

4.11.4 CLEC name used in branding calls may be subject to Commission regulations and should match the name in which CLEC is doing business.

4.12 Branding Load Charges:

4.12.1 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement. In addition, a per call charge applies for every OS/DA call handled by **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** on behalf of CLEC when multiple brands are required on a single Operator Services trunk. This charge is set forth in Appendix Pricing under the "OTHER (Resale)" category.

4.12.1.1 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator Assistance Switch, per trunk group for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. In addition, a per call charge applies for every OS call handled by **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** on behalf of CLEC when such services are provided. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator assistance switch, per trunk group for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

4.12.1.2 **SBC-2STATE** - An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch, for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

4.12.1.3 **SBC SNET** - An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per load, per Operator assistance switch for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per load, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

5. OS/DA RATE/REFERENCE INFORMATION

5.1 When an **SBC-12STATE** Operator receives a rate request from a CLEC End User, where technically feasible and available, **SBC-12STATE** will quote the applicable OS/DA rates as provided by the CLEC.

5.2 **SBC SNET** - until technically feasible and/or available, when a **SBC SNET** Operator receives a rate request from a CLEC end user, **SBC SNET** will quote the surcharge rate only.

5.3 CLEC will furnish OS/DA Rate and Reference Information in accordance with the process outlined in the Operator Services Questionnaire (OSQ). CLEC will furnish to **SBC-13STATE** a completed OSQ thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the date when the DA Services are to be undertaken.

5.4 CLEC will inform **SBC-12STATE**, via the Operator Services Questionnaire (OSQ) of any changes to be made to such Rate/Reference Information fourteen calendar days prior to the effective Rate/Reference change date. CLEC acknowledges that it is responsible to provide **SBC-12STATE** updated Rate/Reference Information in advance of when the Rate/Reference Information is to become effective.

5.5 An initial non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for loading of CLEC's OS Reference/Rater information. An additional non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to either the CLEC's OS Reference or Rater information.

5.6 Payphone Services

5.6.1 CLEC may provide certain local Telecommunications Services to payphone service providers ("PSPs") for PSPs' use in providing payphone service. Local Telecommunications Services which PSPs use in providing payphone service that are provided to PSPs by CLEC by means of reselling **SBC-13STATE**'s services offered pursuant to the appropriate payphone section(s) of **SBC-13STATE**'s state specific tariff(s) applicable in each state covered by this Appendix are referred to in this Appendix as "Payphone Lines." In its Common Carrier Docket No. 96-128, the FCC ordered **SBC-13STATE** to compensate PSP customers of CLECs that resell **SBC-13STATE**'s services for

certain calls originated from pay telephones. (Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, FCC Docket No. 96-128, Report and Order, para. 86 (1996)). This compensation is referred to in this Agreement as "Payphone Compensation."

