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Agreement Pursuant to Section 252 of the) Case No. 03- 892 -TP-NAG
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Name of Registrant: SBC Ohio
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I. Indicate the reason for submitting this form (check only one):

- ☐ 1. (AAC) Application to Amend Certificate to expand Serving Area (30-day approval, 7 copies)
- ☐ 2. (ABN) Abandonment of all Services (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
- ☐ 3. (ACE) New Operating Authority (60-day approval, 7 copies)
- ☐ 4. (ACO) Application to Change Ownership (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 5. (ACN) Application to Change Name (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 6. (AEC) Application to Establish, Revise, or Cancel a Contract (30-day approval, 7 copies)
 - ☐ End User ☐ Carrier-to-Carrier Contract Amendment to an agreement approved in a NAG or ARB case
- ☐ 7. (AMT) Merger (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
- ☐ 8. (ARB) Application for Arbitration (see 96-463-TP-COI for applicable process, 15 copies)
- ☐ 9. (ATA) Application for Tariff Amendment (Automatic timeframes vary with type of ATA filing -- see below)
 - a. ☐ New End User Service which has been preceded by a 30-day prefiling with Staff and OCC (0-day filing, 10 copies)
 - b. ☐ New Carrier-to-Carrier Service which has been preceded by a 30-day prefiling with Staff and OCC (0-day filing, 10 copies)
 - c. ☐ Change in Terms and Conditions (30-day approval, 10 copies)
 - d. ☐ Withdrawal of Service (30-day approval, 10 copies)
 - e. ☐ Filing at Staff's Direction (30-day approval, 10 copies)
 - f. ☐ Initial Carrier-to-Carrier Services Tariff subsequent to ACE approval (60-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 10. (ATC) Application to Transfer Certificate (NOT automatic, 7 copies)
- ☐ 11. (ATR) Application to Conduct a Transaction Between Utilities (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
- ☒ 12. (NAG) Negotiated Interconnection Agreement Between Carriers (0-day effective, 90-day approval, 15 copies)
- ☐ 13. (UNC) Unclassified (explain) _____ (NOT automatic, 15 copies)
- ☐ 14. Other (explain) _____ (NOT automatic, 15 copies)

THE FOLLOWING ARE TRF FILINGS ONLY, NOT NEW CASES (0-day notice, 3 copies)

- ☐ 15. Introduction or Extension of Promotional Offering
- ☐ 16. New Price List Rate for Existing Service
- ☐ 17. Designation of Registrant's Process Agent(s)
- ☐ 18. Update to Registrant's Maps

II. Indicate which of the following exhibits have been filed. The numbers (corresponding to the list above) indicate, at a minimum, the types of cases in which the exhibit is required:

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- ☐ A copy of registrant's proposed tariffs. (Carrier-to-Carrier resale tariff also required if facilities-based) (3)
- ☐ Statement affirming that the registrant has notified the Ohio Department of Taxation of its intent to conduct operations as a telephone utility in the State of Ohio. (3)
- ☐ List of names, addresses, and phone numbers of officers and directors, or partners. (3-4,7,10)
- ☐ Brief description of service(s) proposed. (3)
- ☐ Explanation of whether applicant intends to provide ☐ resold services, ☐ facilities-based services, or ☐ both resold and facilities-based services. (3)
- ☐ Explanation as to whether NEC currently offers DXC services under separate CTS authority, and whether it will be including those services within its NEC filing, or maintaining such DXC services under a separate affiliate. (3)
- ☐ Explanation of how the proposed services in the proposed market area are in the public interest. (3)
- ☐ Description of the proposed market area. (3)
- ☐ Description of the class of customers (e.g., residence, business) that the applicant intends to serve. (3)
- ☐ Documentation attesting to the applicant's financial viability, including, at a minimum, a pro forma income statement and a balance sheet. If the pro forma income statement is based upon a certain geographical area(s) or information in other jurisdictions, please indicate. (3)
- ☐ Documentation attesting to the applicant's technical expertise relative to the proposed service offering(s) and proposed service area. (3)
- ☐ Explanation of the applicant's managerial expertise relative to the proposed service offering(s) and proposed service area. (3)
- ☐ Documentation indicating the applicant's corporate structure and ownership. (3)
- ☐ Information regarding any similar operations in other states. (3)
- ☐ Verification that the applicant will maintain local telephony records separate and apart from any other accounting records in accordance with the USOA. (3)
- ☐ Verification of compliance with any affiliate transaction requirements. (3)
- ☐ Letters requesting negotiation pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and a proposed timeline for construction, interconnection, and offering of services to end users. (3, 8, 10)
- ☒ Copy of superseded tariff sheet(s) & price list(s), if applicable, marked as Exhibit A. (1-2,4,6,8-10,12-15)
- ☒ Copy of revised tariff sheets & price lists, marked as Exhibit B. (1-2,4,6,8-10,12-15)
- ☐ Specify which notice procedure has been utilized: ☐ real time; or ☐ newspaper. NOTE: Price list increases must be within an approved range of rates. (8-9,15)
- ☐ Copy of real time or newspaper notice which has been provided to customers. (2,4,6,9c-f, 10, 15)
- ☐ Copy of customer education and information material for new residential services. (8)
- ☒ Description of and rationale for proposed tariff changes, including a complete description of the service(s) proposed or affected. Specify for each service affected whether it is ☐ business; ☐ residence; ☐ or both. Also indicate whether it is a ☐ switched ☐ or dedicated service. Include this information in either the cover letter or Exhibit C. (1-2,4-6,9-10,12-15)
- ☐ Explanation as to which service areas company currently has an approved interconnection or resale agreement. (1,3, 9)
- ☐ Explanation as to whether rates are derived through (check all applicable): ☐ interconnection agreement, ☐ retail tariffs, or ☐ resale tariffs. (3)
- ☐ List of Ohio counties or exchanges the applicant intends to serve within 24 months of obtaining authorization. (1,3)
- ☒ List of Ohio counties specifically involved or affected. (2,4,6,9-10,12)
- ☐ Certification from Ohio Secretary of State as to party's proper standing (domestic or foreign corporation, authorized use of fictitious name, etc.). (3,4,6,9c-f,10) In transfer of certificate cases, the transferee's good standing must be established.
- ☐ Maps depicting the proposed serving and calling areas of the applicant. (1,3,7,10)
 - ☐ **If Mirroring ILEC** exchanges for both serving area and local calling areas: ● *Serving area* must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to tariffs and textually described in tariffs by noting that it is reflecting a particular ILEC/NEC territory, and listing the involved counties. ● *Local calling areas* must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to the tariffs, and/or clearly delineated in tariffs, including a complete listing of each exchange being served and all exchanges to which local calls can be made from each of those exchanges.
 - ☐ **If Self-defining** serving area and/or local calling area as an area other than that of the established ILEC exchange(s): ● *Serving Area* must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to the tariffs, and textually described in tariffs by listing the involved counties. ● *Local Calling Areas* must be described in the tariff through textual delineation and clear maps. Maps for self-defined serving and local calling areas are required to be traced on United States Geological Survey topography maps. These maps are the Standard Topographic Quadrangle maps, 7.5 minute 1:24,000.
- ☐ Other information requested by the Commission staff.

III. Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with the following requirements in the Service Requirements Form, as well as all pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission with respect to these issues. Further, registrant hereby affirms that it will maintain with its TRF docket an up-to-date, properly marked, copy of the Service Requirements Form available for public inspection.

Mandatory requirements for all basic local exchange providers:

- ☒ Sales tax
- ☒ Deposits
- ☒ Disconnection of Service
- ☒ 1+

Service requirements for a NEC's provision of certain services (check all applicable):

- ☐ Discounts for Persons with Communication Disabilities and the Telecommunication Relay Service
- ☐ Emergency Services Calling Plan
- ☐ Alternative Operator Service (AOS) requirements
- ☐ Limitation of Liability Language
- ☐ Termination Liability Language
- ☐ Service Connection Assistance (SCA) and Telephone Service Assistance (TSA)
- ☐ Resale of Service [Required for facilities-based NECs]
- ☐ Local Number Portability [Required for facilities-based]

IV. List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to make and/or verify filings at the Commission on behalf of the applicant:

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V. List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to respond to inquiries from the Consumer Services Department on behalf of the applicant regarding end-user complaints:

Information for SBC Ohio is already on file in the Consumer Services Department

Verification

I, Jon F. Kelly or Mary Ryan Fenlon, Attorney, verify that I have utilized, verbatim, the Commission's Local Exchange Carrier Registration Form effective July 15, 1997 and that all of the information submitted here, and all additional information submitted in connection with this case is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

 7-3-93
(Signature) * (Date)

- * A verification is required for every filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.

Send your completed Registration Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:

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Re: SBC Ohio/Lightyear Communications, Inc.
Case No. 03-892-TP-NAG

Dear Ms. Crockron:

SBC Ohio submits for the Commission's review an agreement dated March 25, 2003 with Lightyear Communications, Inc. The Agreement is submitted pursuant to the provisions of Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act").

Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, Lightyear Communications, Inc. has sectionally adopted portions of the Interconnection Agreement between SBC Ohio and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. dated June 4, 2001 ("the underlying Agreement"). Amendments to the underlying Agreement include those related to reciprocal compensation and merger conditions. These amendments were voluntarily negotiated by the Parties and are included with the underlying Agreement in this filing. The Commission approved the underlying Agreement on November 2, 2001 in Case No. 01-1964-TP-ARB.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures

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AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
by and between
THE OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
AND
LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

The Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement") by and between The Ohio Bell Telephone Company and Lightyear Communications, Inc. ("CLEC") is hereby amended as follows:

(1) Section 45 of the General Terms and Conditions will show "Intentional Left Blank" and is incorporated herein by this reference.

(2) The Reciprocal Compensation has been replaced with the Appendix Reciprocal Compensation (After FCC Order NO.01-131), which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

(3) The Merger Conditions has been replaced with the Post Sunset Merger Conditions Appendix which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

(4) In entering into this Amendment, the Parties acknowledge and agree that neither Party is waiving any of its rights, remedies or arguments with respect to any orders, decisions or proceedings and any remands thereof, including but not limited to its rights under the United States Supreme Court's opinion in *Verizon v. FCC*, 535 U.S. ____ (2002); the D.C. Circuit's decision in *United States Telecom Association, et. al v. FCC*, No. 00-101 (May 24, 2002); the FCC's Order *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, (FCC 99-370) (rel. November 24, 1999), including its Supplemental Order Clarification (FCC 00-183) (rel. June 2, 2000) in CC Docket 96-98; or the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68 (the "ISP Intercarrier Compensation Order") (rel. April 27, 2001), which was remanded in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, No. 01-1218 (D.C. Cir. 2002). Rather, in entering into this Amendment, each Party fully reserves all of its rights, remedies and arguments with respect to any decisions, orders or proceedings, including but not limited to its right to dispute whether any UNEs and/or UNE combinations identified in the Agreement and this Amendment must be provided under Sections 251(c)(3) and 251(d) of the Act, and under this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement and in addition to fully reserving its other rights, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company reserves its right to exercise its option at any time in the future to adopt on a date specified by The Ohio Bell Telephone Company 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. In the event that the FCC, a state regulatory agency or a court of competent jurisdiction, in any proceeding finds, rules and/or otherwise orders that any of the UNEs and/or UNE combinations provided for under this Agreement and this Amendment do not meet the necessary and impair standards set forth in Section 251(d)(2) of the Act, the affected provision will be immediately invalidated, modified or stayed as required to effectuate the subject order upon written request of either Party. In such event, the Parties shall have sixty (60) days from the effective date of the order to attempt to negotiate and arrive at an agreement on the appropriate conforming modifications required to the agreement. If the Parties are unable to agree upon the conforming modifications required within sixty (60) days from the effective date of the order, any disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretations of the actions required or the provisions affected by such order shall be handled under the Dispute Resolution Procedures set forth in this Agreement.

(5) This Amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement, but rather, shall be coterminous with such Agreement.

(6) EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

(7) This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUC-OH") and shall become effective upon filing, but is subject to a 30-day approval process under which if the PUC does not suspend approval, then is automatically approved on the 31st day after filing.

AMENDMENT-REPLACE RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION & MERGER CONDITIONS

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SBC/LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
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IN WITNESS WHERE OF, this Amendment to the Agreement was exchanged in triplicate on this 25th day of March, 2003, by Ameritech Ohio, signing by and through its duly authorized representative, and CLEC, signing by and through its duly authorized representative.

Lightyear Communications, Inc.

The Ohio Bell Telephone Company by SBC
Telecommunications, Inc.,
its authorized agent

Signature: Kevin Shady
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Title: For/ President - Industry Markets

Date: 3-19-03

Date: MAR 25 2003

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**NEGOTIATED APPENDIX
RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION
(AFTER FCC ORDER NO. 01-131)**

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APPENDIX RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION

This Appendix provides for Reciprocal Compensation rates, terms, and conditions for all intercarrier telecommunications traffic exchanged pursuant to the underlying Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") between Lightyear Communications, Inc. as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier in this state (hereafter, "CLEC") and one of the following SBC Communications Inc.-owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (hereafter, "ILEC"): Illinois Bell Telephone, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a SBC Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Pacific Bell Telephone Company (a California corporation), The Southern New England Telephone Company (a Connecticut corporation), Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin (but only to the extent that the agent for the applicable SBC-owned ILEC executed the underlying Agreement for such SBC-owned ILEC). The Parties hereby agree as follows:

WHEREAS, CLEC obtained the underlying Agreement by requesting adoption of an existing Agreement with ILEC pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (known as the "Most Favored Nations" or "MFN" provision of the Act); and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted its "Order on Remand and Report and Order" in its Intercarrier Compensation proceeding regarding traffic to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) (hereafter, the "ISP Intercarrier Compensation Order");¹ and

WHEREAS, the FCC in that Order suspended MFN requests affecting ISP and other Internet-bound traffic, stating in pertinent part:

Because we now exercise our authority under section 201 to determine the appropriate intercarrier compensation for ISP-bound traffic, however, state commissions will no longer have authority to address this issue. For this same reason, as of the date this Order is published in the Federal Register, carriers may no longer invoke section 252(i) to opt into an existing interconnection agreement with regard to the rates paid for the exchange of ISP-bound traffic [footnote omitted]. Section 252(i) applies only to agreements arbitrated or approved by state commissions pursuant to section 252; it has no application in the context of an intercarrier compensation regime set by this [Federal Communications] Commission pursuant to section 201 [footnote omitted].²

AND, WHEREAS the rates, terms and conditions for ISP traffic are legitimately-related to all other rates, terms and conditions for intercarrier compensation under the Agreement and have been negotiated in their entirety in this Appendix.

NOW, THEREFORE, ILEC and CLEC agree to the following rates, terms and conditions for all intercarrier traffic, including ISP and Internet-bound traffic, for the duration of the underlying Agreement, intending this document to be executed, filed, and approved as a negotiated Appendix separate from the underlying MFN Agreement.

