims of material persons or laborers, arising out of or resulting from or in connection with this Agreement or the performance of

or failure to perform and directly or indirectly caused, in whole or part, by acts of omissions, negligent or otherwise, of Collocator or a contractor or a representative of Collocator or an employee of any one of them, except to the extent such Liabilities arise from the willful or intentional misconduct of **SBC-13STATE** or its employees.

19. NOTICES

19.1 Except in emergency situations, **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Collocator with written notice five (5) business days prior to those instances where **SBC-13STATE** or its subcontractors may be undertaking a major construction project in the general area of the Virtual Collocation Space or in the general area of the AC and DC power plants which support the Virtual Collocation Space.

19.2 **SBC-13STATE** will inform Collocator by telephone of any emergency-related activity that **SBC-13STATE** or its subcontractors may be performing in the general area of the Virtual Collocation Space occupied by Collocator or in the general area of the AC and DC power plants which support the Virtual Collocation Space. Notification of any emergency related activity should be made to Collocator as soon as reasonably possible so that Collocator can take any action required monitoring or protecting its service.

19.3 **SBC-13STATE** will provide Collocator with written notification within ten (10) business days of any scheduled AC or DC power work or related activity in the Eligible Structure that will cause an outage or any type of power disruption to Collocator's equipment. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Collocator immediate notification by telephone of any emergency power activity that would impact Collocator's equipment.

19.4 Except as may be specifically permitted in this Agreement, any notice or demand, given by one party to the other shall be in writing and shall be valid and sufficient if dispatched by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, in the United States mails, or by facsimile transmission; provided, however, that notices sent by such registered or certified mail shall be effective on the third business day after mailing and those sent by facsimile transmission shall only be effective on the date transmitted if such notice is also sent by such registered or certified mail no later than the next business day after transmission, all addressed as follows:

If to **AR, CA, CT, KS, MO, NV, OK, TX**:

NOTICE CONTACT	CLEC CONTACT	SBC-8STATE CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Brian A. Bolinger, Vice President of Legal Affairs	Account Manager-Collocation
STREET ADDRESS	2997 LBJ Freeway, Suite 225	2600 North Central Expressway 6th Floor
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Dallas, TX 75234	Richardson, TX 75080

If to **IL, IN, MI, OH, WI:**

NOTICE CONTACT	CLEC CONTACT	SBC MIDWEST 5-STATE REGION CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Brian A. Bolinger, Vice President of Legal Affairs	Account Manager-Collocation
STREET ADDRESS	2997 LBJ Freeway, Suite 225	350 N. Orleans Street, 5th Floor
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Dallas, TX 75234	Chicago, IL 60654

Either party hereto may change its address by written notice given to the other party hereto in the manner set forth above.

19.5 Except as may be specifically permitted in this Agreement, any payment desired or required to be given by one party to the other shall be dispatched by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, in the United States mails, and shall be addressed as follows:

	CLEC CONTACT	SBC-13STATE CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Jenna Brown, Manager – Regulatory Affairs	CSC
STREET ADDRESS	88 Rowland Way	2600 North Central Expressway, 6th Floor
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Novato, CA 94945	Dallas, TX 75080

20. INSURANCE

20.1 Collocator shall furnish **SBC-13STATE** with certificates of insurance which evidence the minimum levels of insurance set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, and state the types of insurance and policy limits provided by Collocator. **SBC-13STATE** shall be named as an ADDITIONAL INSURED on general liability policy.

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED OR MATERIALLY CHANGED, THE ISSUING COMPANY WILL MAIL THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER (S).

20.1.1 In addition to the insurance requirements set forth in this Agreement, Collocator must maintain all Risk Property coverage on a full replacement cost basis insuring all of Collocator's personal property situated on or within the Eligible Structure. Collocator releases **SBC-13STATE** from and waives any and all right of recovery, claim, action or cause of action against **SBC-13STATE**, its agents, directors, officers, employees, independent contractors, and other representatives for any loss or damage that may occur to equipment or any other personal property belonging to Collocator or located on or in the space at the request of Collocator when such loss or damage is by reason of fire or water or the elements or any other risks that would customarily be included in a standard all risk insurance policy covering such property, regardless of cause or origin, including negligence of **SBC-13STATE**, its agents, directors, officers, employees, independent contractors, and other representatives. Property insurance on Collocator's fixtures and other personal property shall contain a waiver of subrogation against **SBC-13STATE**, and any rights of Collocator against **SBC-13STATE** for damage to Collocator's fixtures or personal property are hereby waived. Collocator may also elect to purchase business interruption and contingent business interruption insurance, knowing that **SBC-13STATE** has no liability for loss of profit or revenues should an interruption of service occur that is attributable to any Virtual Collocation arrangement provided under this Appendix.

20.2 The limits for insurance set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement may be increased by **SBC-13STATE** from time to time during the term of a Collocation arrangement to at least such minimum limits as shall then be customary in respect of comparable situations within the existing **SBC-13STATE** structure.

20.3 All policies purchased by Collocator shall be deemed to be primary and not contributing to or in excess of any similar coverage purchased by **SBC-13STATE**.

20.4 All insurance must be in effect on or before occupancy date and shall remain in force as long as any of Collocator's equipment or other Collocator facilities or equipment remain within the Eligible Structure.

20.5 Collocator shall submit certificates of insurance reflecting the coverages specified in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement prior to, and as a condition of, **SBC-13STATE**'s obligation to turn over the Virtual Collocation Space to Collocator or to permit any Collocator-designated subcontractors into the Eligible Structure. Collocator shall arrange for **SBC-13STATE** to receive thirty (30) calendar day's advance written notice from Collocator's insurance company(ies) of cancellation, non-renewal or substantial alteration of its terms.

20.6 Collocator must also conform to recommendations made by **SBC-13STATE**'s Property Insurance Company, if any, unless a recommendation is also applicable to **SBC-13STATE** and **SBC-13STATE** does not so conform in the Eligible Structure where the Virtual Collocation Space is located.

20.7 Failure to comply with the provisions of this "Insurance" Section will be deemed a material breach of this Agreement.

21. PROTECTON OF SERVICE AND PROPERTY

21.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall use its existing power back-up and power recovery plan in accordance with its standard policies for the specific Central Office.

21.2 For the purpose of notice permitted or required by this Appendix, each Party shall provide the other Party a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

22. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

22.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of this Agreement are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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APPENDIX DIRECT
(DIRECT ACCESS AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE LISTINGS)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for electronic access to the Directory Assistant data-base provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

1.1.1 Southern New England Telephone (**SBC SNET**) will provide electronic access to its Directory Assistance (DA) database through the FCC 39 Access Tariff.

1.2 **SBC Communications Inc**. **(SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

1.3 **SBC-2STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

1.4 **SBC-4STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

1.5 **SBC-7STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA,** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA,** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS -** As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA –** As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.

1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS -** As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

1.14 **SBC INDIANA -** As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN -** As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.

1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.17 **SBC MISSOURI -** As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.

1.18 **SBC NEVADA -** As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

1.19 **SBC OHIO -** As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA -** As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.

1.21 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.23 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.

1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN -** As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

1.25 The Prices at which **SBC-13STATE** agrees to provide electronic access to its Directory Assistance (DA) database are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **"Automated Message Accounting" (AMA)** – Billing detail recordings in the switch.

2.2 **"Call Processing Data Link" (CPDL**) - CPDL is a proprietary, licensable interface that utilizes a standard format message protocol for transport of messages between Directory One Call Control and a switching entity.

2.3 **"Data Terminating Equipment" (DTE)** - A terminal attached to a data network as an End User node.

2.4 **"Nortel Digital Multiplexing Switch" (DMS 200)** - DMS performs base call processing functions and supports service capabilities.

2.5 **"IBM RISC 6000 Processor"** – The IBM platform that enables database search capabilities.

2.6 **"Nortel Directory One" (D1)** - D1 offers directory search applications built on a standard operating software environment.

2.7 **"Nortel Directory One Call Control"** - Allows bi-directional call control capability between the TOPS switch and the D1 network.

2.8 **"Electronic White Pages" (EWP)** - EWP allows telephone companies to offer fully customized electronic directory assistance services for all types of users.

2.9 **"Nortel Interactive Voice System" (IVS)** - Peripheral off the switch that provides interactive audio.

2.10 **"Nortel Multi Purpose Position" (MP, MPX or MPX-IWS)** - Operator Workstations.

2.11 **"Non-Published Number" (NP)** - A telephone number that at the request of the telephone subscriber, is neither published in a telephone directory nor provided by an Operator.

2.12 **"Operator Service Center" (OSC)** - Physical location of the Operators/workstations.

2.13 **"Published Number"** - A telephone number that is published in a telephone directory and is available upon request by calling an **SBC-12STATE** DA Operator.

2.14 **"Nortel Queue Management System" (QMS)** - Supports up to 255 unique queues on calls to operator positions.

2.15 **"Nortel Traffic Operating Position System" (TOPS)** - Performs base call processing functions and support service capabilities.

2.16 **"Nortel/IBM Protocol"** – Allows communication between Nortel Switch and IBM database.

2.17 **"IBM Platform"** – Offers directory search applications built on a standard operating software environment.

3. SERVICE

3.1 Direct Access allows CLECs access to **SBC-12STATE**'s Directory Assistance (DA) database (which includes residence, business, and government listings) for the sole purpose of providing DA to CLEC's End User. This service shall allow the CLEC to obtain listed name, address, zip code and telephone numbers, except that access to non-published telephone numbers or other information that the customer has asked to make unavailable is not allowed, with the exception of customer name and address **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLECs nondiscriminatory access to the same directory listing information available to its own directory assistance operators.

3.2 Where technically feasible and/or available, CLEC may receive Direct Access from **SBC-12STATE**'s host switches via a CLEC Nortel DMS200 TOPS Host Switch, a LUCENT 5ESS OSPS switch or any other Operator assistance switch type with Call Processing Data Link (CDPL). CDPL is a proprietary, licensable interface that utilizes a standard format message protocol for transport of messages between Nortel Directory One Call Control and a switching entity. CPDL provides the protocol by which the CLEC switch may provide auto and offer DACC.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SBC-12STATE

4.1 **SBC-12STATE** shall provide and maintain its own Directory Assistance platform equipment to furnish DA services to CLEC for all **SBC-12STATE** listings.

4.2 **SBC-12STATE** shall provide DA listings to CLEC from its current DA records and in accordance with **SBC-12STATE**'s methods, practices, and procedures.

4.3 **SBC-12STATE** shall provide CLEC access to the same listing information that is available to its own operators.

4.4 **SBC-12STATE** shall maintain the same level of system performance for CLEC as it provides to itself.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLEC

5.1 CLEC shall submit requests for Direct Access in writing to **SBC-12STATE**. Requests for Direct Access will be pursuant to the Individual Case Basis (ICB) Process as outlined in the attached procedures.

5.2 When CLEC utilizes a switch other than those specified in TR-BX.25, the CLEC must obtain CPDL/D1 certification of their switch from NORTEL. The CLEC shall bear all costs of obtaining any vendor certification including payment of any applicable vendor license fees. **SBC-7STATE** shall supply Nortel D1 hardware and software; i.e., two (2) ADAX cards per 9,000 Busy Hour calls. **SBC-7STATE** shall bear the cost of this hardware and software, but the CLEC will be responsible for Engineering, Furnish and Installation charges.

5.2.1 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** – The IBM RISC 6000 does not support the CDPL technology.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH PARTIES

6.1 The CLEC providing the circuit between CLEC's office and **SBC-12STATE**'s office shall make such circuits available for use in connection with the DA services covered herein. When the total traffic exceeds the capability of the existing circuits, additional circuits will be provided by the CLEC.

6.2 Where applicable, if additional ADAX cards and ASN Routers (with sync and token ring cards) are necessary, they will be provided by **SBC-12STATE**, and CLEC will reimburse **SBC-12STATE** for the cost, plus Engineering, Furnish and Installation.

7. LIABILITY

7.1 The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions of the Agreement shall govern performance under this Appendix CLEC also agrees to release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless **SBC-12STATE** from any claim, demand or suit that asserts any infringement or invasion of privacy or confidentiality of any person or persons caused or claimed to be caused, directly, or indirectly, by **SBC-12STATE** employees and equipment associated with provision of the DA Services. This provision includes but is not limited to suits arising from disclosure of the telephone number, address, or name associated with the telephone called or the telephone used to call the DA Services.

8. BILLING

8.1 **SBC-12STATE** - For information regarding billing, non-payment, disconnection, and dispute resolution, see the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

9. USE OF SUBSCRIBER LISTING INFORMATION

9.1 CLEC is authorized to use the subscriber listing information accessed and provided pursuant to this Appendix for the sole purpose of providing local DA for its own End User customers.

10. ASSIGNMENT

10.1 The subscriber listing information accessed shall remain the property of **SBC-12STATE**. CLEC shall not download, store, print or otherwise extract the DA listing information made available through Direct Access nor shall the CLEC authorize any other company or any person to use any subscriber listing information for any purpose. Each party shall take appropriate measures to guard against any unauthorized use of the listings provided to it hereunder, whether by the other party, its agents or employees.

11. TERM OF CONTRACT AND RATE STRUCTURE

11.1 Upon CLEC's request, and pursuant to the terms and conditions herein, **SBC-12STATE** will set rates and other appropriate criteria for provision of Direct Access to CLEC pursuant to the ICB process.

11.2 The following types of rates shall apply to Direct Access.

11.2.1 Service Establishment

11.2.1.1 CLEC shall pay a Direct Access Service Establishment Charge (a non-recurring charge) applied at the time a CLEC orders Direct Access.

11.2.2 Direct Access Database Service

11.2.2.1 CLEC shall pay a monthly recurring charge for Direct Access Database Service which provides for database security and administration and ongoing support.

11.2.3 Direct Access Per Search

11.2.3.1 Where applicable, CLEC shall pay a Direct Access Per Search charge for each CLEC subscriber listing search queried from **SBC-12STATE**'s listing

12. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

12.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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APPENDIX DA
(DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICE)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Directory Assistance (DA) Services for switched-based CLEC's or CLEC's leasing unbundled switched-ports as provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

1.2 **SBC Communications Inc**. **(SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

1.3 **SBC-2STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

1.4 **SBC-4STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

1.5 **SBC-7STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA,** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA,** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS -** As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA –** As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.

1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS -** As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

1.14 **SBC INDIANA -** As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN -** As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.

1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.17 **SBC MISSOURI -** As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.

1.18 **SBC NEVADA -** As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

1.19 **SBC OHIO -** As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA -** As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.

1.21 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.23 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.

1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN -** As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2. SERVICES

2.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** will provide the following DA Services:

2.1.1 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (DA)

2.1.1.1 Consists of providing subscriber listing information (address, and published telephone number or an indication of "non-published status") for the home NPA and/or local/intraLATA serving area where available to CLEC's End Users who dial 411, 1/0+411, 555-1212, 1/0+555-1212, or 1/0+NPA-555-1212 or other dialing arrangement.

2.1.2 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE CALL COMPLETION (DACC) or Express Call Completion (ECC)

2.1.2.1 A service in which a local or an intraLATA call to the requested number is completed on behalf of CLEC's End User, utilizing an automated voice system or with operator assistance.

2.1.3 NATIONAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (NDA)

2.1.3.1 **SBC-10STATE/SBC CALIFORNIA** - A service whereby end users may request directory assistance information outside their LATA **or** Home NPA for a listed telephone number for residential, business and government accounts throughout the 50 states.

2.1.3.2 **SBC NEVADA/SBC SNET** – NDA is not technically feasible and/or available.

2.1.4 BUSINESS CATEGORY SEARCH (BCS)

2.1.4.1 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE –** A service which will provide CLEC End Users the ability to request business telephone number listings for a specified category of business, when the name of the business is not known. Telephone numbers may be requested for local and national businesses.

2.1.4.2 **SBC-2STATE/SBC SNET** – BCS is not available.

2.1.5 REVERSE DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (RDA)

2.1.5.1 **SBC-10 STATE/SBC CALIFORNIA – An informational service.** Consists of providing listed local and national name and address information associated with a telephone number that a CLEC End Users provides.

2.1.5.2 **SBC NEVADA/SBC SNET -** RDA is not technically feasible and/or available.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 The following terms are defined as set forth below:

3.1.1 "**Non-List Telephone Number or DA only Telephone Number" -** A telephone number that, at the request of the telephone subscriber, is not published in a telephone directory, but is available from a DA operator.

3.1.2 "**Non-Published Number"** - A telephone number that, at the request of the telephone subscriber, is neither published in a telephone directory nor available from a DA operator.

3.1.3 "**Published Number" -** A telephone number that is published in a telephone directory and is available upon request by calling a DA operator.

4. CALL BRANDING

4.1 Call Branding is the procedure of identifying a provider's name audibly and distinctly to the End User at the beginning of each DA Services call.

4.1.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** will brand DA in CLEC's name based upon the criteria outlined below:

4.1.1.1 Where **SBC-12STATE** provides CLEC Operator Services (OS) and DA services via the same trunk, both the OS and DA calls will be branded with the same brand. Where **SBC-12STATE** is only providing DA service on behalf of the CLEC, the calls will be branded.

4.1.1.1.1 **SBC SNET** – Where **SBC SNET** provides Operator Services (OS) and DA services on behalf of CLEC, the CLEC must provide separate trunk groups for OS and DA. Each trunk group will require separate branding announcements. Where **SBC SNET** is only providing DA service on behalf of the CLEC, the CLEC's calls will be branded.

4.1.1.2 CLEC name used in branding calls may be subject to Commission regulations and should match the name in which CLEC is doing business.

4.1.1.3 **SBC-13STATE -** CLEC will provide written specifications of its company name to be used by **SBC-13STATE** to create the CLEC's specific branding announcement for its DA calls in accordance with the process outlined in the Operator Services OS/DA Questionnaire (OSQ).

4.1.1.4 A CLEC purchasing **SBC-13STATE** unbundled local switching is responsible for maintaining CLEC's End User customer records in **SBC-13STATE** Line Information Database (LIDB) as described in Appendix LIDB. CLEC's failure to properly administer customer records in LIDB may result in branding errors.

4.1.1.5 Branding Load Charges:

4.1.1.5.1 **SBC SOUTHWWEST REGION 5-STATE -** An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch, for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement. In addition, a per call charge applies for every DA call handled by **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** on behalf of CLEC when such services are provided in conjunction with the purchase of **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** unbundled local switching.

4.1.1.5.2 **SBC-2STATE –** An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch, for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

4.1.1.5.3 **SBC SNET** – An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per load, per Operator assistance switch for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per load, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

4.1.1.5.4 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE –** An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator Assistance Switch, per trunk group for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. In addition, a per call charge applies for every DA call handled by **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** on behalf of CLEC when such services are provided in conjunction with the purchase of **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** unbundled local switching. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator assistance switch, per trunk group for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

4.1.1.5.5 Silent branding has the same requirements and rates as the audible brand as addressed in 4.1.1.5.

5. DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (DA) REFERENCE/RATER INFORMATION

5.1 Reference/Rater Information are SBC databases referenced by an SBC Operator for CLEC DA specific information as provided by the CLEC such as it's business office, repair and DA rates.

5.1.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC DA Reference/Rater information based upon the criteria outlined below:

5.1.1.1 CLEC will furnish DA Reference and Rater -information in accordance with the process outlined in the Operator Services Questionnaire (OSQ).

5.1.1.2 CLEC will inform **SBC-12STATE** via the Operator Services Questionnaire (OSQ) of any changes to be made to Reference/Rater information.

5.1.1.3 An initial non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for loading of CLEC's DA Reference/Rater information. An additional non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to either the CLEC's DA Services Reference or Rater -information.

5.1.1.4 Where technically feasible and/or available, when an **SBC-12STATE** Operator receives a rate request from a CLEC End User, **SBC-12STATE** will quote the applicable DA rates as provided by CLEC or as otherwise defined below.

5.1.1.5 **SBC SNET**- until technically feasible and/or available, when a **SBC SNET** Operator receives a rate request from a CLEC end user, **SBC SNET** will quote the surcharge rate only.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

6.1 CLEC agrees that due to customer quality and work force scheduling, **SBC-13STATE** will be the sole provider of DA Services for CLEC's local serving area(s) for a minimum of a one (1) year period.

6.2 CLEC will be responsible for providing the equipment and facilities necessary for signaling and routing calls with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) to each **SBC-13STATE** Operator assistance switch. Should CLEC seek to obtain interexchange DA Service from **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC is responsible for ordering the necessary facilities under the appropriate interstate or intrastate Access Service Tariffs. Nothing in this Agreement in any way changes the manner in which an interexchange Carrier obtains access service for the purpose of originating or terminating interexchange traffic.

6.3 Facilities necessary for the provision of DA Services shall be provided by the Parties hereto, using standard trunk traffic engineering procedures to insure that the objective grade of service is met. Each Party shall bear the costs for its own facilities and equipment.

6.4 CLEC will furnish to **SBC-13STATE** a completed OSQ thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the date when the DA Services are to be undertaken.

6.5 CLEC will provide **SBC-13STATE** updates to the OSQ fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of the date when changes are to become effective.

6.6 CLEC will send the DA listing records to **SBC-13STATE** for inclusion in **SBC-13STATE** DA database via electronic gateway as described in Appendix WP.

6.7 CLEC agrees that **SBC-13STATE** may utilize CLEC's End User's listings contained in **SBC-13STATE** directory assistance database in providing existing and future **SBC-13STATE** directory assistance or DA related services.

6.8 CLEC further agrees that **SBC-13STATE** can release CLEC's directory assistance listings stored in **SBC-13STATE** directory assistance database to competing providers.

7. METHODS AND PRACTICES

7.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide DA Services to CLEC's End Users in accordance with **SBC-13STATE** DA methods and practices that are in effect at the time the DA call is made, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties.

8. PRICING

8.1 The prices at which **SBC-13STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with Directory Assistance Services are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

8.2 Beyond the specified term of this Appendix, **SBC-13STATE** may change the prices for the provision of DA Services upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days' notice to CLEC.

9. MONTHLY BILLING

9.1 For information regarding billing, non-payment, disconnection, and dispute resolution, see the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

9.2 **SBC-13STATE** will accumulate and provide CLEC such data as necessary for CLEC to bill its End Users.

10. LIABILITY

10.1 The provisions set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, including but not limited to those relating to limitation of liability and indemnification, shall govern performance under this Appendix.

10.2 CLEC also agrees to release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless **SBC-13STATE** from any claim, demand or suit that asserts any infringement or invasion of privacy or confidentiality of any person or

persons caused or claimed to be caused, directly, or indirectly, by **SBC-13STATE** employees and equipment associated with provision of DA Services, including but not limited to suits arising from disclosure of the telephone number, address, or name associated with the telephone called or the telephone used to call DA Services.

11. TERMS OF APPENDIX

11.1 This Appendix will continue in force for the length of the Interconnection Agreement, but no less than twelve (12) months. At the expiration of the term of the Interconnection Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, or twelve months, which ever occurs later, either Party may terminate this Appendix upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days written notice to the other Party.

11.2 If CLEC terminates this Appendix prior to the expiration of the term of this Appendix, CLEC shall pay **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, within thirty (30) days of the issuance of any bills by **SBC-13STATE**, all amounts due for actual services provided under this Appendix, plus estimated monthly charges for the unexpired portion of the term. Estimated charges will be based on an average of the actual monthly service provided by **SBC-13STATE** pursuant to this Appendix prior to its termination.

12. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

12.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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(LOCAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE LISTINGS)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for which Parties agrees to license its subscriber listing information applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

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1.25 The prices at which **SBC-13STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with Directory Assistance Listing (DAL) are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

2. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** will provide Directory Assistance (listing information referred to as Directory Assistance Listing (DAL) in **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, Directory Assistance Listing Information Service (DALIS) in SBC California and Dialing Parity Directory Listings in **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** (herein after collectively referred to as DAL):

2.1.1 **SBC-13STATE** owns and maintains the database containing directory assistance listing information (name, address and published telephone number, or an indication of "non-published status") of telephone subscribers.

2.1.2 **SBC-13STATE** uses the directory assistance listing information in its database to provide directory assistance (DA) service to End Users who call **SBC-13STATE**'s DA to obtain such information.

2.1.3 Inasmuch as **SBC-13STATE** provides DA service under contract for Independent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) and Competitive Local Exchange Carriers, (CLECs), **SBC-13STATE**'s database also contains directory assistance listing information for other ILEC and CLEC End Users.

2.1.4 CLEC, or its agent, wishes to provide DA service to CLEC's End Users located in the CLEC's service area, and therefore, wishes to load its database with directory assistance listings contained in **SBC-13STATE**'s DA database.

2.1.5 **SBC-13STATE** agrees to license requested directory assistance listing information contained in its database, under the following terms and conditions:

2.1.5.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall license its directory assistance listing information as defined in Exhibit A.

2.1.5.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide directory assistance listing information in a mutually acceptable format.

2.1.5.3 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide directory assistance listing information to CLEC via a mutually acceptable mode of transmission. Once the mode of transmission has been determined, **SBC13-STATE** will provide to CLEC the initial load of directory assistance listing information in a mutually agreed upon timeframe.

2.2 Use of Directory Assistance Listing Information

2.2.1 CLEC may use the directory assistance listing information licensed and provided pursuant to this Appendix in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules including any subsequent decision by the FCC or a court regarding the use of directory assistance listings.

2.2.2 Upon termination of the Agreement, CLEC shall cease using, for any purpose whatsoever, the directory assistance listing information provided hereunder by **SBC-13STATE**, and shall extract and expunge all copies or any portions thereof from files and records and provide a certification from an officer of the company that all actions have been performed.

2.2.3 In the event a telephone service subscriber has a "non-published" listing, a "non-published" classification will be identified in lieu of the telephone number information and will be considered part of the Listing Information. The last name, first name, street number, street name, community, and zip code will be provided as part of the Listing Information. The information provided for non-published customers can only be used for two purposes. First, the non-published status may be added to the listing in CLEC's database for the sole purpose of adding/correcting the non-published status of the listings in the database. Second, addresses for non-published customers may be used for verification purposes. If a caller provides the address for a requested listing, CLEC may verify the listing by matching the caller-provided address with the address in CLEC's dates. CLEC may not provide the address information of a requested listing of a non-published subscriber to a caller under any circumstances. CLEC can notify the customer that the requested listing is non-published.

3. ASSIGNMENT

3.1 The directory assistance listings provided by SBC shall remain the property of **SBC-13STATE**. CLEC, or its third-party DA provider/agent, shall take appropriate measures at least equal to the measures CLEC uses for its own listings to guard against any unauthorized use of the listings provided to it hereunder.