- 5.6.2 The Parties desire that **SBC-13STATE** satisfy the obligation to pay Payphone Compensation to PSPs that are customers of CLEC by paying the Payphone Compensation to CLEC, who will then forward the Payphone Compensation directly to the PSPs.
- 5.6.3 **SBC-13STATE** will pay Payphone Compensation due with respect to Payphone Lines in compliance with the current or any future order of the FCC. **SBC-13STATE** will pay Payphone Compensation to CLEC only for:
- 5.6.3.1 IntralATA subscriber 800 calls for which **SBC-13STATE** provides the 800 service to the subscriber and carries the call; and
- 5.6.3.2 IntralATA calls placed using **SBC-13STATE**'s prepaid calling card platform and carried by **SBC-13STATE**.
- 5.6.4 **SBC-13STATE** will not be required to pay any Payphone Compensation for non-sent paid calls.
- 5.6.5 **SBC-13STATE** will pay CLEC the Payphone Compensation due to CLEC's PSP customer(s) within sixty (60) calendar days after the close of the calendar quarter during which the call(s) for which Payphone Compensation is due were made. However, payment may be made later than sixty (60) calendar days if **SBC-13STATE** deems it necessary to investigate a call or calls for possible fraud.
- 5.6.6 **SBC-13STATE** will make payment of any Payphone Compensation due to CLEC under this Appendix by crediting CLEC's bill for the Payphone Line over which the call that gives rise to the Payphone Compensation was placed. **SBC-13STATE** will not automatically issue a check to CLEC if the credit for Payphone Compensation exceeds the balance due to **SBC-13STATE** on the bill.
- 5.6.7 Nothing in this Appendix entitles CLEC to receive or obligates **SBC-13STATE** to provide any call detail or other call record for any call that gives rise to Payphone Compensation.
- 5.6.8 CLEC represents and warrants that the only **SBC-13STATE** services that CLEC will make available to PSPs as Payphone Lines are the payphone services that **SBC-13STATE** offers pursuant to the appropriate payphone section(s) of **SBC-13STATE**'s state specific tariff(s) applicable in each state covered by this Appendix.
- 5.6.9 Except as provided otherwise in this Section 4.9.9, CLEC shall pay the entire amount of the Payphone Compensation due with respect to each Payphone Line to the PSP that is the CLEC's customer for that Payphone Line. CLEC shall make such payment on or before the last business day of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter during which the call(s) for which Payphone Compensation is due to the PSP were made. If **SBC-13STATE** pays any Payphone Compensation to CLEC later than sixty (60) calendar days after the close of the calendar quarter during which the call(s) for which Payphone Compensation is due were made, then CLEC shall pay the entire amount of such Payphone Compensation to the PSP that is CLEC's customer for that Payphone Line within ten (10) calendar days after receiving such Payphone Compensation from **SBC-13STATE**.
- 5.6.10 In addition to any other indemnity obligations in this Appendix or in the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, CLEC shall indemnify, protect, save harmless and defend **SBC-13STATE** and **SBC-13STATE**'s officers, employees, agents, representatives and assigns from and against any and all losses, costs, liability, damages and expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of any demand, claim, suit or judgment by any Third Party, including a PSP, in any way relating to or arising from any of the following:
- 5.6.10.1 CLEC's failure to comply with all the terms and conditions of this Appendix; or
- 5.6.10.2 Use by a PSP customer of CLEC of any service other than a Payphone Line to provide pay telephone service; or

5.6.10.3 False representation by CLEC.

5.7 Suspension of Service

5.7.1 CLEC may offer to resell Customer Initiated Suspension and Restoral Service to its End Users at the associated state specific retail tariff rates, terms and conditions for suspension of service at the request of the End User.

5.7.2 **SBC-13STATE** will offer CLEC local service provider initiated suspension service for CLEC's purposes at the associated **SBC-13STATE** state specific retail tariff rate for company initiated suspension of service. Service specifics may be obtained in state specific CLEC Handbooks.

5.7.2.1 CLEC shall be exclusively responsible for placing valid orders for the suspension and the subsequent disconnection or restoral of service to each of its End Users.

5.7.2.2 Should CLEC suspend service for one of its End Users and fail to submit a subsequent disconnection order within the maximum number of calendar days permitted for a company initiated suspension pursuant to the state specific retail tariff, CLEC shall be charged and shall be responsible for all appropriate monthly service charges for the End User's service from the suspension date through the disconnection date.

5.7.2.3 Should CLEC suspend service for one of its End Users and subsequently issue a restoral order, CLEC shall be charged the state specific tariff rate for the restoral plus all appropriate monthly service charges for the End User's service from the suspension date through the restoral date.

6. USE OF SBC BRAND

6.1 Except where otherwise required by law, CLEC shall not, without **SBC-13STATE**'s prior written authorization, offer the services covered by this Appendix using the trademarks, service marks, trade names, brand names, logos, insignia, symbols or decorative designs of **SBC-13STATE** or its Affiliates, nor shall CLEC state or imply that there is any joint business association or similar arrangement with **SBC-13STATE** in the provision of Telecommunications Services to CLEC's customers.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF **SBC-13STATE**

7.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall allow CLEC to place service orders and receive phone number assignments (for new lines). These activities shall be accomplished by facsimile or electronic interface. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide interface specifications for electronic access for these functions to CLEC. However, CLEC shall be responsible for modifying and connecting any of its systems with **SBC-13STATE**-provided interfaces, as outlined in Appendix OSS.

7.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall implement CLEC service orders within the same time intervals **SBC-13STATE** uses to implement service orders for similar services for its own End Users.

7.2.1 Methods and procedures for ordering are outlined in the CLEC Handbook, available on-line, as amended by **SBC-13STATE** in its sole discretion from time to time. All Parties agree to abide by the procedures contained therein.