1.0 APPENDIX SCOPE AND TERM

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the rates, terms and conditions for Reciprocal Compensation of intercarrier telecommunications traffic between ILEC and CLEC, but only to the extent they are interconnected and exchanging calls pursuant to a fully executed, underlying Interconnection Agreement approved by the applicable state or federal regulatory agency for telecommunications traffic in this state.
- 1.2 The compensation arrangement for the joint provision of Feature Group A (FGA) Services shall be subject to the underlying Interconnection Agreement or as otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties.

¹ In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic; CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68; FCC Order No. 01-131 (released April 27, 2001).

² ISP Intercarrier Compensation Order, para 82 (emphasis added).

- 1.3 The provisions of this Appendix apply to calls originated over the originating carrier's facilities or over Unbundled Network Elements.
- 1.4 The provisions of this Appendix do not apply to traffic originated over services provided under local Resale service.
- 1.5 This Appendix is intended to supercede and replace any and all Appendices, Attachments, Rate Schedules, or other sections of the underlying Interconnection Agreement that set forth the rates, terms and conditions for Reciprocal Compensation of intercarrier telecommunications traffic between ILEC and CLEC. Any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Appendix and other provisions of the underlying Interconnection Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of this Appendix.
- 1.6 The Parties agree that this Appendix also governs the exchange, routing and rating of all intercarrier ISP and Internet-bound traffic between ILEC and CLEC in this state. The terms "ISPs" and "Internet" shall be given the same meaning as used in the underlying Agreement, and if not defined there, shall be given the same meaning as found in the ISP Compensation Order and the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- 1.7 The Parties agree that this Appendix shall be coterminous with the underlying Agreement and shall not extend or alter the term and termination provisions of the Agreement, subject to the exceptions in subsection 1.7.1 below.
 - 1.7.1 Retroactive Application back to the Effective Date of the Underlying MFN. The Parties recognize that an MFN interconnection agreement often receives speedier state approvals than the negotiated Appendix which will be affixed to that interconnection agreement. To the extent that the date of state approval of the underlying MFN interconnection agreement precedes the date of state approval of this Appendix, the Parties agree that the rates, terms and conditions of the Appendix will, upon state approval, apply retroactively to the date of state approval of the underlying MFN Agreement.

2.0 ILEC DESIGNATIONS

- 2.1 SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) means the holding company which owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
 - 2.2 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
 - 2.3 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
 - 2.4 **SBC-AMERITECH** - As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
 - 2.5 **SBC-SWBT** - As used herein, **SBC-SWBT** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
 - 2.6 **SWBT-MO** - As used herein, **SWBT-MO** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Missouri.
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- 2.7 **SWBT-OK** - As used herein, **SWBT-OK** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 2.8 **SWBT-KS** - As used herein, **SWBT-KS** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 2.9 **SWBT-AR** - As used herein, **SWBT-AR** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 2.10 **SWBT-TX** - As used herein, **SWBT-TX** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 2.11 **PACIFIC** - As used herein, **PACIFIC** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in California.
- 2.12 **NEVADA** - As used herein, **NEVADA** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 2.13 **SNET** - As used herein, **SNET** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

3.0 CLASSIFICATION OF TRAFFIC

- 3.1 Telecommunications traffic exchanged between CLEC and ILEC will be classified as either Local Calls, Transit Traffic, Optional Calling Area Traffic, IntraLATA Toll Traffic, or InterLATA Toll Traffic. For purposes of this Appendix, calls to ISPs will be rated and routed according to these same classifications, depending on the physical location of the originating and terminating end users.
 - 3.2 For purposes of this Appendix, the Parties agree that "Local Calls" and "Local ISP Calls" will be compensated at the same rates and rate structures, depending on the End Office or Tandem serving arrangement, so long as the originating end user of one Party and the terminating end user or ISP of the other Party are:
 - (a) both physically located in the same ILEC Local Exchange Area as defined by the ILEC Local (or "General") Exchange Tariff on file with the applicable state commission or regulatory agency; or
 - (b) both physically located within neighboring ILEC Local Exchange Areas, or within an ILEC exchange and an Independent LEC exchange, that share a common mandatory local calling area. This includes but is not limited to, mandatory Extended Area Service (EAS), mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS), or other types of mandatory expanded local calling scopes.
 - 3.3 The Parties agree that, notwithstanding the classification of traffic under this Appendix, either Party is free to define its own "local" calling area(s) for purposes of its provision of telecommunications services to its end users.
 - 3.4 When an End User originates a Local Call which terminates to an End User physically located in the same local exchange area and served on the other Party's physical switch or, if operating in **SBC-12STATE**, through the other Party's Unbundled Network Element (UNE) switch port, the originating Party shall compensate the terminating Party for the transport and termination of Local Calls at the rate(s) provided in this Appendix and Appendix Pricing. In **SNET**, calls originated over UNEs are not subject to reciprocal compensation since the rates for unbundled local switching reflect and include the costs of call termination.
 - 3.5 The Parties' obligation to pay reciprocal compensation to each other shall commence on the date the Parties agree that the interconnection is complete (i.e., each Party has established its originating trunks as well as all ancillary traffic trunking such as Operator Services, 911 or Mass Calling trunks).
 - 3.6 The compensation arrangements set forth in this Appendix are not applicable to (i) Exchange Access traffic, (ii) Information Service traffic, (iii) traffic originated by one Party on a number ported to its network that terminates to another number ported on that same Party's network or (iv) any other type of traffic found to be exempt from reciprocal compensation by the FCC or the Commission, with the exception of calls to ISPs, which are addressed in this Appendix. All Exchange Access traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic shall continue to be governed by the terms and conditions of applicable federal and state tariffs.
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- 3.7 Calls delivered to or from numbers that are assigned to an exchange within a common mandatory local calling area but where the receiving or calling party is physically located outside the common mandatory local calling area of the exchange to which the number is assigned are either Feature Group A (FGA) or Foreign Exchange (FX) and are not Local Calls for intercarrier compensation and are not subject to local reciprocal compensation.
- 3.8 Private Line Services include private line-like and special access services and are not subject to local reciprocal compensation. Private Line Services are defined as dedicated Telecommunications channels provided between two points or switched among multiple points and are used for voice, data, audio or video transmission. Private Line services include, but are not limited to, WATS access lines.
- 3.9 Reciprocal Compensation applies to local traffic that is terminated at either parties' terminating switch. Traffic that is delivered to a CLEC or ISP via Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) service is not subject to intercarrier compensation.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 4.1 Each Party to this Appendix will be responsible for the accuracy and quality of its data as submitted to the respective Parties involved.
- 4.2 Where SS7 connections exist, each Party will include in the information transmitted to the other for each call being terminated on the other's network, where available, the original and true Calling Party Number (CPN).
- 4.3 If one Party is passing CPN but the other Party is not properly receiving information, the Parties will work cooperatively to correct the problem.
- 4.4 Where SS7 connections exist, calls originated by one party and terminated by the other, if the percentage of calls passed with CPN is greater than ninety percent (90%), all calls exchanged without CPN information will be billed as either Local Traffic or intraLATA Toll Traffic in direct proportion to the minutes of use (MOU) of calls exchanged with CPN information. If the percentage of calls passed with CPN is less than ninety percent (90%), all calls passed without CPN will be billed as intraLATA switched access.
- 4.5 Where the Parties are performing a transiting function as defined in Section 9.0 below, the transiting Party will pass the original and true CPN if it is received from the originating third party. If the original and true CPN is not received from the originating third party, the Party performing the transiting function can not forward the CPN and will not be billed as the default originator.

5.0 LOCAL CALL TERMINATION

- 5.1 The compensation set forth below will also apply to all Local and Local ISP Calls as defined in section 3.2 of this Appendix, depending on whether the call is terminated directly to an End Office or through a Tandem.
 - 5.2 Bifurcated Rates (Call Set Up and Call Duration). The Parties agree to compensate each other for the termination of Local Calls and Local ISP Calls on a "bifurcated" basis, meaning assessing an initial Call Set Up charge on a per Message basis, and then assessing a separate Call Duration charge on a per Minute of Use (MOU) basis, where ever per Message charges are applicable. The following rate elements apply, but the corresponding rates are shown in Appendix Reciprocal Compensation Terminating Rates, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth below:
 - 5.3 Tandem Serving Rate Elements:
 - 5.3.1 Tandem Switching - compensation for the use of tandem switching (only) functions.
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- 5.3.2 Tandem Transport - compensation for the transmission facilities between the local tandem and the end offices subtending that tandem.
- 5.3.3 End Office Switching in a Tandem Serving Arrangement - compensation for the local end office switching and line termination functions necessary to complete the transmission in a tandem-served arrangement. It consists of a call set-up rate (per message) and an call duration (per minute) rate.
- 5.4 End Office Serving Rate Elements:
- 5.4.1 End Office Switching - compensation for the local end office switching and line termination functions necessary to complete the transmission in an end office serving arrangement. It consists of a call set-up rate (per message) and an call duration (per minute) rate.
- 5.5 All ISP and Internet-bound traffic shall be subject to the same terms and conditions regarding switch recordings, Calling Party Number (CPN) signaling, and other usage detail as for other Local Calls under this Appendix. Minutes of use to ISPs may be shown separately on the monthly usage detail, invoices, payment summaries, or other documents exchanged between ILEC and CLEC in the monthly billing cycle.
- 5.6 All ISP and Internet-bound traffic for a given usage month shall be due and owing at the same time as payments for Local Calls under this Appendix. The parties agree that all terms and conditions regarding disputed minutes of use, nonpayment, partial payment, late payment, interest on outstanding balances, or other billing and payment terms shall apply to ISP and Internet-bound traffic the same as for Local Calls under this Appendix.

6.0 NON-LOCAL CALL TERMINATION

- 6.1 The Parties recognize and agree that ISP and Internet-bound traffic could also be traded outside of the applicable local calling scope, or routed in ways that could make the rates and rate structure in section 5.0 above not apply, including but not limited to ISP calls that fit the underlying Agreement's definitions of:
- Transit Traffic
 - Optional EAS Traffic
 - IntraLATA Interexchange Traffic
 - InterLATA Interexchange Traffic
 - 800, 888, 877, ("8yy") Traffic
 - Feature Group A Traffic
 - Feature Group D Traffic
- 6.2 The Parties agree that, for the purposes of this Amendment, either Parties' end users remain free to place ISP calls on a "Non-Local" basis under any of the above classifications. To the extent such "non-Local" ISP calls are placed, the Parties agree that section 5.0 above does not apply, and that the underlying Agreement's rates, terms and conditions for IntraLATA and/or InterLATA calling shall apply, including but not limited to rating and routing according to the terminating parties' Exchange Access intrastate and/or interstate tariffs.
- 6.3 The Parties agree that physical interconnection, routing, and trunking of ISP calls on an Inter-Exchange basis, either IntraLATA or InterLATA, shall be as specified in the underlying Agreement for all other traffic exchanged, including but not limited to, the need to route over Meet Point Billed trunks.

7.0 OPTIONAL CALLING AREA TRAFFIC -- SWBT-OK, KS, AR, TX

- 7.1 Compensation for Optional Calling Area (OCA) Traffic is for the termination of intercompany traffic to and from the one-way or two-way optional exchanges(s) and the associated metropolitan area.
- 7.2 In the context of this Appendix, Optional Calling Areas (OCAs) exist only in the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Texas, and are outlined in the applicable state Local Exchange tariffs. This rate is

independent of any retail service arrangement established by either Party. CLEC and **SWBT-OK, SWBT-KS, SWBT-AR, and SWBT-TX** are not precluded from establishing its own local calling areas or prices for purposes of retail telephone service; however the terminating rates to be used for any such offering will still be administered as described in this Appendix.

7.3 The state specific OCA Transport and Termination rates are outlined in Appendix Pricing.

8.0 MCA TRAFFIC -- SBC-MO

8.1 For compensation purposes in the state of Missouri, Local Traffic shall be further defined as "Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) Traffic" and "Non-MCA Traffic." MCA Traffic is traffic originated by a party providing a local calling scope plan pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission Orders in Case No. TO-92-306 and Case No. TO-99-483 (MCA Orders) and the call is a local call based on the calling scope of the originating party pursuant to the MCA Orders. Non-MCA Traffic is all Local Traffic that is not defined as MCA Traffic.

8.1.1 Either party providing Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) service shall offer the full calling scope prescribed in Case No. TO-92-306, without regard to the identity of the called party's local service provider. The parties may offer additional toll-free outbound calling or other services in conjunction with MCA service, but in any such offering the party shall not identify any calling scope other than that prescribed in Case No. TO-92-306 as "MCA" service.

8.1.2 Pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission Order in Case No. TO-99-483, MCA Traffic shall be exchanged on a bill-and-keep intercompany compensation basis meaning that the party originating a call defined as MCA Traffic shall not compensate the terminating party for terminating the call. Furthermore, the Transit Traffic rate element shall not apply to MCA Traffic (i.e., no transiting charges shall be assessed for MCA Traffic).

8.2 The parties agree to use the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) to provision the appropriate MCA NXXs in their networks. The LERG should be updated at least 45 days in advance of opening a new code to allow the other party the ability to make the necessary network modifications. If the Commission orders the parties to use an alternative other than the LERG, the parties will comply with the Commission's final order.

8.3 If CLEC provides service via resale or in conjunction with ported numbers in the MCA, the appropriate MCA NXXs will be updated by SWBT.

9.0 TRANSIT TRAFFIC COMPENSATION

9.1 Transiting Service allows one Party to send Local, Optional, intraLATA Toll Traffic, and 800 intraLATA Toll Traffic to a third party network through the other Party's tandem. A Transiting rate element applies to all MOUs between a Party and third party networks that transits a **SBC-13STATE** network. The originating Party is responsible for payment of the appropriate rates unless otherwise specified. The Transiting rate element is only applicable when calls do not originate with (or terminate to) the transit Party's End User. Pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission Order in Case No. TO-99-483, the Transit Traffic rate element shall not apply to MCA Traffic (i.e., no transiting charges shall be assessed for MCA Traffic) for **SWBT-MO**. The rates that **SBC-13STATE** shall charge for transiting CLEC traffic are outlined in Appendix Pricing.

9.2 The Parties agree to enter into their own agreement with third party Telecommunications Carriers prior to delivering traffic for transiting to the third party. In the event one Party originates traffic that transits the second Party's network to reach a third party Telecommunications Carrier with whom the originating Party does not have a traffic Interexchange agreement, then originating Party will indemnify the second Party against any and all charges levied by such third party telecommunications carrier, including any termination charges related to such traffic and any attorneys fees and expenses. The terminating party and the tandem provider will bill their respective portions of the charges directly to the originating party, and neither the

terminating party nor the tandem provider will be required to function as a billing intermediary, e.g. clearinghouse.