4. BREACH OF CONTRACT

4.1 In the event a Party is found to have materially breached this Appendix, such breach shall be remedied immediately and the non-breaching Party shall have the right to terminate the breaching party's license, without terminating its own rights hereunder, upon fourteen (14) calendar days notice, until the other Party's breach is remedied. Further should CLEC breach this agreement, it shall immediately cease use of **SBC-13STATE**'s directory assistance listing information.

5. LIABILITY

5.1 **SBC-13STATE** makes no express or implied warranties whatsoever regarding the accuracy of the directory assistance listing information provided to CLEC. CLEC agrees to accept the directory assistance listing information on an "as-is" basis with all faults, errors and omissions, if any. **SBC-13STATE** makes no warranty, expressed or implied, with respect to any listings or the information contained therein, including but not limited to warranties for merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

5.2 CLEC hereby releases **SBC-13STATE** from any and all liability for damages due to errors or omissions in the directory assistance listing information provided under this Appendix, or by reason of delay in providing the directory assistance listing information, including, but not limited to, special, indirect, consequential, punitive or incidental damages.

5.3 CLEC shall indemnify, protect, save harmless and defend **SBC-13STATE** (or **SBC-13STATE**'s officers, employees, agents, assigns and representatives) from and against any and all losses, liability, damages and expense arising out of any demand, claim, suit or judgment by a third party in any way related to **SBC-13STATE** Appendix, and every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement or any other appendices or attachments to this Agreement which are supplying directory assistance listing information, or any actual error or omission. CLEC shall so indemnify regardless of whether the demand, claim or suit by the third party is brought jointly against CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**, and/or against **SBC-13STATE** alone. However, if such demand, claim or suit specifically alleges that an error or omission appears in DA listing information, **SBC-13STATE** may, at its option, assume and undertake its own defense, or assist in the defense of CLEC, in which event CLEC shall reimburse **SBC-13STATE** for reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses incurred by it in handling and defending such demand, claim and/or suit. CLEC shall not enter into any settlement of any such demand, claim or suit without the prior written consent of **SBC-13STATE**.

6. TERM OF APPENDIX

6.1 This Appendix will continue in force for the length of the Interconnection Agreement, but no less than twelve (12) months. At the expiration of the term of the Interconnection Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, or twelve (12) months, whichever occurs later either Party may terminate this Appendix upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar day's written notice to the other Party.

7. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

7.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

ATTACHMENT "A"

(Listings are extracted by WPDC and listed by the Customer Customized Order Below)

State	Directory Name	WPDC	NPA	Res Count	Bus Count	Res/Bus Count	Total Number of Listings

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APPENDIX 911

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PROVIDING CONNECTION TO E911 UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY NUMBER SERVICE

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2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **"911 Trunk"** means a trunk capable of transmitting Automatic Number Identification (ANI) associated with a call to 911 from CLEC's End Office to the E911 system.

2.2 **"Automatic Location Identification" or "ALI"** means the automatic display at the PSAP of the caller's telephone number, the address/location of the telephone and, in some cases, supplementary emergency services information.

2.3 **"Automatic Number Identification" or "ANI"** means the telephone number associated with the access line from which a call to 911 originates.

2.4 **"Company Identifier" or "Company ID"** means a three to five (3 to 5) character identifier chosen by the Local Exchange Carrier that distinguishes the entity providing dial tone to the End-User. The Company Identifier is maintained by NENA in a nationally accessible database.

2.5 **"Database Management System" or "DBMS"** means a system of manual procedures and computer programs used to create, store and update the data required to provide Selective Routing and/or Automatic Location Identification for 911 systems.

2.6 **"E911 Customer"** means a municipality or other state or local government unit, or an authorized agent of one or more municipalities or other state or local government units to whom authority has been lawfully delegated to respond to public emergency telephone calls, at a minimum, for emergency police and fire services through the use of one telephone number, 911.

2.7 **"E911 Universal Emergency Number Service" (also referred to as "Expanded 911 Service" or "Enhanced 911 Service")** or **"E911 Service"** means a telephone exchange communications service whereby a public safety answering point (PSAP) answers telephone calls placed by dialing the number 911. E911 includes the service provided by the lines and equipment associated with the service arrangement for the answering, transferring, and dispatching of public emergency telephone calls dialed to 911. E911 provides completion of a call to 911 via dedicated trunking facilities and includes Automatic Number Identification (ANI), Automatic Location Identification (ALI), and/or Selective Routing (SR).

2.8 **"Emergency Services"** means police, fire, ambulance, rescue, and medical services.

2.9 **"Emergency Service Number" or "ESN"** means a three to five digit number representing a unique combination of emergency service agencies (Law Enforcement, Fire, and Emergency Medical Service) designated to serve a specific range of addresses within a particular geographical area. The ESN facilitates selective routing and selective transfer, if required, to the appropriate PSAP and the dispatching of the proper service agency (ies).

2.10 **"National Emergency Number Association" or "NENA"** means the National Emergency Number Association is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1982 to further the goal of "One Nation-One Number". NENA is a networking source and promotes research, planning, and training. NENA strives to educate, set standards and provide certification programs, legislative representation and technical assistance for implementing and managing 911 systems.

2.11 **"Public Safety Answering Point" or "PSAP"** means an answering location for 911 calls originating in a given area. The E911 Customer may designate a PSAP as primary or secondary, which refers to the order in which calls are directed for answering. Primary PSAPs answer calls; secondary PSAPs receive calls on a transfer basis. PSAPs are public safety agencies such as police, fire, emergency medical, etc., or a common bureau serving a group of such entities.

2.12 **"Selective Routing" and "Selective Router" or "SR"** means the routing and equipment used to route a call to 911 to the proper PSAP based upon the number and location of the caller. Selective routing is controlled by an ESN, which is derived from the location of the access line from which the 911 call was placed.

3. SBC-13STATE RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide and maintain such equipment at the E911 SR and the DBMS as is necessary to perform the E911 services set forth herein when **SBC-13STATE** is the 911 Service Provider. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide 911 Service to CLEC as described this section in a particular Rate Center in which CLEC is authorized to provide local telephone exchange service and **SBC-13STATE** is the 911 Service Provider. This shall include the following:

3.2 Call Routing

3.2.1 **SBC-13STATE** will switch 911 calls through the SR to the designated primary PSAP or to designated alternate locations, according to routing criteria specified by the PSAP.

3.2.2 **SBC-13STATE** will forward the calling party number (ANI) it receives from CLEC and the associated 911 Address Location Identification (ALI) to the PSAP for display. If no ANI is forwarded by CLEC, **SBC-13STATE** will forward an Emergency Service Central Office (ESCO) identification code for display at the PSAP. If ANI is forwarded by the CLEC, but no ANI record is found in the E911 DBMS, **SBC-13-STATE** will report this "No Record Found" condition to the CLEC in accordance with NENA standards.

3.3 Facilities and Trunking

3.3.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide and maintain sufficient dedicated E911 trunks from **SBC-13STATE**'s SR to the PSAP of the E911 Customer, according to provisions of the appropriate state Commission-approved tariff and documented specifications of the E911 Customer.

3.3.2 **SBC-13STATE** will provide facilities to interconnect the CLEC, as specified in the local state tariff. Additionally, when diverse facilities are requested by CLEC, **SBC-13STATE** will provide such diversity where technically feasible, at standard local state tariff rates.

3.3.3 Upon written request by CLEC, **SBC-13STATE** shall, in a timely fashion, provide CLEC with a description of the geographic area (or Rate Center) and PSAPs served by the E911 SR based upon the standards set forth in the May 1997 NENA Recommended Standards for Local Service Provider Interconnection Information Sharing, or any subsequent revision(s) thereto.

3.3.4 **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC will cooperate to promptly test all trunks and facilities between CLEC's network and the **SBC-13STATE** SR(s).

3.4 Database

3.4.1 Where **SBC-13STATE** manages the E911 database, **SBC-13STATE** shall store the CLEC's End User 911 Records [that is, the name, address, and associated telephone number(s) for each of CLEC's End Users served by CLEC's exchange(s)] in the electronic data processing database for the E911 DBMS. CLEC or its representative(s) is responsible for electronically providing End User 911 Records and updating this information.

3.4.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall coordinate access to the **SBC-13STATE** E911 DBMS for the initial loading and updating of CLEC End User 911 Records.

3.4.3 **SBC-13STATE**'s ALI database shall accept electronically transmitted files that are based upon NENA standards. Manual entry shall be allowed only in the event that DBMS is not functioning properly.

3.4.4 **SBC-13STATE** will update CLEC's End User 911 Records in the E911 DBMS. **SBC-13STATE** will then provide CLEC an error and status report. This report will be provided in a timely fashion and in accordance with the methods and procedures described in the documentation to be provided to the CLEC.

3.4.5 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide the CLEC with a file containing the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) for the CLEC's respective exchanges or communities. The MSAG will be provided on a routine basis but only for those areas where CLEC is authorized to do business as a local exchange service provider and **SBC-13STATE** is the 911 service provider.

3.4.6 Where **SBC-13STATE** manages the DBMS, **SBC-13STATE** shall establish a process for the management of NPA splits by populating the DBMS with the appropriate NPA codes.

4. CLEC RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Call Routing

4.1.1 CLEC will transport 911 calls from each point of interconnection (POI) to the **SBC-13STATE** SR office of the E911 system, where **SBC-13STATE** is the 911 Service Provider.

4.1.2 CLEC will forward the ANI information of the party calling 911 to the **SBC-13STATE** 911 Selective Router.

4.2 Facilities and Trunking

4.2.1 CLEC shall provide interconnection with each **SBC-13STATE** 911 Selective Router that serves the exchange areas in which CLEC is authorized to and will provide telephone exchange service.

4.2.2 CLEC acknowledges that its End Users in a single local calling scope may be served by different SRs and CLEC shall be responsible for providing facilities to route 911 calls from its End Users to the proper E911 SR.

4.2.3 CLEC shall provide a minimum of two (2) one-way outgoing E911 trunk(s) dedicated for originating 911 emergency service calls from the point of interconnection (POI) to each **SBC-13STATE** 911 Selective Router, where applicable. Where SS7 connectivity is available and required by the applicable 911 Customer, the Parties agree to implement Common Channel Signaling trunking rather than CAMA MF trunking.

4.2.4 In **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** only, the CLEC is responsible for providing a separate 911 trunk group for each county or other geographic area that it serves if the 911 Customer for such county or geographic area has a specified varying default routing condition. In addition, 911 traffic originating in one (1) NPA (area code) must be transmitted over a separate 911 trunk group from 911 traffic originating in any other NPA (area code) 911.

4.2.5 CLEC shall maintain transport capacity sufficient to route traffic over trunks between the CLEC switch and the **SBC-13STATE** SR.

4.2.6 CLEC shall provide sufficient trunking and facilities to route CLEC's originating 911 calls to the designated **SBC-13STATE** 911 SR. CLEC is responsible for requesting that trunking and facilities be routed diversely for 911 connectivity.

4.2.7 CLEC is responsible for determining the proper quantity of trunks and facilities from its switch(es) to the **SBC-13STATE** 911 SR.

4.2.8 CLEC shall engineer its 911 trunks to attain a minimum P.01 grade of service as measured using the "busy day/busy hour" criteria or, if higher, at such other minimum grade of service as required by Applicable Law or duly authorized Governmental Authority.

4.2.9 CLEC shall monitor its 911 circuits for the purpose of determining originating network traffic volumes. If CLEC's traffic study indicates that additional circuits are needed to meet the current level of 911 call volumes, CLEC shall request additional circuits from **SBC-13STATE**.

4.2.10 CLEC will cooperate with **SBC-13STATE** to promptly test all 911 trunks and facilities between CLEC's network and the **SBC-13STATE** 911 Selective Router(s) to assure proper functioning of 911 service. CLEC agrees that it will not pass live 911 traffic until successful testing is completed by both parties.

4.2.11 CLEC is responsible for the isolation, coordination and restoration of all 911 network maintenance problems to CLEC's demarcation (for example, collocation). **SBC-13STATE** will be responsible for the coordination and restoration of all 911 network maintenance problems beyond the demarcation (for example, collocation). CLEC is responsible for advising **SBC-13STATE** of the circuit identification and the fact that the circuit is a 911 circuit when notifying **SBC-13STATE** of a failure or outage. The Parties agree to work cooperatively and expeditiously to resolve any 911 outage. **SBC-13STATE** will refer network trouble to CLEC if no defect is found in **SBC-13STATE**'s 911 network. The Parties agree that 911 network problem resolution will be managed expeditiously at all times.

4.3 Database

4.3.1 Once E911 trunking has been established and tested between CLEC's End Office and all appropriate SR, CLEC or its representatives shall be responsible for providing CLEC's End User 911 Records to **SBC-13STATE** for inclusion in **SBC-13STATE**'s DBMS on a timely basis. **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC shall arrange for the automated input and periodic updating of CLEC's End User 911 Records.

4.3.2 CLEC or its agent shall provide initial and ongoing updates of CLEC's End User 911 Records that are MSAG-valid in electronic format based upon established NENA standards.

4.3.3 CLEC shall adopt use of a Company ID on all CLEC End User 911 Records in accordance with NENA standards. The Company ID is used to identify the carrier of record in facility configurations.

4.3.4 CLEC is responsible for providing **SBC-13STATE** updates to the ALI database; in addition, CLEC is responsible for correcting any errors that may occur during the entry of their data to the **SBC-13STATE** 911 DBMS.

4.3.5 The CLEC shall reimburse **SBC-13STATE** for any additional database charges incurred by **SBC-13STATE** for errors in ALI data updates caused by CLEC or its third-party agent.

4.3.6 CLEC shall be solely responsible for providing test records and conducting call-through testing on all new exchanges.

4.4 Other

4.4.1 CLEC is responsible for collecting from its End Users and remitting to the appropriate municipality or other governmental entity any applicable 911 surcharges assessed on the local service provider and/or End Users by any municipality or other governmental entity within whose boundaries the CLEC provides local exchange service.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH PARTIES

5.1 Jointly coordinate the provisioning of transport capacity sufficient to route originating 911 calls from the CLEC's POI to the designated **SBC-13STATE** 911 Selective Router(s).

6. METHODS AND PRACTICES

6.1 With respect to all matters covered by this Appendix, each Party will comply with all of the following to the extent that they apply to E911 Service: (i) all FCC and applicable state Commission rules and regulations, (ii) any requirements imposed by any Governmental Authority other than a Commission, (iii) the terms and conditions of **SBC-13STATE**'s Commission-ordered tariff(s) and (iv) the principles expressed in the recommended standards published by NENA.

6.2 **SBC-13STATE** will adhere to the March 1997 NENA recommended Standards for Local Service Providers relating to provision of dedicated trunks from the End User's End Office Switch to **SBC-13STATE**'s Selective Routing. **SBC-13STATE** will only exceed the NENA recommended Minimum Trunking Requirements for such trunks under extenuating circumstances and with the prior written approval of the public safety entity that is the E911 Customer as defined in Section 2.6.

7. CONTINGENCY

7.1 The terms and conditions of this Appendix represent a negotiated plan for providing E911 Service.

7.2 The Parties agree that the E911 Service is provided for the use of the E911 Customer, and recognize the authority of the E911 Customer to establish service specifications and grant final approval (or denial) of service configurations offered by **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC. These specifications shall be documented in Exhibit I, CLEC Serving Area Description and E911 Interconnection Details. CLEC shall complete its portion of Exhibit I and submit it to **SBC-13STATE** not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the passing of live traffic. **SBC-13STATE** shall complete its portion of Exhibit I and return Exhibit I to CLEC not later than thirty (30) days prior to the passing of live traffic.

7.3 CLEC must obtain documentation of approval of the completed Exhibit I from the appropriate E911 Customer(s) that have jurisdiction in the area(s) in which CLEC's End Users are located CLEC shall provide documentation of all requisite approval(s) to **SBC-13STATE** prior to use of CLEC's E911 connection for actual emergency calls.

7.4 Each Party has designated a representative who has the authority to complete additional Exhibit(s) I to this Appendix when necessary to accommodate expansion of the geographic area of CLEC into the jurisdiction of additional PSAP(s) or to increase the number of CAMA trunks. CLEC must obtain approval of each additional Exhibit I, as set forth in Section 7.2, and shall furnish documentation of all requisite approval(s) of each additional Exhibit I in accordance with Section 7.2.

7.5 In **SBC-2STATE**, and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**; the state specific forms shall be submitted in lieu of the Exhibit 1 referenced in Sections 7.1, 7.2 and 7.4 hereof.

8. BASIS OF COMPENSATION

8.1 Rates for access to E911 Services are set forth in **SBC-13STATE**'s Appendix Pricing or applicable state Commission-approved tariff.

8.2 Charges shall begin on the date that E911 Service is turned on for live traffic.

9. LIABILITY

9.1 **SBC-13STATE**'s liability and potential damages, if any, for its gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct, is not limited by any provision of this Appendix. **SBC-13STATE** shall not be liable to CLEC, its End Users or its E911 calling parties or any other parties or persons for any Loss arising out of the provision of E911 Service or any errors, interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of E911 Service, including any and all equipment and data processing systems associated therewith. Damages arising out of such interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of the system after **SBC-13STATE** has been notified and has had reasonable time to repair, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to any charges made for the service affected for the period following notice from CLEC until service is restored.

9.2 CLEC's liability and potential damages, if any, for its gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct is not limited by any provision of this Appendix. In the event CLEC provides E911 Service to **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC shall not be liable to **SBC-13STATE**, its End Users or its E911 calling parties or any other parties or persons for any Loss arising out of the provision of E911 Service or any errors, interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of E911 Service, including any and all equipment and data processing systems associated therewith. Damages arising out of such interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of the system after CLEC has been notified and has had reasonable time to repair, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to any charges made for the service affected for the period following notice from **SBC-13STATE** until service is restored.

9.3 CLEC agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless **SBC-13STATE** from any and all Loss arising out of **SBC-13STATE**'s provision of E911 Service hereunder or out of CLEC's End Users' use of the E911 Service, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by CLEC, its End Users, or by any other parties or persons, for any personal injury or death of any person or persons, or for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, whether owned by CLEC, its End Users or others, unless the act or omission proximately causing the Loss constitutes gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of **SBC-13STATE**.

9.4 CLEC also agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless **SBC-13STATE** from any and all Loss involving an allegation of the infringement or invasion of the right of privacy or confidentiality of any person or persons, caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, occasion or use of the E911 Service features and the equipment associated therewith, including by not limited to the identification of the telephone number, address or name associated with the telephone used by the party or parties accessing E911 Service provided hereunder, unless the act or omission proximately causing the Loss constitutes the gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of **SBC-13STATE**.

10. MUTUALITY

10.1 CLEC agrees that to the extent it offers the type of services covered by this Appendix to any company, that should **SBC-13STATE** request such services, CLEC will provide such services to **SBC-13STATE** under terms and conditions comparable to the terms and conditions contained in this Appendix.

11. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

11.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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APPENDIX MERGER CONDITIONS

1. MERGER CONDITIONS

1.1 For purposes of this Appendix only, **SBC-13STATE** is defined as one of the following ILECs, as appropriate, in those geographic areas where the referenced SBC-owned Company is the ILEC: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

1.1.1 **SBC-2STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

1.1.2 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.1.3 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.1.4 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.1.5 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.3 The Parties agree to abide by and incorporate by reference into this Appendix the FCC Merger Conditions to the extent that particular conditions have not yet terminated (sunset) and which are specifically addressed herein or relate to any provisions set forth herein.

1.4 Each of the obligations set forth in this Appendix terminates the earlier of: (1) the date this Agreement itself terminates without reference to this Appendix; or (2) the date such obligation terminates under the FCC Merger Conditions.

2. DEFINED TERMS; DATES OF REFERENCE

2.1 Unless otherwise defined in this Appendix, capitalized terms shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix and in the FCC Merger Conditions.

2.2 For purposes of calculating the intervals set forth in the FCC Merger Conditions concerning carrier to carrier promotions:

2.2.1 the Merger Closing Date is October 8, 1999; and

2.2.2 the Offering Window begins November 7, 1999.

2.3 "FCC Merger Conditions" means the Conditions for FCC Order Approving SBC/Ameritech Merger, CC Docket No. 98-141.

3. PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNTS ON UNBUNDLED LOCAL LOOPS USED FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

3.1 The promotional discount on monthly recurring charges for unbundled local loops used in the provision of local service to residential end user customers ("Local Loops Discount") has sunset (terminated) in **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC SNET.** Consequently, such discount is not available to any CLEC who did not have an approved and effective FCC Merger Conditions Appendix in each of its Agreements with **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** or **SBC SNET** that provided for such Local Loops Discount before the sunset date in each of the respective **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC SNET** states. Thus, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Appendix or Agreement, with respect to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and/or **SBC SNET,** in the event that any other telecommunications carrier should adopt provisions in this Appendix or Agreement pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act , or otherwise obtains this Appendix, the CLEC shall not be entitled to this Local Loops Discount unless the CLEC: (1) had an approved and effective FCC Merger Conditions Appendix in each of its Agreements with **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** or **SBC SNET** that provided for this Local Loops Discount before the sunset date in each of the respective **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** or **SBC SNET** states; and (2) even then, only with respect to those unbundled local loops that were ordered by the Adopting CLEC during the Offering Window for this Local Loops Discount that has/had a requested installation date of no later than thirty (30) days after the date the Offering Window closed for the particular state pursuant to Paragraph 46.a of the FCC Merger Conditions.

3.2 With respect to any CLEC that had an approved and effective FCC Merger Conditions Appendix in its Interconnection Agreement with **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** or **SBC SNET** that provided for such Local Loops Discount before the sunset date in each respective **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** or **SBC SNET** state, such CLEC shall continue to receive this promotional discount only for those unbundled local loops that were ordered by CLEC while the Offering Window for this Local Loops Discount was still in effect, and that had a requested installation date of no later than thirty (30) days after the date the Offering Window closed for the particular state pursuant to Paragraph 46.a of the FCC Merger Conditions. Any unbundled local loops ordered after the date the Offering Window closed in the state at issue shall not be eligible for the Local Loops Discount.

3.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Appendix or Agreement, **SBC-13STATE** is under no obligation to provide a Local Loops Discount outside the "Promotional Period" as defined in paragraph 46.c of the Merger Conditions, which provides that the Promotional Period "shall be a period of 36 months from the date a qualifying unbundled local loop [was] installed and operational, or the period during which the loop remains in service at the same location and for the same telecommunications carrier, whichever is shorter."

3.4 **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC access to unbundled 2-Wire Analog Loop(s) for use by CLEC in providing local service to residential end user customers, during the "Promotional Periods" applicable to such loop as defined in Paragraph 46 of the FCC Merger Conditions and in this Appendix, at the rates and on the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraph 46 of the FCC Merger Conditions. Such provision of loops is subject to CLEC's qualification and compliance with the provisions of the FCC Merger Conditions.

3.5 If CLEC does not qualify for the Local Loops Discount set forth in Paragraph 46 of the FCC Merger Conditions, **SBC-13-STATE's** provision, if any, and CLEC's payment for unbundled Loops shall continue to be governed by Appendix UNE as currently contained in this Agreement without reference to this Appendix. Unless **SBC-13-STATE** receives thirty (30) days advance written notice with instructions to terminate the unbundled Local Loop provided with the Local Loops Discount or to convert such service to an available alternative service provided by **SBC-13-STATE,** then upon expiration of the Promotional Discount for any unbundled Local Loop, the loop shall automatically convert to an appropriate **SBC-13STATE** product/service offering pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions of the Agreement without reference to this Appendix or, in the absence of rates, terms and conditions in the Agreement, the applicable tariff. Where there are no provisions for such offering in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix and there is no applicable tariff, the Parties shall meet within thirty (30) days of a written request to do so to

negotiate mutually acceptable rates, terms and conditions that shall apply retroactively. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement within sixty (60) days of the written request to negotiate, any outstanding disputes shall be handled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures in the Agreement.

4. PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNTS ON RESALE

4.1 The promotional resale discount ("Resale Discount") on telecommunications services that **SBC-13STATE** provides at retail to subscribers who are not telecommunications carriers, where such services are resold to residential end user customers sunset (terminated) in each **SBC-13STATE** on November 8, 2002. Consequently, such discount is not available to any CLEC who did not have an approved and effective FCC Merger Conditions Appendix in each of its Agreements with **SBC-13STATE** that provided for such Resale Discount before November 8, 2002. Thus, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Appendix or Agreement, in the event that any other telecommunications carrier should adopt provisions in this Appendix or Agreement pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, or otherwise obtains this Appendix, CLEC shall not be entitled to this Resale Discount unless the CLEC: (1) had an approved and effective FCC Merger Conditions Appendix in each of its Agreements with **SBC-13-STATE** that provided for this Resale Discount before November 8, 2002; and (2) even then, only with respect to those underlying resold lines the Adopting CLEC ordered prior to November 8, 2002 for this resale discount with a requested installation date of no later than December 7, 2002, as more specifically addressed in Paragraph 48 of the FCC Merger Conditions.

4.2 With respect to any CLEC that had an approved and effective FCC Merger Conditions Appendix in its Interconnection Agreement with **SBC-13STATE** that provided for such Resale Discount before November 8, 2002, such CLEC shall continue to receive this promotional discount only for those underlying resold lines CLEC ordered during the Offering Window for this resale discount that has/had a requested installation date of no later than December 7, 2002, as more specifically addressed in Paragraph 48 of the FCC Merger Conditions. Any resold services (such as Call Waiting) provided over a resold customer line that is/was placed in service after December 7, 2002 shall not be eligible for the Resale Discount. Resold services (such as Call Waiting) added to a resold line that qualifies for the Resale Discount (i.e., which was ordered by CLEC during the offering window and has/had a requested installation date of no later than December 7, 2002) shall be eligible for the Resale Discount for the duration of the Promotional Period for the underlying resold service regardless of whether such resold services were added after the end of the Offering Window (i.e., November 8, 2002). SBC/Ameritech is under no obligation to provide a service for resale at the Resale Discount outside the Promotional Period. For purposes of this subsection, Promotional Period is defined as a period of 36 months from the date a qualifying resold service was installed and operational, or the period during which the resold service remains in service at the same location and for the same telecommunications carrier, whichever is shorter.

4.3 If CLEC does not qualify for the Resale Discount, **SBC-13STATE** 's provision, if any, and CLEC's payment for promotional resale discounts shall continue to be governed by Appendix Resale as currently contained in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix. Unless SBC receives thirty (30) days advance written notice with instructions to terminate service provided via the Resale Discount or to convert such service to an available alternative service provided by **SBC-13STATE**, then upon expiration of the Resale Discount in any state, the service shall automatically convert to an appropriate **SBC-13STATE** product/service offering pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions of the Agreement or, in the absence of rates, terms and conditions in the Agreement, the applicable tariff. Where there are no provisions for such offering in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix and there is no applicable tariff, the Parties shall meet within 30 days of a written request to do so to negotiate mutually acceptable rates, terms and conditions that shall apply retroactively. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement within 60 days of the written request to negotiate, any outstanding disputes shall be handled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures in the Agreement.