7.3 CLEC will have the ability to report trouble for its End Users to the appropriate **SBC-13STATE** trouble reporting center(s) twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. CLEC will be assigned customer contact center(s) when initial service agreements are made. CLEC End Users calling **SBC-13STATE** will be referred to CLEC at the number provided by CLEC. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to authorize CLEC to repair, maintain, or in any way touch **SBC-13STATE**'s network facilities, including those on End User premises.

7.3.1 Methods and procedures for trouble reporting are outlined in the CLEC Handbook, available on-line, as amended by **SBC-13STATE** in its sole discretion from time to time. All Parties agree to abide by the procedures contained therein.

- 7.4 **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC with detailed billing information necessary for CLEC to issue bill(s) to its End User(s). CLEC has the option of receiving a daily usage file ("DUF") in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Section 8.8 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached. Should CLEC elect to subscribe to the DUF, CLEC agrees to pay **SBC-13STATE** the charges specified in Appendix Pricing under the "OTHER (Resale)" category listed as "Electronic Billing Information Data (daily usage) (per message)."
- 7.5 **SBC-13STATE** shall make Telecommunications Services that **SBC-13STATE** provides at retail to subscribers who are not Telecommunications Carriers available for resale consistent with the obligation under Section 251(c)(4)(A) of the Act and other applicable limitations. **SBC-13STATE** will notify CLEC of any changes in the terms and conditions under which **SBC-13STATE** offers Telecommunications Services at retail to subscribers who are not Telecommunications Carriers, including but not limited to, the introduction of any new features, functions, services, promotions, grandfathering or the discontinuance of current features or services at the time a tariff filing is transmitted to the appropriate State Commission, or, in situations where a tariff filing is not so transmitted, within sixty (60) calendar days of the expected effective date of such change.
- 7.5.1 **SBC-13STATE** currently makes such notification as described in Section 17.2 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached. Notification of any new service available to CLEC for resale shall advise CLEC of the category in which such new service shall be placed, and the same discount already applicable to CLEC in that category shall apply to the new service.
- 7.6 CLEC's End User's activation of Call Trace shall be handled by the **SBC-13STATE** operations centers responsible for handling such requests. **SBC-13STATE** shall notify CLEC of requests by its End Users to provide call records to the proper authorities. Subsequent communication and resolution of each case involving one of CLEC's End Users (whether that End User is the victim or the suspect) will be coordinated through CLEC.
- 7.6.1 CLEC acknowledges that for services where reports are provided to law enforcement agencies (for example, Call Trace) only billing number and address information shall be provided. It shall be CLEC's responsibility to provide additional information necessary for any police investigation.
- 7.6.1.1 In addition to any other indemnity obligations in this Appendix or the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, CLEC shall indemnify **SBC-13STATE** against any Claim that insufficient information led to inadequate prosecution.
- 7.6.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall handle law enforcement requests consistent with the Law Enforcement Section of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached.
- 7.7 This section applies only to **SBC CALIFORNIA**:
- 7.7.1 Cooperation on Fraud
- 7.7.1.1 Traffic Alert Referral Service
- 7.7.1.1.1 Traffic Alert Referral Service ("TARS") is a service that monitors traffic patterns associated with a CLEC's resold lines. On no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice, CLEC may order **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s TARS. In providing TARS to CLEC, **SBC CALIFORNIA** notifies the CLEC of traffic abnormalities that indicate the possible occurrence of intraLATA fraud and furnishes to CLEC information on all 1+ alerts. CLEC understands and agrees that **SBC CALIFORNIA** will use electronic mail to provide such information and that such information will only be available via electronic mail at the present time. It is the responsibility of CLEC to provide **SBC CALIFORNIA** with the correct email address. Information will be provided on a per-alert basis and will be priced on a per-alert basis. **SBC CALIFORNIA** grants to CLEC a non-exclusive right to use the information provided by **SBC CALIFORNIA**. CLEC will not permit anyone but its duly authorized employees or agents to inspect or use this information.

CLEC agrees to pay **SBC CALIFORNIA** a recurring usage rate as set forth in Appendix Pricing in the "OTHER (Resale)" category listed as "Traffic Alert Referral Service."

7.7.1.2 CLEC shall be liable for all fraud associated with any resale service to which it subscribes. **SBC CALIFORNIA** takes no responsibility, will not investigate, and will make no adjustments to CLEC's account(s) in cases of fraud or any other related End User dispute.