- 9.3 The CLEC shall not bill **SBC-13STATE** for terminating any Transit traffic, whether identified or unidentified, i.e. whether **SEC-13STATE** is sent CPN or is not sent CPN by the originating company.
- 9.4 In those **SBC-13STATE**s where Primary Toll Carrier (PTC) arrangements are mandated, for intraLATA Toll Traffic which is subject to a PTC arrangement and where **SBC-13STATE** is the PTC, **SBC-13STATE** shall deliver such intraLATA Toll Traffic to the terminating carrier in accordance with the terms and conditions of such PTC arrangement. Upon receipt of verifiable Primary Toll records, **SBC-13STATE** shall reimburse the terminating carrier at **SBC-13STATE**'s applicable tariffed terminating switched access rates. When transport mileage cannot be determined, an average transit transport mileage shall be applied as set forth in Appendix Pricing.
- 9.5 CLEC will establish sufficient direct trunk groups between CLEC and a Third Party's network when CLEC's traffic volumes to said Third Party require twenty-four (24) or more trunks.

10.0 OPTIONAL CALLING AREA TRANSIT TRAFFIC -- SWBT-MO, SWBT-KS, SWBT-AR, SWBT-TX

- 10.1 In the states of Texas, Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas, the Optional Area Transit Traffic rate element applies when one End User is in a **SBC-SWBT** one-way or two-way optional exchange and the other End User is within the **SWBT-KS**, **SWBT-AR**, and/or **SWBT-TX** local or mandatory exchanges. The Parties agree to apply the Optional Area Transit rate to traffic terminating to third party Independent LEC that shares a common mandatory local calling area with all **SWBT-MO**, **SWBT-KS**, **SWBT-AR**, and **SWBT-TX** exchanges included in a specific metropolitan exchange area. The Optional Area Transit Traffic rates that will be billed are outlined in Appendix Pricing. The specific NXXs and associated calling scopes can be located in the applicable state Local Exchange tariff.

11.0 INTRALATA 800 TRAFFIC

- 11.1 The Parties shall provide to each other intraLATA 800 Access Detail Usage Data for Customer billing and intraLATA 800 Copy Detail Usage Data for access billing in Exchange Message Interface (EMI) format. On a monthly basis the Parties agree to provide this data to each other at no charge. In the event of errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in data received from either Party, the liability of the Party providing such data shall be limited to the provision of corrected data only. If the originating Party does not send an End User billable record to the terminating Party, the originating Party will not bill the terminating Party any interconnection charges for this traffic.
- 11.2 IntraLATA 800 Traffic calls are billed to and paid for by the called or terminating Party, regardless of which Party performs the 800 query. Billing shall be based on originating and terminating NPA/NXX.

12.0 MEET POINT BILLING (MPB) and SWITCHED ACCESS TRAFFIC COMPENSATION

- 12.1 Inter-carrier compensation for Switched Access Traffic shall be on a Meet Point Billing ("MPB") basis as described below.
- 12.2 The Parties will establish MPB arrangements in order to provide Switched Access Services via the respective carrier's Tandem Office Switch in accordance with the MPB guidelines contained in the Ordering and Billing Forum's MECOD and MECAB documents, as amended from time to time.
- 12.3 Billing for the Switched Exchange Access Services jointly provided by the Parties via MPB arrangements shall be according to the multiple bill/single tariff method. 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. The residual interconnection charge (RIC), if any, will be billed by the Party providing the end office function.
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- 12.4 The Parties will maintain provisions in their respective federal and state access tariffs, or provisions within the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff No. 4, or any successor tariff, sufficient to reflect this MPB arrangement, including MPB percentages.
- 12.5 As detailed in the MECAB document, the Parties will exchange all information necessary to accurately, reliably and promptly bill third parties for Switched Access Services traffic jointly handled by the Parties via the Meet Point Billing arrangement. Information shall be exchanged in a mutually acceptable electronic file transfer protocol. Where the EMI records cannot be transferred due to a transmission failure, records can be provided via a mutually acceptable medium. The exchange of Access Usage Records ("AURs") to accommodate MPB will be on a reciprocal, no charge basis. Each Party agrees to provide the other Party with AURs based upon mutually agreed upon intervals.
- 12.6 MPB shall also apply to all jointly provided Switched Access MOU traffic bearing the 900, or toll free NPAs (e.g., 800, 877, 866, 888 NPAs, or any other non-geographic NPAs). The Party that performs the SSP function (launches the query to the 800 database) will bill the 800 Service Provider for this function.
- 12.7 Each Party will act as the Official Recording Company for Switched Access uage when it is jointly provided between the Parties. As described in the MECAB document, the Official Recording Company for tandem routed traffic is: (1) the end office company for originating traffic, (2) the tandem company for terminating traffic and (3) the SSP company for originating 800 traffic.
- 12.8 **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC agree to provide the other Party with notification of any discovered errors in the record exchange process within ten (10) business days of the discovery.
- 12.9 In the event of a loss of data, both Parties shall cooperate to reconstruct the lost data within sixty (60) days of notification and if such reconstruction is not possible, shall accept a reasonable estimate of the lost data, based upon no more than three (3) to twelve (12) consecutive months of prior usage data.

13.0 INTRALATA TOLL TRAFFIC COMPENSATION

- 13.1 For intrastate intraLATA toll traffic, compensation for termination of intercompany traffic will be at terminating access rates for Message Telephone Service (MTS) and originating access rates for 800 Service, including the Carrier Common Line (CCL) charge where applicable, as set forth in each Party's Intrastate Access Service Tariff, but not to exceed the compensation contained in an ILEC's tariff in whose exchange area the End User is located. For interstate intraLATA intercompany service traffic, compensation for termination of intercompany traffic will be at terminating access rates for MTS and originating access rates for 800 Service including the CCL charge, as set forth in each Party's interstate Access Service Tariff, but not to exceed the compensation contained in the ILEC's tariff in whose exchange area the End User is located. Common transport, (both fixed and variable), as well as tandem switching and end office rates apply only in those cases where a Party's tandem is used to terminate traffic.

14.0 BILLING FOR MUTUAL COMPENSATION -- SBC-SWBT

- 14.1 In **SBC-SWBT** other than for traffic described in Section 6.0 above, each Party shall deliver monthly settlement statements for terminating the other Party's traffic based on the following:
- 14.2 Each Party shall, unless otherwise agreed, adhere to the detailed technical descriptions and requirements for the recording, record exchange, and billing of traffic using the guidelines as set forth in the Technical Exhibit Settlement Procedures (TESP). Each Party will transmit the summarized originating minutes of usage within fifteen (15) business days following the prior month's close of business for all traffic including local, transiting, and optional EAS via the 92-type record process to the transiting and/or terminating Party for subsequent monthly intercompany settlement billing. This information will also be utilized by the Parties for use in verifying and auditing to confirm the jurisdictional nature of Local Calls and is required from the originating Party under the terms of this Appendix.
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- 14.3 If originating records are not received within sixty (60) days, upon written notification the Party not receiving the originating records will bill all MOU for that month at Switched Access rates based upon a seven (7) day traffic study.
- 14.4 The Parties will not render invoice nor payment to each other for the transport and termination of calls for a particular month's usage until both Parties have received the originating 92-type summary records CLEC for that same month's usage.
- 14.5 On a monthly basis, each Party will record its originating MOU including identification of the originating and terminating NXX for all intercompany calls.
- 14.6 Each Party will transmit the summarized originating MOU above to the transiting and/or terminating Party for subsequent monthly intercompany settlement billing.
- 14.7 MOUs for the rates contained herein will be measured in seconds by call type, and accumulated each billing period into one (1) minute increments for billing purposes in accordance with industry rounding standards.
- 14.8 Where CLEC has direct End Office Switch and Tandem Office Switch interconnection arrangements with **SBC-13STATE**s, **SBC-13STATE**s will multiply the Tandem Office Switch routed terminating MOU and End Office Switch routed terminating MOUs by the appropriate rates in order to determine the total monthly billing to each Party.

15.0 BILLING FOR MUTUAL COMPENSATION -- SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA, PACIFIC, SNET

- 15.1 In **SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA, PACIFIC**, and **SNET**, each Party will calculate terminating interconnection minutes of use based on standard Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) recordings made within each Party's network. These recordings are the basis for each Party to generate bills to the other Party. For purposes of reciprocal compensation only, measurement of minutes of use over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups shall be in actual conversation seconds. The total conversation seconds over each individual Local Interconnection Trunk Group will be totaled for the entire monthly bill and then rounded to the next whole minute.
- 15.2 Each Party will provide to the other, within fifteen (15) calendar days, after the end of each quarter, a usage report with the following information regarding traffic terminated over the Local Interconnection Trunks:
 - 15.2.1 Total traffic volume described in terms of minutes and messages and by call type (local, toll, and other) terminated to each other over the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, and
 - 15.2.1.1 Percent Local Usage (PLU) is calculated by dividing the Local MOU delivered to a party for termination by the total MOU delivered to a Party for termination.
 - 15.2.2 Upon thirty (30) days written notice, each Party must provide the other the ability and opportunity to conduct an annual audit to ensure the proper billing of traffic between the Parties' networks. The Parties agree to retain records of call detail for six (6) months from when the calls were initially reported to the other Party. The audit will be conducted during normal business hours at an office designated by the Party being audited. Audit requests shall not be submitted more frequently than once per calendar year for each call detail type unless a subsequent audit is required. Audits shall be performed by a mutually acceptable independent auditor paid for by the Party requesting the audit. Based upon the audit, previous compensation, billing and/or settlements will be adjusted for the past twelve (12) months. Also, if the PLU is adjusted based upon the audit results, the adjusted PLU will apply for the nine (9) month period following the completion of the audit. If, as a result of the audit, either Party has overstated the PLU or underreported the call detail usage by twenty percent (20%) or more, that Party shall reimburse the auditing Party for the cost of the audit and will pay for the cost of a subsequent audit which is to happen within nine (9) months of the initial audit.

16.0 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND SPECIFIC INTERVENING LAW TERMS

- 16.1 The Parties acknowledge that on April 27, 2001, the FCC released its Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-bound Traffic* (the "ISP Compensation Order.") which was remanded in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, No. 01-1218 (D.C. Cir. 2002). The Parties agree that by executing this Appendix and carrying out the intercarrier compensation rates, terms and conditions herein, neither Party waives any of its rights, and expressly reserves all of its rights, under the ISP Compensation Order or any other regulatory, legislative or judicial action, including but not limited to the ILEC's option to invoke on a date specified by ILEC the FCC's 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.
 - 16.2 ILEC agrees to provide 20 days advance written notice to the person designated to receive official contract notices in the underlying Interconnection Agreement of the date upon which the ILEC designates that the FCC's ISP terminating compensation plan shall begin in this state. CLEC agrees that on the date designated by ILEC, the Parties will begin billing Reciprocal Compensation to each other at the rates, terms and conditions specified in the FCC's terminating compensation plan.
 - 16.3 ILEC and CLEC agree to carry out the FCC terminating compensation plan on the date designated by ILEC without waiving, and expressly reserving, all appellate rights to contest FCC, judicial, legislative, or other regulatory rulings regarding ISP and Internet-bound traffic, including but not limited to, appeals of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order. By agreeing to this Appendix, both Parties reserve the right to advocate their respective positions before courts, state or federal commissions, or legislative bodies.
 - 16.4 Should a regulatory agency, court or legislature change or nullify the ILEC's designated date to begin billing under the FCC's ISP terminating compensation plan, then the Parties also agree that any necessary billing true ups, reimbursements, or other accounting adjustments shall be made symmetrically and to the same date that the FCC terminating compensation plan was deemed applicable to all traffic in that state exchanged under section 251(b)(5) of the Act. By way of interpretation, and without limiting the application of the foregoing, the Parties intend for retroactive compensation adjustments, to the extent they are ordered by Intervening Law, to apply uniformly to all traffic among ILEC, CLEC and Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) carriers in the state where traffic is exchanged as Local Calls within the meaning of this Appendix.
 - 16.5 The Parties further acknowledge that federal or state court challenges could be sustained against the FCC's ISP Compensation Order in particular, or against ISP intercarrier compensation generally. In particular, a court could order an injunction, stay or other retroactive ruling on ISP compensation back to the effective date of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order. Alternatively, a court could vacate the underlying Order upon which the compensation was based, and the FCC (either on remand or on its own motion) could rule that past traffic should be paid at different rates, terms or conditions.
 - 16.6 Because of the possibilities in section 16.5, the Parties agree that should the ISP Compensation Order be modified or reversed in such a manner that prior intercarrier compensation was paid under rates, terms or conditions later found to be null and void, then the Parties agree that, in addition to negotiating appropriate amendments to conform to such modification or reversal, the Parties will also agree that any billing true ups, reimbursements, or other accounting adjustments on past traffic shall be made uniformly and on the same date as for all traffic exchanged under section 251(b)(5) of the Act. By way of interpretation, and without limiting the application of the foregoing, the Parties intend for retroactive compensation adjustments, to apply to all traffic among ILEC, CLEC, and CMRS carriers in the state where traffic is exchanged as Local Calls within the meaning of this Appendix.
 - 16.7 The Parties further acknowledge that the FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the topic of Intercarrier Compensation generally. See, *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket 01-92; established in Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Order No. 01-132, April 27,
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2001. In the event that a final, legally binding FCC Order is issued upon the conclusion of that NPRM proceeding and during the term of this Appendix, the Parties agree to conform this Agreement to the compensation procedures set forth in that Order.

- 16.8 The parties agree to that the foregoing rates, terms, and conditions for the exchange of ISP-bound and Internet-bound traffic are subject to all rules, regulations, and interpretations of that traffic as Information Access pursuant to section 201 of the Act and FCC implementing orders, as opposed to sections 251 and 252 of the Act.
- 16.9 The Parties reserve the right to raise the appropriate treatment of Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) or other Internet Telephony traffic under the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Interconnection Agreement. The Parties further agree that this Appendix shall not be construed against either Party as a "meeting of the minds" that VOIP or Internet Telephony traffic is or is not local traffic subject to reciprocal compensation. By entering into the Appendix, both Parties reserve the right to advocate their respective positions before state or federal commissions whether in bilateral complaint dockets, arbitrations under Sec. 252 of the Act, commission established rulemaking dockets, or in any legal challenges stemming from such proceedings.

17.0 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 17.1 Legitimately Related Terms. Every interconnection, service and network element provided here shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in the underlying Interconnection 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.
- 17.2 Entire Agreement. This Reciprocal Compensation Appendix is intended to be read in conjunction with the underlying Interconnection Agreement between ILEC and CLEC, but that as to the Reciprocal Compensation rates, terms and conditions, this Appendix constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties on these issues, and there are no other oral agreements or understandings between them on Reciprocal Compensation that are not incorporated into this Appendix.
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APPENDIX MERGER CONDITIONS

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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, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
 - 1.1.1 As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means the applicable listed ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
 - 1.1.2 As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means an ILEC doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and/or Wisconsin.
- 1.2 **SBC-13STATE** was and/or is required to provide to CLEC certain items as set out in the Conditions for FCC Order Approving SBC/Ameritech Merger, CC Docket No. 98-141 (FCC Merger Conditions), including the items specified herein.
- 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-SWBT** 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-SWBT** or **SBC-SNET** that provided for such Local Loops Discount before the sunset date in each of the respective **SBC-SWBT** and **SBC-SNET** states. Thus, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Appendix or

Agreement, with respect to **SBC-SWBT** 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-SWBT** or **SBC-SNET** that provided for this Local Loops Discount before the sunset date in each of the respective **SBC-SWBT** 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-SWBT** or **SBC-SNET** that provided for such Local Loops Discount before the sunset date in each respective **SBC-SWBT** 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-13STATE'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-13STATE** 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-13STATE**, 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 Interconnector 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-AMERITECH** 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-AMERITECH** 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.