5. UNBUNDLED LOCAL SWITCHING WITH SHARED TRANSPORT

5.1 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will provide unbundled shared transport in accordance with Appendix C, paragraph 56 of the Federal Communications Commission's Memorandum Opinion and Order, CC Docket No. 98-141 (FCC 99-279, rel. October 8, 1999). To the extent this Agreement currently contains specific rates, terms and conditions for that SBC-AMERITECH unbundled shared transport offering, such offering shall be available to CLEC. In the event this Agreement does not contain specific rates, terms and conditions for that offering, such offering shall not be available to CLEC until CLEC incorporates specific rates, terms and conditions for unbundled shared transport into this Agreement via Amendment which would become effective following the date it is approved or deemed approved by the appropriate **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** state commission or effective as may otherwise be set forth in the Amendment. Unbundled shared transport is not offered under this Appendix.

6. CONFLICTING CONDITIONS

6.1 If any of the FCC Merger Conditions in this Appendix and conditions imposed in connection with the merger under state law grant similar rights against **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC shall not have a right to invoke the relevant terms of these FCC Merger Conditions in this Appendix if CLEC has invoked substantially related conditions imposed on the merger under state law in accordance the FCC Merger Conditions.

7. SUSPENSION OF CONDITIONS

7.1 If the FCC Merger Conditions are overturned or any of the provisions of the FCC Merger Conditions that are incorporated herein by reference are amended or modified as a result of any order or finding by the FCC, a court of competent jurisdiction or other governmental and/or regulatory authority, any impacted promotional discounts and other provisions described in this Appendix shall be automatically and without notice suspended as of the date of such termination, order or finding and shall not apply to any product or service purchased by CLEC or provisioned by **SBC-13STATE** after the date of such termination, order or finding. Thereafter, **SBC-13STATE** 's continued provision and CLEC's payment for any service or item originally ordered or provided under this Appendix shall be governed by the rates, terms, and conditions as currently contained in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix. In the event that the FCC changes, modifies, adds or deletes any of the FCC Merger Conditions set forth herein, the Parties agree that the FCC's final order controls and takes precedence over the FCC Merger Conditions set forth herein.

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APPENDIX ITR
(Interconnection Trunking Requirements)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Interconnection provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

1.2 This Appendix provides descriptions of the trunking requirements between CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**. All references to incoming and outgoing trunk groups are from the perspective of CLEC. The paragraphs below describe the required and optional trunk groups for local, IntraLATA toll, InterLATA "meet point", mass calling, E911, Operator Services and Directory Assistance traffic.

1.3 Local trunk groups may only be used to transport traffic between the parties End Users.

1.4 **SBC Communications Inc**. **(SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

1.5 **SBC-2STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

1.6 **SBC-4STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

1.7 **SBC-7STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA,** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.8 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA,** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.9 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.10 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.11 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.12 **SBC ARKANSAS -** As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

1.13 **SBC CALIFORNIA –** As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.

1.14 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

1.15 **SBC ILLINOIS -** As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

1.16 **SBC INDIANA -** As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

1.17 **SBC MICHIGAN -** As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.

1.18 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.19 **SBC MISSOURI -** As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.

1.20 **SBC NEVADA -** As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

1.21 **SBC OHIO -** As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

1.22 **SBC OKLAHOMA -** As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.

1.23 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.24 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.25 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.

1.26 **SBC WISCONSIN -** As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2. DEFINITION

2.1 **"Network Interconnection Methods"** (**NIM**) designates facilities established between the Parties Networks.

3. ONE-WAY AND TWO-WAY TRUNK GROUPS

3.1 CLEC shall issue Access Service Request (ASR) for two-way trunk groups. CLEC shall issue ASR's for one-way trunk groups, originating at the CLEC switch. **SBC-13STATE** shall issue ASR's for one-way trunk groups, originating at the **SBC-13STATE** switch. Exceptions to this are noted below:

3.1.1 CLEC shall issue ASR's for one-way Meet Point Trunk Groups (MPTGs) in **SBC-13STATE.**

3.1.2 CLEC shall issue ASR's for one-way Busy Line Verification/Emergency Interrupt trunk group.

3.1.3 CLEC shall issue ASR's for one-way High Volume Call In trunk group as described in section 5.7.3.

3.1.4 CLEC shall issue ASR's for one-way Connecticut Transit Traffic Service trunk group in **SBC SNET.**

3.2 One-way trunk groups for ancillary services (e.g. OS/DA, BLVI, mass calling, Meet Point, 911 and in SNET, Connecticut Transit Traffic trunk group) can be established between a CLEC switch and an **SBC-13STATE** Tandem as further provided in this Appendix ITR. CLEC is financially responsible for the transport facility cost as described in Appendix NIM section 2.6. These trunk groups will utilize Signaling System 7 (SS7) or multi-frequency (MF) signaling protocol, with SS7 signaling preferred whenever possible.

3.3 Two-way trunk groups for local, IntraLATA and InterLATA traffic can be established between a CLEC switch and an **SBC-13STATE** Tandem or End Office switch. This trunk group will utilize Signaling System 7 (SS7) or multi-frequency (MF) signaling protocol, with SS7 signaling preferred whenever possible. For administrative consistency CLEC will have control for the purpose of issuing Access Service Requests (ASRs) on two-way groups. **SBC-13STATE** will use the Trunk Group Service Request (TGSR), as described in section 8.0 of this Appendix, to request changes in trunking. Both Parties reserve the right to issue ASRs, if so required, in the normal course of business.

3.4 The Parties agree that two-way trunking shall be established when possible and appropriate for a given trunk group. However, in **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC SNET**, certain technical and billing issues may necessitate the use of one-way trunking for an interim period. The Parties will negotiate the appropriate trunk configuration, whether one-way or two-way to accommodate the present billing and technical limitations.

3.5 The Parties agree to exchange traffic data on two-way trunks and to implement such an exchange within three (3) months of the date that two-way trunking is established and the trunk groups begin passing live traffic, or another date as agreed to by the Parties. Exchange of traffic data will permit each company to have knowledge of the offered and overflow load at each end of the two-way trunk group, and thereby enable accurate and independent determination of performance levels and trunk requirements. The Parties agree to the electronic exchange of data as described in section 9.

3.6 The Parties recognize that embedded one-way trunks may exist for Local/IntraLATA toll traffic via end-point meet Interconnection architecture. The Parties may agree to negotiate a transition plan to migrate the embedded one-way trunks to two-way trunks via any Interconnection method as described in Appendix NIM. The Parties will coordinate any such migration, trunk group prioritization, and implementation schedule. **SBC-13STATE** agrees to develop a cutover plan and project manage the cutovers with CLEC participation and agreement.

4. TANDEM TRUNKING AND DIRECT END OFFICE TRUNKING

4.1 **SBC-13STATE** deploys in its network Tandems that switch local only traffic (local Tandem **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** only), Tandems that switch only local and IntraLATA traffic (local/IntraLATA Tandem **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** only), Tandems that switch IntraLATA and InterLATA traffic (Access Tandem) and Tandems that switch both local and IntraLATA/InterLATA traffic (local/Access Tandem). In addition **SBC-13STATE** deploys Tandems that switch ancillary traffic such as 911 (911 Tandem), Operator Services/ Directory Assistance (OS/DA Tandem), and mass calling (choke Tandem). Traffic on Tandem trunks does not terminate at the Tandem but is switched to other trunks that terminate the traffic in End Offices and ultimately to End Users.

4.2 When Tandem trunks are deployed, CLEC shall connect to all tandems in the LATA in **SBC SNET**, **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC NEVADA** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and to all Tandems in the local exchange area in **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**. CLEC shall route appropriate traffic (i.e. only traffic to End Offices that subtend that Tandem) to the respective **SBC-13STATE** Tandems on the trunk groups defined below. **SBC-13STATE** shall route appropriate traffic to CLEC switches on the trunk groups defined below.

4.2.1 "Transit Traffic" is local and intraLATA toll traffic originated by or terminates to CLEC's End Users from another Local Exchange Carrier, CLEC or wireless carrier's End User that transit a **SBC-13STATE** Tandem. Transit Traffic does not terminate to **SBC-13STATE's** End Users.

4.2.2 When transit traffic through the **SBC-13STATE** Tandem from CLEC to another Local Exchange Carrier, CLEC or wireless carrier requires 24 or more trunks, CLEC shall establish a direct trunk group between itself and the other Local Exchange Carrier, CLEC or wireless carrier. CLEC shall route Transit Traffic via **SBC-13STATE**'s Tandem switches, and not at or through any **SBC-13STATE** End Offices. By establishing this trunk group, CLEC agrees to cease routing transit traffic through the **SBC-13STATE** Tandem to the third party terminating carrier. This trunk group will be serviced in accordance with the Trunk Design Blocking Criteria in Section 7.0.

4.2.3 **SBC SNET** will make its Connecticut Transit Traffic Service available to CLEC for the purpose of completing CLEC Transit Traffic calls as defined in Section 4.2.1 at the rates and upon the terms and conditions set forth in Appendix Pricing and the applicable CT Access Service Tariff respectively. In doing so, **SBC SNET** will compensate the terminating carrier for applicable local compensation or intraLATA access compensation.

4.3 While the Parties agree that it is the responsibility of the CLEC to enter into arrangements with each third party carrier (ILECs, IXCs, Wireless Carriers or other CLECs) to deliver or receive transit traffic, **SBC-13STATE** acknowledges that such arrangements may not currently be in place and an interim arrangement will facilitate traffic completion on an temporary basis. Accordingly, until the earlier of (I) the date on which either Party has entered into an arrangement with third-party carrier to exchange transit traffic to CLEC and (II) the date transit traffic volumes exchanged by the CLEC and third-party carrier exceed the volumes specified in Section 4.2.2, **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC with transit service. CLEC agrees to use reasonable efforts to enter into agreements with third-party carriers as soon as possible after the Effective Date.

4.3.1 Once the CLEC is notified that that there is more than a DS1's worth of traffic to any 3rd party, then the CLEC will invoke an interconnection arrangement with the 3rd party of concern within 60 calendar days.

4.3.2 If CLEC does not establish direct trunk groups as described above, **SBC-13STATE** reserves the right to cease delivery of such traffic.

4.4 Direct End Office trunks terminate traffic from a CLEC switch to an **SBC-13STATE** End Office and are not switched at a Tandem location. The Parties shall establish a two-way Direct End Office trunk group when actual or projected End Office traffic requires twenty-four (24) or more trunks or when no local or local/Access Tandem is present in the local exchange area. Overflow from either end of the Direct End Office trunk group will be alternate routed to the appropriate Tandem. Local traffic will only be alternately routed if the local exchange area is served by a local or local/Access Tandem.

4.4.1 Direct End Office trunks terminate local and intralata toll traffic from a CLEC switch to an **SBC-13STATE** End Office. This traffic is not switched at a Tandem location. DEOT's terminate Local IntraLata traffic from CLEC Switch to **SBC 13-STATE** End Office's.

4.4.2 The Parties will exert commercially reasonable efforts to achieve and maintain a network architecture within a Tandem serving area such that the DEOT does not fall below 80% of the total number of trunks the CLEC has in service in the Tandem serving areas for two consecutive months. This should be achieved within 6 months of new interconnection in a Tandem serving area or within 3 months for existing interconnections. To determine the 80% DEOT to Tandem trunks threshold, the total number of DEOTs will be divided by the total number of trunks CLEC has in use in the Tandem serving area that CLEC into which has interconnection.

4.5 All traffic received by **SBC-13STATE** on the direct End Office trunk group from CLEC must terminate in the End Office, i.e. no Tandem switching will be performed in the End Office. Where End Office functionality is provided in a remote End Office of a host/remote configuration, the Interconnection for that remote End Office is only available at the host switch. The number of digits to be received by the **SBC-13STATE** End Office shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties. This trunk group shall be two-way.

4.6 Trunk Configuration

4.6.1 Trunk Configuration – **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION T-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC SNET**

4.6.1.1 Where available and upon the request of the other Party, each Party shall cooperate to ensure that its trunk groups are configured utilizing the Bipolar 8 Zero Substitution Extended Super Frame (B8ZS ESF) protocol for 64 kbps Clear Channel Capability (64CCC) transmission to allow for ISDN interoperability between the Parties' respective networks. Trunk groups configured for 64CCC and carrying Circuit Switched Data (CSD) ISDN calls shall carry the appropriate Trunk Type Modifier in the CLCI-Message code. Trunk groups configured for 64CCC and not used to carry CSD ISDN calls shall carry a different appropriate Trunk Type Modifier in the CLCI-Message code.

4.6.1.2 The Lucent 1AESS switch is incapable of handling 64CCC traffic. Therefore, all trunk groups established to the 1AESS switches must use Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI).

4.6.2 Trunk Configuration – SBC CALIFORNIA and SBC NEVADA

4.6.2.1 When Interconnecting at **SBC CALIFORNIA/SBC NEVADA**'s digital End Offices, the Parties have a preference for use of Bipolar 8 Zero Substitution Extended Super Frame (B8ZS ESF) two-way trunks for all traffic between their networks. Where available, such trunk equipment will be used for Local Interconnection trunk groups. Where AMI trunks are used, either Party may request upgrade to B8ZS ESF when such equipment is available.

4.6.2.2 When Interconnecting at **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s DMS Tandem(s), 64CCC data and voice traffic may be combined on the same B8ZF ESF facilities and 2-way trunk group. 64CCC data and voice traffic must be separate and not combined at **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s 4E Tandems. A CLEC establishing new trunk groups to carry combined voice and data traffic from **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s DMS Tandems may do so where facilities and equipment exist. Where separate voice and data Interconnection trunking already exists CLEC may transition to combined voice and data trunking as a major project, subject to rules, timelines and guidelines set forth in the CLEC handbook, which is not incorporated herein refer to the appropriate ILEC's website. In all cases, CLEC will be required to disconnect existing voice-only trunk groups as existing 64CCC trunk groups are augmented to carry both voice and data traffic. For both the combined and the segregated voice and data trunk groups, where additional equipment is required, such equipment will be obtained, engineered, and installed on the same basis and with the same intervals as any similar growth job which **SBC CALIFORNIA** does for IXC's, CLEC's, or itself for 64CCC trunks.

5. TRUNK GROUPS

5.1 The following trunk groups shall be used to exchange various types of traffic between CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**.

5.2 Local & IntraLATA Interconnection Trunk Group(s) in Each Local Exchange Area: **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**.

5.2.1 A two-way local trunk group shall be established between CLEC switch and each **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** local Tandem in the local exchange area. Inter-Tandem switching is not provided.

5.2.2 A two-way local/IntraLATA trunk group shall be established between CLEC switch and each **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** local/IntraLATA Tandem in the local exchange area. Inter-Tandem switching is not provided.

5.2.3 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** reserves the right to initiate a one-way IntraLATA trunk group to CLEC in order to provide Tandem relief when a community of interest is outside the local exchange area in which the CLEC is Interconnected.

5.2.4 Where traffic from CLEC switch to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** End Office is sufficient, 24 or more trunks, a local or local/IntraLATA trunk group shall also be established to the **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** End Office as described in Sections 4.4 and 4.5.

5.2.5 A local or local/IntraLATA trunk group shall be established from CLEC switch to each **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** End Office in a local exchange area that has no local Tandem.

5.2.6 Each Party shall deliver to the other Party over the Local Trunk Group(s) only such traffic that originates and terminates in the local exchange area.

5.2.7 When **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** has a separate local Tandem and Access Tandem in the local exchange area, a two-way IntraLATA toll trunk group shall be established to the **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** Access Tandem, in addition a two-way local trunk group shall be established from the CLEC switch to the **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** local Tandem(s).

5.2.8 When **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** has a combined local/Access Tandem in a local exchange area, local and IntraLATA toll traffic shall be combined on a two-way local/IntraLATA trunk group.

5.2.9 When **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** has more than one combined local/Access Tandem in a local exchange area, local and IntraLATA toll traffic shall be combined on a two-way local/IntraLATA trunk group to each **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** Tandem.

5.3 Local and IntraLATA Interconnection Trunk Group(s) in Each LATA: **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC SNET**, **SBC CALIFORNIA**, and **SBC NEVADA**

5.3.1 Tandem Trunking - Single Tandem LATAs

5.3.1.1 Where **SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA**, or **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** has a single Access Tandem in a LATA, IntraLATA Toll and Local traffic shall be combined on a single Local Interconnection Trunk group for calls destined to or from all End Offices that subtend the Tandem. This trunk group shall be two-way and will utilize Signaling System 7 (SS7) signaling.

5.3.2 Tandem Trunking – Multiple Tandem LATAs

5.3.2.1 Where **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC NEVADA**, **SBC SNET** or **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** has more than one Access Tandem and/or local/IntraLATA Tandem in a LATA, IntraLATA Toll and Local traffic shall be combined on a single Local Interconnection Trunk Group at every **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC NEVADA, SBC SNET** or **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** Tandem for calls destined to or from all End Offices that subtend each Tandem. These trunk groups shall be two-way and will utilize Signaling System 7 (SS7) signaling.

5.3.3 Direct End Office Trunking

5.3.3.1 The Parties shall establish direct End Office primary high usage Local Interconnection trunk groups for the exchange of IntraLATA Toll and Local traffic where actual or projected traffic demand is or will be twenty four (24) or more trunks, as described in Sections 4.4 and 4.5.

5.4 Meet Point Trunk Group: **SBC-13STATE**

5.4.1 IXC traffic shall be transported between CLEC switch and the **SBC-13STATE** Access or combined local/Access Tandem over a Meet Point Trunk Group separate from local and IntraLATA toll traffic. The Meet Point Trunk Group will be established for the transmission and routing of exchange access traffic between CLEC's End Users and inter exchange carriers via a **SBC-13STATE** Access Tandem.

5.4.2 Meet Point Trunk Groups shall be set up as two-way and will utilize SS7 signaling, except multifrequency ("MF") signaling will be used on a separate Meet Point Trunk Group to complete

originating calls to switched access customers that use MF FGD signaling protocol. CLEC is financially responsible for the transport facility cost as described in Appendix NIM section 2.6.

5.4.3 When **SBC-13STATE** has more than one Access Tandem in a local exchange area or LATA, CLEC shall establish a Meet Point Trunk Group to each **SBC-13STATE** Access Tandem where the CLEC has homed its NXX code(s). If the Access Tandems are in two different states, CLEC shall establish a Meet Point Trunk Group with one Access Tandem in each state.

5.4.4 In **SBC-13STATE** where there is more than one Access Tandem in a LATA, and the CLEC had previously established a Meet Point Trunk Group to a **SBC-13STATE** Access Tandem, or a constrained Access Tandem condition exist, the Parties agree to develop a mutually acceptable plan to establish a Meet Point Trunk Group to each **SBC-13STATE** Access Tandem where the CLEC has homed its NXX code(s).

5.4.5 FOR **SBC CALIFORNIA** ONLY: CLEC will home new codes serving a particular community on the Tandem serving that community, as defined in SCHEDULE CAL.P.U.C. NO. I75—T, Section 6.7.3, Tandem Access Sectorization (TAS). CLEC is not required, however, to home codes by the sector designations. CLEC also agrees to locate at least one Local Routing Number (LRN) per home Tandem if CLEC ports any telephone numbers to its network from a community currently homing on that Tandem.

5.4.6 **SBC-13STATE**: For each NXX code used by either Party, the Party that owns the NXX must maintain network facilities (whether owned or leased) used to actively provide, in part, local Telecommunications Service in the geographic area assigned to such NXX code. If either Party uses its NXX Code to provide foreign exchange service to its customers outside of the geographic area assigned to such code, that Party shall be solely responsible to transport traffic between its foreign exchange service customer and such code's geographic area.

5.4.7 **SBC-13STATE** will not block switched access customer traffic delivered to any **SBC-13STATE** Tandem for completion on CLEC's network. The Parties understand and agree that Meet Point trunking arrangements are available and functional only to/from switched access customers who directly connect with any **SBC-13STATE** Access Tandem that CLEC switch subtends in each LATA. In no event will **SBC-13STATE** be required to route such traffic through more than one Tandem for connection to/from switched access customers. **SBC-13STATE** shall have no responsibility to ensure that any switched access customer will accept traffic that CLEC directs to the switched access customer.

5.4.8 CLEC shall provide all SS7 signaling information including, without limitation, charge number and originating line information ("OLI"). For terminating FGD, **SBC-13STATE** will pass all SS7 signaling information including, without limitation, CPN if it receives CPN from FGD carriers. All privacy indicators will be honored. Where available, network signaling information such as transit network selection ("TNS") parameter, carrier identification codes ("CIC") (CCS platform) and CIC/OZZ information (non-SS7 environment) will be provided by CLEC wherever such information is needed for call routing or billing. The Parties will follow all OBF adopted standards pertaining to TNS and CIC/OZZ codes.

5.5 800/(8YY) Traffic: **SBC-13STATE**

5.5.1 If CLEC chooses **SBC-13STATE** to handle 800/(8YY) database queries from its switches, all CLEC originating 800/(8YY) traffic will be routed over the InterLATA meet point trunk group. This traffic will include a combination of both Interexchange Carrier (IXC), 800/(8YY) service and CLEC 800/(8YY) service that will be identified and segregated by carrier through the database query handled through the **SBC-13STATE** Tandem switch.

5.5.2 All originating Toll Free Service (800/8YY) calls for which CLEC requests that **SBC-13STATE** perform the Service Switching Point ("SSP") function (e.g., perform the database query) shall be delivered using GR-394 format over the Meet Point Trunk Group. Carrier Code "0110" and Circuit Code (to be determined for each LATA) shall be used for all such calls.

5.5.3 CLEC may handle its own 800/8YY database queries from its switch. If so, CLEC will determine the nature (local/intraLATA/interLATA) of the 800/8YY call based on the response from the database. If the query determines that the call is a local or IntraLATA 800/8YY number, CLEC will route the post-query local or IntraLATA converted ten-digit local number to **SBC-13STATE** over the local or intra-LATA trunk group. In such case, the CLEC is to provide an 800/8YY billing record when appropriate. If the query reveals the call is an InterLATA 800/8YY number, CLEC will route the post-query inter-LATA call (800/8YY number) directly from its switch for carriers Interconnected with its network or over the meet point group to carriers not directly connected to its network but are connected to **SBC-13STATE**'s Access Tandem. Calls will be routed to **SBC-13STATE** over the local/IntraLATA and inter-LATA trunk groups within the LATA in which the calls originate.

5.5.4 All post-query Toll Free Service (800/8YY) calls for which CLEC performs the SSP function, if delivered to **SBC-13STATE**, shall be delivered using GR-394 format over the Meet Point Trunk Group for calls destined to IXCs, or shall be delivered by CLEC using GR-317 format over the Local Interconnection trunk group for calls destined to End Offices that directly subtend the Tandem.

5.6 E911 Trunk Group

5.6.1 A dedicated trunk group for each NPA shall be established to each appropriate E911 switch within the local exchange area or LATA in which the CLEC offers exchange service. The CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group. This trunk group shall be set up as a one-way outgoing only and will utilize MF CAMA signaling or, where available, SS7 signaling. Where the parties utilize SS7 signaling and the E911 network has the technology available, only one E911 trunk group shall be established to handle multiple NPAs within the local exchange area or LATA. If the E911 network does not have the appropriate technology available, a SS7 trunk group shall be established for each NPA in the local exchange area or LATA. CLEC shall provide a minimum of two (2) one-way outgoing channels on E911 trunks dedicated for originating E911 emergency service calls from the Point of Interconnection (POI) to the **SBC-13STATE** E911 switch.

5.6.2 In **SBC SNET** only, CLEC will comply with the CT DPUC directives regarding the E911 trunk groups. The current directive requires CLEC to establish three dedicated separate trunk groups for each Connecticut NPA, from its switch to each of the Connecticut E911 tandems. For each NPA, one trunk group using SS7 signaling will go to the Primary E911 tandem. A second trunk group using SS7 will go to the Secondary E911 tandem. The third trunk group will have MF CAMA signaling and will go to the Primary E911 tandem and serve as a backup. These trunk groups shall be set up as a one-way outgoing only by CLEC. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs.

5.6.3 CLEC will cooperate with **SBC-13STATE** to promptly test all 9-1-1 trunks and facilities between CLEC network and the **SBC-13STATE** 9-1-1 Tandem to assure proper functioning of 9-1-1 service. CLEC will not turn-up live traffic until successful testing is completed by both Parties.

5.7 High Volume Call In (HVCI) / Mass Calling (Choke) Trunk Group: **SBC-12STATE**

5.7.1 A dedicated trunk group shall be required to the designated Public Response HVCI/Mass Calling Network Access Tandem in each serving area. This trunk group shall be one-way outgoing only and shall utilize MF signaling. As the HVCI/Mass Calling trunk group is designed to block all excessive attempts toward HVCI/Mass Calling NXXs, it is necessarily exempt from the one percent blocking standard described elsewhere for other final Local Interconnection trunk groups. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group. The Parties will not exchange live traffic until successful testing is completed by both Parties.

5.7.2 This group shall be sized as follows:

Number of Access Lines Served	***Number of Mass Calling Trunks***
0 – 10,000	*2*
10,001 – 20,000	*3*
20,001 – 30,000	*4*
30,001 – 40,000	*5*
40,001 – 50,000	*6*
50,001 – 60,000	*7*
60,001 – 75,000	*8*
75,000 +	*9 maximum*

5.7.3 If CLEC should acquire a HVCI/Mass Calling customer, i.e. a radio station, CLEC shall notify **SBC-12STATE** at least 60 days in advance of the need to establish a one-way outgoing SS7 or MF trunk group from the **SBC-12STATE** HVCI/Mass Calling Serving Office to the CLEC customer's serving office. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group.

5.7.4 If CLEC finds it necessary to issue a new choke telephone number to a new or existing HVCI/Mass Calling customer, the CLEC may request a meeting to coordinate with **SBC-12STATE** the assignment of HVCI/Mass Calling telephone number from the existing choke NXX. In the event that the CLEC establishes a new choke NXX, CLEC must notify **SBC-12STATE** a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to deployment of the new HVCI/Mass Calling NXX. **SBC-12STATE** will perform the necessary translations in its End Offices and Tandem(s) and issue ASR's to establish a one-way outgoing SS7 or MF trunk group from the **SBC-12STATE** Public Response HVCI/Mass Calling Network Access Tandem to the CLEC's choke serving office.

5.7.5 In **SBC SNET**, where HVCI/Mass Calling NXXs have not been established, the Parties agree to utilize "call gapping" as the method to control high volumes of calls, where technically feasible in the originating switch, to specific high volume customers or in situations such as those described in Section 36 Network Maintenance and Management of the General Terms and Conditions.

