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LOCAL MARKET OPERATIONAL READINESS TRIAL

8.1 General

8.1.1 Purpose

A market trial is intended to enable the Company to test its ability to provide local exchange services for a limited period of time in a particular geographic area. As a part of a market trial, the Company may need to test the capabilities of systems required by a proposed service, including, but not limited to, systems needed to establish, provision, operate, bill and/or collect for service, whether such systems are provided solely by the Company or in combination with systems provided by other carriers or vendors. A market trial is not an offer to provide service to the general public. At or before the end of the testing period, the Company will either make a tariff filing to add the product or service to its tariff or discontinue testing.

8.1.2 Eligibility

A maximum of 50 targeted participants may subscribe to services offered as part of a local market trial. A maximum of 10 participants in any particular exchange may subscribe to services offered as part of a local market trial.

8.1.3 Availability

Services subject to a local market trial are only available in exchanges where Socket Telecom, LLC is certificated to provide basic local and/or non-basic local telecommunications services and where the Company is engaged in a market trial and has facilities available. Each trial will last for a maximum of 12 weeks. Involvement of any particular customer in a local market trial will not exceed 12 weeks.

8.1.4 Services

Local exchange services offered as part of a local market trial will include, but not be limited to, exchange services, custom features (e.g., custom calling, call control options, Caller ID, etc.), directory listings, operator services (e.g., directory assistance, station collect, etc.), E911, and service assistance programs where eligible (e.g., Lifeline).

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8.1.5 Rates

Services offered as part of a local market trial will be offered to trial participants at no charge.

8.1.6 Liability of the Company

The Company's liability, if any, for its willful misconduct is not limited by this tariff. With respect to any other claim or suit, by a Customer or by any others, for damages associated with the installation, provision, termination, maintenance, repair, or restoration of a service, the Company's liability, if any, shall not exceed an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the service for the period during which the service was affected.

The Company is not liable for any act or omission of any other communications provider which furnishes a portion of a service.

The Company shall be indemnified, defended, and held harmless against any claims, actions, damages, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising from the use of services offered under this tariff.