**Ohio
Merger Conditions Pricing**

MERGER CONDITIONS PRICING	USOC	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Rate	
Loops Promotion				
2-Wire Analog Promotion	(CLEC must certify use for Residence End Users Only)			
Access Area C - Rural		\$5.34 loop as established by the Ohio Stipulation	Uses existing rate in underlying agreement, if none, use generic rate	
Access Area B - Suburban		\$5.34 loop as established by the Ohio Stipulation	Uses existing rate in underlying agreement, if none, use generic rate	
Access Area A - Metro		\$5.34 loop as established by the Ohio Stipulation	Uses existing rate in underlying agreement, if none, use generic rate	

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

This Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement"), is being entered into by and between The Ohio Bell Telephone Company (which uses the registered trade name Ameritech Ohio) ("Ameritech Ohio"), and Lightyear Communications, Inc. ("CLEC"), (each a "Party" and, collectively, the "Parties"), pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, CLEC has requested to adopt individual interconnection, service and/or network element arrangement(s) ("Arrangement(s)") from the Interconnection Agreement by and between Ameritech Ohio and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. for the State of Ohio, which was approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("the Commission") under Section 252(e) of the Act on November 2, 2001 in Case No. 01-1964-TP-NAG, including any amendments to such Agreement (the "Separate Agreement"), which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252(i), the Parties understand and agree that CLEC may sectionally adopt any Arrangements contained in an approved and effective Ohio Agreement that is available for adoption, including any legitimately related terms, with the exception of the reciprocal compensation provisions (and any legitimately related terms) as a result of the FCC's ISP Remand Order¹ (or other provisions, as applicable);

WHEREAS, Ameritech Ohio is making such Arrangement(s) from the Separate Agreement available to CLEC only because of and, to the extent required by, Section 252(i) of the Act under this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Arrangement(s) adopted by CLEC from the Separate Agreement, the Parties have voluntarily negotiated other provisions to this Agreement which are set forth in an Amendment to this Agreement (e.g., including but not limited to reciprocal compensation provisions), which is incorporated herein by this reference, and which is attached hereto and will be submitted to the Commission for approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, CLEC and Ameritech Ohio hereby agree as follows:

1.0 Incorporation of Recitals and Separate Agreement by Reference

- 1.1 The foregoing Recitals are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement.
- 1.2 Except as expressly stated herein, the Arrangement(s) adopted by CLEC from the Separate Agreement (including any and all applicable Appendices, Schedules, Exhibits, Attachments and Amendments thereto) are incorporated herein by this reference and form an integral part of this Agreement.

2.0 Modifications to Separate Agreement

- 2.1 References in the Separate Agreement to "CLEC" or to "Other" shall for purposes of this Agreement be deemed to refer to CLEC.
- 2.2 References in the Separate Agreement to the "Effective Date," the date of effectiveness thereof and like provisions shall be for purposes of this Agreement (but excluding the title page and Section 21), and consistent with PUCO practice, deemed to refer to the date this Agreement is filed with the PUCO (although

¹ See In the Matter of the Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Inter-carrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68, Order on Remand and Report and Order, FCC 01-131 ("ISP Remand Order"), which was remanded in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, No. 01-1218 (D.C. Cir. 2002).

this Agreement is subject to PUCO approval and will be deemed approved by operation of law on the 91st day after filing). In addition, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, the Termination Date of this Agreement shall be: "August 17, 2002" (the "Termination Date"). The change in "Effective Date" within the Agreement is only intended so that the Parties may meet the operation obligations of the Agreement and so it is clear that neither Party may commence operations under the Agreement until after it is effective and is in no way intended to extend the Agreement beyond the Termination Date set forth above. The term "Effective Date" for purposes of Section 21 entitled "Amendment or Other Changes to the Act; Reservation of Rights" shall mean the 12th day of November, 2001.

- 2.3 The Notices Section in the Separate Agreement is hereby revised to reflect that Notices should be sent to CLEC under this Agreement at the following address:

NOTICE CONTACT	CLEC CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Chris Poynter
STREET ADDRESS	1901 Eastpoint Parkway
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Louisville, KY 40223
FACSIMILE NUMBER	502-357-2664

- 2.5 The Notices Section in the Separate Agreement is hereby revised to reflect that Notices should be sent to Ameritech Ohio under this Agreement at the following address:

NOTICE CONTACT	SBC-13STATE CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Contract Administration ATTN: Notices Manager
STREET ADDRESS	311 S. Akard, 9 th Floor Four SBC Plaza
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Dallas, TX 75202-5398
FACSIMILE NUMBER	214-464-2006

3.0 Reservations of Rights

- 3.1 WHEREAS, in entering into this MFN Agreement, Ameritech Ohio is not waiving any of its rights, remedies or arguments with respect to any legislative, regulatory or judicial actions or proceedings, including but not limited to its rights under the United States Supreme Court's opinion in Verizon v. FCC, 535 U.S. ____ (2002); the D.C. Circuit's decision in United States Telecom Association, et. al v. FCC, No. 00-101 (May 24, 2002); the FCC's Order In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (FCC 99-370) (rel. November 24, 1999), including its Supplemental Order Clarification (FCC 00-183) (rel. June 2, 2000) in CC Docket 96-98; or the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68 (the "ISP Inter-carrier Compensation Order") (rel. April 27, 2001), which was remanded in WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC, No. 01-1218 (D.C. Cir. 2002). Rather, in entering into this MFN Agreement, Ameritech Ohio fully reserves all of its rights, remedies and arguments. This reservation of rights includes but is not limited to its right to dispute whether any UNEs and/or UNE combinations identified in the MFN Agreement must be provided under Sections 251(c)(3) and 251(d) of the Act, and under this MFN Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this MFN Agreement, this reservation also includes, but is not limited to, Ameritech Ohio's right to exercise its option at any time in the future to adopt on a date specified by Ameritech Ohio, 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. It is Ameritech Ohio's position that this MFN is subject to the change of law provisions permitted under the Federal Rules except to the extent otherwise expressly provided in the underlying Agreement and also is subject to any appeals involving the underlying Agreement. In the event that any of the rates, terms and/or conditions of the MFN Agreement, or any of the laws or regulations that were the basis for a provision of the MFN Agreement, are invalidated, modified or stayed by any action of any state or federal regulatory bodies or courts of

competent jurisdiction, including but not limited to any finding that any of the UNEs and/or UNE combinations provided for under this MFN Agreement do not meet the necessary and impair standards set forth in Section 251(d)(2) of the Act, it is Ameritech Ohio's position and intent that the affected provision will be immediately invalidated, modified or stayed as required to effectuate the subject order upon written request of either Party. In such event, it is Ameritech Ohio's position and intent that the Parties immediately incorporate changes from the underlying Agreement, made as a result of any such action into this MFN Agreement. Where revised language is not immediately available, it is Ameritech Ohio's position and intent that the Parties shall expend diligent efforts to incorporate the results of any such action into this MFN Agreement on an interim basis, but shall conform this MFN Agreement to the underlying Agreement, once such changes are filed with the Commission. Any disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretations of the actions required or the provisions affected shall be handled under the Dispute Resolution Procedures set forth in the MFN Agreement.

- 3.2 Ameritech Ohio further notes that this Agreement (including all attachments hereto) and every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, is subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement (including all attachments hereto) that are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element; and all such rates, terms and conditions are incorporated by reference herein and as a part of every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the General 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of this 25th day of March, 2003.

Lightyear Communications, Inc.

The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech
Ohio by SBC Telecommunications, its authorized
agent

By: Kevin Shady

By: M. Aulinbaugh

Printed: Kevin Shady

Printed: Mike Aulinbaugh

Title: VP - Local Development

Title: For/ President - Industry Markets

Date: 3-19-03

Date: MAR 25 2003

AECN/OCN # 4329

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

**ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,
INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY INCORPORATED,
MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,
NEVADA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,
THE OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,
PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,
THE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY,
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY AND/OR WISCONSIN
BELL, INC. D/B/A AMERITECH WISCONSIN
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**INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252
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between one or more of

**Illinois Bell Telephone Company,
Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated,
Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a
Ameritech Michigan,
Nevada Bell Telephone Company,
The Ohio Bell Telephone Company,
Pacific Bell Telephone Company,
The Southern New England Telephone Company,
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company,
Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech
Wisconsin**

and

Z-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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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), is dated as of _____, 2001 by and between one or more of the SBC Communications Inc.-owned ILEC's Illinois Bell Telephone, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company (a Nevada corporation), The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company (a California corporation), The Southern New England Telephone Company (a Connecticut corporation) and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (a Missouri corporation), Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech 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, Z-Tel Communications, Inc. (CLEC), (a Delaware corporation), shall apply to the state(s) of Indiana, Ohio, and Arkansas.

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, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company (a Nevada corporation), The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company (a California corporation), The Southern New England Telephone Company (a Connecticut corporation) and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (a Missouri corporation), Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech 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 **"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.
 - 1.1.6 **"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
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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:

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

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

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

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

1.1.8 **"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.

1.1.9 **AM-IL** - As used herein, **AM-IL** means the applicable **SBC**-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

1.1.10 **AM-IN** - As used herein, **AM-IN** means the applicable **SBC**-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

1.1.11 **AM-MI** - As used herein, **AM-MI** means the applicable **SBC**-owned doing business in Michigan.

1.1.12 **AM-OH** - As used herein, **AM-OH** means the applicable **SBC**-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

1.1.13 **AM-WI** - As used herein, **AM-WI** means the applicable **SBC**-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

1.1.14 **"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.

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

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

- 1.1.17 **"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 Eellcore) as GR-1100-CORE, which defines and amends the industry standard for message recording.
- 1.1.18 **"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.
- 1.1.19 **"Bona Fide Request" (BFR)** is the process described in the applicable Appendix UNE.
- 1.1.20 **"Business Day"** means Monday through Friday, excluding holidays on which the applicable SBC-owned ILEC does not provision new retail services and products.
- 1.1.21 **"Busy Line Verification" (BLV)** means a service whereby an End User requests an operator to confirm the busy status of a line.
- 1.1.22 **"CABS"** means the Carrier Access Billing System.
- 1.1.23 **"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.
- 1.1.24 **"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.
- 1.1.25 **"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.
- 1.1.26 **"Calling Name Information"** means a Telecommunications Carrier's records of its End Users names associated with one or more assigned ten-digit telephone numbers.

- 1.1.27 **"Calling Number Delivery"** means a feature that enables an End User to view the directory number of the calling party on a display unit.
- 1.1.28 **"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.
- 1.1.29 **"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.
- 1.1.30 **"Central office switch" (Central Office)** is a switching entity within the public switched telecommunications network, including but not limited to:
- 1.1.30.1 **"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.
- 1.1.30.2 **"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.
- 1.1.31 **"Claim"** means any pending or threatened claim, action, proceeding or suit.
- 1.1.32 **"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.
- 1.1.33 **"CNAM Query Rate"** means a rate that applies to each CNAM Query received at the SCP where the Calling Name Database resides.
- 1.1.34 **"Collocation"** is As Described in the Act. Terms related to collocation are defined in the applicable Appendix Collocation or applicable collocation tariff, as appropriate.
- 1.1.35 **"Commercial Mobile Radio Services" (CMRS)** means Commercial Mobile Radio Service, As Defined in the Act and FCC rules.
- 1.1.36 **"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
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agencies listed in this Section. The following is a list of the appropriate State agencies:

- 1.1.36.1 **the Arkansas Public Service Commission (AR-PSC);**
 - 1.1.36.2 **the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CA-PUC);**
 - 1.1.36.3 **the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC);**
 - 1.1.36.4 **the Illinois Commerce Commission (IL-CC);**
 - 1.1.36.5 **the Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission (IN-URC);**
 - 1.1.36.6 **the Kansas Corporation Commission (KS-CC);**
 - 1.1.36.7 **the Michigan Public Service Commission (MI-PSC);**
 - 1.1.36.8 **the Missouri Public Service Commission (MO-PSC);**
 - 1.1.36.9 **the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (NV-PUC);**
 - 1.1.36.10 **the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUC-OH);**
 - 1.1.36.11 **the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OK-CC);**
 - 1.1.36.12 **the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC-TX); and**
 - 1.1.36.13 **the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC-WI)**
- 1.1.37 **“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.
- 1.1.38 **“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.
- 1.1.39 **“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.
- 1.1.40 **“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.
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- 1.1.41 **"Custom Local Area Signaling Service Features" (CLASS Features)** means certain Common Channel Signaling based features available to End Users, including: Automatic Call Back; Call Trace; Distinctive Ringing/Call Waiting; Selective Call Forward; and Selective Call Rejection.
- 1.1.42 **"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.
- 1.1.43 **"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” (FG-D)** 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 **“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
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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.

- 1.1.58 **"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.
- 1.1.59 **"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.
- 1.1.60 **"Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier" (ILEC)** is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.61 **"Intellectual Property"** means copyrights, patents, trademarks, trade secrets, mask works and all other intellectual property rights.
- 1.1.62 **"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).
- 1.1.63 **"Interconnection"** is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.64 **"Interexchange Carrier" (IXC)** means a carrier that provides, directly or indirectly, interLATA or intraLATA Telephone Toll Services.
- 1.1.65 **"InterLATA"** is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.66 **"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.

- 1.1.67 **"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.

- 1.1.68 **"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.

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

- 1.1.70 **"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.

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

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

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

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

- 1.1.75 **"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.

- 1.1.76 **"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.

- 1.1.77 **"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).
- 1.1.78 **"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.
- 1.1.79 **"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.
- 1.1.80 **"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).
- 1.1.81 **"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.
- 1.1.82 **"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.
- 1.1.83 **"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
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appropriate tariffed rate for its portion of a jointly provided Switched Exchange Access Service.

- 1.1.84 **"Meet-Point Trunks/Trunk Groups" (MPTGs)** are used for the joint provision of Switched Access services, pursuant to Telcordia Technical References GR-394-CORE "GR-394" and GR-317-CORE "GR-317". MPTGs are those between a local End Office and an Access Tandem as described in FSD 20-24-0000 and 20-24-0300.
- 1.1.85 **"Multiple Bill/MultipleTariff"** is the meet-point billing method where each LEC prepares and renders its own meet point bill to the IXC in accordance with its own tariff for that portion of the jointly provided Switched Access Service which that LEC provides. The MECAB documents refer to this method as Multiple Bill/reflecting a multiple tariff (MM).
- 1.1.86 **"Mutual Compensation"** as defined in Appendix Reciprocal Compensation.
- 1.1.87 **"Network Data Mover" (NDM)** is an industry standard protocol for transferring information electrically.
- 1.1.88 **"Network Element"** is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.89 **NEVADA** – As used herein, **NEVADA** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.1.90 **"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.
- 1.1.91 **"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.