5.8 Operator Services/Directory Assistance Trunk Group(s)

5.8.1 If **SBC-13STATE** agrees to provide Inward Assistance Operator Services for the CLEC, please see section 4.1 of Appendix INW for the trunking requirements to provide this service.

5.8.2 If **SBC-13STATE** agrees through a separate appendix or contract to provide Directory Assistance and/or Operator Services for CLEC the following trunk groups are required:

5.8.2.1 Directory Assistance (DA):

5.8.2.1.1 CLEC may contract for DA services only. A segregated trunk group for these services will be required to the appropriate **SBC-13STATE** OPERATOR SERVICES Tandem in the LATA for the NPA the CLEC wishes to serve. This trunk group is set up as one-way outgoing only and utilizes Modified Operator Services Signaling (2 Digit Automatic Number Identification (ANI)). CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on this one-way trunk group.

5.8.2.2 Directory Assistance Call Completion (DACC):

5.8.2.2.1 CLEC contracting for DA services may also contract for DACC. This requires a segregated one-way trunk group to each **SBC-13STATE** OPERATOR SERVICES Tandem within the LATA for the combined DA and DACC traffic. his trunk group is set up as one-way outgoing only and utilizes Modified

Operator Services Signaling (2 Digit ANI). The CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on this one-way trunk group.

5.8.2.3 Busy Line Verification/Emergency Interrupt (BLV/EI):

5.8.2.3.1 When **SBC-13STATE**'s operator is under contract to verify the busy status of the CLEC End Users, **SBC-13STATE** will utilize a segregated one-way with MF signaling trunk group from **SBC-13STATE**'s Operator Services Tandem to CLEC switch. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on this one-way trunk group.

5.8.2.4 Operator Assistance (0+, 0-):

5.8.2.4.1 This service requires a one-way trunk group from CLEC switch to **SBC-13STATE**'s OPERATOR SERVICES Tandem. Two types of trunk groups may be utilized. If the trunk group transports DA/DACC, the trunk group will be designated with the appropriate traffic use code and modifier. If DA is not required or is transported on a segregated trunk group, then the group will be designated with a different appropriate traffic use code and modifier. Modified Operator Services Signaling (2 Digit ANI) will be required on the trunk group. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on this one-way trunk group.

5.8.2.5 Digit-Exchange Access Operator Services Signaling:

5.8.2.5.1 CLEC will employ Exchange Access Operator Services Signaling (EAOSS) from the equal access End Offices (EAEO) to the OPERATOR SERVICES switch that are equipped to accept 10 Digit Signaling for Automatic Number Identification (ANI).

5.8.2.6 OS QUESTIONAIRE

5.8.2.6.1 If CLEC chooses **SBC-13STATE** to provide either OS and/or DA, then CLEC agrees to accurately complete the OS Questionnaire prior to submitting ASRs for OS and DA trunks.

6. FORECASTING RESPONSIBILITIES: SBC-13STATE

6.1 CLEC agrees to provide an initial forecast for establishing the initial Interconnection facilities. **SBC-13STATE** shall review this forecast and if it has any additional information that will change the forecast shall provide this information to CLEC. Subsequent forecasts shall be provided on a semi-annual basis, not later than January 1 and July 1 in order to be considered in the semi-annual publication of the **SBC-13STATE** General Trunk Forecast. This forecast should include yearly forecasted trunk quantities for all appropriate trunk groups described in this Appendix for a minimum of three years. Parties agree to the use of Common Language Location Identification (CLLI) coding and Common Language Circuit Identification for Message Trunk coding (CLCI-MSG) which is described in TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES documents BR795-100-100 and BR795-400-100 respectively. Inquiries pertaining to use of TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES Common Language Standards and document availability should be directed to TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES at 1-800-521-2673. Analysis of trunk group performance, and ordering of relief if required, will be performed on a monthly basis at a minimum.

6.2 The semi-annual forecasts shall include:

6.2.1 Yearly forecasted trunk quantities (which include measurements that reflect actual Tandem Local Interconnection and InterLATA trunks, End Office Local Interconnection trunks, and Tandem subtending Local Interconnection End Office equivalent trunk requirements) for a minimum of three (current plus 2 future) years; and

6.2.2 A description of major network projects anticipated for the following six months. Major network projects include trunking or network rearrangements, shifts in anticipated traffic patterns, orders

greater than four (4) DS1's, or other activities that are reflected by a significant increase or decrease in trunking demand for the following forecasting period.

6.2.3 The Parties shall agree on a forecast provided above to ensure efficient utilization of trunks. Orders for trunks that exceed forecasted quantities for forecasted locations will be accommodated as mutually agreed to by the Parties. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts and cooperate in good faith to develop alternative solutions to accommodate these orders.

6.3 CLEC shall be responsible for forecasting two-way trunk groups. **SBC-13STATE** shall be responsible for forecasting and servicing the one way trunk groups terminating to the CLEC and the CLEC shall be responsible for forecasting and servicing the one way trunk groups terminating to **SBC-13STATE**, unless otherwise specified in this Appendix. Standard trunk traffic engineering methods will be used by the parties as described in Bell Communications Research, Inc. (TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES) document SR TAP 000191, Trunk Traffic Engineering Concepts and Applications.

6.4 If forecast quantities are in dispute, the Parties shall meet to reconcile the differences.

6.5 Each Party shall provide a specified point of contact for planning, forecasting and trunk servicing purposes.

7. TRUNK DESIGN BLOCKING CRITERIA: SBC-13STATE

7.1 Trunk requirements for forecasting and servicing shall be based on the blocking objectives shown in Table 1. Trunk requirements shall be based upon time consistent average busy season busy hour twenty (20) day averaged loads applied to industry standard Neal-Wilkinson Trunk Group Capacity algorithms (use Medium day-to-day Variation and 1.0 Peakedness factor until actual traffic data is available).

TABLE 1

Trunk Group Type	Design Blocking Objective
Local Tandem	1%
Local Direct End Office (Primary High)	ECCS*
Local Direct End Office (Final)	2%
IntraLATA	1%
Local/IntraLATA	1%
InterLATA (Meet Point) Tandem	0.5%
911	1%
Operator Services (DA/DACC)	1%
Operator Services (0+, 0-)	1%
Busy Line Verification-Inward Only	1%

*During implementation the Parties will mutually agree on an Economic Centum Call Seconds (ECCS) or some other means for the sizing of this trunk group.

8. TRUNK SERVICING: SBC-13STATE

8.1 Orders between the Parties to establish, add, change or disconnect trunks shall be processed by using an Access Service Request (ASR). CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on two-way trunk groups. In **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC SNET** where one-way trunks are used (as discussed in section 3.4), **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC SNET** will issue ASRs for trunk groups for traffic that originates in **SBC-13STATE** and terminates to CLEC. The Parties agree that neither Party shall alter trunk sizing without first conferring with the other party.

8.2 Both Parties will jointly manage the capacity of Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. Both Parties may send a Trunk Group Service Request (TGSR) to the other Party to trigger changes to the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups based on capacity assessment. The TGSR is a standard industry support interface developed by the Ordering and Billing Forum of the Carrier liaison Committee of the Alliance for Telecommunications Solutions (ATIS) organization. TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES Special Report

STS000316 describes the format and use of the TGSR. Contact TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES at 1-800-521-2673 regarding the documentation availability and use of this form.

8.3 Utilization: Utilization shall be defined as Trunks Required as a percentage of Trunks In Service.

8.3.1 In A Blocking Situation (Over-utilization)

8.3.1.1 In a blocking situation the CLEC is responsible for issuing an ASR on all two-way trunk groups and one-way CLEC originating trunk groups to reduce measured blocking to design objective blocking levels based on analysis of trunk group data. If an ASR is not issued, **SBC-13STATE** will issue a TSGR. The CLEC will issue an ASR within three (3) days after receipt and review of the TGSR. The CLEC will note "Service Affecting" On the ASR.

8.3.1.2 In a blocking situation **SBC-13STATE** is responsible for issuing an ASR on one-way SBC originating trunk groups to reduce measured blocking to design objective blocking levels based on analysis of trunk group data. If an ASR is not issued, the CLEC will issue a TSGR. **SBC 13-STATE** will issue an ASR within three (3) days after receipt and review of the TGSR. **SBC-13 STATE** will note "Service Affecting" on the ASR.

8.3.1.3 If an Alternate Final trunk group is at 75 % utilization, a TGSR is sent to the CLEC for the final and all subtending High Usage's that are contributing any amount of overflow to the Final route.

8.3.2 Underutilization:

8.3.2.1 Underutilization of Interconnection trunks and facilities exists when provisioned capacity is greater than the current need. This over provisioning is an inefficient deployment and use of network resources and results in unnecessary costs. Those situations where more capacity exists than actual usage requires will be handled in the following manner:

8.3.2.1.1 If a trunk group is under 75 percent (75%) of CCS capacity on a monthly average basis, for each month of any three (3) consecutive months period, either Party may request the issuance of an order to resize the trunk group, which shall be left with not less than 25 percent (25%) excess capacity. In all cases grade of service objectives shall be maintained.

8.3.2.1.2 Either party may send a TGSR to the other Party to trigger changes to the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups based on capacity assessment. Upon receipt of a TGSR, the receiving Party will issue an ASR to the other Party within twenty (20) business days for **SBC CALIFORNIA/SBC NEVADA** and 10 business days for **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, and **SBC SNET** after receipt of the TGSR.

8.3.2.1.3 Upon review of the TGSR, if a Party does not agree with the resizing, the Parties will schedule a joint planning discussion within the twenty(20) business days. The Parties will meet to resolve and mutually agree to the disposition of the TGSR.

8.3.2.1.4 If **SBC-13STATE** does not receive an ASR, or if the CLEC does not respond to the TGSR by scheduling a joint discussion within the twenty (20) business day period, **SBC-13STATE** will attempt to contact the CLEC to schedule a joint planning discussion. If the CLEC will not agree to meet within an additional five (5) business days and present adequate reason for keeping trunks operational, **SBC-13STATE** will issue an ASR to resize the Interconnection trunks and facilities.

8.4 In all cases except a blocking situation, either Party upon receipt of a TGSR will issue an ASR to the other Party within twenty (20) business days for **SBC CALIFORNIA/SBC NEVADA** and (10) business days for **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, and **SBC SNET** after receipt of the TGSR.

8.4.1 Upon review of the TGSR, if a Party does not agree with the resizing, the Parties will schedule a joint planning discussion within the twenty (20) business days. The Parties will meet to resolve and mutually agree to the disposition of the TGSR.

8.5 Projects require the coordination and execution of multiple orders or related activities between and among **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC work groups, including but not limited to the initial establishment of Local Interconnection or Meet Point Trunk Groups and service in an area, NXX code moves, re-homes, facility grooming, or network rearrangements.

8.5.1 Orders that comprise a project, i.e., greater than four (4) DS-1's, shall be submitted at the same time, and their implementation shall be jointly planned and coordinated.

8.6 Due dates for the installation of Local Interconnection and Meet Point Trunks covered by this Appendix shall be based on each of the **SBC-13STATE**'s intrastate Switched Access intervals. If CLEC is unable to or not ready to perform Acceptance Tests, or is unable to accept the Local Interconnection Service Arrangement trunk(s) by the due date, the CLEC will provide a requested revised service due date that is no more than thirty (30) calendar days beyond the original service due date. If the CLEC requests a service due date change which exceeds the allowable service due date change period, the ASR must be canceled by the CLEC. Should the CLEC fail to cancel such an ASR, **SBC-13STATE** shall treat that ASR as though it had been canceled.

8.7 Trunk servicing responsibilities for OPERATOR SERVICES trunks used for stand-alone Operator Service or Directory Assistance are the sole responsibility of the CLEC.

8.8 TRUNK SERVICING – **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** Exceptions:

8.8.1 The Parties will process trunk service requests submitted via a properly completed ASR within ten (10) business days of receipt of such ASR unless defined as a major project, as stated in 8.6. Incoming orders will be screened by SBC SOUTHWEST REGION T-STATE trunk engineering personnel for reasonableness based upon current utilization and/or consistency with forecasts. If the nature and necessity of an order requires determination, the ASR will be placed in held status, and a Joint Planning discussion conducted. Parties agree to expedite this discussion in order to minimally delay order processing. Extension of this review and discussion process beyond two days from ASR receipt will require the ordering Party to Supplement the order with proportionally adjusted Customer Desired Due Dates. Facilities must also be in place before trunk orders can be completed.

8.9 Projects-Tandem Rehomes/Switch Conversion/Major Network Projects

8.9.1 **SBC-13STATE** will advise CLEC of all projects significantly affecting CLEC trunking. Such Projects may include, Tandem Rehomes, Switch Conversions and other Major Network Changes. An Accessible Letter with project details will be issued at least 6 months prior to the project due dates. **SBC-13 STATE** will follow with a Trunk Group Service Request (TGSR) approximately 4 to 6 months before the due date of the project. A separate TGSRs will be issued for each CLEC trunk group and will specify the required CLEC ASR issue date. Failure to submit ASR(s) by the required date may result in **SBC-13STATE** ceasing to deliver traffic until the ASR(s) are received and processed.

9. TRUNK DATA EXCHANGE: SBC-13STATE

9.1 Each Party agrees to service trunk groups to the foregoing blocking criteria in a timely manner when trunk groups exceed measured blocking thresholds on an average time consistent busy hour for a twenty (20) business day study period. The Parties agree that twenty (20) business days is the study period duration objective. However, a study period on occasion may be less than twenty (20) business days but at minimum must be at least three (3) business days to be utilized for engineering purposes, although with less statistical confidence.

9.2 Exchange of traffic data enables each Party to make accurate and independent assessments of trunk group service levels and requirements. Parties agree to establish a timeline for implementing an exchange of traffic data utilizing the DIXC process via a Network Data Mover (NDM) or FTP computer to computer file

transfer process. Implementation shall be within three (3) months of the date, or such date as agreed upon, that the trunk groups begin passing live traffic. The traffic data to be exchanged will be the Originating Attempt Peg Count, Usage (measured in Hundred Call Seconds), Overflow Peg Count, and Maintenance Usage (measured in Hundred Call Seconds on a seven (7) day per week, twenty-four (24) hour per day, fifty-two (52) weeks per year basis). These reports shall be made available at a minimum on a semi-annual basis upon request. Exchange of data on one-way groups is optional.

9.3 A trunk group utilization report (TIKI) is available upon request. The report is provided in a MS-Excel format.

10. NETWORK MANAGEMENT: SBC-13STATE

10.1 Restrictive Controls

10.1.1 Either Party may use protective network traffic management controls such as 7-digit and 10-digit code gaps set at appropriate levels on traffic toward each other's network, when required, to protect the public switched network from congestion due to facility failures, switch congestion, or failure or focused overload. CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** will immediately notify each other of any protective control action planned or executed.

10.2 Expansive Controls

10.2.1 Where the capability exists, originating or terminating traffic reroutes may be implemented by either Party to temporarily relieve network congestion due to facility failures or abnormal calling patterns. Reroutes will not be used to circumvent normal trunk servicing. Expansive controls will only be used when mutually agreed to by the Parties.

10.3 Mass Calling

10.3.1 CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** shall cooperate and share pre-planning information regarding cross-network call-ins expected to generate large or focused temporary increases in call volumes.

11. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

11.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions; interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks, no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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APPENDIX INW
(Inward Assistance Operator Services)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Inward Assistance Operator Services for switched-based CLEC's or CLEC's leasing unbundled switched ports as provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

1.2 **SBC Communications Inc**. **(SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

1.3 **SBC-2STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

1.4 **SBC-4STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

1.5 **SBC-7STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA,** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA,** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS -** As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA –** As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.

1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS -** As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

1.14 **SBC INDIANA -** As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN -** As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.

1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.17 **SBC MISSOURI -** As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.

1.18 **SBC NEVADA -** As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

1.19 **SBC OHIO -** As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA -** As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.

1.21 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.23 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.

1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN -** As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2. SERVICES

2.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** Inward Assistance Operator will provide the following assistance or services when reached by an operator dialing the appropriate Toll Center Code in addition to the inward code.

2.1.1 General Assistance on calls where an attempt to connect the call is required by a local operator.

2.1.2 Busy Line Verification (BLV) service and Busy Line Verification/Interrupt (BLV/I) service.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 **"General Assistance**" - A service in which an operator calls the Inward Assistance operator seeking assistance in dialing a number. The assistance could be required, for example, for attempting to dial a number where a 'no ring' condition has been encountered.

3.2 **"Busy Line Verification"** - A service in which an operator asks the Inward Assistance operator to verify a conversation in progress.

3.3 **"Busy Line Verification/ Interrupt" -** A service in which an operator asks the Inward Assistance operator to interrupt a conversation in progress, to determine if one of the parties is willing to speak to the caller requesting the interrupt.

3.4 "**Toll Center Code"** - Refers to a three digit Access Tandem Code (ATC) code that uniquely identifies a tandem switch in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) designated as providing access to operator services functions. An operator dials the appropriate area code + ATC + OPR SVC CODE to obtain Inward Assistance.

3.5 **"Operator Service Code"** - Refers to the operator dialable code assigned in the LERG for Inward Assistance.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

4.1 To the extent that a Party elects, in its sole discretion, to interconnect with the other Party's Operator assistance switches, the Parties' responsibilities are described below:

4.1.1 It is the responsibility of the CLEC to order the necessary facilities to interconnect with **SBC-13STATE**'s Operator assistance switch(es). It is the responsibility of **SBC-13STATE** to provide the necessary facilities to the CLEC's point of presence in the local exchange area/LATA to interconnect with the CLEC's Operator assistance switches.

4.1.2 The CLEC will initiate an ASR for a one-way trunk group from its designated Operator assistance switch to the **SBC-13STATE** Operator assistance switch utilizing MF signaling. Likewise, **SBC-13STATE** will initiate an ASR for a one-way MF signaling trunk group from its Operator assistance switch to the CLEC's designated Operator assistance switch.

4.2 CLEC will furnish request for service in writing to **SBC-13STATE**, thirty calendar (30) days in advance of the date when the Inward Assistance Operator Services are to be undertaken, unless otherwise agreed to by **SBC-13STATE**. CLEC or its designated operator services providers shall submit Access Service Requests (ASRs) to **SBC-13STATE** to establish any new interconnection trunking arrangements.

4.3 The requester of this Inward Assistance Operator Services service agreement must provide one Carrier Identification Code (CIC) for its CLEC or Independent Exchange Carrier business operation and one for its InterExchange Carrier (IXC) business operation if the requesting company wishes to receive billing data in a format that separates the service provided to the two business operations.

5. TOLL CENTER CODES

5.1 Toll Center Codes will be used by the CLEC Operators for routing and connecting to the **SBC-13STATE** Operator assistance switches. These codes are specific to the various **SBC-13STATE** LATA's where **SBC-13STATE** Operator assistance switches are located.

5.2 **SBC-13STATE** Operator Services will require a Toll Center Code for the CLEC Operator Services assistance switch. This code will be the routing code used for connecting the **SBC-13STATE** Operator to the CLEC Operator on an Inward basis.

5.3 If the CLEC requires establishment of a new Toll Center Code, CLEC shall do so by referencing the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG).

6. PRICING

6.1 **SBC-12STATE** - Pricing for Inward Assistance Operator Services shall be based on the rates specified in the applicable Appendix Pricing (Operator work seconds) and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

7. MONTHLY BILLING

7.1 **SBC-13STATE** will render monthly billing statements to CLEC, and remittance in full will be due within thirty (30) days of receipt. CLEC will render monthly billing to **SBC-13STATE** and remittance in full will be due within thirty (30) days of receipt.

8. LIABILITY

8.1 The CLEC agrees to defend and hold harmless **SBC-13STATE** from any and all losses, damages, or other liability including attorneys fees that the carrier may incur as a result of claims, demands, wrongful death actions, or other suits brought by any party that arise out of the carrier's operator use of Inward Assistance Operator Services on the behalf of the carrier's End Users. The CLEC shall defend against all end user claims just as if the carrier operator had provided such service to its end user directly and shall assert its tariff limitation of liability for benefit of both **SBC-13STATE** and carrier.

8.2 The CLEC also agrees to release, defend and hold harmless **SBC-13STATE** from any claim, demand or suit that asserts any infringement or invasion of privacy or confidentiality of any person or persons caused or claimed to be caused, directly, or indirectly, by **SBC-13STATE** employees and equipment associated with provision of the Inward Assistance Operator Services. This provision includes but is not limited to suits, claims, and demands arising from disclosure of the telephone number, address, or name associated with the telephone called.

9. TERMS OF APPENDIX

9.1 This Appendix will continue in force for the length of the Interconnection Agreement, but no less than twelve (12) months. At the expiration of the term of the Interconnection Agreement to which this Appendix is attached or twelve (12) months, whichever occurs later, either Party may terminate this Appendix upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days written notice to the other Party.

9.2 If the CLEC terminates this Appendix prior to the expiration of the term of this Appendix, CLEC shall pay **SBC-13STATE**, within thirty (30) days of the issuance of any bills by **SBC-13STATE**, all amounts due for actual services provided under this Appendix, plus estimated monthly charges for the remainder of the term. Estimated charges will be based on an average of the actual monthly amounts billed by **SBC-13STATE** pursuant to this Appendix prior to its termination.

9.3 The rates applicable for determining the amount(s) under the terms outlined in this Section are those specified in Appendix Pricing.

10. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

10.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

APPENDIX INW

EXHIBIT I

SERVING AREA

OPERATOR SERVICES PROVIDER LOCATION:

CLEC SWITCH SERVING LOCATIONS:

CITY	NPA-NXX	LATA

ADDITIONAL SHEETS SHOULD BE ADDED AS REQUIRED.

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BILLING AND SETTLEMENT APPENDIX FOR UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENT PLATFORM ("UNE-P") ALTERNATE BILLED SERVICES TRAFFIC

This Appendix, Alternate Billed Services, sets forth the terms and conditions for Alternate Billed Services Billing and Settlement for Unbundled Network Element Platform ("UNE-P") Alternate Billed Services Traffic.

1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 **"Adjustments"** means either (1) any dollar amounts that are credited to CLEC's End-User Customer as defined in Section 9, or (2) any charges or credits to the CLEC's Account for amounts declared as Unbillable and/or Uncollectible, as defined herein.

1.2 **"Alternate Billed Services" (ABS)** means a service that allows end-users to bill calls to accounts that may not be associated with the originating line. There are three types of ABS calls: calling card, collect and third number billed calls.

1.3 **"End User"** means a third-party residence or business that subscribes to Telecommunications Services provided at retail by the CLEC. As used herein, the term "End Users" does not include any of the Parties to this Agreement with respect to any item or service obtained under this Agreement.

1.4 The term ILEC in this Appendix references the SBC-owned ILECs doing business the regions more particularly described below:

1.4.1 **SBC Communications Inc**. **(SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

1.4.2 **SBC-2STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

1.4.3 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.4.4 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.4.5 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.4.6 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.5 "**Messages"** means the call detail information provided via the DUF (See Section 3.0).

1.6 **"Pre-paid Service"** means a program offered by **SBC-13STATE**'s Public Communications affiliate that will allow CLEC's End Users to receive collect calls that originate from inmate facilities served by **SBC-**

13STATE's Public Communications affiliate when Selective Blocking has been imposed. Prepay Service allows the End Users to receive such calls by paying a pre-determined amount into a facility-specific account from which payment for future collect calls from that facility are deducted. Prepaid calls are billed at the same rate as collect calls. When the prepaid account is exhausted, calls are prevented from completing until additional amounts are deposited in the account. Any unused portion of a prepaid account is refunded upon request.

1.7 **"Rejects"** means Messages that fail to pass edits in the CLEC's billing system, including Messages that do not pass due to: (1) the age of the call; (2) missing information; (3) incomplete information, or (4) Automatic Number Identification "ANIs" that do not belong to the CLEC at the time the calls was made. Rejects are considered "Unbillable" as defined herein.

1.8 **"Selective Blocking"** means a blocking functionality which selectively blocks calls that originate from certain inmate facilities that are served by **SBC-13STATE**'s Public Communications affiliate and that are billable to CLEC's UNE-P End-Users (that is certain inmate – originated collect calls terminating to CLEC's unbundled switch-port). Traffic originating from these inmate facilities will not complete to UNE-P End-Users, unless such End-Users have set up a pre-paid account, as described herein. **SBC-13STATE** will identify CLEC's OCNs and provide programming necessary to restrict inmate originated collect calls, which terminate to **SBC-13STATE** unbundled local switch ports.

1.9 **"Rated ABS Message"** means an ABS message originating from **SBC-13STATE** that is rated and listed on the DUF.

1.10 **"Toll Billing Exception"** (**TBE**) means a blocking functionality which uses pre-existing Line Information Database "LIDB" that is currently available under the Interconnection Agreement to block CLEC's retail lines. CLEC orders TBE blocking via the service order process.

1.11 **"Unbillable"** means the rated value of an ABS Message that is not billable to CLEC's End-User because of missing information in the billing record or other billing error (not the result of an error by CLEC) that is returned to **SBC-13STATE** by means of the DUF.

1.12 **"Uncollectible"** means: an ABS Message for which charges are billed by CLEC to CLEC's end-user's telephone number and cannot be collected by CLEC from its End-User, despite CLEC's collection efforts.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCOLLECT CALLS

2.1 CLEC may select one of the three options set forth below, by placing its initials in the space provided:

2.2 **Option 1: CLEC Blocking of ABS Traffic**

CLEC is not responsible for charges for ABS traffic that is originated on **SBC-13STATE'**s network; provided, however, that CLEC must request full Toll Billing Exception (TBE) Blocking for all of its UNE-P End Users. In addition, **SBC-13STATE** will selectively block calls which originate from certain inmate facilities that are served by **SBC-13STATE**'s Public Communications unit that are billable to CLEC's UNE-P End-Users. Traffic originating from these inmate facilities will not complete to CLEC's UNE-P End-Users, unless such End-Users have set up a pre-paid service. **SBC-13STATE** will identify CLEC's OCNs and provide the programming necessary to restrict inmate originated collect calls, which terminate to **SBC-13STATE** unbundled local switch ports. CLEC will be responsible for one hundred percent (100%) and all applicable charges as discussed herein of any and all ABS charges passed through **SBC-13STATE** by a Third Party LEC to CLEC that are included in a DUF transmission.

2.2.1 CLEC shall block its End-User Customer access to ABS messages by requesting full Toll Billing Exception (TBE) blocking when it submits its order for ULS.

2.2.2 CLEC shall be responsible for paying all Charges arising out of CLEC's failure to order blocking for UNE-P lines and as such ABS calls will not be adjusted. If the CLEC fails to place TBE on the line **SBC-13STATE** will charge the CLEC a fee of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) per day for each CLEC UNE-P End-User that did not have TBE implemented.