7.7.1.3 In addition to any other indemnity obligations in this Appendix or in the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, **SBC CALIFORNIA** shall not be liable for any damages to CLEC or to any other person or entity for **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s actions or the conduct of its employees in providing TARS to CLEC. CLEC shall indemnify, defend, and hold **SBC CALIFORNIA** harmless from any and all claims, lawsuits, costs, damages, liabilities, losses, and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, resulting from or in connection with CLEC's use of **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s TARS, except when such claims, lawsuits, costs, damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses are proximately caused by the willful misconduct or gross negligence of **SBC CALIFORNIA** or its employees.

7.8 This section applies only to **SBC CALIFORNIA**:

7.8.1 **SBC CALIFORNIA** will make available to CLEC an optional service, Repair Transfer Service ("RTS"). In the event a CLEC's End User dials 611 (811-8081 for Priority Business customers) for repair, **SBC CALIFORNIA** will provide a recorded announcement of the CLEC name and number and **SBC CALIFORNIA** will automatically transfer the caller to the CLEC designated 800/888 number for repair service. CLEC must provide written notification to **SBC CALIFORNIA** at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the implementation of RTS. Written notification must include the CLEC name and 800/888 numbers for RTS to the CLEC repair bureau and business office. There will be no charges associated with the initial set-up for RTS, however, charges will apply to any subsequent changes to the recorded name announcement and telephone number. Rates for subsequent changes are set forth in the Appendix Pricing in the "OTHER (Resale)" category listed as "Repair Transfer Service." Subsequent charges include: Recorded Name Announcement, 800/888 Telephone Number and Name Announcement & Telephone Number.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLEC

8.1 Prior to submitting an order under this Appendix, CLEC shall obtain End User authorization as required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and assumes responsibility for applicable charges as specified in Section 258(b) of the Act. **SBC-13STATE** shall abide by the same applicable laws and regulations.

8.2 Only an End User can initiate a challenge to a change in its local service provider. If an End User notifies **SBC-13STATE** or CLEC that the End User requests local exchange service, the Party receiving such request shall be free to provide service to such End User, except in those instances where the End User's account is local PIC protected. It is the responsibility of the End User to provide authorization in a FCC approved format to the current provider of record to remove local service provider protection before any changes in local service provider are processed.

8.2.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall be free to connect an End User to any competitive local exchange carrier based upon that competitive local exchange carrier's request and that competitive local exchange carrier's assurance that proper End User authorization has been obtained. CLEC shall make any such authorization it has obtained available to **SBC-13STATE** upon request and at no charge.

8.2.1.1 The following applies to **SBC MICHIGAN** only: The Parties will adhere to the requirements adopted by the Commission in its Case No. U-11900 with respect to the selection of primary local exchange carriers and primary interexchange carriers.

8.3 When an End User changes or withdraws authorization, each Party shall release customer-specific facilities in accordance with the End User's direction or the direction of the End User's authorized agent. Further,