- 1.1.92 **“Number Portability”** is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.93 **“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.
- 1.1.94 **“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.
- 1.1.95 **“Originating Point Code” (OPC)** means a code assigned to identify CLEC’s system(s) that originate SS7 messages, including LIDB Service Queries.
- 1.1.96 **PACIFIC** – As used here in, **PACIFIC** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.1.97 **“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.
- 1.1.98 **“Permanent Number Portability” (PNP)** is a long term method of providing LNP using LRN.
- 1.1.99 **“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.
- 1.1.100 **“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.
- 1.1.101 **“Physical Collocation”** is as defined in applicable Appendix Collocation or applicable tariff, where applicable.
- 1.1.102 **“Rate Center Area”** means the following in each applicable area:
- 1.1.102.1 **SBC-AMERITECH**
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1.1.102.1.1 "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.

1.1.102.2 **NEVADA**

1.1.102.2.1 "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.

1.1.102.3 **PACIFIC**

1.1.102.3.1 "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.

1.1.102.4 **SNET**

1.1.102.4.1 "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.

1.1.102.5 **SBC-SWBT**

1.1.102.5.1 "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.

- 1.1.103 **“Rating Point”** means the V&H coordinates associated with a particular telephone number for rating purposes.
- 1.1.104 **“Referral Announcement”** refers to a process by which calls are routed to an announcement that states the new telephone number of an End User.
- 1.1.105 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
- 1.1.106 **SBC-AMERITECH** - As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.107 **SBC-7STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means the applicable SBC owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.1.108 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means the applicable SBC owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.1.109 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means an the applicable SBC owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.110 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means the applicable SBC owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.111 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means the applicable SBC owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.112 **SBC-SWBT** - As used herein, **SBC-SWBT** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
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- 1.1.113 **"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.
- 1.1.114 **"Service Management System" (SMS)** means an off-line system used to access, create, modify, or update information in a Database.
- 1.1.115 **"Service Provider Number Portability" (SPNP)** is synonymous with Permanent Number Portability "PNP".
- 1.1.116 **"Service Switching Point" (SSP)** is a telephone central office switch equipped with a Signaling System 7 (SS7) interface.
- 1.1.117 **"Signaling System 7" (SS7)** means a signaling protocol used by the CCS Network.
- 1.1.118 **"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.
- 1.1.119 **"Sleuth"** means an off-line administration system that monitors suspected occurrences of ABS-related fraud.
- 1.1.120 **SNET** - As used herein, **SNET** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.1.121 **"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).
- 1.1.122 **"State Abbreviation"** means the following:
- 1.1.122.1 "AR" means Arkansas
 - 1.1.122.2 "CA" means California
 - 1.1.122.3 "CT" means Connecticut
 - 1.1.122.4 "IL" means Illinois
 - 1.1.122.5 "IN" means Indiana
 - 1.1.122.6 "KS" means Kansas
 - 1.1.122.7 "MI" means Michigan
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- 1.1.122.8 "MO" means Missouri
- 1.1.122.9 "NV" means Nevada
- 1.1.122.10 "OH" means Ohio
- 1.1.122.11 "OK" means Oklahoma
- 1.1.122.12 "TX" means Texas
- 1.1.122.13 "WI" means Wisconsin

- 1.1.123 SWBT-AR - As used herein, SWBT-AR means the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
 - 1.1.124 SWBT-KS - As used herein, SWBT-KS means the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
 - 1.1.125 SWBT-MO - As used herein, SWBT-MO means the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
 - 1.1.126 SWBT-OK - As used herein, SWBT-OK means the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
 - 1.1.127 SWBT-TX - As used herein, SWBT-TX means the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
 - 1.1.128 "Switched Access Detail Usage Data" means a category 1101xx record as defined in the EMR Telecordia Practice BR 010-200-010.
 - 1.1.129 "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.
 - 1.1.130 "Tape Load Facility" means data entry points at the LIDB administrative system and/or the SCPs where LIDB resides.
 - 1.1.131 "Telecommunications" is As Defined in the Act.
 - 1.1.132 "Telecommunications Carrier" is As Defined in the Act.
 - 1.1.133 "Telecommunications Service" is As Defined in the Act.
 - 1.1.134 "Telephone Exchange Service" is As Defined in the Act.
 - 1.1.135 "Telephone Toll Service" is As Defined in the Act.
 - 1.1.136 "Third Party" means any Person other than a Party.
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1.1.137 **"Toll Billing Exception Service" (TBE)** means a service that allows End Users to restrict third number billing or collect calls to their lines.

1.1.138 **"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).

1.1.139 **"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.

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

1.1.141 **"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 **"Data Base Administration Center" (DBAC)** means an **SBC-12STATE** location where facility and administrative personnel are located for administering LIDB and/or Sleuth.

1.2.2 **"Designated Central Office Document" (Document DCO)** is a document that is referenced in **SBC-12STATE** Appendix NIM. The purpose of the DCO is to document the physical architectural plan for interconnection and specifies the CLEC Central Offices, CLEC Routing Points, Activation Dates, the POI(s) and the applicable **SBC-12STATE** Central Offices.

1.2.3 **"Digital Cross Connect Panel" (DSX Panel)** means a cross-connect bay or panel used for the termination of equipment and facilities operating at digital rates.

1.2.4 **"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.

- 1.2.5 **"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.
- 1.2.6 **"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.
- 1.2.7 **"Plain Old Telephone Service" (POTS)** means telephone service for the transmission of human speech.
- 1.2.8 **"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.

1.3 DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SBC-8STATE ONLY

- 1.3.1 **"Accessible Letters"** are correspondence used to communicate pertinent information regarding **SBC-8STATE** to the client/End User community.
- 1.3.2 **"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.
- 1.3.3 **"Port"** is the point of interface/access connection to the **SNET** public switched network. This may be a switch line side interface or switch trunk side interface.

1.4 DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SBC-7STATE ONLY

- 1.4.1 **"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
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connections offer only those transmission and signal features appropriate for a connection between an End Office and such terminating station.

- 1.4.2 **"Mid-Point Meet"** is as defined in the appropriate Appendix NIM. The facility hand off point may differ from the billing point of interconnection.
- 1.4.3 **"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.
- 1.4.4 **"Control Office"** means the appropriate exchange carrier center or office designated as its company's single point of contact for the provisioning and maintenance of its portion of interconnection arrangements.
- 1.4.5 **"Data Interexchange Carrier"** (DIXC) is a process designed to facilitate the reciprocal exchange of voice traffic load data between the **SBC-7STATE** and CLECs interconnecting with its network. This reciprocal exchange of data enables **SBC-7STATE** 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.
- 1.4.6 **"Local Interconnection Trunks/Trunk Groups"** are used for the termination of Local Exchange Traffic, pursuant to Telcordia Technical Reference GR-317-CORE "GR-317.
- 1.4.7 **"Mid-Span Meet"** is an interconnection between two LECs whereby each provides its own cable and equipment up to the meet point of the cable facilities. The meet point is the demarcation establishing ownership of and responsibility for each LEC's portion of the transmission facility.

1.5 **DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SNET and SBC-AMERITECH ONLY**

- 1.5.1 **"Centralized AMA"** (CAMA) is an arrangement where the AMA equipment is centralized in, for example, a Tandem and is used by offices that do not have LAMA (Local AMA). The End Office Switch must send ANI digits to the CAMA office for billing a calling subscriber.
- 1.5.2 **"Inter-wire Center Transport"** means the transmission facilities between serving wire centers.

1.6 DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SBC-AMERITECH ONLY

- 1.6.1 **"Automatic Route Selection" or "ARS"** means a service feature associated with a specific grouping of lines that provides for automatic selection of the least expensive or most appropriate transmission facility for each call based on criteria programmed into the system.
- 1.6.2 **"Control Office"** means the Central Office providing Tandem Switching Capability for E9-1-1 calls. The Control Office controls switching of ANI information to the PSAP and also provides the Selective Routing feature, standard speed calling features, call transfer capability and certain maintenance functions for each PSAP.
- 1.6.3 **"Enhanced LECLink"** is a customer access service to the national distribution of billing records via Telcordia's Centralized Message Distribution System (CMDS).
- 1.6.4 **"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.
- 1.6.5 **"Line Side"** refers to the switch port toward the CLEC's side of the equipment.
- 1.6.6 **"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-AMERITECH Serving Wire Center.
- 1.6.7 **"Switched Exchange Access Service"** means the offering of transmission or switching services 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.

1.7 DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SNET ONLY

- 1.7.1 **"800 Series"** is a Telecommunications Service for business or residence that allows calls to be made to a specific location at no charge to the calling party. Use of the "800" Service Access Code (e.g., 800, 888) denotes calls that are to be billed to the receiving party. A computer database in the provider's network translates the 800 series number into a
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conventional 7 or 10 digit phone number for network switching and routing.

- 1.7.2 **"Charge Number"** is a CCS signaling parameter that refers to the number transmitted through the network identifying the billing number of the calling party.
 - 1.7.3 **"ConnNET"** is a CT packet switching network used for data communication to and from hosts and databases.
 - 1.7.4 **"Database Administrative Service LIDB Operating Guidelines"** (Operating Guidelines) means the document developed by SNET that provides detailed instructions as to the working parameters of SNET's provision of the LIDB Administrative System to CLEC, as may be updated by SNET from time to time. SNET shall provide such Operating Guidelines to CLEC upon execution of this Agreement.
 - 1.7.5 **"Initial Billing Company" (IBC)** refers to the LEC that provides Feature Group B or D services at an End Office.
 - 1.7.6 **"LIDB/AS"** means the LIDB administrative system for SNET.
 - 1.7.7 **"Loop"** is a transmission path between the Minimum Point of Presence/Entry (MPOP/E) at any End User location and the Main Distribution Frame (MDF) or Digital Crossconnect Bay (DSX-1) of the SNET designated serving wire centers.
 - 1.7.8 **"Subsequent Billing Company"** refers to SNET when it provides a segment of transport or switching services in connection with Feature Group B or D switched access service. (For purposes of this Agreement, the Tandem operator is the Subsequent Billing Company.)
 - 1.7.9 **"Switched Access Service"** means an offering of facilities for the purpose of the origination or termination of traffic from or to Exchange Service customer in a given area pursuant to a Switched Access tariff. Switched Access Services include: Feature Group A, Feature Group B, Feature Group D, 800 Series, and 900 access. Switched Access does not include traffic exchanged between LECs for purpose of local exchange interconnection.
 - 1.7.10 **"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.
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1.8 DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SBC-SWBT only

- 1.8.1 **"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. (JIP is applicable to SBC-SWBT only).
- 1.8.2 **"Line Validation Administration System" (LVAS)** means the LIDB administrative system for SBC-SWBT.
- 1.8.3 **"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. (OLI is applicable to SBC-SWBT only.)

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-SWBT’s retail tariffs, the term “customer” means the ultimate “consumer” or the “end user” of any tariffed service.
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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 **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 **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,
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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; deposits; 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 PACIFIC 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 PACIFIC's LIDB.
- 4.6.2 NEVADA does not have a line information database and/or Calling Name database. Line Information Database services can be purchased from PACIFIC.
- 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-
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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 AM-IL, AM-WI and PACIFIC 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 **AM-IN** 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 **AM-MI** 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 **AM-OH** 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.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM, AND TERMINATION

- 5.1 In SBC-13STATE, with the exception of AM-OH, 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 AM-OH, 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 17, 2002 (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 or 5.4:

- 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; provided, however, when a successor agreement becomes effective, the terms, rates and charges of such successor Agreement shall apply retroactively back to the date this Agreement is terminated or expires, whichever is later, and that the retro-active true-up shall be completed within ninety (90) calendar days following the effective date of such successor Agreement.
- 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
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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-AMERITECH, SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC, SNET will provide notification messages to CLEC on suspected occurrences of ABS-related fraud on CLEC accounts stored in the applicable LIDB. PACIFIC will provide such alert messages by e-mail. SBC-AMERITECH, SBC-SWBT and SNET will provide via fax.
- 6.4.1 SBC-SWBT (on behalf of itself and SNET) and PACIFIC will use a Sleuth system to determine suspected occurrences of ABS-related fraud for CLEC using the same criteria SBC-SWBT and PACIFIC 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-SWBT and PACIFIC ABS-related alerts are provided to CLEC at no additional charge, except as related in 6.6 below.
- 6.5.1 In PACIFIC, 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 ("TARS") 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 PACIFIC only.

7. DEPOSITS (SEC-12STATE)

- 7.1 The deposit requirements set forth in this Section 7 apply to the Resale Services and Network Elements furnished under this Agreement. A CLEC furnished both Resale Services and Network Elements in one (1) state under this Agreement shall make two (2) separate deposits for that state, each calculated separately as set forth below in Sections 7.2 through 7.10, inclusive.