2.2.3 Settlement with CLEC

2.2.3.1 The amount due **SBC-13STATE** shall be the total of all billable charges, plus appropriate taxes submitted to CLEC, less:

a. Amounts declared Unbillable or Rejects as provided in Section 8.0 of the Appendix;

b. Late Payment Charges previously assessed for Unbillables.

2.2.3.2 Upon termination of this Appendix for any reason, all sums due to **SBC-13STATE** hereunder shall be immediately due and payable.

2.2.4 Unbillables / Rejects

2.2.4.1 CLEC may submit Unbillable and/or Reject claims to **SBC-13STATE** as provided in Section 7.0.

2.3 **Option 2: CLEC Responsible for ABS Traffic**

CLEC is responsible for payment of all charges for ABS Traffic excluding Unbillables and Rejects, as provided in Section 8, and agrees to comply with the remaining terms and conditions in this Appendix. CLEC may submit up to a maximum of thirty-five percent (35%) of **SBC-13STATE'**s rated ABS messages and applicable taxes delivered via the DUF to **SBC-13STATE** as an Uncollectible, for a given bill period. CLEC will be responsible for one hundred percent (100%) of any ABS charges and applicable taxes passed through **SBC-13STATE** by a Third Party LEC that is included in a DUF transmission. **SBC-13STATE** will credit CLEC a Billing and Collection Service (B&CS) fee of $0.05 per billed message for billing its End Users according to the ABS messages transmitted via the DUF for ABS calls originated on SBC-13STATE's network.

2.3.1 At the CLEC's option, **SBC-13STATE** will selectively block calls, which originate from inmate facilities that are served by **SBC-13STATE**'s Public Communications unit that are billable to CLEC's End-Users. Once the CLEC requests Selective Blocking, **SBC-13STATE** will identify CLEC's OCNs and provide the programming necessary to restrict inmate originated collect calls, which terminate to **SBC-13STATE** unbundled local switch ports.

2.3.2 Settlement with CLEC:

2.3.2.1 The amount due each billing cycle to **SBC-13STATE** from CLECs who select Option 2, shall be the total of all billable charges, plus appropriate taxes submitted to CLEC less:

a. All charges due CLEC under Option 2 of this Appendix minus the credit to CLEC of a Billing and Collection Service (B&CS) fee of $0.05 per billed message for billing its End Users according to the ABS messages transmitted via the DUF for ABS calls originated on **SBC-13STATE's** network.

b. Amounts declared Unbillable or Rejects as provided in Section 8.0 of the Appendix;

c. Late Payment Charges previously assessed to Uncollectibles and/or Unbillables.

2.3.2.2 Under Option 2, **SBC-13STATE** will conduct a running average review, semi-annually, of the CLEC recoursed Uncollectibles to determine whether the 35% cap has been achieved by the CLEC. **SBC-13STATE** will adjust the CLEC's account accordingly as a result of the running average review for amounts declared Uncollectible. **SBC-13STATE** will work with CLEC to establish running average amount for the first six months after execution of this Appendix.

2.3.2.3 Upon termination of this Appendix for any reason, all sums due to **SBC-13STATE** hereunder shall be immediately due and payable.

2.3.3 Uncollectibles

2.3.3.1 **SBC-13STATE** may adjust CLEC's ABS charges for timely and properly returned Uncollectibles, as defined herein. If CLEC has not billed its End-User for ABS charges or has not made collection efforts, a message is not an Uncollectible and CLEC may not return

the rated message to **SBC-13STATE** for adjustment. Prior to CLEC appealing for an adjustment for an Uncollectible, CLEC will make good faith efforts to collect said amounts from its End-User. This excludes adjustments for Unbillables and Rejects, as defined herein.

2.3.3.2 CLEC may submit Uncollectibles to **SBC-13STATE** no earlier than 30 days, but no later than 180 days, from the date that the message was originally sent to CLEC by means of the DUF.

2.3.3.3 CLEC must return Uncollectibles to **SBC-13STATE** by means of the DUF, using the appropriate EMI Guidelines to receive adjustment.

2.3.3.4 CLEC shall implement Toll Billing Exception (TBE) for any End-User customer that is 60 days in arrears for any ABS calls. CLEC shall implement such TBE within 5-business days of recoursing an Uncollectible to **SBC-13STATE** for adjustment. **SBC-13STATE** reserves the right to return Uncollectibles to CLEC if TBE was not placed on the End-User customer access line that is in arrears.

2.3.3.5 If the CLEC fails to place TBE on the line **SBC-13STATE** will charge the CLEC a fee of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) per day for each CLEC UNE-P End-User that did not have TBE implemented.

2.3.3.6 In the event that the CLEC wishes to remove TBE from an End User's line, CLEC must present full payment of any previous Uncollectibles on that End User's line to **SBC-13STATE** prior to **SBC-13STATE** removing TBE on the End User's line.

2.4 **Option 3: CLEC Purchase of ABS Accounts Receivable**

CLEC is responsible for payment of all charges for ABS Traffic, and will remit payment for all charges, excluding Unbillables and Rejects, as provided in Section 8. At the sole discretion of the CLEC, it may bill its End-User for ABS calls transmitted via the Daily Usage File (DUF). CLEC shall receive an Accounts Receivable Discount, which requires that the CLEC shall purchase seventy percent (70%) of the total amount of **SBC-13STATE**'s originated rated ABS messages and applicable taxes, and 100% of any ABS charges passed through **SBC-13STATE** by Third Party LECs that are included in a DUF transmission, as provided in Section 3.

2.4.1 At the CLEC's option, **SBC-13STATE** will selectively block calls, which originate from inmate facilities that are served by **SBC-13STATE**'s Public Communications unit that are billable to CLEC's End-Users. Once the CLEC requests Selective Blocking, **SBC-13STATE** will identify CLEC's OCNs and provide the programming necessary to restrict inmate originated collect calls, which terminate to **SBC-13STATE** unbundled local switch ports.

2.4.2 Settlement with CLEC

2.4.2.1 The amount due **SBC-13STATE** shall be the total of all billable charges, plus appropriate taxes submitted to CLEC, less:

a. The Accounts Receivable Discount, as defined within Option 3 above, will be credited one month in arrears to Requesting Carrier's account;

b. Amounts declared Unbillable or Rejects as provided in Section 8.0 of the Appendix;

c. Late Payment Charges previously assessed for Unbillables.

2.4.2.2 Upon termination of this Appendix for any reason, all sums due to **SBC-13STATE** hereunder shall be immediately due and payable.

2.4.3 Billing Services

2.4.3.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC with formatted records via the DUF for **SBC-13STATE**s' and Third Party LECs' rated messages for ABS calls in accordance with each Provider's requested rate. If CLEC elects to render bills to CLEC's Customers; it must do so in accordance with standard billing processes. If CLEC elects to bill its End-Users for ABS calls, it shall bill all calls within thirty (30) days of receiving the DUF.

2.4.3.2 CLEC must comply with all federal and state requirements applicable to the provision of the Billing Services if it elects to bill its End-Users for ABS calls.

3.0 DAILY USAGE EXTRACT FILE: Applies to all Options

3.1 Daily Usage Extract is a process whereby CLEC can receive usage sensitive records (Daily Usage Extract file, "DUF") in the industry standard format, currently Exchange Message Interface (EMI). The EMI format is established by the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF), an industry body, sponsored by the Alliance for Telecommunications Solutions (ATIS), that is charged with creating voluntary guidelines for the exchange of information among Telecommunications Carriers. Although **SBC-13STATE** follows the OBF guidelines in respect to packaging and transmitting messages, regional differences may exist which are documented in the Daily Usage Extract user guide, available on **SBC-13STATE**'s CLEC web site.

3.2 In addition to any other records required to be transmitted in the DUF under the CLEC's Interconnection Agreement **SBC-13STATE** shall transmit **SBC-13STATE**'s and Third Party LECs' rated messages for ABS calls to CLEC on the DUF. The **SBC-13STATE** originated messages will be rated by **SBC-13STATE** and provided on the DUF. Third Party LEC's messages will be transmitted to CLEC as passed to **SBC-13STATE** from the Third Party LEC. Any disputes that the CLEC has with the Third Party LEC rates must be addressed directly by the CLEC with the Third Party LEC.

3.3 CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** have stipulated that a per message charge for **SBC-13STATE**'s transmission of ABS messages via the DUF to CLEC is applicable and **SBC-13STATE** will bill CLEC for the transmission Charge as outlined in the state specific Interconnection Agreement.

3.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing, CLEC shall not be liable for any Underbilled Charges for which Customer Usage Data was not furnished by **SBC-13STATE** to CLEC within six (6) months of the date such usage was incurred.

3.5 CLEC shall notify **SBC-13STATE**'s Information Systems "IS" Call Center within twenty-four (24) hours if a problem occurs with transmission of the Daily Usage Extract file.

4.0 BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES (B&CS): Applies to Options 1 &2 Only

4.1 Billing Services

4.1.1 CLEC will provide Billing and Collection Services (B&CS) to **SBC-13STATE** for the ABS calls described in this Appendix and for additional Alternate Billing Services that may be developed during the term of this Appendix.

4.1.2 **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC with formatted records via the DUF for **SBC-13STATE**s' and Third Party LECs' rated messages for ABS calls in accordance with each Provider's requested rate. CLEC will render bills to CLEC's Customers in accordance with standard billing processes. CLEC must bill for all ABS calls contained on the formatted DUF records. CLEC shall bill all calls within thirty (30) days of receiving the applicable DUF.

4.1.3 CLEC must comply with all federal and state requirements applicable to the provision of the Billing Services.

4.2 Collection Services

These Collection Services consist of:

- Collecting payments remitted by CLEC's End-User Customers for Alternate Billing Services calls;
- Adjusting End User's bills as set forth in Section 7.0 of this Appendix;
- Responding to Customer complaints, inquiries and disputes;
- Remitting net proceeds to **SBC-13STATE**;
- Undertaking preliminary collection activity for delinquent accounts which may include but is not limited to referring account to outside collection agency, applying Selective or TBE blocking, or payment plan.

5.0 CHANGES TO PROVIDER'S SERVICES AND RATES

5.1 At its option, the CLEC may pass through discretionary charge(s) their End-User's, as a mechanism for cost recovery, when choosing to bill its End-User Customer.

6.0 CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS AND INQUIRIES

6.1 CLEC is responsible for facilitating all End User complaints, inquiries and disputes associated with ABS calls. **SBC-13STATE** will work cooperatively with CLEC to address the CLEC's End User's concerns.

7.0 ADJUSTMENTS TO CLEC'S END-USER'S ACCOUNT

7.1 The CLEC has the option to remove a disputed Uncollectible charge from their End User's account no earlier than thirty (30) days from the date that the message was originally sent to CLEC by means of the DUF.

8.0 UNBILLABLES / REJECTS

8.1 **SBC-13STATE** may adjust CLEC's ABS charges for timely and properly returned Unbillables and Rejects as defined herein.

8.2 CLEC may submit Unbillable and/or Reject claims to **SBC-13STATE** no later than 60 days from the date the message was originally sent to CLEC through the DUF.

8.3 CLEC must return Unbillable and/or Reject claims to **SBC-13STATE** by means of the DUF, using the appropriate EMI Guidelines.

8.4 Upon receipt of returned Unbillable and/or Reject, **SBC-13STATE** will first attempt to correct the message and re-send it to CLEC for End-User billing. If the record cannot be corrected, **SBC-13STATE** will process appropriate credits to CLEC's account.

8.5 In the rare event that duplicate records are received by the CLEC, a separate adjustment procedure will be necessary. A CLEC may notify **SBC-13STATE** of duplicate records by submitting an e-mail message to pccdispute@**SBC**.com.

9.0 TAXES

9.1 Taxes Imposed on Services Performed by Reseller. CLEC shall be responsible for payment of all sales, use or other taxes of a similar nature, including interest and penalties, imposed on CLEC's performance of Billing Services and Collection Services under this Appendix.

9.2 Taxes on Alternate Billed Services CLEC shall be responsible for applying taxes as determined by Provider for all ABS messages billed hereunder as specified in Exhibit E. Each Provider shall be responsible for determining what taxes apply to the service it provides and for notifying **SBC-13STATE** of those taxes. **SBC-13STATE** shall notify CLEC of this information and pursuant to this Appendix CLEC shall bill and collect such taxes based on information supplied by Provider and shall remit such taxes to **SBC-13STATE**. CLEC shall identify the amount of taxes and type of taxes, by Provider. **SBC-13STATE** shall then remit such collected taxes to the Provider.

10.0 BLOCKING

10.1 CLEC shall comply with all federal and state requirements to block End User access to ABS calls upon End User's request. CLEC shall also block End User access to ABS calls upon **SBC-13STATE**'s request, as set forth in the Guidelines in this Appendix.

10.2 CLEC shall agree to cooperate with **SBC-13STATE** to investigate, minimize, and take corrective action in cases of fraud. CLEC shall also block its End-User access to ABS calls upon **SBC-13STATE**'s request in the case of fraud.

10.3 In connection with the selective blocking and TBE option, **SBC-13STATE** is unable to guarantee that its methodology will block 100% of the collect/third party calls. CLEC is responsible for any ABS charges that may occur due to CLEC's End User's acceptance of Collect/Third Party calls.

10.4 Not all facilities have the necessary equipment or capacity to implement Selective Blocking. For Facilities not capable or without capacity to implement Selective Blocking, Toll Billing Exception (TBE) is an available alternative for the CLEC.

10.5 CLEC will not be charged for Selective Blocking for the remainder of 2002. **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC with 60-day notice from when recurring charges will commence, allowing it to remove Selective Blocking accordingly. The parties will negotiate the Selective Blocking rate. If the parties are unable to reach Appendix on the Selective Blocking Rate they will initiate the Dispute Resolution Process contained in the Underlying Interconnection Agreement.

10.6 **SBC-13STATE** reserves the right to withdraw the Selective Blocking Option at any time, with 30 days' notice.

10.7 Certain calling patterns by CLEC's End-Users accepting ABS calls may trigger fraud alerts that may require Toll Billing Exception (TBE) in place of or in addition to Selective Blocking.

11.0 AUDIT RIGHTS

11.1 A Party (the **"Auditing Party"**) may audit the other Party's (the **"Audited Party"**) books, records, data and other documents, as provided herein, once annually, with the audit period commencing not earlier than the date on which services were first supplied under this Appendix **("service start date")** for the purpose of evaluating (i) the accuracy of Audited Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided hereunder and (ii) verification of compliance with any provision of this Appendix that affects the accuracy of Auditing Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided to Audited Party hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Auditing Party may audit the Audited Party's books, records and documents more than once annually if the previous audit found (i) previously uncorrected net variances or errors in invoices in Audited Party's favor with an aggregate value of at least five percent (5%) of the amounts payable by Auditing Party for audited services provided during the period covered by the audit or (ii) non-compliance by Audited Party with any provision of this Appendix affecting Auditing Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided to Audited Party with an aggregate value of at least five percent (5%) of the amounts payable by Audited Party for audited services provided during the period covered by the audit.

11.2 The scope of the audit shall be limited to the period which is the shorter of (i) the period subsequent to the last day of the period covered by the audit which was last performed (or if no audit has been performed, the service start date and (ii) the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date the Audited Party received notice of such requested audit, but in any event not prior to the service start date. Such audit shall begin no fewer than thirty (30) calendar days after Audited Party receives a written notice requesting an audit and shall be completed no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the start of such audit.

11.3 Such audit shall be conducted either by the Auditing Party's employee(s) or an independent auditor acceptable to both Parties; provided, however, if the Audited Party requests that an independent auditor be engaged and the Auditing Party agrees, the Audited Party shall pay one-quarter (1/4) of the independent auditor's fees and expenses. If an independent auditor is to be engaged, the Parties shall select an auditor by the thirtieth day following Audited Party's receipt of a written audit notice. Auditing Party shall cause the independent auditor to execute a nondisclosure Agreement in a form agreed upon by the Parties.

11.4 Each audit shall be conducted on the premises of the Audited Party during normal business hours. Audited Party shall cooperate fully in any such audit and shall provide the auditor reasonable access to any and all appropriate Audited Party employees and any books, records and other documents reasonably necessary to assess (i) the accuracy of Audited Party's bills and (ii) Audited Party's compliance with the provisions of this Appendix that affect the accuracy of Auditing Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided to Audited Party hereunder. Audited Party may redact from the books, records and other documents provided

to the auditor any Audited Party Proprietary Information that reveals the identity of End Users of Audited Party.

11.5 Each Party shall maintain reports, records and data relevant to the billing of any services that are the subject matter of this Appendix for a period of not less than twenty-four (24) months after creation thereof, unless a longer period is required by Applicable Law.

11.6 If any audit confirms any undercharge or overcharge, then Audited Party shall (i) promptly correct any billing error, including making refund of any overpayment by Auditing Party in the form of a credit on the invoice for the first full billing cycle after the Parties have agreed upon the accuracy of the audit results and (ii) for any undercharge caused by the actions of the Audited Party, immediately compensate Auditing Party for such undercharge, and (iii) in each case, calculate and pay interest amounts from the Bill Due Date at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month and (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law, compounded daily from the day following the Bill Due Date to and including the date that the payment is actually made and available, for the number of calendar days from the date on which such undercharge or overcharge originated until the date on which such credit is issued or payment is made and available.

11.7 Except as may be otherwise provided in this Appendix, audits shall be performed at Auditing Party's expense, subject to reimbursement by Audited Party of one-quarter (1/4) of any independent auditor's fees and expenses in the event that an audit finds, and the Parties subsequently verify, a net adjustment in the charges paid or payable by Auditing Party hereunder by an amount that is, on an annualized basis, greater than five percent (5%) of the aggregate charges for the audited services during the period covered by the audit.

11.8 Any disputes concerning audit results shall be referred to the Parties' respective personnel responsible for informal resolution. If these individuals cannot resolve the dispute within thirty (30) calendar days of the referral, either Party may request in writing that an additional audit shall be conducted by an independent auditor acceptable to both Parties, subject to the requirements set out in Section 3.3. Any additional audit shall be at the requesting Party's expense.

12.0 APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

12.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions; interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of Agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire Agreement.

APPENDIX NIM
(NETWORK INTERCONNECTION METHODS)

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APPENDIX NIM
(NETWORK INTERCONNECTION METHODS)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions that Network Interconnection Methods (NIM) is provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC. This Appendix describes the physical architecture for Interconnection of the Parties' facilities and equipment for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic and Exchange Access traffic between the respective Customers of the Parties pursuant to Section 251(c)(2) of the Act; provided, however, Interconnection may not be used solely for the purpose of originating a Party's own interexchange traffic.

1.2 **SBC Communications Inc**. **(SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

1.3 **SBC-2STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

1.4 **SBC-4STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

1.5 **SBC-7STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA,** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA,** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS -** As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA –** As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.

1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS -** As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

1.14 **SBC INDIANA -** As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN -** As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.

1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.17 **SBC MISSOURI -** As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.

1.18 **SBC NEVADA -** As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

1.19 **SBC OHIO -** As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA -** As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.

1.21 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.23 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.

1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN -** As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

1.25 Network Interconnection Methods (NIMs) include, but are not limited to, Physical Collocation Interconnection; Virtual Collocation Interconnection; Leased Facilities Interconnection; Fiber Meet Interconnection; and other methods as mutually agreed to by the Parties. One or more of these methods may be used to effect the Interconnection.

1.25.1 Trunking requirements associated with Interconnection are contained in Appendix ITR.

1.25.2 The terms and conditions associated with access to Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) are not found in Appendix NIM, but are contained in Appendix UNE. **SBC SNET** Unbundled Network Elements are offered via the Connecticut Access Tariff.

1.10 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Interconnection for CLEC's facilities and equipment for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service and exchange access, at a level of quality that is equal to that which **SBC-13STATE** provides itself, a subsidiary, an affiliate, or any other party to which **SBC-13STATE** provides Interconnection and on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable and non-discriminatory.

1.11 The Parties shall effect an Interconnection that is efficient, fair and equitable with each party being financially responsible for approximately half of the Interconnection facilities or in any other manner that is mutually agreeable to the Parties.

2. NETWORK INTERCONNECTION ARCHITECTURE PLAN

2.1 **SBC-13STATE**'s network is partly comprised of End Office switches, Tandem switches that serve local only traffic (**SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**), Tandem switches that serve IntraLATA and InterLATA traffic, and Tandem switches that serve a combination of local, IntraLATA and InterLATA traffic. **SBC-13STATE**'s network architecture in any given local exchange area and/or LATA can vary markedly from another local exchange area/LATA. Using one or more of the NIMs herein, the Parties will agree to a physical architecture plan for a specific Interconnection area. Due to differing state regulatory calling scope requirements, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** requires Interconnection in each local exchange area, while **SBC SNET**, **SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** require Interconnection at all Tandems in a LATA. CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** agree to Interconnect their networks through existing and/or new Interconnection facilities between CLEC switch(es) and **SBC-13STATE** End Office(s) and/or Tandem switch(es). The physical architecture plan will, at a minimum, include the location of CLEC's switch(es) and **SBC-13STATE**'s End Office switch(es) and/or Tandem switch(es) to be interconnected, the facilities that will connect the two networks and which Party will provide (be financially responsible for) the Interconnection facilities. At the time of implementation in a given local exchange area the plan will be documented and signed by appropriate representatives of the Parties, indicating their mutual agreement to the physical architecture plan.

2.2 Points of Interconnection (POIs): A Point of Interconnection (POI) is a point in the network where the Parties deliver Interconnection traffic to each other, and also serves as a demarcation point between the facilities that each Party is responsible to provide. In many cases, multiple POI(s) will be necessary to balance the facilities investment and provide the best technical implementation of Interconnection requirements to each Tandem within an exchange area and/or LATA. Both parties shall negotiate the architecture in each location that will seek to mutually minimize and equalize investment.

2.3 The Parties agree to meet as often as necessary to negotiate the selection of new POIs. The overall goal of POI selection will be to achieve a balance in the provision of facilities that is fair to both Parties. Criteria to be used in determining POIs for each geography (LATA, tandem area, etc.) include existing facility capacity, location of existing POIs, traffic volumes, relative costs, future capacity needs, etc. Agreement to the location of POIs is based on the network architecture existing at the time the POI(s) is/are negotiated. In the event either Party makes subsequent changes to its network architecture, including but not limited to trunking changes or adding new switches, then the Parties will negotiate new POIs. The mutually agreed to POIs will be documented and distributed to both Parties.

2.4 Each Party is responsible for the facilities to its side of the negotiated POI(s) and may utilize any method of Interconnection described in this Appendix. Each Party is responsible for the appropriate sizing, operation, and maintenance of the transport facility to the POI(s). The parties agree to provide sufficient facilities for the Interconnection trunk groups required for the exchange of traffic between CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**.

2.5 Either Party, must provide thirty (30) days written notice of any intent to change to the physical architecture plan.

2.6 CLEC is solely responsible for the facilities that carry OS/DA, 911, mass calling and Meet-Point trunk groups as specified in Appendix ITR.

2.7 If CLEC has established Collocation in an **SBC-13STATE** End Office, the facility for the Direct End Office Trunks (DEOTS) to that End Office shall be the financial responsibility of CLEC.

2.8 Technical Interfaces

2.8.1 The Interconnection facilities provided by each Party shall be formatted using either Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI) line code with Superframe format framing or Bipolar 8 Zero Signaling (B8ZS) with Extended Superframe format framing or any mutually agreeable line coding and framing.

2.8.2 Electrical handoffs at the POI(s) will be at the DS1 or DS3 level. When a DS3 handoff is agreed to by the Parties, **SBC-13STATE** will provide any multiplexing required for DS1 facilities or trunking at their end and CLEC will provide any DS1 multiplexing required for facilities or trunking at their end.

2.8.3 When the Parties demonstrate the need for Optical handoffs at the OC-n level, the parties will meet to negotiate specific Optical handoff needs.

3. METHODS OF INTERCONNECTION

3.1 Physical Collocation Interconnection

3.1.1 When CLEC provides their own facilities or uses the facilities of a 3rd party to a **SBC-13STATE** Tandem or End Office and wishes to place their own transport terminating equipment at that location, CLEC may Interconnect using the provisions of Physical Collocation as set forth in Appendix Physical Collocation or applicable state tariff.

3.2 Virtual Collocation Interconnection

3.2.1 When CLEC provides their own facilities or uses the facilities of a 3rd party to a **SBC-13STATE** Tandem or End Office and wishes for **SBC-13STATE** to place transport terminating equipment at that location on the CLEC's behalf, they may Interconnect using the provisions of Virtual Collocation as set forth in Appendix Virtual Collocation or applicable state tariff. Virtual Collocation allows CLEC to choose the equipment vendor and does not require that CLEC be Physically Collocated.

3.3 Leased Facility Interconnection ("LFI")

3.3.1 Where facilities are available, CLEC may lease facilities from **SBC-13STATE** as defined in Section 5 of this Appendix.

3.4 Fiber Meet Interconnection

3.4.1 Fiber Meet Interconnection between **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC can occur at any mutually agreeable and technically feasible point between CLEC's premises and an **SBC-13STATE** Tandem or End Office within each local exchange area (**SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**) or LATA (**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC SNET**, **SBC CALIFORNIA**, and **SBC NEVADA**).

3.4.2 When the Parties agree to interconnect their networks pursuant to the Fiber Meet, a single point-to-point linear chain SONET system must be utilized. Only Interconnection trunking shall be provisioned over this jointly provided facility.

3.4.3 Neither Party will be allowed to access the Data Communications Channel ("DCC") of the other Party's Fiber Optic Terminal (FOT). The Fiber Meet will be designed so that each Party may, as far as is technically feasible, independently select the transmission, multiplexing, and fiber terminating equipment to be used on its side of the POI(s). The Parties will work cooperatively to achieve equipment and vendor compatibility of the FOT equipment.

3.4.4 Requirements for such Interconnection specifications will be defined in joint engineering planning sessions between the Parties. The Parties may share the investment of the fiber as mutually agreed.

3.4.5 In addition to the semi-annual trunk forecast process, discussed in Appendix ITR, discussions to provide relief to existing facilities can be initiated by either party. Actual system augmentations will be initiated only upon mutual agreement. Facilities will be planned for to accommodate the verified and mutually agreed upon trunk forecast.

3.4.6 Both Parties will negotiate a project service date and corresponding work schedule to construct relief facilities prior to facilities exhaust.

3.4.7 There are two basic Fiber Meet design options. The option selected must be mutually agreeable to both Parties. Additional arrangements may be mutually developed and agreed to by the Parties pursuant to the requirements of this section.

3.4.7.1 Design One: CLEC will provide fiber cable to the last entrance (or **SBC-13STATE** designated) manhole at the **SBC-13STATE** Tandem or End Office switch. **SBC-13STATE** shall make all necessary preparations to receive and to allow and enable CLEC to deliver fiber optic facilities into that manhole. CLEC will provide a sufficient length of Fiber cable for **SBC-13STATE** to pull through the **SBC-13STATE** cable vault. CLEC shall deliver and

maintain such strands wholly at its own expense up to the POI. **SBC-13STATE** shall take the fiber from the manhole and terminate it inside **SBC-13STATE**'s office at the cable vault at **SBC-13STATE**'s expense. In this case the POI shall be at the **SBC-13STATE** designated manhole location.

3.4.7.2 Design Two: Both CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** each provide two fibers between their locations to terminate at each parties' FOT This design may only be considered where existing fibers are available and there is a mutual benefit to both Parties. **SBC-13STATE** will provide the fibers associated with the working side of the system. CLEC will provide the fibers associated with the protection side of the system. The Parties will work cooperatively to terminate each other's fiber in order to provision this joint point-to-point linear chain SONET system. Both Parties will work cooperatively to determine the appropriate technical handoff for purposes of demarcation and fault isolation. The POI will be defined as being at the **SBC-13STATE** location.

3.4.8 CLEC location includes FOTs, multiplexing and fiber required to terminate the optical signal provided from **SBC-13STATE**. This location is CLEC's responsibility to provision and maintain.

3.4.9 The **SBC-13STATE** location includes all **SBC-13STATE** FOT, multiplexing and fiber required to terminate the optical signal provided from CLEC. This location is **SBC-13STATE**'s responsibility to provision and maintain.

3.4.10 **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC shall, solely at their own expense, procure, install, and maintain the agreed-upon FOT equipment in each of their locations where the Parties established a Fiber Meet in capacity sufficient to provision and maintain all trunk groups prescribed by Appendix ITR for the purposes of Interconnection.

3.4.11 Each Party shall provide its own source for the synchronized timing of its FOT equipment.

3.4.12 CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** will mutually agree on the capacity of the FOT(s) to be utilized based on equivalent DS1s or DS3s. Each Party will also agree upon the optical frequency and wavelength necessary to implement the Interconnection. The Parties will develop and agree upon methods for the capacity planning and management for these facilities, terms and conditions for over provisioning facilities, and the necessary processes to implement facilities as indicated in section 4 of this document.

3.5 Other Interconnection Methods

3.5.1 Other Interconnection methods that are technically feasible may be mutually agreed to by the Parties.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

4.1 For each local Interconnection within an **SBC-13STATE** area, CLEC shall provide written notice to **SBC-13STATE** of the need to establish Interconnection in each local exchange area (**SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**) or LATA (**SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC NEVADA**, **SBC SNET**, and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**).CLEC shall provide all applicable network information on forms acceptable to **SBC-13STATE** (as set forth in SBC's CLEC Handbook, published on the CLEC website.)

4.2 Upon receipt of CLEC's notice to interconnect, the Parties shall schedule a meeting to negotiate and mutually agree on the network architecture (including trunking) to be documented as discussed in Section 2.1. The Interconnection activation date for an Interconnect shall be established based on then-existing force and load, the scope and complexity of the requested Interconnection and other relevant factors.

4.3 Either party may add or remove additional switches. The parties shall provide 120 days written notice to establish such Interconnection; and the terms and conditions of this agreement will apply to such Interconnection.

4.4 The Parties recognize that a facility handoff point must be agreed to that establishes the demarcation for maintenance and provisioning responsibilities for each party on their side of the POI.

4.5 Facilities will be planned for in accordance with the trunk forecasts exchanged between the Parties as described in Appendix ITR.

5. LEASING OF FACILITIES

5.1 Should **SBC-13STATE** wish to voluntarily provide CLEC with Leased ILEC Facilities for the purpose of interconnection, the Parties agree that this voluntary offering is not required under FTA 96 nor under FCC UNE Remand Order 99-238, November 5, 1999, and is made with all rights reserved. The Parties further agree that any such voluntary offering is not subject to TELRIC cost methodologies, and instead will be market priced on an individual case basis. Should **SBC-13STATE** voluntarily offer Leased Facilities under this section, it (I) will advise the CLEC in writing in advance of the applicable charges for Leased Facilities, and (II) will process the request only if CLEC accepts such charges.

5.1.1 Leased facilities in **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC SNET** are obtained from the applicable Access Tariffs.

5.2 Upon CLEC's request, the CLEC will provide a written leased facility request that will specify the A- and Z-ends (CLLI codes, where known), equipment and multiplexing required and provide quantities requested. Requests for leasing of facilities for the purposes of Interconnection and any future augmentations are subject to facility availability at the time of the request. Applicable rates, terms and conditions will be determined at the time of the request.

5.3 Requests by CLEC for leased facilities where facilities, equipment, or riser cable do not exist will be considered and **SBC-13STATE** may agree to provide facilities under a Bona Fide Request (BFR).

6. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

6.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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APPENDIX NP
(NUMBER PORTABILITY)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Number Portability mutually provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

1.2 **SBC Communications Inc**. **(SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

1.3 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

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1.5 **SBC CALIFORNIA –** As used herein, SBC CALIFORNIA means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in California.

1.6 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.7 **SBC NEVADA -** As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

1.8 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.9 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

2. PERMANENT NUMBER PORTABILITY (PNP)

2.1 General Terms and Conditions

2.1.1 The Parties agree that the industry has established local routing number (LRN) technology as the method by which permanent number portability (PNP) will be provided in response to FCC Orders in CC Docket No. 95-116 (i.e., First Report and Order and subsequent Orders issued to the date this agreement was signed). As such, the parties agree to provide PNP via LRN to each other as required by such FCC Orders or Industry agreed upon practices.

2.1.2 Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, **SNET** does not offer PNP under this agreement. Rather, PNP is available as described in Section 14 of the Connecticut Tariff FCC No. 39.

2.2 The Parties shall:

2.2.1 disclose, upon request, any technical limitations that would prevent LNP implementation in a particular switching office; and

2.2.2 provide PNP services and facilities only where technically feasible, subject to the availability of facilities, and only from properly equipped central office.

2.3 Obligations of **SBC-12STATE**

2.3.1 **SBC CALIFORNIA/SBC NEVADA/SBC-SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE SBC Southwest Region 5-State** has deployed LRN in all of their switches.

2.3.2 **SBC-13 State** will open unrestricted non portable codes within 180 days of the receipt of a BFR (bona fide request). A sample BFR is provided in Exhibit 1.

2.3.3 **SBC-12STATE** may cancel any line-based calling cards associated with telephone numbers ported from their switch.

2.4 Obligations of CLEC

2.4.1 The CLEC is responsible for advising the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) of telephone numbers that it imports and the associated data as identified in industry forums as being required for PNP.

2.4.2 After the initial deployment of PNP in a mandated MSA, CLEC shall submit a BFR (see EXHIBIT 1) to request that a **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** switch in that MSA become LRN capable. The requested switch will be made LRN capable within the time frame stipulated by the FCC.

2.4.3 When CLEC requests that an NXX in an LRN capable **SBC-12STATE** switch become portable, CLEC shall follow the industry standard LERG procedure.

2.4.4 CLEC shall be certified by the Regional NPAC prior to scheduling Intercompany testing of PNP.

2.4.5 CLEC shall adhere to **SBC-12STATE**'s Local Service Request (LSR) format and PNP due date intervals.

2.5 Obligations of Both Parties

2.5.1 When a ported telephone number becomes vacant, e.g., the telephone number is no longer in service by the original End User, the ported telephone number will be released back to the carrier owning the switch in which the telephone number's NXX is native.

2.5.2 Each party has the right to block default routed call entering a network in order to protect the public switched network from overload, congestion, or failure propagation.

2.5.3 Industry guidelines shall be followed regarding all aspects of porting numbers from one network to another.

2.5.4 Intracompany testing shall be performed prior to the scheduling of intercompany testing.

2.5.5 Each Party will designate a single point of contact (SPOC) to schedule and perform required testing. These tests will be performed during a mutually agreed time frame and must meet the criteria set forth by the InterIndustry LNP Regional Team for porting.

2.5.6 Each Party shall abide by NANC and the InterIndustry LNP Regional Team provisioning and implementation process.

2.5.7 Each Party shall become responsible for the End User's other telecommunications related items, e.g. E911, Directory Listings, Operator Services, Line Information Database (LIDB), when they port the End User's telephone number to their switch.

2.5.8 Each party shall adhere to the reserved number terms and conditions pursuant to Appendix Numbering

2.6 Limitations of Service

2.6.1 Telephone numbers can be ported only within **SBC CALIFORNIA/SBC NEVADA/SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** toll rate centers / **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** rate centers or rate districts, which ever is a smaller geographic area, as approved by State Commissions.

2.6.2 Telephone numbers in the following **SBC-12STATE** NXXs shall not be ported: (i) wireless NXXs until the FCC mandates that those NXXs be portable; (ii) **SBC-12STATE** Official Communications Services (OCS) NXXs; and (iii) 555, 976, 950.

2.6.3 Telephone numbers with NXXs dedicated to choke/High Volume Call-In (HVCI) networks are not portable via LRN. Choke numbers will be ported as described in Section 5 of this Appendix.

2.7 Service Descriptions

2.7.1 The switch's LRN software determines if the called party is in a portable NXX. If the called party is in a portable NXX, a query is launched to the PNP database to determine whether or not the called number is ported.

2.7.2 When the called number with a portable NXX is ported, an LRN is returned to the switch that launched the query. Per industry standards, the LRN appears in the CdPN (Called Party Number) field of the SS7 message and the called number then appears in the GAP (Generic Address Parameter) field.

2.7.3 When the called number with a portable NXX is not ported, the call is completed as in the pre-PNP environment.

2.7.4 The FCI (Forward Call Identifier) field's entry is changed from 0 to 1 by the switch triggering the query when a query is made, regardless of whether the called number is ported or not.

2.7.5 The CLEC shall populate the Jurisdictional Identification Parameter (JIP) field with the first six (6) digits (NPA NXX format) of the appropriate LRN of the originating switch.

2.8 Pricing

2.8.1 Except as set forth in Section 4, the parties agree not to charge each other for ordering, provisioning, or conversion of ported telephone numbers as a means for the other to recover the costs associated with LNP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, **SBC-12STATE** may charge CLEC LNP end user surcharges, provided that the conditions set forth in 47 CFR § 52.33 are met.

3. MASS CALLING CODES

3.1 General Terms and Conditions

3.1.1 Mass calling codes, i.e., choke/HVCI NXXs, are used in a network serving arrangement provided by **SBC-12STATE** in special circumstances where large numbers of incoming calls are solicited by an End User and the number of calls far exceeds the switching capacity of the terminating office, the number of lines available for terminating those calls, and/or the STP's query capacity to the PNP database. The following two different sets of End User objectives usually create this condition: (a) low call completion; and (b) high call completion.

3.1.2 Given the potentially hazardous effect calling conditions of this nature could have on the network, **SBC-12STATE** will provide mass calling code portability using a non-LRN solution.

3.2 Service Provided

3.2.1 **SBC-12STATE** will offer the ability to port telephone numbers with mass calling NXX codes via the use of pseudo codes or route index numbers. In this non-LRN scenario, calls to the **SBC-12STATE** mass calling NXX code will leave the originating end office over dedicated MF (multi-frequency) trunk groups to the **SBC-12STATE** mass calling tandem and/or **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** mass calling hub. The mass calling tandem will then route the calls over dedicated MF trunks to the **SBC-12STATE** choke serving central office (CSO). The CSO will translate the dialed mass calling

number to a non-dialable pseudo code or a route index number that routes the call to the mass calling customer.

3.2.2 When a CLEC requests that a **SBC-12STATE** number with a mass calling NXX code be ported to its network, **SBC-12STATE** will build translations at the CSO to route the incoming calls to a CLEC provided dedicated Direct Inward Dial (DID) MF trunk group from the CSO to the CLEC central office.

3.3 Obligations of **SBC-12STATE**

3.3.1 **SBC-12STATE** will port its numbers with mass calling NXXs upon request by the CLEC. Non-LRN porting will be done via pseudo code or route index translation in the **SBC-12STATE** CSO rather than STP queries to the PNP database. This method of porting mass call numbers will be used during both INP and PNP period in each market.

3.3.2 **SBC-12STATE** will not charge the CLEC for the use of its choke network by the CLEC's mass calling customer. In exchange, **SBC-12STATE** shall not be responsible to pay intercompany terminating compensation for terminating minutes of use (MOU) for ported choke calls.

3.4 Obligations of CLEC

3.4.1 CLEC shall agree to adhere to **SBC-12STATE** LSR format and mass calling due date intervals.

3.4.2 The CLEC shall provide the facility and DID trunk group from the **SBC-12STATE** CSO to the CLEC's serving office. The CLEC shall size this one-way MF trunk group.

3.4.3 The CLEC shall forego any inter-company terminating MOU compensation for termination calls coming in on this trunk group.

3.5 CLEC Mass Calling Codes

3.5.1 Should the CLEC assign a mass calling NXX code(s) and establish a mass calling interface for traffic destined to its CSO(s), the CLEC shall home its CSO(s) on a **SBC-12STATE** mass calling tandem and a similar mass calling trunking arrangement (one-way outgoing with MF signaling) will be provided from **SBC-12STATE**'s tandem and/or **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** mass calling hub to the CLEC. In order to allow the Parties time to order and install such mass calling trunks, the CLEC shall provide **SBC-12STATE** notification of its intention to deploy mass calling NXX code(s) at least ninety (90) days before such codes are opened in the LERG. For more information regarding this mass local interconnection trunk group, See Appendix ITR.

3.5.2 MF SS7 trunk groups shall not be provided within a DS1 facility. A separate DS1 facility per signaling type must be used. Where **SBC-12STATE** and CLEC both provide mass calling trunking, both Parties' mass calling trunks may ride the same DS1 facility.

4. SPNP QUERY SERVICE

4.1 The N-1 carrier (N carrier is the responsible Party for terminating call to the End User) has the responsibility to determine if a query is required, to launch the query, and to route the call to the switch or network in which the telephone number resides.

4.2 If CLEC chooses not to fulfill its N-1 carrier responsibility, **SBC-12STATE** will perform default queries on calls to telephone numbers with portable NXXs received from the N-1 carrier and route the call to the switch or network in which the telephone number resides. In such event, **SBC-12STATE** will charge and CLEC agrees to pay the default queries charges set forth in:

4.2.1 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - Section 6 of the FCC No. 2 Access Services Tariff

4.2.2 **SBC NEVADA** - Section 19 of the FCC No. 1 Access Services Tariff

4.2.3 **SBC CALIFORNIA** – Section 13 of the FCC No. 1 Access Services Tariff

4.2.4 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** – Section 34 of the FCC No. 73 Access Services Tariff.

4.3 **SBC-12STATE** provides CLECs the optional use of the **SBC-12STATE** LNP database via the SPNP Query Service-Database. When CLEC orders SPNP Query Service-Database, **SBC-12STATE** shall charge and CLEC agrees to pay the SPNP Query Service-Database service charges set forth in the appropriate tariff cited in 4.2 above. The CLEC's Signal Transfer Point (STP), tandem, and/or end office's LRN software will determine the need for, and triggers, the query. **SBC-12STATE**'s LNP database will determine if a number has, or has not, been ported and will provide LRN if a number is ported.

4.4 When purchasing the SPNP Query Service - Database, CLEC will access **SBC-12STATE** s facilities via an SS7 link to the **SBC-12STATE** STP.

4.5 When purchasing the SLNP Query Service - Database, CLEC will advise **SBC-12STATE** of the entry point(s) of queries to the **SBC-12STATE** network and provide a query forecast for each entry point.

5. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

5.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

EXHIBIT 1

PERMANENT NUMBER PORTABILITY (PNP)
BONA FIDE REQUEST (BFR) PROCESS

The Permanent Number Portability (PNP) Bona Fide Request (BFR) is a process that Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLECs) shall use to request that PNP be deployed

in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) beyond the 100 largest MSAs in the country
and
additional switch(es) in an MSA in which PNP has been deployed.

Per the FCC First Report and Order and Further Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking (July, 1996, ¶80), CLEC can request that PNP be deployed in additional MSAs beginning January 1, 1999. **SBC-13STATE** is to provide PNP in that MSA in the requested switches within six (6) months of receipt of BFR.

Per the FCC's First Memorandum Opinion And Order On Reconsideration (March 1997, ¶65,66), switches that were not requested to be PNP capable in the initial PNP deployment in the top 100 MSAs can be requested to be made PNP capable. The following time frames begin after an MSA's Phase end date has been reached:

equipped remote switches within 30 days
hardware capable switches within 60 days
capable switches requiring hardware within 180 days
non-capable switches within 180 days

These time frames begin after the receipt of a BFR.

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF PNP SOFTWARE

The request to make one or more switches in an MSA PNP capable shall be made in the form of a letter or the form on pages 3 through 5 of this Attachment from CLEC to its **SBC-13STATE** Account Manager which shall specify the following:

The MSA in which requested switch(es) are located.

The switch(es), by CLLI code, that are to become PNP capable.

The date when PNP capability is requested with the FCC established time frames being the least amount of time.

The projected quantity of queries that result from this new capability with a demand forecast per tandem or end office with which CLEC interconnects.

An initial response from the **SBC-13STATE** Account Manager, acknowledging receipt of the BFR and the date when requested switch(es) will be PNP capable, must be made to CLEC within ten (10) business days of receipt of the BFR.

Local Number Portability (LNP)
Bona Fide Request (BFR)

DATE: _____ (date of request)

TO: _____ (name of service provider)
_____ (address of service provider)
_____ (contact name/number)

FROM: _____ (requester/service provider name/ID)
_____ (requester switch(es)/CLLI)
_____ (authorized by name)
_____ (authorized by title)
_____ (contact name/address/number)

Affidavit attesting requester as authorized agent should accompany request.

SWITCH(ES):

CLLI[1]	Rate Center Name[2]	Rate Center VC/HC[2]	NPA-NXX(s)[3]
_____	_____	_____	All: Y or N
_____	_____	_____	All: Y or N
_____	_____	_____	All: Y or N
_____	_____	_____	All: Y or N
_____	_____	_____	All: Y or N

DATES: Requested date switch(es) should be LNP capable**:** _____ (mm/dd/yy)
Requested code opening date[4]**:** _____ (mm/dd/yy)

Notes: See following page.

Acknowledgment of BFR is to be sent to the requester within ten business days.

Notes: [1] List each switch targeted for LNP by its specific CLLI code.
[2] Enter associated Rate Center information from LERG, including: Rate Center Name and Associated V&H Terminating Point Master Coordinates; Source of the LERG information: Destination Code Record (DRD) Screen.
[3] Circle or highlight **Y** if requesting all eligible NPA-NXX codes in that specific switch to be opened. Circle or highlight **N** if only certain NPA NXX codes are being requested, then provide list of desired NPA NXX(s).

Note: Targeting of specific NPA-NXX codes should be carefully considered. A traditional ILEC may serve a single rate center with multiple switches (CLLIs and NXX codes) while CLEC may serve multiple rate centers with a single switch. In the latter case, use of a specific NXX code will determine the rate center.

[4] As documented in the Southwest Region Code Opening Process.

Acknowledgment of LNP Bona Fide Request (BFR)

DATE: _____ (date of response)

TO: _____ (requester/CLEC name/ID)
_____ (contact name/address/number)
_____ (requester switch(es)/CLLI)

FROM: _____ (name of service provider)
_____ (address of provider)
_____ (contact name/number)

_____

Switch request(s) accepted:

CLLI Accepted	LNP Effective Date	or	*Modified Effective Date*	Ineligible NPA-NXXs
_____(CLLI 1)	_____		_____	_____
_____(CLLI 2)	_____		_____	_____
_____(CLLI 3)	_____		_____	_____
_____(CLLI 4)	_____		_____	_____

_____

Switch request(s) denied/reason for denial:

_____(CLLI 1): _____
_____
_____(CLLI 2): _____
_____
_____(CLLI 3): _____
_____

Authorized company representative signature/title: _____
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APPENDIX NUMBERING

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin will coordinate with respect to NXX assignments.

1.2 As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means the above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.

2. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or otherwise adversely impact in any manner either Party's right to employ or to request and be assigned any North American Numbering Plan (NANP) number resources from the numbering administrator including, but not limited to, central office (NXX) codes pursuant to the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, or to establish, by tariff or otherwise, Exchanges and Rating Points corresponding to such NXX codes. Each Party is responsible for administering the NXX codes it is assigned.

2.2 At a minimum, in those Metropolitan Exchange Areas where the CLEC is properly certified by the appropriate regulatory body and intends to provide local exchange service, the CLEC shall obtain a separate NXX code for each **SBC-13STATE** rate center which is required to ensure compliance with the industry-approved Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (most current version) or other industry approved numbering guidelines and the FCC's Second Report & Order in CC Docket 95-116, released August 18, 1997 (Local Number Portability). This will enable CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** to identify the jurisdictional nature of traffic for intercompany compensation until such time as both Parties have implemented billing and routing capabilities to determine traffic jurisdiction on a basis other than NXX codes.

2.3 Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the North American Numbering Council Local Number Portability Architecture and Administrative Plan report, which was adopted by the FCC, Second Report and Order, CC Docket 95-116, released August 18, 1997, portability is technically limited to rate center/rate district boundaries of the incumbent LEC due to rating and routing concerns. Therefore, Parties shall assign telephone numbers from its NXX's only to those customers that are physically in the rate center to which the NXX is assigned.

2.4 Each Party is responsible to program and update its own switches and network systems to recognize and route traffic to the other Party's assigned NXX codes at all times. Neither Party shall impose fees or charges on the other Party for such required programming and updating activities.

2.5 Each Party is responsible to input required data into the Routing Data Base Systems (RDBS) and into the Telcordia Rating Administrative Data Systems (BRADS) or other appropriate system(s) necessary to update the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG), unless negotiated otherwise.

2.6 Neither Party is responsible for notifying the other Parties' End Users of any changes in dialing arrangements, including those due to NPA exhaust.

2.7 <u>NXX Migration</u>

2.7.1 Where either Party has activated an entire NXX for a single end user, or activated more than half of an NXX for a single end user with the remaining numbers in that NXX either reserved for future use or otherwise unused, and such End-User chooses to receive service from the other Party, the first

Party shall cooperate with the second Party to have the entire NXX reassigned in the LERG (and associated industry databases, routing tables, etc.) to an End Office operated by the second Party provided that the requested rate center is the same rate center that physically serves the customer in a non-foreign exchange arrangement. Such transfer will require development of a transition process to minimize impact on the Network and on the end user(s)' service and will be subject to appropriate industry lead times (currently forty-five (45) days) for movements of NXXs from one switch to another. The Party to whom the NXX is migrated will pay NXX migration charges per NXX to the Party formerly assigned the NXX as described in the Pricing Appendix under "OTHER".

2.8 Test Numbers

2.8.1 Each Party is responsible for providing to the other, valid test numbers. One number terminating to a VOICE announcement identifying the Company and one number terminating to a milliwatt tome providing answer supervision and allowing simultaneous connection from multiple test lines. Both numbers should remain in service indefinitely for regressive testing purposes.

3. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

3.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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APPENDIX OS
(OPERATOR SERVICES)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Operator Services (OS) for switched-based CLEC"s or CLEC's leasing unbundled switched ports as provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

1.2 **SBC Communications Inc**. **(SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

1.3 **SBC-2STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

1.4 **SBC-4STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

1.5 **SBC-7STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA,** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA,** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS -** As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA –** As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.

1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS -** As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

1.14 **SBC INDIANA -** As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN -** As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.

1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.17 **SBC MISSOURI -** As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.

1.18 **SBC NEVADA -** As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

1.19 **SBC OHIO -** As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA -** As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.

1.21 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.23 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.

1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN -** As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2. SERVICES

2.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** will provide the following OS:

2.1.1 Fully Automated Call Processing

2.1.1.1 Allows the caller to complete a call utilizing equipment without the assistance of an **SBC-13STATE** operator, hereafter called "Operator.

2.1.1.2 **SBC-10STATE** and **SBC CALIFORNIA/SBC SNET -** This allows the caller the option of completing calls through an Automated Alternate Billing System (AABS). Automated functions can only be activated from a touch-tone telephone. Use of a rotary telephone or failure or slow response by the caller to the audio prompts will bridge the caller to an Operator for assistance.

2.1.1.3 **SBC NEVADA –** This allows the caller the option of billing calling card calls through a Mechanized Calling Card Service (MCCS). Automated functions can only be activated from a touch-tone telephone.

2.1.2 Operator-Assisted Call Processing

2.1.2.1 Allows the caller to complete a call by receiving assistance from an Operator.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 Fully Automated Call Processing - Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** can support the following fully automated call types as outlined below:

3.1.1 Fully Automated Calling Card Service.

3.1.1.1 **SBC-13STATE** -This service is provided when the caller dials zero ("0"), plus the desired telephone number and the calling card number to which the call is to be charged. The call is completed without the assistance of an Operator. An authorized calling card for the purpose of this Appendix, is one for which **SBC-13STATE** can perform billing validation.

3.1.2 Fully Automated Collect and Bill to Third Number Services.

3.1.2.1 **SBC-12STATE -** The caller dials zero (0) plus the telephone number desired, and selects the Collect or Bill To Third Number billing option as instructed by the automated equipment. The call is completed without the assistance of an Operator.

3.2 Operator-Assisted Call Processing - Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** will support the following Operator-assisted call types for CLEC:

3.2.1 Semi-Automated Calling Card Service. A service provided when the caller dials zero (0) plus the telephone number desired and the calling card number to which the call is to be charged. The call is completed with the assistance of an Operator. An authorized calling card for the purpose of this Appendix, is one for which **SBC-13STATE** can perform billing validation.

3.2.2 Semi-Automated Collect and Bill to Third Number Services. **SBC-12STATE** - The caller dials zero (0) plus the telephone number desired, and selects the Collect or Bill To Third Number billing option as instructed by the automated equipment. The call is completed with the assistance of an Operator.

3.2.3 Semi-Automated Person-To-Person Service. A service in which the caller dials zero (0) plus the telephone number desired and asks the Operator for assistance in reaching a particular person, or a particular PBX station, department or office to be reached through a PBX attendant. This service applies even if the caller agrees, after the connection is established, to speak to any party other than the party previously specified.

3.2.4 Operator Handled Services. Services provided when the caller dials zero (0) for Operator assistance in placing a sent paid, calling card, collect, third number or person to person call.

3.2.5 Busy Line Verification (BLV)/Line Status Verification. A service in which the Operator, upon request, will check the requested line for conversation in progress and advise the caller.

3.2.6 Busy Line Verification Interrupt (BLVI). A service in which the caller asks the Operator to interrupt a conversation in progress, to determine if one of the parties is willing to speak to the caller requesting the interrupt. Busy Line Interrupt service applies even if no conversation is in progress at the time of the interrupt attempt, or when the parties interrupted refuse to terminate the conversation in progress.