- 7.2 If CLEC has not established a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months good credit history with all SBC-owned ILECs (that is, AMERITECH, NEVADA, PACIFIC, SNET and SWBT) where CLEC is doing or has done business as a local service provider, CLEC shall remit an initial cash deposit to SBC-12STATE prior to the furnishing of Resale Services or Network Elements in each state covered by this Agreement. The deposit required by the previous sentence shall be determined as follows:
- 7.2.1 for NEVADA, PACIFIC or SWBT, if immediately prior to the Effective Date, CLEC was not operating as a Local Service Provider in a state covered by this Agreement, the initial deposit for that state shall be in the amount of \$17,000; or
- 7.2.2 for NEVADA, PACIFIC or SWBT, if immediately prior to the Effective Date, CLEC was operating as a Local Service Provider in a state covered by this Agreement, the deposit for that state shall be in the amount calculated using the method set forth in Section 7.7 of this Agreement; or
- 7.2.3 for SBC-AMERITECH, subject to external credit check verification and/or financial statement review, SBC-AMERITECH may require two (2) to four (4) months of projected average monthly billings as a deposit.
- 7.2.4 If CLEC has established a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months good credit history with all SBC-owned ILEC(s) (that is, AMERITECH, NEVADA, PACIFIC, SNET and SWBT) with which CLEC is doing or has done business as a Local Service Provider, SBC-12STATE shall waive the initial deposit requirement; provided, however, that the terms and conditions set forth in Section 7.1 through Section 7.10 of this Agreement shall continue to apply in each state for the Term . In determining whether CLEC has established a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months good credit history with each SBC-owned ILEC with which CLEC is doing or has done business, CLEC's payment record with each SBC-owned ILEC for the most recent twelve (12) months occurring within the twenty-four (24) month period immediately prior to the Effective Date shall be considered.
- 7.3 Any cash deposit for one state shall be held by SBC-12STATE as a guarantee of payment of charges billed to CLEC, provided, however, SBC-12STATE may exercise its right to credit any cash deposit to CLEC's account upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:
- 7.3.1 when SBC-12STATE sends CLEC the second delinquency notification for that state during the most recent twelve (12) months; or
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- 7.3.2 when SBC-12STATE suspends CLEC's ability to process orders in accordance with Section 9.6.1.1; or
 - 7.3.3 when CLEC files for protection under the bankruptcy laws; or
 - 7.3.4 when an involuntary petition in bankruptcy is filed against CLEC and is not dismissed within sixty (60) days; or
 - 7.3.5 when this Agreement expires or terminates; or
 - 7.3.6 during the month following the expiration of twelve (12) months after that cash deposit was remitted, SBC-12STATE shall credit any cash deposit to CLEC's account so long as CLEC has not been sent more than one delinquency notification letter for that state during the most recent twelve (12) months.
 - 7.3.7 For the purposes of this Section 7.3, interest will be calculated as specified in Section 8.1 and shall be credited to CLEC's account at the time that the cash deposit is credited to CLEC's account.
 - 7.4 So long as CLEC maintains timely compliance with its payment obligations, SBC-12STATE will not increase the deposit amount required. If CLEC fails to maintain timely compliance with its payment obligations, SBC-12STATE reserves the right to require additional deposit(s) in accordance with Section 7.1 and Section 7.5 through Section 7.10.
 - 7.5 If during the first six (6) months of operations in a state covered by this Agreement, CLEC has been sent one delinquency notification letter by SBC-12STATE, the deposit amount for that state shall be re-evaluated based upon CLEC's actual billing totals and shall be increased if CLEC's actual billing average:
 - 7.5.1 for NEVADA, PACIFIC or SWBT for a two (2) month period exceeds the deposit amount held; or
 - 7.5.2 for AMERITECH for a two (2) to four (4) month period exceeds the deposit amount held.
 - 7.6 Throughout the Term, any time CLEC has been sent two (2) delinquency notification letters for any one state by SBC-12STATE, the deposit amount for that state shall be re-evaluated based upon CLEC's actual billing totals and shall be increased if CLEC's actual billing average:
 - 7.6.1 or NEVADA, PACIFIC or SWBT for a two (2) month period exceeds the deposit amount held; or
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- 7.6.2 for AMERITECH for a two (2) to four (4) month period exceeds the deposit amount held.
- 7.7 Whenever a deposit is re-evaluated as specified in Section 7.5 or Section 7.6, such deposit shall be calculated in an amount equal to the average billing to CLEC for that state for a two (2) to four (4) month period. The most recent three (3) months billing on all of CLEC's CBAs/ESBAs/ASBS ("CBA" is utilized in SWBT only; "ESBA" is utilized in PACIFIC and NEVADA only; "ASBS" is utilized in AMERITECH only) and BANs for Resale Services or Network Elements, as appropriate within that state shall be used to calculate CLEC's monthly average.
- 7.7.1 In SBC-7STATE only, after calculating the amount equal to the average billing to CLEC for Resale Services that state for a two (2) month period, add the amount of any charges that would be applicable to transfer all of CLEC's then-existing End-Users of Resale Services to SBC-7STATE in the event of CLEC's disconnection for non-payment of charges. The resulting sum is the amount of the deposit for Resale Services.
- 7.8 Whenever a deposit is re-evaluated as specified in Section 7.5 and Section 7.6, CLEC shall remit the additional deposit amount to SBC-12STATE within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of written notification from SBC-12STATE requiring such deposit. If CLEC fails to furnish the required deposit within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of written notice requesting such deposit, SBC-12STATE shall begin the process set forth in Section 9 of this Agreement for that state. If CLEC continues to fail to furnish the required deposit at the expiration of the fourteen (14) calendar days specified in Section 9.3 of this Agreement, then SBC-12STATE shall begin the procedure(s) set forth in Sections 9.5 and 9.6 of this Agreement for that state.
- 7.9 This cash deposit requirement may be satisfied in whole or in part with an irrevocable bank letter of credit acceptable to SBC-7STATE. No interest shall be paid by SBC-7STATE for any portion of the deposit requirement satisfied by an irrevocable bank letter of credit. SBC-7STATE may demand payment from the issuing bank of any irrevocable bank letter of credit upon the occurrence of any of the events listed in Section 7.3.1 through 7.3.4.
- 7.10 The fact that SBC-12STATE holds either a cash deposit or irrevocable bank letter of credit does not relieve CLEC from timely compliance with its payment obligations under this Agreement.
- 7.11 For Deposit requirements for SNET, see the applicable DPUC ordered tariff.
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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, 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-AMERITECH, SBC-SWBT and PACIFIC is due within thirty (30) calendar days of each bill date (the “**Bill Due Date**”) and shall be paid in accordance with the terms of Section 8.3 of this Agreement.
- 8.1.2 Remittance in full of all bills rendered by 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 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 for services by the Bill Due Date, or if a payment or any portion of a payment is received from CLEC after the Bill Due Date, or if a payment or any portion of a payment is received in funds which are not immediately available to SBC-13STATE as of the Bill Due Date (individually and collectively, “**Past Due**”), then a late payment charge shall 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-SWBT Customer Records Information System (CRIS) is Past Due, the unpaid amounts shall bear 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 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 any SBC-8STATE billing system other than SBC-SWBT's CRIS
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shall 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-SWBT's CRIS is Past Due, interest shall be applied to the unpaid amounts from the day following the Bill Due Date until paid. The interest rate applied to SBC-SWBT CRIS-billed Past Due unpaid amounts shall be the lesser of (i) the rate used to compute the Late Payment Charge contained in the applicable SBC-SWBT intrastate retail Commission-approved tariff governing Late Payment Charges to SBC-SWBT'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-SWBT's CRIS shall be governed by the SBC-SWBT intrastate retail Commission-approved tariff governing Late Payment Charges to SBC-SWBT'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-AMERITECH billing system is Past Due, the unpaid amounts shall 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 shall bear interest from the day following the Bill Due Date until paid. The interest rate applied shall be the lesser of (i) the rate used to compute the Late Payment Charge contained in the applicable SBC-13STATE's intrastate access services tariff in 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 shall use the CCD+ or the CTX transaction set. CLEC and SBC-12STATE shall abide by the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) Rules and Regulations. Each ACH credit transfer shall be received by SBC-12STATE no later than the Bill Due Date of each bill or Late Payment

Charges will apply. SBC-12STATE shall not be 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 CLEC shall make all payments to SNET in "immediately available funds." All payments to SNET shall 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 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 shall use the CCD+ or the CTX transaction set. CLEC and SNET shall abide by the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) Rules and Regulations. Each payment shall be received by SNET no later than the Bill Due Date of each bill or Late Payment Charges will apply. SNET shall not be 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**") for Resale Services or Network Elements under this Agreement is subject to a bona fide dispute between the Parties, the Party billed (the "**Non-Paying Party**") shall, 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. The Non-Paying Party shall pay when due (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 Automatic Clearing House (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 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 subjected to 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 shall be disbursed to the Parties in the same proportion as the principal; and
 - 8.4.4.5 Disbursements from the escrow account shall 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 shall be subject to Late Payment Charges as set forth in Section 8.1.
 - 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 for Resale Services or Network Elements and any portion of the dispute is resolved in favor of such Non-Paying Party, the Parties shall cooperate to ensure that all of the following actions are taken:
 - 8.7.1 the Billing Party shall credit the invoice of the Non-Paying Party for that portion of the Disputed Amounts resolved in favor of the Non-Paying
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Party, together with any Late Payment Charges assessed with respect thereto no later than the second Bill Due Date after the resolution of the Dispute;

- 8.7.2 within fifteen (15) calendar days after resolution of the Dispute, the portion of the escrowed Disputed Amounts resolved in favor of the Non-Paying Party shall be released to the Non-Paying Party, together with any accrued interest thereon;
 - 8.7.3 within fifteen (15) calendar days after resolution of the Dispute, the portion of the Disputed Amounts resolved in favor of the Billing Party shall be released to the Billing Party, together with any accrued interest thereon; and
 - 8.7.4 no later than the third Bill Due Date after the resolution of the dispute regarding the Disputed Amounts, the Non-Paying Party shall pay the Billing Party the difference between the amount of accrued interest such Billing Party received from the escrow disbursement and the amount of Late Payment Charges such Billing Party is entitled to receive pursuant to Section 8.1.
 - 8.8 Failure by the Non-Paying Party to pay any charges determined to be owed to the Billing Party within the time specified in Section 8.6 shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement.
 - 8.9 If either Party request 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-SWBT**'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-SWBT**'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-13 STATE** 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 shall 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
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implementation requirements documentation for each ILEC. The DUF shall 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-AMERITECH, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SNET, and SBC-SWBT will be included in implementation requirements documentation.

- 8.10.2 To establish file transmission for the Daily Usage File, CLEC must provide a separate written request for each state to SBC-AMERITECH, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SNET and SBC-SWBT no less than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the desired first transmission date for each file.
- 8.10.3 Call detail for LEC-carried calls that are alternately billed to CLEC End Users lines provided by SBC-AMERITECH, SBC-SWBT and SNET through Resale or Network Elements will be forwarded to CLEC as rated call detail on the DUF. Unless otherwise specified in Appendix Message Exchange, call detail for LEC-carried calls that are alternately billed to CLEC End User lines provided by PACIFIC or NEVADA through Resale or Network Elements will be forwarded to CLEC as rated call detail on the DUF.
- 8.10.4 SBC-SWBT shall bill CLEC for Usage Extract furnished by SBC-SWBT 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-AMERITECH, NEVADA and PACIFIC Ancillary Services messages originated on or billed to a Resale Service or Network Element (port) in those seven (7) states shall be subject to the rates, terms and conditions of Appendix MESSAGE EXCHANGE.
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8.10.7 CLEC shall be 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 Unless otherwise specified therein, Sections 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 and 9.5 shall apply to all charges billed for all services Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services furnished under this Agreement. Section 9.6 shall apply only to Resale Services and Network Elements furnished under this Agreement.

9.1.1 If a Party is furnished 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 may be grounds for disconnection of Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services furnished under this Agreement. If a Party fails to pay by the Bill Due Date, any and all charges billed to it under this Agreement, including 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 shall notify the Non-Paying Party in writing that in order to avoid disruption or disconnection of the applicable Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services furnished under this Agreement, the Non-Paying Party must remit all Unpaid Charges to the Billing Party.

9.2.1 With respect to Resale Services and Network Elements, SBC-13STATE will notify CLEC of any Unpaid Charges that remain unpaid fifteen (15) calendar days after the Bill Due Date and that CLEC must remit payment within fourteen (14) calendar days following receipt of SBC-13STATE's notice.

9.2.2 AM-IN shall also provide any such written notification to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission as required by its rule 170 IAC 7-6.

9.3 If the Non-Paying Party desires to dispute any portion of the Unpaid Charges, the Non-Paying Party shall take all of the following actions not later than fourteen (14) calendar 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 immediately pay to the Billing Party all undisputed Unpaid Charges; and
- 9.3.3 pay all Disputed Amounts relating to Resale Services and Network Elements into an interest bearing escrow account that complies with the requirements set forth in Section 8.4.
- 9.3.4 With respect to Resale Services and Network Elements, evidence 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 into that account must be furnished to the Billing Party before the Unpaid Charges will be deemed to be "disputed" under Section 10 of this Agreement.
- 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-AMERITECH only**
- 9.5.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Non-Paying Party fails to (i) pay any undisputed amounts by the Bill Due Date, (ii) pay the disputed portion of a past due bill for Resale Services or Network Elements into an interest-bearing escrow account with a Third Party escrow agent, (iii) pay any revised deposit or (iv) make a payment in accordance with the terms of any mutually agreed upon 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 failing to comply with the foregoing. If the Non-Paying Party does not satisfy the written demand within five (5) Business Days of receipt, the Billing Party may exercise any, or all, of the following options:
- 9.5.1.1 assess a late payment charge and where appropriate, a dishonored check charge;
- 9.5.1.2 require provision of a deposit or increase an existing deposit pursuant to a revised deposit request;
- 9.5.1.3 refuse to accept new, or complete pending, orders; and/or
- 9.5.1.4 discontinue service.
- 9.5.1.4.1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in the Agreement, discontinuing service by **AM-IN** shall be done as required by Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission rule 170 IAC 7-6.
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- 9.5.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Billing Party's exercise of any of the above options:
- 9.5.2.1 shall 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 Sections 9.5.1.3 and 9.5.1.4 shall exclude any affected order or service from any applicable performance interval or Performance Benchmark.
- 9.5.3 Once disconnection has occurred, additional charges may apply.
- 9.6 **SBC-7STATE only**
- 9.6.1 If any Unpaid Charges for Resale Services or Network Elements remain unpaid and undisputed twenty-nine (29) calendar days past the Bill Due Date of such Unpaid Charges, **SBC-7STATE** shall notify CLEC and the Commission in writing that unless all Unpaid Charges for Resale Services and Network Elements are paid within sixteen (16) calendar days following CLEC's receipt of such notice, the Resale Services and/or Network Elements furnished to CLEC under this Agreement for which Unpaid Charges are outstanding (i.e., delinquent and undisputed) shall be disconnected. This notice shall further specify that **SBC-7STATE** shall cause any of CLEC's End Users provisioned through Resale Services to be defaulted to **SBC-7STATE** local service.
 - 9.6.1.1 On the same day that it sends the letter required by Section 9.6.1, **SBC-7STATE** will suspend acceptance of any new order and completion of any pending order (other than a disconnect order) from CLEC for any Resale Service or Network Element that could be furnished under this Agreement.
 - 9.6.1.2 Section 9.6.1.1 shall exclude any affected order for Resale Services or Network Elements from any applicable performance interval and computation of any Performance Measurement.
 - 9.6.2 If any Unpaid Charges for Resale Services or Network Elements remain unpaid and undisputed forty (40) calendar days past the Bill Due Date of the Unpaid Charges, CLEC shall, at its sole expense, notify its End Users and the Commission that the End Users' service may be disconnected due to CLEC's failure to pay Unpaid Charges, and that its End Users must affirmatively select a new Local Service Provider within five (5) calendar days. This notice shall also advise CLEC's End Users provisioned through Resale Services that **SBC-7STATE** will transfer provisioning of

the End User's account to SBC-7STATE at the end of the five (5) calendar day period should the Resale End User fail to select a new Local Service Provider in the interim.

9.6.3 If any Unpaid Charges for Resale Services or Network Elements furnished to CLEC under this Agreement remain unpaid and undisputed forty-five (45) calendar days past the Bill Due Date of such Unpaid Charges, SBC-7STATE shall disconnect such Resale Services and/or Network Elements.

9.6.3.1 On the same date that these Resale Services are disconnected, SBC-7STATE shall cause such End Users provisioned through Resale Services to be transferred directly 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 shall receive the same services 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.

9.6.3.2 Applicable conversion charges and service establishment charges for transferring End Users from CLEC to SBC-7STATE as specified in this Section 9.6 shall be billed to CLEC.