3.2.7 Operator Transfer Service. A service in which the local caller requires Operator Assistance for completion of a call terminating outside the originating LATA.

4. CALL BRANDING

4.1 The procedure of identifying a provider's name audibly and distinctly to the End User at the beginning of each OS call.

4.1.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** will brand OS in CLEC's name based upon the criteria outlined below:

4.1.1.1 Where **SBC-13STATE** provides CLEC Operator Services (OS) and DA services via the same trunk, both the OS and DA calls will be branded with the same brand. Where **SBC-13STATE** is only providing OS on behalf of the CLEC, the calls will be branded.

4.1.1.2 CLEC name used in branding calls may be subject to Commission regulations and should match the name in which CLEC is doing business.

4.1.1.3 **SBC-13STATE -** CLEC will provide written specifications of its company name to be used by **SBC-13STATE** to create the CLEC's specific branding announcement for its OS calls in accordance with the process outlined in the Operator Services OS/DA Questionnaire (OSQ).

4.1.1.4 A CLEC purchasing **SBC-13STATE** unbundled local switching is responsible for maintaining CLEC's End User customer records in **SBC-13STATE** Line Information Database (LIDB) as described in Appendix LIDB-AS. CLEC's failure to properly administer customer records in LIDB may result in branding errors.

4.1.1.5 Branding Load Charges

4.1.1.5.1 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE -** An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch, for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement. In addition, a per call charge applies for every OS call handled by **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** on behalf of CLEC when such services are provided in conjunction with the purchase of **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** unbundled local switching.

4.1.1.5.2 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE –** An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator Assistance Switch, per trunk group for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. In addition, a per call charge applies for every OS call handled by **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** on behalf of CLEC when such services are provided in conjunction with the purchase of **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** unbundled local switching. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator assistance switch, per trunk group for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

4.1.1.5.3 **SBC-2STATE –** An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch, for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

4.1.1.5.4 **SBC SNET** – An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per load, per Operator assistance switch for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per load, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

5. OPERATOR SERVICES (OS) REFERENCE/RATER INFORMATION

5.1 An SBC database referenced by an SBC Operator for CLEC OS specific Reference/Rater information based upon the criteria.

5.1.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC OS Rate/Reference Information based upon the criteria outlined below:

5.1.1.1 CLEC will furnish OS Reference and Rater information in accordance with the process outlined in the Operator Services Questionnaire (OSQ).

5.1.1.2 CLEC will inform **SBC-12STATE**, via the Operator Services Questionnaire (OSQ) of any changes to be made to Reference/Rater information.

5.1.1.3 An initial non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for loading of CLEC's OS Reference/Rater information. An additional non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to either the CLEC's OS Reference or Rater information.

5.1.2 When an **SBC-12STATE** Operator receives a rate request from a CLEC End User, **SBC-12STATE** will quote the applicable OS rates as provided by CLEC or as otherwise defined below.

5.1.2.1 **SBC SNET**- until technically feasible and/or available, when a **SBC SNET** Operator receives a rate request from a CLEC end user, **SBC SNET** will quote the surcharge rate only.

6. INTRALATA MESSAGE RATING

6.1 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - Upon request, CLEC may opt to purchase intraLATA Message Rating Service. This service provides the message rating function on all **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** Operator assisted intraLATA calls. With this service, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will compute the applicable charges for each message based on CLEC's schedule of rates provided to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE.**

7. HANDLING OF EMERGENCY CALLS TO OPERATOR

7.1 To the extent CLEC's NXX encompasses multiple emergency agencies, **SBC-13STATE** agrees to ask the caller for the name of his/her community and to transfer the caller to the appropriate emergency agency for the caller's area. CLEC must provide **SBC-13STATE** with the correct information to enable the transfer as required by the OSQ. CLEC will also provide default emergency agency numbers to use when the customer is unable to provide the name of his/her community. When the assistance of another Carrier's operator is required, **SBC-13STATE** will attempt to reach the appropriate operator if the network facilities for inward assistance exist. CLEC agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless **SBC-13STATE** from any and all actions, claims, costs, damages, lawsuits, liabilities, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, arising from any misdirected calls.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

8.1 CLEC agrees that due to quality of service and work force scheduling, **SBC-13STATE** will be the sole provider of OS for CLEC's local serving area(s) for a minimum of a one (1) year period.

8.2 CLEC will be responsible for providing the equipment and facilities necessary for signaling and routing calls with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) to each **SBC-13STATE** Operator assistance switch. Should CLEC seek to obtain interexchange OS from **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC is responsible for ordering the necessary facilities under the appropriate interstate or intrastate Access Service Tariffs. Nothing in this Agreement in any way changes the manner in which an interexchange Carrier obtains access service for the purpose of originating or terminating interexchange traffic.

8.3 Facilities necessary for the provision of OS shall be provided by the Parties hereto, using standard trunk traffic engineering procedures to insure that the objective grade of service is met. Each party shall bear the costs for its own facilities and equipment.

8.4 CLEC will furnish to **SBC-13STATE** a completed OSQ, thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the date when the OS are to be undertaken.

8.5 CLEC will provide **SBC-13STATE** updates to the OSQ fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of the date when changes are to become effective.

8.6 CLEC understands and acknowledges that before live traffic can be passed, CLEC is responsible for obtaining and providing to **SBC-13STATE**, default emergency agency numbers.

9. METHODS AND PRACTICES

9.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide OS to CLEC's End Users in accordance with **SBC-13STATE** OS methods and practices that are in effect at the time the OS call is made, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both Parties.

10. PRICING

10.1 The prices at which **SBC-13STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with OS are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commission ordered tariff where stated.

10.2 Beyond the specified term of this Appendix, **SBC-13STATE** may change the prices for the provision of OS upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days' notice to CLEC.

11. MONTHLY BILLING

11.1 For information regarding billing, non-payment, disconnection, and dispute resolution, see the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

11.2 **SBC-13STATE** will accumulate and provide CLEC such data as necessary for CLEC to bill its End Users.

12. LIABILITY

12.1 The provisions set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, including but not limited to those relating to limitation of liability and indemnification, shall govern performance under this Appendix.

12.2 CLEC also agrees to release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless **SBC-13STATE** from any claim, demand or suit that asserts any infringement or invasion of privacy or confidentiality of any person or persons caused or claimed to be caused, directly, or indirectly, by **SBC-13STATE** employees and equipment associated with provision of the OS Services, including but is not limited to suits arising from disclosure of the telephone number, address, or name associated with the telephone called or the telephone used to call Operator Services.

13. TERMS OF APPENDIX

13.1 Appendix will continue in force for the length of the Interconnection Agreement, but no less than twelve (12) months. At the expiration of the term of the Interconnection Agreement to which this Appendix is attached or twelve (12) months, whichever occurs later, either Party may terminate this agreement upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days written notice to the other Party.

13.2 If CLEC terminates this Appendix prior to the expiration of the term of this Appendix, CLEC shall pay **SBC-13STATE**, within thirty (30) days of the issuance of any bills by **SBC-13STATE**, all amounts due for actual services provided under this Appendix, plus estimated monthly charges for the unexpired portion of the term. Estimated charges will be based on an average of the actual monthly service provided by **SBC-13STATE** pursuant to this Appendix prior to its termination.

14. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

14.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in

End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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APPENDIX OSS
(ACCESS TO OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEMS FUNCTIONS)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for nondiscriminatory access to Operations Support Systems (OSS) "functions" to CLEC for pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance/repair, and billing provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC). With respect to all matters covered by this Appendix, the Parties will comply with the final SBC/AMERITECH POR for Uniform and Enhanced OSS (Uniform POR) as approved by FCC on September 22, 2000.

1.2 **SBC Communications Inc**. **(SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, SBC NEVADA Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, SBC CALIFORNIA Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.

1.3 **SBC-2STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.

1.4 **SBC-4STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

1.5 **SBC-7STATE -** As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA,** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA,** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, SBC NEVADA, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS -** As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA –** As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.

1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS-** As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

1.14 **SBC INDIANA -** As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN -** As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.

1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.17 **SBC MISSOURI -** As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.

1.18 **SBC NEVADA -** As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

1.19 **SBC OHIO-** As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA -** As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.

1.21 **SBC SNET -** As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.23 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.

1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN -** As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

1.25 **SBC-13STATE** has established performance measurements to illustrate non-discriminatory access. These measurements are represented in Appendix Performance Measurements.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **"LSC"** means (i) the Local Service Center (LSC) for **SBC-12STATE**; (ii) Local Exchange Carrier Center (LECC) for **SBC SNET**.

2.2 **"LOC"** means (i) the Local Operations Center (LOC) for **SBC-8STATE**; and (ii) the Customer Response Unit (CRU) for **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**.

2.3 **"Service Bureau Provider"** - For purposes of this Agreement, Service Bureau Provider (SBP) is a company which has been engaged by a CLEC to act on its behalf for purposes of accessing **SBC-13STATE**'s OSS application-to-application interfaces via a dedicated connection over which multiple CLECs' local service transactions are transported.

3. GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.1 Resale and Unbundled Network Elements (UNE) functions will be accessible via electronic interface(s), as described herein, where such functions are available. The Parties agree that electronic order processing is

more efficient than manual order processing. During implementation the Parties will negotiate a threshold volume of orders after which electronic ordering is required. Once CLEC is submitting more than the agreed to threshold amount, but not later than twelve (12) months from the Effective Date of this Agreement, CLEC will no longer submit orders manually (and **SBC-13STATE** shall not be required to accept and process manual orders) except when the electronic order processing is unavailable for a substantial period of time, or where a given order cannot be processed electronically. Provided however, in **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** where a flat rate monthly OSS access and connectivity charge exists, a CLEC who has been using OSS electronic interfaces and decides to revert to manual for all purposes, to avoid such flat rate OSS system access and connectivity charges, may do so upon written notice to their Local Account Manager , or when CLEC elects to remain manual and not to use OSS in order to avoid **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s flat rate monthly OSS charges.

3.2 Proper Use of OSS interfaces:

3.2.1 For **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC agrees to utilize **SBC-13STATE** electronic interfaces, as described herein, only for the purposes of establishing and maintaining Resale Services or UNEs through **SBC-13STATE**. In addition, CLEC agrees that such use will comply with **SBC-13STATE**'s Data Connection Security Requirements as identified in Section 9 of this Appendix. Failure to comply with such security guidelines may result in forfeiture of electronic access to OSS functionality. In addition, CLEC shall be responsible for and indemnifies **SBC-13STATE** against any cost, expense or liability relating to any unauthorized entry or access into, or use or manipulation of **SBC-13STATE**'s OSS from CLEC systems, workstations or terminals or by CLEC employees, agents, or any third party gaining access through information and/or facilities obtained from or utilized by CLEC and shall pay **SBC-13STATE** for any and all damages caused by such unauthorized entry.

3.3 Within **SBC-13STATE** regions, CLEC's access to pre-order functions described in 4.2.2 will only be utilized to view Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) of another carrier's End User where CLEC has obtained an authorization for release of CPNI from the End User and has obtained an authorization to become the End User's Local Service Provider.

3.3.1 In **SBC-13STATE** regions, CLEC must maintain records of individual customers' authorizations for change in local exchange service and release of CPNI which adhere to all requirements of state and federal law, as applicable.

3.3.2 This section applies to **SBC CALIFORNIA** ONLY. For consumer End Users, prior to accessing such information, CLEC shall, on its own behalf and on behalf of **SBC CALIFORNIA**, comply with all applicable requirements of Section 2891 of the California Public Utilities Code and 47 USC 222 (and implementing FCC decisions thereunder), and, where accessing such information via an electronic interface, CLEC shall have obtained an authorization to become the End User's local service provider. Accessing such information by CLEC shall constitute certification that CLEC is in compliance with applicable requirements of Section 2891 and Section 222 (and implementing FCC decisions thereunder) and has complied with the prior sentence. CLEC shall receive and retain such information in conformance with the requirements of 47 USC 222 (and implementing FCC decisions thereunder). CLEC agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless **SBC CALIFORNIA** against any claim made by a consumer End User or governmental entity against **SBC CALIFORNIA** or CLEC under Section 2891 or Section 222 (and implementing FCC decisions thereunder) or for any breach by CLEC of this section.

3.3.3 Throughout **SBC-13STATE** region, CLEC is solely responsible for determining whether proper authorization has been obtained and holds **SBC-13STATE** harmless from any loss on account of CLEC's failure to obtain proper CPNI consent from an End User.

3.4 By utilizing electronic interfaces to access OSS functions, CLEC agrees to perform accurate and correct ordering including Resale and UNE services, rates, and charges, subject to the terms of this Agreement and applicable tariffs dependent on region of operation. CLEC is also responsible for all actions of its employees using any of **SBC-13STATE**'s OSS systems. As such, CLEC agrees to accept and pay all

reasonable costs or expenses, including labor costs, incurred by **SBC-13STATE** caused by any and all inaccurate ordering or usage of the OSS, if such costs are not already recovered through other charges assessed by **SBC-13STATE** to CLEC. In addition, CLEC agrees to indemnify and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless against any claim made by an End User of CLEC or other third parties against **SBC-13STATE** caused by or related to CLEC's use of any **SBC-13STATE** OSS.

3.5 In the event **SBC-13STATE** has good cause to believe that CLEC has used **SBC-13STATE** OSS in a way that conflicts with this Agreement or Applicable Law, SBC-owned ILEC in whose territory CLEC is doing business shall give CLEC written notice describing the alleged misuse ("Notice of Misuse"). CLEC shall immediately refrain from the alleged misuse until such time that CLEC responds in writing to the Notice of Misuse, which shall be provided to **SBC-13STATE** within twenty (20) calendar days after receipt of the Notice of Misuse. In the event CLEC agrees with the allegation of misuse, CLEC shall refrain from the alleged misuse during the term of this Agreement.

3.6 In the event CLEC does not agree that the CLEC's use of **SBC-13STATE** OSS is inconsistent with this Agreement or Applicable Law, then the parties agree to the following steps:

3.6.1 If such misuse involves improper access of pre-order applications to obtain CPNI in violation of this Agreement, Applicable Law, or involves a violation of the security guidelines contained herein, or negatively affects another OSS user's ability to use OSS, CLEC shall continue to refrain from using the particular OSS functionality in the manner alleged by **SBC-13STATE** to be improper, until CLEC has implemented a mutually agreeable remedy to the alleged misuse.

3.6.2 To remedy the misuse for the balance of the agreement, Parties will work together as necessary to mutually determine a permanent resolution for the balance of the term of the agreement.

3.7 In order to determine whether CLEC has engaged in the alleged misuse described in the Notice of Misuse, and for good cause shown, **SBC-13STATE** shall have the right to conduct an audit of CLEC's use of the **SBC-13STATE** OSS. Such audit shall be limited to auditing those aspects of CLEC's use of the **SBC-13STATE** OSS that relate to the allegation of misuse as set forth in the Notice of Misuse. **SBC-13STATE** shall give ten (10) calendar days advance written notice of its intent to audit CLEC ("Audit Notice") under this Section 3.7, and shall identify the type of information needed for the audit. Such Audit Notice may not precede the Notice of Misuse. Within a reasonable time following the Audit Notice, but no less than fourteen (14) calendar days after the date of the notice (unless otherwise agreed by the Parties), CLEC shall provide **SBC-13STATE** with access to the requested information in any reasonably requested format, at an appropriate CLEC location, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. The audit shall be at **SBC-13STATE**'s expense. All information obtained through such an audit shall be deemed proprietary and/or confidential and subject to confidential treatment without necessity for marking such information confidential. **SBC-13STATE** agrees that it shall only use employees or outside parties to conduct the audit who do not have marketing, strategic analysis, competitive assessment or similar responsibilities within **SBC-13STATE**.

3.8 When Resale Service and UNE order functions are not available via an electronic interface for the pre-order, ordering and provisioning processes, **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC will use manual processes. Should **SBC-13STATE** develop electronic interfaces for these functions for itself, **SBC-13STATE** will make electronic access available to CLEC within the specific operating region.

3.9 The Information Services (I.S.) Call Center for the **SBC-13STATE** region provides for technical support function of electronic OSS interfaces. CLEC will also provide a single point of contact for technical issues related to the CLEC's electronic interfaces.

3.10 The Parties will follow the final adopted guidelines of "SBC Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) 13-State Interface Change Management Process", developed in collaboration with CLECs. This plan may be modified from time to time in accordance with the Change Management principles.

3.11 **SBC-13STATE** will and CLEC may participate in the Order and Billing Forum (OBF) and the Telecommunications Industry Forum (TCIF) to establish and conform to uniform industry guidelines for

electronic interfaces for pre-order, ordering, and provisioning. Neither Party waives its rights as participants in such forums or in the implementation of the guidelines. To achieve system functionality as quickly as possible, the Parties acknowledge that **SBC-13STATE** may deploy interfaces with requirements developed in advance of industry guidelines. Thus, subsequent modifications may be necessary to comply with emerging guidelines. CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** are individually responsible for evaluating the risk of developing their respective systems in advance of guidelines and agree to support their own system modifications to comply with new requirements. In addition, **SBC-13STATE** has the right to define Local Service Request (LSR) Usage requirements according to the General Section 1.0, paragraph 1.4 of the practices in the OBF Local Service Ordering Guidelines (LSOG), which states: "Options described in this practice may not be applicable to individual providers tariffs; therefore, use of either the field or valid entries within the field is based on the providers tariffs/practices."

3.12 Due to enhancements and on-going development of access to **SBC-13STATE**'s OSS functions, certain interfaces described in this Appendix may be modified, temporarily unavailable or may be phased out after execution of this Appendix. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide proper notice of interface phase-out as required by the Change Management process.

3.13 CLEC is responsible for obtaining operating system software and hardware to access **SBC-13STATE** OSS functions. All hardware and software requirements are specified in: "CLEC Hardware/Software Requirements for Access of SBC Uniform OSS Applications", or any other documents or interface requirements subsequently generated by **SBC-13STATE** for any of its regions.

4. PRE-ORDERING

4.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide real time access to pre-order functions to support CLEC ordering of Resale services and UNE. The Parties acknowledge that ordering requirements necessitate the use of current, real time pre-order information to accurately build service orders. The following lists represent pre-order functions that are available to CLEC so that CLEC order requests may be created to comply with **SBC-13STATE** region-specific ordering requirements.

4.2 **Pre-Ordering functions for Resale Services and UNEs include**

4.2.1 Feature/Service Availability

Feature Inquiry provides **SBC-13STATE** with feature and service availability by WTN, NPA/NXX, and CLLI Code (as applicable).

4.2.1.2 PIC/LPIC Inquiry provides **SBC-13STATE** Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) options for intraLATA toll and interLATA toll.

4.2.2 Customer Service Information - CSI Inquiry

Access to **SBC-13STATE** retail or resold CPNI and account information for pre-ordering will include: billing name, service address, billing address, service and feature subscription, directory listing information, long distance carrier identity, and pending service order activity. CLEC agrees that CLEC's representatives will not access the information specified in this subsection until after the End User requests that his or her Local Service Provider be changed to CLEC, and an End User authorization for release of CPNI complies with conditions as described in section 3.2 of this Appendix.

4.2.3 Telephone Number Inquiry

SBC-13STATE provides a Telephone Number Reservation Inquiry and a Cancel Reservation function. With the rollout of the Uniform Pre-Order Interfaces, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** also provides a Telephone Number Confirmation Inquiry function.

4.2.4 Scheduling Inquiry/Availability

4.2.4.1 Due Date Inquiry provides next available dates for the End User (where available).

4.2.4.2 Dispatch Inquiry provides information to indicate whether dispatch is required.

4.2.5 Address Validation Inquiry

SBC-13STATE provides address validation function.

4.3 **The following are Pre-Order functions specific to UNEs**

4.3.1 Loop Pre-Qualification and Loop Qualification Inquiry

SBC-13STATE provides pre-order loop qualification information specific to DSL capable and Line Shared UNE loops consistent with the XDSL and Advanced Services OSS Plan of Record filed 4/3/00 and approved by FCC on 12/22/00.

4.3.2 Common Language Location Indicator (CLLI) Inquiry

SBC-13STATE provides CLLI code inquiry function.

4.3.3 Connecting Facility Assignment (CFA) Inquiry

SBC-13STATE provides a CFA inquiry function.

4.3.4 Network Channel/Network Channel Interface (NC/NCI) Inquiry

SBC-13STATE provides a NC/NCI inquiry function.

4.4 **Electronic Access to Pre-Order Functions**

4.4.1 **Resale and UNE Pre-order Interface Availability**

4.4.1.1 Enhanced Verigate is the 13-state uniform pre-order GUI interface available in **SBC-13STATE** to provide the pre-ordering functions listed in section 4.2. Enhanced Verigate is accessible via a web-based Toolbar.

4.4.1.2 An industry standard EDI/CORBA Pre-ordering Gateway is provided by **SBC-13STATE**. This pre-ordering gateway supports two structural protocols, EDI and CORBA, as recommended by the technical industry committees. EDI/CORBA, is the 13-state uniform pre-order application-to-application interface that can be integrated with the CLEC's own negotiation system and that supports both Resale services and UNEs.

4.4.1.3 DataGate is a transaction-based data query system through which **SBC-7STATE** provides CLEC access to pre-ordering functions. This gateway shall be a Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) gateway and will, once CLEC has developed its own interface, allow CLEC to access the pre-order functions for Resale services and UNE. DataGate follows industry guidelines, but is based on **SBC-7STATE**'s proprietary pre-ordering functionality.

4.4.1.4 Consumer Easy Access Sales Environment (C-EASE): C-EASE is an ordering entry system through which **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** provides CLEC access to the functions of pre-ordering to order **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** consumer Resale services.

4.4.1.5 Business Easy Access Sales Environment (B-EASE): B-EASE is an ordering entry system through which **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** provides CLEC access to the functions of pre-ordering to order **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** business Resale services.

4.4.1.6 Service Order Retrieval and Distribution (SORD) is available for the pre-order function of viewing the CPNI, when SORD is used to order **SBC CALIFORNIA** Resale service.

4.4.1.7 **SBC SNET** provides CLEC access to the Resale and UNE preorder functions described in section 4.2 via the application to application Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) based interface, known as MSAP. With the implementation of the Uniform EDI and CORBA application to application interfaces, the MSAP-based versions will retire as the Uniform versions are implemented, according to the CMP guidelines.

4.4.1.8 **SBC SNET** provides CLEC access to the following Resale preorder applications through its proprietary (GUI) Graphical User Interface called W-CIWin. This platform of preorder applications is being retired via CMP, in June 2003, and has been replaced with the Uniform GUI – Enhanced Verigate.

4.4.1.8.1 W-SNAP is an order entry application through which **SBC SNET** provides CLEC access to pre-ordering functionality embedded in the ordering tool. This application is being retired via CMP in June 2003 and its preorder function has been replaced with the Uniform GUI – Enhanced Verigate.

4.4.1.8.2 CCTOOLS is a toolbar that provides icons for accessing pre-order GUI applications. This application is being retired via CMP in June of 2003 and has been replaced with the Uniform GUI – Web-based Toolbar.

4.4.1.8.3 Electronic Forms (EF) is an automated workflow process for obtaining pre-order information for specific complex resale products. This application is being retired via CMP in June 2003 and its preorder function has been replaced with the Uniform GUI – Enhanced Verigate.

4.4.1.9 **SBC SNET** also provides the following UNE preorder functionality (SAG, CSR, and loop qualification) via Custom CCTOOLS. This application is being retired via CMP in June of 2003 and has been replaced with the Uniform GUI - Enhanced Verigate.

4.5 **Other Pre-order Function Availability**

4.5.1 Where pre-ordering functions are not available electronically, CLEC will manually request this information from the LSC, dependent on operating region, for inclusion on the service order request.

4.5.2 Data Validation Files are available for the purpose of providing requesting CLECs with an alternate method of acquiring pre-ordering information that is considered relatively static. Upon request, **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLECs with any of the following Data Validation Files via Connect: Direct, CD-ROM, or downloadable via the pre-order GUI – Enhanced Verigate. Due to its size, the Street Address Guide (SAG) will be available only via Connect:Direct, and CD-ROM.

Data Validation Files:

SAG (Street Address Guide)
Feature/Service Availability by Switch
Directory Names
Class of Service Codes
USOC (Universal Service Order Codes)
Community Names
Yellow Page Headings
PIC/LPIC (InterLATA/IntraLATA)

5. ORDERING/PROVISIONING

5.1 **SBC-13STATE** provides access to ordering functions (as measured from the time **SBC-13STATE** receives accurate service requests from the interface) to support CLEC provisioning of Resale services and UNE via one or more electronic interfaces. To order Resale services and UNEs, CLEC will format the service request to identify what features, services, or elements it wishes **SBC-13STATE** to provision in accordance with applicable **SBC-13STATE** ordering requirements. **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC access to one or more of the following systems or interfaces:

5.2 **Service Order Request System Availability**

5.2.1 **SBC-13STATE** makes available to CLEC an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) application to application interface for transmission of Local Service Requests (LSR) as defined by the OBF, consistent with **SBC-13STATE** Local Service Order Requirements (LSOR), and via EDI mapping as defined by TCIF. In ordering and provisioning of Resale Services or UNEs, CLEC and **SBC-**

13STATE will utilize industry guidelines developed by OBF and TCIF EDI to transmit data based upon **SBC-13STATE**'s Resale Service and UNE ordering requirements, dependent on operating region. In addition, Local Number Portability (LNP) will be ordered consistent with the OBF LSR and EDI process.

5.2.2 For **SBC-13STATE**, web-based LEX is the new 13-state uniform ordering GUI interface that provides access to the uniform ordering functions for Resale Services and UNEs. Web-based LEX is accessible via a web-based Toolbar.

5.2.3 For **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** region, C-EASE is available for the ordering of consumer Resale services.

5.2.4 For **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** region, B-EASE is available for the ordering of business Resale services.

5.2.5 For **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC CALIFORNIA** regions, SORD interface provides CLECs with the ability to create Resale and UNE orders as well as certain complex Resale and UNE orders that cannot be ordered through Easy Access Sales Environment (EASE), Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or Local Exchange (LEX).

5.2.5.1 For **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** region, SORD interface supports CLEC initiated modification of service orders submitted electronically by CLEC via the following **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** OSS applications: Business EASE, Consumer EASE or SORD (via DOES-Direct Order Entry System). CLEC should not use SORD to modify service orders issued electronically via LEX/EDI. In addition, CLEC should not use SORD to modify orders submitted manually to the LSC. The Parties agree that the following conditions are applicable to EASE and SORD generated service orders with errors corrected via SORD. If CLEC chooses to use SORD to issue orders and/or modify EASE generated orders, then CLEC becomes responsible for correction of all EASE and SORD service order errors that occur between order application and order completion. CLEC may need to call the LSC to obtain additional information. For terms and conditions for service order error correction within SORD, see section 5.3.3.

5.2.5.2 In **SBC CALIFORNIA** region, any service order errors will be corrected by the LSC. CLEC will be given a list generated by the LSC of CLEC order errors, and CLEC will be responsible for contacting their customer when necessary to clear an error. With CLEC being the point of contact for their customer, the CLEC agrees to respond timely to the LSC with correct information in order for LSC to complete the correction of the error and subsequent completion of the order. For terms and conditions for service order error correction within SORD, see section 5.3.3.

5.2.6 In **SBC SNET**, Resale ordering is supported by W-CIWin (**SBC SNET**'s proprietary GUI interface). This platform of ordering applications is being retired via CMP, in June 2003, and has been replaced with the Uniform GUI – Web-based LEX.

5.2.6.1 W-SNAP is made available for the ordering of non-complex Resale products and services. This application is being retired via CMP in June2003 and its ordering function has been replaced with the Uniform GUI Interface – Web-based LEX.

5.2.6.2 Order Negotiation (as part of CCTOOLS) is made available for the ordering of complex Resale products and services. This application is being retired via CMP in June 2003 and its ordering function has been replaced with the Uniform GUI Interface – Web-based LEX.

5.2.6.3 Electronic Forms (EF) is an automated workflow process for ordering of specific complex Resale products and services. This application is being retired via CMP in June 2003 and its ordering function has been replaced with the Uniform GUI Interface – Web-based LEX.

5.2.7 In **SBC SNET**, MSAP (**SBC SNET**'s EDI-based industry standard app-to-app interface) is available for the ordering of both complex and non-complex Resale Services, as well as the ordering of UNEs.

With the implementation of the Uniform EDI ordering application to application interface, the MSAP-based versions will retire as the Uniform versions are implemented, according to the CMP Guidelines.

5.2.8 In ordering and provisioning Unbundled Dedicated Transport and local interconnection trunks, CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** will utilize industry ASR guidelines developed by OBF based upon **SBC-13STATE** ordering requirements.

5.3 **Provisioning for Resale Services and UNE in SBC-13STATE**

SBC-13STATE will provision Resale services and UNE as detailed in CLEC order requests. Access to status on such orders will be provided via the following electronic interfaces:

5.3.1 For **SBC-13STATE**, Order Status and Provisioning Order Status functionality is provided through the Enhanced Verigate interface which will allow CLEC to check service order status. In addition, in **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** pending orders can be viewed in SORD.

5.3.2 For EDI ordering, **SBC-13STATE** will provide, and CLEC shall use, an EDI interface for transferring and receiving orders, Firm Order Confirmation (FOC), service completion, and, as available, other provisioning data and information.

5.3.3 For **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC CALIFORNIA** regions, as detailed in section 5.2.3, the Parties agree that the following timelines are applicable to electronically generated service orders with errors corrected via SORD:

5.3.3.1 Errors occurring between application and distribution must be corrected within five (5) business hours for a simple order and within twenty four (24) hours for a complex order;

5.3.3.2 Error Service Order Image (ESOI) errors must be corrected within three (3) business hours.

5.3.3.3 Service orders will be excluded from calculation of the results for all related performance measurements, described in Appendix Performance Measurements, if CLEC fails to correct service order errors within the timeframes specified in this Section 5.3.3.

5.3.3.4 Additionally, service orders with errors that occur after order generation, but prior to distribution will not qualify for an **SBC-13STATE** issued FOC.

6. MAINTENANCE/REPAIR

6.1 Two electronic interfaces are accessible in each region to place, and check the status of, trouble reports for both Resale services and UNEs. Upon request, CLEC may access these functions via the following methods:

6.1.1 In **SBC-13STATE**, Electronic Bonding for Trouble Administration - Graphical User Interface (EBTA-GUI) is the 13 state uniform GUI interface that allows CLEC to perform MLT, issue trouble tickets, view status, and view trouble history on-line.

6.1.2 In **SBC-13STATE**, Electronic Bonding Trouble Administration (EBTA) is the 13 state uniform application to application interface that is available for trouble report submission and status updates. EBTA conforms to ANSI guidelines T1:227:1995, T1.228:1995 and T1.262:1998, Electronic Communications Implementation Committee (ECIC) Trouble Report Format Definition (TFRD) Number 1 as defined in ECIC document ECIC/TRA/95-003, and all guidelines referenced within those documents, as mutually agreed upon by CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**. Functions currently implemented include Enter Trouble, Request Trouble Report Status, Add Trouble Information, Modify Trouble Report Attributes, Trouble Report Attribute Value Change Notification, and Cancel Trouble Report, as explained in 6 and 9 of ANSI T1.228:1995. CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** will exchange requests over a mutually agreeable X.25-based network.

6.1.3 In **SBC-7STATE**, Trouble Administration (TA) system access provides CLEC with **SBC-7STATE** software that allows CLEC to submit trouble reports and subsequently check status on trouble

reports for CLEC End-Users. TA will provide the ability to review the maintenance history of a converted Resale CLEC account. TA is accessible via **SBC-7STATE** Classic Toolbar.

6.1.4 In **SBC SNET** the maintenance and repair functionality for Resale services and UNEs is available via the MSAP EDI interface which is being replaced with Uniform application to application interface - EBTA. In addition, for Resale products and services, trouble history and trouble status functions are available via CCTOOLS. This application is being retired via CMP in June of 2003 and has been replaced with the Uniform GUI interface – EBTA-GUI.

7. BILLING

7.1 **SBC-13STATE** will bill CLEC for Resold services and UNEs. **SBC-13STATE** will send associated billing information to CLEC as necessary to allow CLEC to perform billing functions. At minimum **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC billing information in a paper format, or via 18-track magnetic tape, as agreed to between CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**. Such alternate bill media will be made available to CLEC consistent with the individual state tariff provisions.

7.2 Electronic access to billing information for Resale services will also be available via the following interfaces:

7.2.1 In **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC may receive a mechanized bill format via the EDI 811 transaction set.

7.2.2 For Resale Services in **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, CLEC may receive Bill Plus™, an electronic version of its bill, as described in, and in accordance with, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s Local Exchange Tariff.

7.2.3 For Resale Services in **SBC CALIFORNIA**, CLEC may elect to receive Custom Billing Disk/ CD Bill. Custom Billing Disk/ CD Bill provides an electronic bill with the same information as a paper bill along with various reporting options.

7.2.4 For Resale Services in **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, CLEC may elect to receive its bill on CD.

7.2.5 For Resale Services in **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, CLEC may also view billing information through the Bill Information interface. Bill Information will be accessible via **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** Classic Toolbar.

7.2.6 In **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC may receive a mechanized bill format via the EDI 811 transaction set.

7.2.7 In **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC may receive electronically a Daily Usage Extract. On a daily basis, this feed provides information on the usage billed to its accounts for Resale services in the industry standardized EMI format.

7.2.8 **SBC-13STATE** will provide Loss Notifications. This notification alerts CLECs that a change requested by another telecommunications provider has been completed and, as a result, the Local Service Provider associated with a given telephone number has been changed. It will be provided via the uniform ordering application to application interface using the EDI 836 transaction, and will also be available via the uniform ordering GUI interface, WebLEX. The current loss notification processes via CARE record format and the "Local Disconnect Report", where applicable in the **SBC-8STATE** region, will remain in effect until full implementation and testing of the new Loss Notification processes is completed.

7.2.9 In **SBC SNET**, CLEC may receive a Billing Detail File on 18-track magnetic tape.

7.2.10 In **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, CLEC may receive a mechanized bill for Resale Services via the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** Electronic Billing System (AEBS) transaction set.

7.3 Electronic access to billing information for UNE will also be available via the following interfaces:

7.3.1 **SBC-13STATE** makes available to CLECs a local Bill Data Tape to receive data in an electronic format from its CABS database. The local Bill Data Tape contains the same information that would appear on CLEC's paper bill.

7.3.2 In **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, CLEC may also view billing information through the Bill Information interface. Bill Information will be accessible via **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** Classic Toolbar.

7.3.3 In **SBC-13STATE**, CLECs will receive a Daily Usage Extract electronically, on a daily basis, with information on the usage billed to its accounts for UNEs in the industry standardized Exchange Message Interface (EMI) format.

7.3.4 **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC may receive a uniform loss notification via EDI 836 transaction or via the uniform GUI interface, WebLEX. For UNEs this loss notification indicates when CLEC's End Users, utilizing **SBC-13STATE** ports, change their Competitive Local Exchange Carrier. The current loss notification processes via CARE record format (in the **SBC-8STATE** region) will remain in effect until full implementation and testing of the new Loss Notification processes is completed.

8. REMOTE ACCESS FACILITY

8.1 CLEC must access OSS interfaces via a CLEC Remote Access Facility. For the **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** region, the LRAF located in Dallas, TX will be used. The PRAF in Fairfield, CA handles the **SBC-2STATE** region. The ARAF, located in Chicago, IL, serves **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and the SRAF in New Haven, CT, handles the **SBC SNET** region. Connection to these remote access facilities will be established via a "port" either through dial-up or direct connection as described in Section 8.2. CLEC may utilize a port to access **SBC-13STATE** OSS interfaces to perform the supported functions in any **SBC-13STATE** where CLEC has executed an Appendix OSS. OSS applications that are accessible through the Internet will also go through a secured Remote Access Facility.

8.2 For **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC may use three types of access: Switched, Private Line, and Frame Relay. For Private Line and Frame Relay "Direct Connections," CLEC shall provide its own router, circuit, and two Channel Service Units/Data Service Units (CSU/DSU). The demarcation point shall be the router interface at the LRAF, PRAF, ARAF, or SRAF. Switched Access "Dial-up Connections" require CLEC to provide its own modems and connection to the **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** LRAF, **SBC CALIFORNIA** PRAF, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** ARAF, and **SBC SNET** SRAF. CLEC shall pay the cost of the call if Switched Access is used. Connections via the Public Internet require CLEC to connect to an ISP of their choice and use one of the HTTPS URLs associated with access to **SBC-13STATE** OSS via the public internet.

8.3 For **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC shall use TCP/IP to access **SBC-13STATE** OSS via the LRAF, ARAF, SRAF, and the PRAF. In addition, each CLEC shall have one valid Internet Protocol (IP) network address per region. CLEC shall maintain a user-id / password unique to each individual for accessing a **SBC-13STATE** OSS on CLEC's behalf. CLEC shall provide estimates regarding its volume of transactions, number of concurrent users, desired number of private line or dial-up (switched) connections, and length of a typical session.

8.4 For **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC shall attend and participate in implementation meetings to discuss CLEC LRAF/PRAF/ARAF/SRAF access plans in detail and schedule testing of such connections.

9. DATA CONNECTION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

9.1 CLEC agrees that interconnection of CLEC data facilities with **SBC-13STATE** data facilities for access to OSS will be in compliance with **SBC-13STATE**'s "Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) Operations Support System Interconnection Procedures" document current at the time of initial connection to a RAF. The following additional terms in this Section 9 govern direct and dial up connections between CLEC and the PRAF, LRAF, ARAF and SRAF for access to OSS Interfaces.

9.2 **Joint Security Requirements**

9.2.1 Both Parties will maintain accurate and auditable records that monitor user authentication and machine integrity and confidentiality (e.g., password assignment and aging, chronological logs configured, system accounting data, etc.).

9.2.2 Both Parties shall maintain accurate and complete records detailing the individual data connections and systems to which they have granted the other Party access or interface privileges. These records will include, but are not limited to, user ID assignment, user request records, system configuration, time limits of user access or system interfaces. These records should be kept until the termination of this Agreement or the termination of the requested access by the identified individual. Either Party may initiate a compliance review of the connection records to verify that only the agreed to connections are in place and that the connection records are accurate.

9.2.3 CLEC shall immediately notify the ISCC when a employee userid is no longer valid (e.g. employee termination or movement to another department).

9.2.4 Both Parties shall use an industry standard virus detection software program at all times. The Parties shall immediately advise each other by telephone upon actual knowledge that a virus or other malicious code has been transmitted to the other Party.

9.2.5 All physical access to equipment and services required to transmit data will be in secured locations. Verification of authorization will be required for access to all such secured locations. A secured location is where walls and doors are constructed and arranged to serve as barriers and to provide uniform protection for all equipment used in the data connections which are made as a result of the user's access to either the CLEC or **SBC-13STATE** network. At a minimum, this shall include: access doors equipped with card reader control or an equivalent authentication procedure and/or device, and egress doors which generate a real-time alarm when opened and which are equipped with tamper resistant and panic hardware as required to meet building and safety standards.

9.2.6 Both Parties shall maintain accurate and complete records on the card access system or lock and key administration to the rooms housing the equipment utilized to make the connection(s) to the other Party's network. These records will include management of card or key issue, activation or distribution and deactivation.

9.3 **Additional Responsibilities of Both Parties**

9.3.1 Modem/DSU Maintenance And Use Policy: To the extent the access provided hereunder involves the support and maintenance of CLEC equipment on **SBC-13STATE**'s premises, such maintenance will be provided under the terms of the Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) Operations Support System Interconnection Procedures document cited above.

9.3.2 Monitoring: Each Party will monitor its own network relating to any user's access to the Party's networks, processing systems, and applications. This information may be collected, retained, and analyzed to identify potential security risks without notice. This information may include, but is not limited to, trace files, statistics, network addresses, and the actual data or screens accessed or transferred.

9.3.3 Each Party shall notify the other Party's security organization immediately upon initial discovery of actual or suspected unauthorized access to, misuse of, or other "at risk" conditions regarding the identified data facilities or information. Each Party shall provide a specified point of contact. If either Party suspects unauthorized or inappropriate access, the Parties shall work together to isolate and resolve the problem.

9.3.4 In the event that one Party identifies inconsistencies or lapses in the other Party's adherence to the security provisions described herein, or a discrepancy is found, documented, and delivered to the non-complying Party, a corrective action plan to address the identified vulnerabilities must be provided by the non-complying Party within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the identified inconsistency. The corrective action plan must identify what will be done, the Party accountable/responsible, and the proposed compliance date. The non-complying Party must provide periodic status reports (minimally monthly) to the other Party's security organization on the implementation of the corrective action plan in order to track the work to completion.

9.3.5 In the event there are technological constraints or situations where either Party's corporate security requirements cannot be met, the Parties will institute mutually agreed upon alternative security controls and safeguards to mitigate risks.

9.3.6 All network-related problems will be managed to resolution by the respective organizations, CLEC or **SBC-13STATE**, as appropriate to the ownership of a failed component. As necessary, CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** will work together to resolve problems where the responsibility of either Party is not easily identified.

9.4 **Information Security Policies And Guidelines For Access To Computers, Networks and Information By Non-Employee Personnel**

9.4.1 Information security policies and guidelines are designed to protect the integrity, confidentiality and availability of computer, networks and information resources. Section 9.5 - 9.11 summarizes the general policies and principles for individuals who are not employees of the Party that provides the computer, network or information, but have authorized access to that Party's systems, networks or information. Questions should be referred to CLEC or **SBC-13STATE**, respectively, as the providers of the computer, network or information in question.

9.4.2 It is each Party's responsibility to notify its employees, contractors and vendors who will have access to the other Party's network, on the proper security responsibilities identified within this Attachment. Adherence to these policies is a requirement for continued access to the other Party's systems, networks or information. Exceptions to the policies must be requested in writing and approved by the other Party's information security organization.

9.5 **General Policies**

9.5.1 Each Party's resources are for approved business purposes only.

9.5.2 Each Party may exercise at any time its right to inspect, record, and/or remove all information contained in its systems, and take appropriate action should unauthorized or improper usage be discovered.

9.5.3 Individuals will only be given access to resources that they are authorized to receive and which they need to perform their job duties. Users must not attempt to access resources for which they are not authorized.

9.5.4 Authorized users must not develop, copy or use any program or code which circumvents or bypasses system security or privilege mechanism or distorts accountability or audit mechanisms.

9.5.5 Actual or suspected unauthorized access events must be reported immediately to each Party's security organization or to an alternate contact identified by that Party. Each Party shall provide its respective security contact information to the other.

9.6 **User Identification**

9.6.1 Access to each Party's corporate resources will be based on identifying and authenticating individual users in order to maintain clear and personal accountability for each user's actions.

9.6.2 User identification shall be accomplished by the assignment of a unique, permanent user id, and each user id shall have an associated identification number for security purposes.

9.6.3 User ids will be revalidated on a monthly basis.

9.7 **User Authentication**

9.7.1 Users will usually be authenticated by use of a password. Strong authentication methods (e.g. one-time passwords, digital signatures, etc.) may be required in the future.

9.7.2 Passwords must not be stored in script files.

9.7.3 Passwords must be entered by the user.

9.7.4 Passwords must be at least 6-8 characters in length, not blank or a repeat of the user id; contain at least one letter, and at least one number or special character must be in a position other than the first or last one. This format will ensure that the password is hard to guess. Most systems are capable of being configured to automatically enforce these requirements. Where a system does not mechanically require this format, the users must manually follow the format.

9.7.5 Systems will require users to change their passwords regularly (usually every 31 days).

9.7.6 Systems are to be configured to prevent users from reusing the same password for 6 changes/months.

9.7.7 Personal passwords must not be shared. A user who has shared his password is responsible for any use made of the password.

9.8 **Access and Session Control**

9.8.1 Destination restrictions will be enforced at remote access facilities used for access to OSS Interfaces. These connections must be approved by each Party's corporate security organization.

9.8.2 Terminals or other input devices must not be left unattended while they may be used for system access. Upon completion of each work session, terminals or workstations must be properly logged off.

9.9 **User Authorization**

9.9.1 On the destination system, users are granted access to specific resources (e.g. databases, files, transactions, etc.). These permissions will usually be defined for an individual user (or user group) when a user id is approved for access to the system.

9.10 **Software and Data Integrity**

9.10.1 Each Party shall use a comparable degree of care to protect the other Party's software and data from unauthorized access, additions, changes and deletions as it uses to protect its own similar software and data. This may be accomplished by physical security at the work location and by access control software on the workstation.

9.10.2 Untrusted software or data shall be scanned for viruses before use on a Party's corporate facilities that can be accessed through the direct connection or dial up access to OSS interfaces.

9.10.3 Unauthorized use of copyrighted software is prohibited on each Party's corporate systems that can be access through the direct connection or dial up access to OSS Interfaces.

9.10.4 Proprietary software or information (whether electronic or paper) of a Party shall not be given by the other Party to unauthorized individuals. When it is no longer needed, each Party's proprietary software or information shall be returned by the other Party or disposed of securely. Paper copies shall be shredded. Electronic copies shall be overwritten or degaussed.

9.11 **Monitoring and Audit**

9.11.1 To deter unauthorized access events, a warning or no trespassing message will be displayed at the point of initial entry (i.e., network entry or applications with direct entry points). Each Party should have several approved versions of this message. Users should expect to see a warning message similar to this one:

*"This is a (**SBC-13STATE** or CLEC) system restricted to Company official business and subject to being monitored at any time. Anyone using this system expressly consents to such monitoring and to any evidence of unauthorized access, use, or modification being used for criminal prosecution."*

9.11.2 After successful authentication, each session will display the last logon date/time and the number of unsuccessful logon attempts. The user is responsible for reporting discrepancies.

10. OPERATIONAL READINESS TEST (ORT) FOR ORDERING/PROVISIONING AND REPAIR/ MAINTENANCE INTERFACES

10.1 Prior to live access to interface functionality, the Parties must conduct Operational Readiness Testing (ORT), which will allow for the testing of the systems, interfaces, and processes for the OSS functions. ORT will be completed in conformance with agreed upon processes and implementation dates.

11. OSS TRAINING COURSES

11.1 Prior to live system usage, CLEC must complete user education classes for **SBC-13STATE**-provided interfaces that affect the **SBC-13STATE** network. Course descriptions for all available classes by region are posted on the CLEC website in the Customer Education section. CLEC Training schedules by region are also available on the CLEC website and are subject to change, with class lengths varying. Classes are train-the-trainer format to enable CLEC to devise its own course work for its own employees. Charges as specified below will apply for each class:

Training Rates	5 day class	4.5 day class	4 day class	3.5 day class	3 day class	2.5 day class	2 day class	1.5 day class	1 day class	1/2 day class
1 to 5 students	$4,050	$3,650	$3,240	$2,835	$2,430	$2,025	$1,620	$1,215	$810	$405
6 students	$4,860	$4,380	$3,890	$3,402	$2,915	$2,430	$1,945	$1,455	$970	$490
7 students	$5,670	$5,100	$4,535	$3,969	$3,400	$2,835	$2,270	$1,705	$1,135	$570
8 students	$6,480	$5,830	$5,185	$4,536	$3,890	$3,240	$2,590	$1,950	$1,300	$650
9 students	$7,290	$6,570	$5,830	$5,103	$4,375	$3,645	$2,915	$2,190	$1,460	$730
10 students	$8,100	$7,300	$6,480	$5,670	$4,860	$4,050	$3,240	$2,430	$1,620	$810
11 students	$8,910	$8,030	$7,130	$6,237	$5,345	$4,455	$3,565	$2,670	$1,780	$890
12 students	$9,720	$8,760	$7,780	$6,804	$5,830	$4,860	$3,890	$2,920	$1,945	$970

11.2 A separate agreement will be required as a commitment to pay for a specific number of CLEC students in each class. CLEC agrees that charges will be billed by **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC payment is due thirty (30) days following the bill date. CLEC agrees that personnel from other competitive Local Service Providers may be scheduled into any class to fill any seats for which the CLEC has not contracted. Class availability is first-come, first served with priority given to CLECs who have not yet attended the specific class.

11.3 Class dates will be based upon **SBC-13STATE** availability and will be coordinated among CLEC, the CLEC's **SBC-13STATE** Account Manager, and **SBC-13STATE** Industry Markets CLEC Training Product Management.

11.4 CLEC agrees to pay the cancellation fee of the full price noted in the separate agreement if CLEC cancels scheduled classes less than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled start date. CLEC agrees to provide to **SBC-13STATE** completed registration forms for each student no later than one week prior to the scheduled training class.

11.5 CLEC agrees that CLEC personnel attending classes are to utilize only training databases and training presented to them in class. Attempts to access any other **SBC-13STATE** system are strictly prohibited.

11.6 CLEC further agrees that training material, manuals and instructor guides can be duplicated only for internal use for the purpose of training employees to utilize the capabilities of **SBC-13STATE**'s OSS in accordance with this Appendix and shall be deemed "Proprietary Information" and subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of Section 20 of the General Terms and Conditions.

12. FLAT RATE CHARGES FOR SYSTEM ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY TO OSS IN SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE

12.1 For **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** region only, CLECs that use OSS in any of the 5 states that comprise **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE,** shall pay the appropriate state specific rates (identified

in the each of the 5 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** state Price List appendices) for use of any of the OSS interfaces to place electronic transactions.

12.2 These **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** specific flat rates to access OSS include a "System Access" charge for use of the OSS, and a "Connectivity Charge" depending on type of Remote Access Facility connection (Dedicated connection versus Dial-up/Internet connection).

12.3 These specific OSS charges will be billed as follows:

12.3.1 The flat rate "System Access" charge will be billed for each **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** state in which the CLEC has access to OSS.

12.3.2 The flat rate "Connectivity" charge will be billed per port for the entire **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** region at either the dial-up rate or the dedicated connection rate depending on the CLEC's connection configuration.

12.3.2.1 Connectivity charges for CLECs connecting via the Internet will be consistent with dial-up rates listed in the state specific Appendix Pricing – Schedule of Prices.

12.3.2.2 If CLEC is utilizing OSS in multiple **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** states, the CLEC will be charged per port per region, but not billed a "Connectivity" Charge in every state that the CLEC does business. The appropriate Connection Charge (Dial-up/Internet or Dedicated; but not both) will be billed at the lowest billable state rate of the **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** states in which the CLEC has access to OSS.

12.4 These **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** rates for the OSS "System Access" and "Connectivity" charges appear in the each **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** state specific Appendix Pricing – Schedule of Prices.

13. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

13.1 For **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** region only, CLEC requesting the Bill Plus™, as described in 7.2.2, agrees to pay applicable tariffed rate, less Resale discount.

13.2 For **SBC-7STATE**, CLEC requesting the billing function for the Daily Usage Extract which contains the usage billable records, as described in 7.2.7 and 7.3.3, agrees to pay established rates pursuant to Appendix Pricing.

13.3 For **SBC-7STATE**, CLEC requesting the Local Disconnect Report, as described in 7.2.8 and 7.3.4, agrees to pay established rates pursuant to Appendix Pricing.

13.4 For **SBC-13STATE**, should CLEC request custom development of an exclusive interface to support OSS functions, such development will be considered by **SBC-13STATE** on an Individual Case Basis (ICB) and priced as such.

13.5 **SBC SNET** will charge for the Billing Detail File, Daily Usage Extract, and Loss Notification File at rates filed and approved by DPUC.

14. SERVICE BUREAU PROVIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHARED ACCESS TO OSS

14.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall allow CLEC to access its OSS via a Service Bureau Provider under the following terms and conditions:

14.2 Notwithstanding any language in this Agreement regarding access to OSS to the contrary, CLEC shall be permitted to access **SBC-13STATE** OSS via a Service Bureau Provider as follows:

14.2.1 CLEC shall be permitted to access **SBC-13STATE** application-to-application OSS interfaces, via a Service Bureau Provider where CLEC has entered into an agency relationship with such Service Bureau Provider, and the Service Bureau Provider has executed an Agreement with **SBC-13STATE** to Allow Service Bureau Provider to establish access to and use of **SBC-13STATE**'s OSS.

14.2.2 CLEC's use of a Service Bureau Provider shall not relieve CLEC of the obligation to abide by all terms and conditions of this Agreement. CLEC must ensure that its agent properly performs all OSS obligations of CLEC under this Agreement, which CLEC delegates to Service Bureau Provider.

14.2.3 It shall be the obligation of CLEC to provide notice in accordance with the notice provisions of the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement whenever it established an agency relationship with a Service Bureau Provider or terminates such a relationship. **SBC-13STATE** shall have a reasonable transition time to establish a connection to a Service Bureau Provider once CLEC provides notice. Additionally, **SBC-13STATE** shall have a reasonable transition period to terminate any such connection after notice from CLEC that it has terminated its agency relationship with a Service Bureau Provider.

14.3 Notwithstanding any language in this Agreement regarding Performance Measures to the contrary, **SBC-13STATE** shall not be obligated to pay liquidated damages or assessments for noncompliance with a performance measurement to the extent that such noncompliance was the result of actions or events beyond **SBC-13STATE**'s control associated with third-party systems or equipment including systems, equipment and services provided by a Service Bureau Provider (acting as CLEC's agent for connection to **SBC-13STATE**'s OSS) which could not be avoided by **B-13STATE** through the exercise of reasonable diligence or delays or other problems resulting from actions of a Service Bureau Provider, including Service Bureau provided processes, services, systems or connectivity.

15. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

15.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.