9.6.3.3 SBC-7STATE shall inform the Commission of the names of all Resale End Users transferred through this process.

9.6.4 Within five (5) calendar days of the transfer, SBC-7STATE shall notify all transferred Resale End Users that because of CLEC's failure to pay SBC-7STATE, their local service is now being provided by SBC-7STATE. SBC-7STATE shall also notify each transferred Resale End User that the End User has thirty (30) calendar days to select a new Local Service Provider.

9.6.5 Within twenty (20) calendar days of transfer, SWBT-KS shall again notify all transferred Resale End Users who have not exercised their option to select a new Local Service Provider that because of CLEC's failure to pay SWBT-KS, their local service is now being provided by SWBT-KS. SWBT-KS shall also notify the End Users that they have fifteen (15) calendar days remaining to select a local service provider.

9.6.6 If any End User transferred to SBC-7STATE's local service pursuant to Section 9.6.3 of this Agreement fails to select a new Local Service Provider within thirty (30) calendar days of the transfer to SBC-7STATE's local service, SBC-7STATE shall terminate the transferred End User's service.

9.6.6.1 The transferred End User shall be responsible for any and all charges incurred during the selection period.

9.6.6.2 SBC-7STATE shall notify the Commission of the names of all transferred End Users whose service has been terminated pursuant to this Section 9.6.6.

9.6.7 SBC-7STATE may discontinue service to CLEC as provided in Section 9.6.3 and shall have no liability to CLEC or CLEC's End Users in the event of such disconnection or any transfer of Resale End Users to SBC-7STATE service in connection with such disconnection.

9.6.8 Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to obligate SBC-7STATE to continue to provide service to any transferred 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 End Users under Applicable Law; provided, however,

9.6.8.1 in PACIFIC only, following expiration of the selection period and disconnection of such transferred End Users, where facilities permit, PACIFIC will furnish transferred and subsequently disconnected residential End Users with "quick dial tone."

9.6.9 Once the letter required by Section 9.6.1 has been sent to CLEC, SBC-7STATE shall not accept any order (other than a disconnect order) relating to Resale Services or Network Elements from CLEC until

9.6.9.1 All Unpaid Charges are paid, and

9.6.9.2 CLEC has furnished SBC-7STATE a cash deposit calculated pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section 7.

9.7 SNET only

9.7.1 For nonpayment and procedures for disconnection for 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-AMERITECH), LSC (SBC-7STATE) or LEC-C (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-AMERITECH Service Center; SBC-7STATE Local Service Center (LSC); 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
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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.

10.6.2 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-SWBT); Chicago, Illinois (SBC-AMERITECH), San Francisco, California (PACIFIC); Reno, Nevada (NEVADA); or New Haven, Connecticut (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 - SNET only

- 11.2.1 Except as provided in Appendix Compensation, 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 SNET, CLEC and all other CLECs doing business with 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 SNET's billing and invoicing.
- 11.2.2 SNET will cooperate fully with the independent auditor in such audit and provide reasonable access to any and all appropriate SNET employees, books, records and other documents reasonably necessary to perform the audit.
- 11.2.3 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 SNET by CLEC, the underpayment shall be reflected in CLEC's invoice for the first full billing cycle after the audit report is issued. 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 SNET, however, 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 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
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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-13 STATE** 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:
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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 SWBT 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 (a), (b) or (c) of this Section 17.
- 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	Ron Waters Regional Vice President	Contract Administration ATTN: Notices Manager
STREET ADDRESS	601 South Harbour Island Blvd./Suite 200	311 S. Akard, 9 th Floor Four Bell Plaza
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Tampa, FL 33602	Dallas, TX 75202-5398
FACSIMILE NUMBER	813-221-4241	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-8STATE** 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-8STATE**, 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 receipt.
- 17.4 In **SBC-8STATE**, CLEC may designate up to a maximum of ten (10) recipients for Accessible Letter notification via e-mail
- 17.5 In **SBC-8STATE**, CLEC shall submit a completed Notices / Accessible Letter Recipient Change Request Form (available under the appropriate state heading under the CLEC Handbook portion of CLEC Online) 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 Notices / Accessible Letter Recipient Change Request Form to add, remove or change recipient information for any CLEC recipient of Accessible Letters. Any completed Notices / Accessible Letter Recipient Change Request Form shall be deemed effective ten (10) calendar days following receipt by **SBC-8STATE**.
- 17.6 **SBC-SWBT only:**
- 17.6.1 **SBC-SWBT** 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-SWBT** with a toll free facsimile number for notices from **SBC-SWBT** relating to requests for Resale Services and Network Elements under this Agreement.
- 17.7 **SBC-AMERITECH only:**
- 17.7.1 **SBC-AMERITECH** communicates official information to CLECs via its CLEC Online 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.

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 All information, including specifications, microfilm, photocopies, magnetic disks, magnetic tapes, audit information, models, system interfaces, forecasts, computer programs, software, documentation, drawings, sketches, models, samples, tools, technical information, data, employee records, maps, financial reports, and market data shall be deemed "Confidential" or "Proprietary" (collectively "**Proprietary Information**") if :
- 20.1.1 Furnished or made available or otherwise disclosed by one Party (the "**Disclosing Party**") or its agent, employee, representative or Affiliate to the other Party (the "**Receiving Party**") or its agent, employee, representative or Affiliate dealing with End User-specific, facility-specific, or usage-specific information, other than End User information communicated for the purpose of publication or directory database inclusion, 911, call processing, billing or settlement or for such other purposes as mutually agreed upon;
- 20.1.2 In written, graphic, electromagnetic, or other tangible form and marked at the time of delivery as "Confidential" or "Proprietary"; or
- 20.1.3 Communicated orally and declared to the Receiving Party at the time of delivery to be "Confidential" or "Proprietary", and which shall be

summarized in writing and marked "Confidential" or "Proprietary" and delivered to the Receiving Party within ten (10) calendar days following such disclosure; and

- 20.1.4 Any portion of any notes, analyses, data, compilations, studies, interpretations or other documents prepared by any Receiving Party to the extent the same contain, reflect, are derived from, or are based upon, any of the information described in this Section 20, unless such information contained or reflected in such notes, analyses, etc. is so commingled with the Receiving Party's information that disclosure could not possibly disclose the underlying proprietary or confidential information (such portions of such notes, analyses, etc. referred to herein as **"Derivative Information"**).

20.2 Proprietary Information Shall be Held in Confidence

20.2.1 Each Receiving Party agrees that:

- (a) all Proprietary Information communicated to it or any of its agents, employees, representatives and Affiliates in connection with this Agreement shall be held in confidence to the same extent as such Receiving Party holds its own confidential information of like importance; provided that such Receiving Party and its agents, employees, representatives and Affiliates shall not use less than a reasonable standard of care in maintaining the confidentiality of such information;
- (b) it will not, and it will not permit any of its agents, employees, representatives and Affiliates to disclose such Proprietary Information to any Third Party;
- (c) it will disclose Proprietary Information only to those of its agents, employees, representatives and Affiliates who have a need for it in connection with the use or provision of any services required to fulfill this Agreement; and

- 20.2.2 A Receiving Party may disclose Proprietary Information of a Disclosing Party to the Receiving Party's agents, employees, representatives and Affiliates who need to know such information to perform their obligations under this Agreement; provided that before disclosing any Proprietary Information to any agent, employee, representative or Affiliate, the Receiving Party shall notify such agent, employee, representative or Affiliate of such Party's obligation to comply with this Agreement. Any Receiving Party so disclosing Proprietary Information shall be jointly and severally liable for any breach of this Agreement by any of its agents, employees, representatives and Affiliates and such Receiving Party agrees,
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at its sole expense, to use its reasonable efforts (including court proceedings) to restrain its agents, employees, representatives and Affiliates from any prohibited or unauthorized disclosure or use of the Proprietary Information. Each Receiving Party making such disclosure shall notify the Disclosing Party as soon as possible if it has knowledge of a breach of this Agreement in any material respect. A Disclosing Party shall not disclose Proprietary Information directly to an agent, employee, representative or Affiliate of the Receiving Party without the prior written authorization of the Receiving Party.

- 20.2.3 Proprietary Information shall not be reproduced by any Receiving Party in any form except to the extent (i) necessary to comply with the provisions of Section 20.5 and (ii) reasonably necessary to perform its obligations under this Agreement. All such reproductions shall bear the same copyright and proprietary rights notices as are contained in or on the original.
- 20.3 Unless otherwise agreed, the obligations of confidentiality and non-use set forth in this Agreement do not apply to such Proprietary Information that:
- 20.3.1 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
- 20.3.2 Is, or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act of the Receiving Party; or
- 20.3.3 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
- 20.3.4 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
- 20.3.5 Is disclosed to a Third Party by the Disclosing Party without similar restrictions on such Third Party's rights; or
- 20.3.6 Is approved for release by written authorization of the Disclosing Party, but only to the extent of the authorization granted; or
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20.3.7 Is required to be made public by the Receiving Party pursuant to Applicable Law or regulation, provided that such production or disclosure shall have been made in accordance with Section 20.5.

20.4 Proposed Disclosure of Proprietary Information to a Governmental Authority

20.4.1 If a Receiving Party desires to disclose or provide to a Commission, the FCC or any other governmental authority any Proprietary Information of the Disclosing Party, such Receiving Party shall, prior to and as a condition of such disclosure, (i) provide the Disclosing Party with written notice and the form of such proposed disclosure as soon as possible but in any event early enough to allow the Disclosing Party to protect its interests in the Proprietary Information to be disclosed and (ii) attempt to obtain in accordance with the applicable procedures of the intended recipient of such Proprietary Information an appropriate order for protective relief or other reliable assurance that confidential treatment shall be accorded to such Proprietary Information.

20.4.2 If a Receiving Party is required by any Governmental Authority or by Applicable Law to disclose any Proprietary Information, then such Receiving Party shall provide the Disclosing Party with written notice of such requirement as soon as possible, and in no event later than five (5) calendar days after receipt of such requirement, and prior to such disclosure. Upon receipt of written notice of the requirement to disclose Proprietary Information, the Disclosing Party at its expense, may then either seek appropriate protective relief in advance of such requirement to prevent all or part of such disclosure or waive the Receiving Party's compliance with this Section 20.4 with respect to all or part of such requirement.

20.4.3 The Receiving Party shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Disclosing Party in attempting to obtain any protective relief which such Disclosing Party chooses to seek pursuant to this Section 20.4. In the absence of such relief, if the Receiving Party is legally compelled to disclose any Proprietary Information, then the Receiving Party shall exercise all commercially reasonable efforts to preserve the confidentiality of the Proprietary information, including cooperating with the Disclosing Party to obtain an appropriate order for protective relief or other reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded the Proprietary Information.

20.5 Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, SBC-13STATE shall be entitled to disclose Proprietary Information on a confidential basis to regulatory agencies upon request for information as to SBC-13STATE's activities under the Act and SBC-13STATE need not provide prior written notice of such disclosure to CLEC if SBC-13STATE has obtained an appropriate order for protective relief or other

reliable assurance that confidential treatment shall be accorded to such Proprietary Information.

20.6 Return of Proprietary Information

20.6.1 All Proprietary Information, other than Derivative Information, shall remain the property of the Disclosing Party, and all documents or other tangible media delivered to the Receiving Party that embody such Proprietary Information shall be, at the option of the Disclosing Party, either promptly returned to Disclosing Party or destroyed, except as otherwise may be required from time to time by Applicable Law (in which case the use and disclosure of such Proprietary Information will continue to be subject to this Agreement), upon the earlier of (i) the date on which the Receiving Party's need for it has expired and (ii) the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

20.6.2 At the request of the Disclosing Party, any Derivative Information shall be, at the option of the Receiving Party, either promptly returned to the Disclosing Party or destroyed, except as otherwise may be required from time to time by Applicable Law (in which case the use and disclosure of such Derivative Information will continue to be subject to this Agreement), upon the earlier of (i) the date on which the Receiving Party's need for it has expired and (ii) the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

20.6.3 The Receiving Party may at any time either return the Proprietary Information to the Disclosing Party or destroy such Proprietary Information. If the Receiving Party elects to destroy Proprietary Information, all copies of such information shall be destroyed and upon the written request of the Disclosing Party, the Receiving Party shall provide to the Disclosing Party written certification of such destruction. The destruction or return of Proprietary information shall not relieve any Receiving Party of its obligation to continue to treat such Proprietary Information in the manner required by this Agreement.

20.7 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Proprietary Information provisions of this Agreement shall apply to all information furnished by either Party to the other in furtherance of the purpose of this Agreement, even if furnished before the date of this Agreement and each Party's obligation to safeguard Proprietary Information disclosed prior to expiration or termination of this Agreement will survive such expiration or termination.

20.8 Pursuant to Section 222(b) of the Act, both Parties agree to limit their use of Proprietary Information received from the other to the permitted purposes identified in the Act.

- 20.9 Each Party has the right to refuse to accept any Confidential Information under this Agreement, and nothing herein shall obligate either Party to disclose to the other Party any particular information.
- 20.10 The Parties agree that an impending or existing violation of any provision of this Section 20 would cause the Disclosing Party irreparable injury for which it would have no adequate remedy at law, and agree that Disclosing Party shall be entitled to obtain immediate injunctive relief prohibiting such violation, in addition to any other rights and remedies available to it at law or in equity, including both specific performance and monetary damages. In the event of any breach of this Section 20 for which legal or equitable relief is sought, all reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable costs associated therewith shall be recoverable by the prevailing Party.

21. INTERVENING LAW

- 21.1 This Agreement is entered into as a result of both private negotiation between the Parties and the incorporation of some of the results of arbitration by the Commissions. In the event that any of the rates, terms and/or conditions herein, or any of the laws or regulations that were the basis or rationale for such rates, terms and/or conditions in the Agreement, are invalidated, modified or stayed by any action of any state or federal regulatory or legislative bodies or courts of competent jurisdiction, including but not limited to any decision by the Eighth Circuit relating to any of the costing/pricing rules adopted by the FCC in its First Report and Order, *In re: Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, 11 FCC Rcd 15499 (1996)(e.g., Section 51.501, et seq.), upon review and remand from the United States Supreme Court, 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) or *Ameritech v. FCC*, No. 98-1381, 1999 WL 116994, 1999 Lexis 3671 (June 1, 1999), the affected provision shall be immediately invalidated, modified, or stayed, consistent with the action of the legislative body, court, or regulatory agency upon the written request of either Party. In such event, the Parties shall expend diligent efforts to arrive at an agreement regarding the appropriate conforming modifications to the Agreement. If negotiations fail, disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation of the actions required or provisions affected by such governmental actions shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution process provided for in this Agreement. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the Parties acknowledge that 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 on June 1, 1999, the United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Ameritech v. FCC*, No. 98-1381, 1999 WL 116994, 1999 Lexis 3671 (1999). In addition, the Parties acknowledge that on November 5, 1999, the FCC issued its Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-96 (FCC 99-238),

including the FCC's Supplemental Order issued *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-370) (rel. November 24, 1999), portions of which become effective thirty (30) days following publication of such Order in the Federal Register (February 17, 2000) and other portions of which become effective 120 days following publication of such Order in the Federal Register (May 17, 2000). The Parties further acknowledge that on April 27, 2001, the FCC released its Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Inter-carrier Compensation for ISP-bound Traffic* (the "ISP Inter-carrier Compensation Order.") By executing this Agreement and carrying out the inter-carrier compensation rates, terms and conditions herein, **SBC-13STATE** does not waive any of its rights, and expressly reserves all of its rights, under the ISP Inter-carrier Compensation Order, including but not limited to its right to exercise its option at any time in the future to invoke the Intervening Law or Change of Law provisions and 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. 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 decisions and any remand thereof, including its right to seek legal review or a stay pending appeal of such decisions or its rights under this Intervening Law paragraph.

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
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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. In any event, upon approval of the successor agreement by the appropriate State commission, the rates, terms and conditions of such successor agreement shall retroactively apply back to the expiration and/or effective termination date of the last State commission approved agreement between the Parties or the effective date of any interim agreement entered into between the Parties, whichever is earlier.

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 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. 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 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. DELEGATION TO AFFILIATE

- 30.1 Each Party may without the consent of the other Party fulfill its obligations under this Agreement by itself or may cause its Affiliate(s) to take some or all of such actions to fulfill such obligations. Upon such delegation, the Affiliate shall become a primary obligor hereunder with respect to the delegated matter, but such
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delegation shall not relieve the delegating Party of its obligations as co-obligor hereunder. Any Party which elects to perform its obligations through an Affiliate shall cause its Affiliate to take all action necessary for the performance of such Party's obligations hereunder. Each Party represents and warrants that if an obligation under this Agreement is to be performed by an Affiliate, such Party has the authority to cause such Affiliate to perform such obligation and such Affiliate will have the resources required to accomplish the delegated performance.

31. SUBCONTRACTING

- 31.1 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.
- 31.2 Each Party will be solely responsible for payments due that Party's subcontractors.
- 31.3 No subcontractor will be deemed a Third Party beneficiary for any purposes under this Agreement.
- 31.4 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.
- 31.5 Any subcontractor that gains access to 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.

32. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION

- 32.1 Each Party will be solely responsible at its own expense for the proper handling, storage, transport, treatment, disposal and use of all Hazardous Substances by such Party and its contractors and agents. "Hazardous Substances" includes those substances:
 - 32.1.1 included within the definition of hazardous substance, hazardous waste, hazardous material, toxic substance, solid waste or pollutant or contaminant under any Applicable Law, and

32.1.2 listed by any governmental agency as a hazardous substance.

32.2 CLEC will in no event be liable to SBC-13STATE for any costs whatsoever resulting from the presence or release of any environmental hazard, including Hazardous Substances, that CLEC did not introduce to the affected work location. SBC-13STATE will indemnify, defend (at CLEC's request) and hold CLEC and each of its officers, directors and employees harmless from and against any Loss that arises out of or results from:

32.2.1 Any Environmental Hazard that SBC-13STATE, its contractors or agents introduce to the work locations, or

32.2.2 The presence or Release of any Environmental Hazard for which SBC-13STATE is responsible under Applicable Law.

32.3 SBC-13STATE will in no event be liable to CLEC for any costs whatsoever resulting from the presence or Release of any Environmental Hazard that SBC-13STATE did not introduce to the affected work location. CLEC will indemnify, defend (at SBC-13STATE's request) and hold SBC-13STATE and each of its officers, directors and employees harmless from and against any Loss that arises out of or results from:

32.3.1 any Environmental Hazard that CLEC, its contractors or agents introduce to the work locations, or

32.3.2 the presence or Release of any Environmental Hazard for which CLEC is responsible under Applicable Law.

33. **FORCE MAJEURE**

33.1 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.

34. TAXES

- 34.1 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.
- 34.2 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.
- 34.3 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
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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.

- 34.4 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.
- 34.5 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.
- 34.6 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.
- 34.7 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.

34.8 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.

34.9 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.

35. NON-WAIVER

35.1 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.

36. NETWORK MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT

36.1 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.

36.2 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.

- 36.3 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.
- 36.4 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.
- 36.5 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.
- 36.6 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.

37. SIGNALING

- 37.1 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.

- 37.2 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.

38. TRANSMISSION OF TRAFFIC TO THIRD PARTIES

- 38.1 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.

39. CUSTOMER INQUIRIES

- 39.1 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.
- 39.2 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.
- 39.3 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.
- 39.4 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.

40. EXPENSES

- 40.1 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.

- 40.2 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 and any costs of notice or publication, but not including attorney's fees) associated with the filing of this agreement.

41. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 41.1 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.

42. SURVIVAL

- 42.1 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.

43. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- 43.1 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.
- 43.2 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.

44. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

- 44.1 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.

- 44.2 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.

45. IN-REGION MOST FAVORED NATIONS (MFN) BETWEEN SBC STATES

- 45.1 Subject to the conditions and limitations specified in Paragraph 43 of the SBC/Ameritech Merger Conditions¹, SBC-13STATE shall make available to any requesting telecommunication carrier in the SBC/Ameritech Area within any SBC/Ameritech State any interconnection arrangement or UNE in the SBC/Ameritech Service Area within any other SBC/Ameritech state that (1) was negotiated with a telecommunications carrier, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. • 252(a)(1), by SBC-13STATE (that at all times during the interconnection agreement negotiations was AN SBC-owned ILEC) and (2) has been made available under an agreement to which SBC-13STATE is a party.
- 45.2 The Parties acknowledge and agree that it may require additional time to implement an interconnection arrangement or UNE ported from one SBC-owned ILEC state to another SBC-owned ILEC state pursuant to Paragraph 43 of the SBC/Ameritech Merger Conditions. Thus, when a CLEC exercises its option to adopt an interconnection arrangement or UNE in accordance with Paragraph 43 of the SBC/Ameritech Merger Conditions, the Parties shall meet within thirty (30) calendar days of state commission approval of the interconnection agreement or amendment containing such interconnection arrangement and/or UNE to agree upon an implementation schedule for such interconnection arrangement and/or UNE.
- 45.3 Paragraph 43 of the SBC/Ameritech Merger Conditions as well as this Section 45 shall expire the earliest of October 8, 2002 or the termination date outlined in section 5 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, whichever is earlier.

¹ See the FCC's Memorandum Opinion and Order approving the SBC/Ameritech Merger Conditions, *In re Applications of Ameritech Corp., Transferor and SBC Communications, Inc., Transferee, For Consent to Transfer Control of Corporations Holding Commission Licenses and Lines Pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act and Parts 5, 22, 24, 25, 63, 90, 95 and 101 of the Commission's Rules*, CC Docket 98-141, issued on October 8, 1999 ("FCC 99-279).

46. APPENDICES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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

46.1.1 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.

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

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

46.3 DATABASE ACCESS

46.3.1 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.

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

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

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

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

46.5.1 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.

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

46.6.1 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.

46.7 OTHER SERVICES

46.7.1 911 and E911 Services

46.7.1.1 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.

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

46.7.1.2.1 Having represented and warranted to SBC-13STATE that it will only offer data services, CLEC agrees that it will not provide voice service to its end users over the network elements furnished by SBC-13STATE; and

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

46.7.1.2.3 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.

46.7.2 AIN

46.7.2.1 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.

46.7.3 Directory Assistance (DA)

- 46.7.3.1 **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.

46.7.4 Hosting

- 46.7.4.1 At CLEC's request, **SBC-SWBT** and **SBC-AMERITECH** 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-SWBT**'s and **SBC-AMERITECH**'s internal network or the nationwide CMDS network pursuant to the applicable Appendix HOST, which **is/are** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

46.7.5 Operator Services (OS)

- 46.7.5.1 **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.

46.7.6 Signaling System 7 Interconnection

46.7.6.1 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.

46.7.7 Publishing and Directory

46.7.7.1 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.

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

46.7.8.1 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.

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

46.7.9.1 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.

46.7.10 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).

46.7.10.1 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.

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

46.7.11.1 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.

47. AUTHORITY

47.1 Each of the **SBC**-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that it is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of incorporation. 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.

47.2 CLEC represents and warrants that it is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of _____ 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.

47.3 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.

48. COUNTERPARTS

48.1 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.

49. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

49.1 SBC-12STATE

49.1.1 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.

49.2 SNET

49.2.1 The terms 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.

SBC-13STATE Agreement

Signatures

Z-Tel Communications, Inc.

**Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana
Bell Telephone Company Incorporated,
Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a
Ameritech Michigan, The Ohio Bell
Telephone Company, and Wisconsin Bell
Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin, Nevada
Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell
Telephone Company, The Southern New
England Telephone Company,
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company by
SBC Telecommunications, Inc., its
authorized agent**

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____
(Print or Type)

Name: _____

Title: _____
(Print or Type)

Title: President - Industry Markets

Date: _____

Date: _____

AECN/OCN# _____
(Facility Based – if applicable)

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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 owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
- 1.3 As used herein, SBC-13STATE means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.4 As used herein, SBC-12STATE means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.5 As used herein, SBC-7STATE means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.6 As used herein, SBC-2STATE means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.7 As used herein, SBC-SWBT means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.8 As used herein, SBC-AMERITECH means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 As used herein, SNET means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

2. DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this Agreement, 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 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-AMERITECH 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 inquiries 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-AMERITECH - 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-AMERITECH)

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-AMERITECH).

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	<u>Description of Subject Area And Issuing Organization</u>	<u>Document Number</u>
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 owns, directly or indirectly, the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
- 2.2 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 2.3 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 2.4 **SBC-AMERITECH** - As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 2.5 **SBC-MOKA** - As used herein, **SBC-MOKA** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma.
- 2.6 **PACIFIC** - As used herein, **PACIFIC** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in California.
- 2.7 **NEVADA** - As used herein, **NEVADA** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 2.8 **SNET** - As used herein, **SNET** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

- 2.9 **“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.
- 2.10 **“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.
- 2.11 **“Application Fee”** means the charge assessed by **SBC-13STATE** to process the Collocator’s application for physical collocation requests].
- 2.12 **“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** Procurement on a state by state basis.
- 2.13 **“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.
- 2.14 **“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.
- 2.15 **“Cageless Physical Collocation”** is a Collocation arrangement, provided in single bay increments, and does not require the construction of a cage or similar structure.
- 2.16 **“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.*
- 2.17 **“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).
- 2.18 **“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.
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- 2.19 **“Eligible Equipment”** is the equipment eligible for collocation as defined in Section 5 of this Appendix.
- 2.20 **“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.
- 2.21 **“Engineering Design Charge”** is the charge assessed by SBC-MOKA to perform the central office survey for caged and cageless serving arrangements and to implement the collocation area.
- 2.22 **“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.
- 2.23 **“Individual Case Basis (ICB)”** is a pricing method used for services that are not tariffed or are not standard offerings or configurations.
- 2.24 **“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.
- 2.25 **“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.
- 2.26 **“Non Standard Collocation Request (NSCR)”** in SBC-AMERITECH, is a pricing method used for services that are not tariffed or are not standard offerings or configurations.
- 2.27 **“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.
- 2.28 **“Physical Collocation”** is as defined in Section 4 of this Appendix.
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- 2.29 **“Physical Collocation Space”** is the space provided for the Collocator’s physical collocation arrangement located within an SBC-13STATE Eligible Structure.
- 2.30 **“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.
- 2.31 **“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.
- 2.32 **“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.
- 2.33 **“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.
- 2.34 **“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.
- 2.35 **“Unbundled Network Element (UNE)”** is As Defined in the Act.
- 2.36 **“Unused Space”** denotes any space in an Eligible Structure which is not occupied by SBC-13STATE personnel and/or occupied by or reserved for SBC-13STATE network equipment including affiliates and third parties. Denotes space that is vacant and does not contain SBC-13STATE equipment, is not reserved for growth, is not used for administrative or other functions, and is not needed for access to, egress from, or work within occupied or reserved space. May also be used to denote space within a specific Collocator’s area that is not occupied by or reserved for Collocator’s equipment. (See also sections 4.1.2.1, 4.1.3.1 and 5.12).

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.
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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
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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 Collocator(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
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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 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:
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- 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
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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 allow a direct cable connection between 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.
- 4.5.1 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, coax 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 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 request, SBC-13STATE must submit to the Requesting Carrier a report indicating the available collocation space in a particular SBC-13STATE Eligible Structure. This report will specify the amount of collocation space available at each requested Eligible Structure, 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 available for collocation. SBC-13STATE will provide a report for one (1) 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 for central offices where there is no current collocation or collocation forecasted, 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 Eligible Structure 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.
- 5.6 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.

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 multifunctional 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-13STATE'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-13STATE 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 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.
- 6.11 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. 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 - Collocator shall pay SBC-13STATE all associated non-recurring and recurring charges per month for use of the Physical Collocation Space. These charges may be generated on an ICB/NSCR basis or may be contained in the state specific Appendix Pricing. The recurring monthly charges for each Physical Collocation Space shall stay fixed for the term of this Appendix unless modified upon re-negotiation of the Interconnection Agreement and/or pursuant to a Commission order.

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
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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.
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- 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 All Cabling 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
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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 the such information and any and all updates to it are timely provided to the Collocator.

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 untenable 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 untenable 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)
Account Manager - Collocation
2600 North Central Expressway
6th Floor,
Richardson, Texas 75080

If to (IL, IN, MI, OH, WI)
Account Manager - Collocation
350 N. Orleans St., 5th Flr.
Chicago, Illinois 60654

If to Collocator: Z-Tel Communications, Inc.
Attention: Ron Walters
601 South Harbour Island Blvd.
Suite 200
Tampa, FL 33602

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:

CSC
2600 North Central Expressway,
6th Floor,
Richardson, Texas 75080

If to Collocator: Z-Tel Communications, Inc.
Attention: Ron Walters
601 South Harbour Island Blvd.
Suite 200
Tampa, FL 33602

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 the General Terms and Conditions, 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. PROTECTION 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. 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 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 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 owns, directly or indirectly, the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
- 2.2 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 2.3 **SBC-AMERITECH** - As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 2.4 **"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 Procurement on a state by state basis.
- 2.5 **"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.
- 2.6 **"Application Fee"** means the charge assessed by **SBC-13STATE** to process the Collocator's application for virtual collocation requests.
- 2.7 **"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.

- 2.8 **“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).
- 2.9 **“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.
- 2.10 **“Eligible Equipment”** is the equipment eligible for collocation as defined in Section 6.0 of this Appendix.
- 2.11 **“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.
- 2.12 **“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.
- 2.13 **“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.
- 2.14 **“Individual Case Basis (ICB)”** is a pricing method used for services that are not tariffed or are not standard offerings or configurations.
- 2.15 **“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.

2.16 **"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.

2.17 **"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.

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

2.19 **"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.

2.20 **"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.

2.21. **"Unmanned Office"** Any Central Office which does not meet the definition of Manned Office.

2.22 **"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.