- when an End User abandons its premise, **SBC-13STATE** is free to reclaim the facilities for use by another customer and is free to issue service orders required to reclaim such facilities.
- 8.4 Neither Party shall be obligated by this Appendix to investigate any allegations of unauthorized changes in local exchange service (slamming) on behalf of the other Party or a Third Party. If **SBC-13STATE**, on behalf of CLEC, agrees to investigate an alleged incidence of slamming, **SBC-13STATE** shall charge CLEC an investigation fee as set forth in Appendix Pricing in the "OTHER (Resale)" category, listed as "Slamming Investigation Fee."
- 8.5 Should **SBC-13STATE** receive an order from CLEC for services under this Appendix, and **SBC-13STATE** is currently providing the same services to another local service provider for the same End User, CLEC agrees that **SBC-13STATE** may notify the local service provider from whom the End User is being converted of CLEC's order coincident with or following processing CLEC's order. It shall then be the responsibility of the former local service provider of record and CLEC to resolve any issues related to the End User. This Section 8.5 shall not apply to new or additional lines and services purchased by the End User from multiple CLECs or from **SBC-13STATE**.
- 8.5.1 If **SBC-13STATE** receives an order from another local service provider to convert services for an End User for whom CLEC is the current local service provider of record, and if CLEC already subscribes to the Local Disconnect Report ("LDR"), covered in Section 8.5.2, then **SBC-13STATE** shall notify CLEC of such order coincident with or following processing such order. It shall be the responsibility of CLEC and the other local service provider to resolve any issues related to the End User. This Section 8.5.1 shall not apply to new or additional lines and services purchased by an End User from multiple CLECs or from **SBC-13STATE**.
- 8.5.2 On no less than sixty (60) calendar days advance written notice, CLEC may, at its option, subscribe to the LDR. **SBC-13STATE** will furnish the following information via the LDR: the Billing Telephone Number ("BTN"), Working Telephone Number "WTN"), and terminal number of all End Users who have disconnected CLEC's service. Information furnished electronically will be provided daily on a per WTN basis and priced on a per WTN basis. CLEC shall pay **SBC-13STATE** for the LDR per WTN plus any applicable transmission charges for the LDR; current WTN prices are as set forth in Appendix Pricing in the "OTHER (Resale)" category, listed as "Local Disconnect Report." CLEC agrees that **SBC-13STATE** may change the per WTN charge, at **SBC-13STATE**'s sole discretion, so long as **SBC-13STATE** provides CLEC no less than thirty (30) calendar days notice prior to any change in the per WTN charge. **SBC-13STATE** grants to CLEC a non-exclusive right to use the LDR information provided by **SBC-13STATE**. CLEC will not permit anyone but its duly authorized employees or agents to inspect or use this information.
- 8.6 CLEC is solely responsible for the payment of all charges for all services furnished under this Appendix, including but not limited to, calls originated or accepted at CLEC's location and its End Users' service locations; provided, however, CLEC shall not be responsible for payment of charges for any retail services furnished by **SBC-13STATE** directly to End Users and billed by **SBC-13STATE** directly to End Users.
- 8.6.1 Interexchange carried traffic (for example, sent-paid, information services and alternate operator services messages) received by **SBC-13STATE** for billing to resold End User accounts will be returned as unbillable and will not be passed to CLEC for billing. An unbillable code will be returned with those messages to the carrier indicating that the messages originated from a resold account and will not be billed by **SBC-13STATE**.
- 8.7 **SBC-13STATE** shall not be responsible for the manner in which utilization of resold services or the associated charges are allocated to End Users or others by CLEC. All applicable rates and charges for services provided to CLEC under this Appendix will be billed directly to CLEC and shall be the responsibility of CLEC; provided, however, that CLEC shall not be responsible for payment of charges for any retail services furnished by **SBC-13STATE** directly to End Users and billed by **SBC-13STATE** directly to End Users.

- 8.7.1 Charges billed to CLEC for all services provided under this Appendix shall be paid by CLEC regardless of CLEC's ability or inability to collect from its End Users for such services.
- 8.8 If CLEC does not wish to be responsible for payment of charges for collect, third number billed, toll and information services (for example, 900) calls, it must order the appropriate blocking for lines provided under this Appendix and pay any applicable charges. It is the responsibility of CLEC to order the appropriate toll restriction or blocking on lines resold to End Users. CLEC acknowledges that blocking is not available for certain types of calls, including 800, 888, 411 and Directory Assistance Express Call Completion. Depending on the origination point, for example, calls originating from correctional facilities, some calls may bypass blocking systems. CLEC acknowledges all such limitations and accepts all responsibility for any charges associated with calls for which blocking is not available and any charges associated with calls that bypass blocking systems.
- 8.9 CLEC shall be responsible for modifying and connecting any of its systems with SBC-13STATE-provided interfaces as described in this Appendix and Appendix OSS.
- 8.10 CLEC shall be responsible for providing to its End Users and to SBC-13STATE a telephone number or numbers that CLEC's End Users may use to contact CLEC in the event that the End User desires a repair/service call.
- 8.10.1 In the event that CLEC's End Users contact SBC-13STATE with regard to repair requests, SBC-13STATE shall inform such End Users to call CLEC and may provide CLEC's contact number.
- 8.11 CLEC acknowledges and agrees that, in the event CLEC makes any "CLEC Change" as that term is defined in Section 4.10 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, CLEC shall comply with the provisions set forth in Section 4.10 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached as though set forth herein.
- 8.12 CLEC will provide forecasts to SBC-13STATE every January and July using the SBC-13STATE network information form, or a format mutually agreed to by the Parties. These written forecasts will be based on CLEC's best estimates and will include all resale products CLEC will be ordering within the forecast period.

9. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 9.1 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 FOR ACCESS
TO SBC COMMUNICATION INC.'S STRUCTURE
(POLES, CONDUITS, AND RIGHTS OF WAYS)

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APPENDIX FOR ACCESS TO SBC COMMUNICATION INC.'S STRUCTURE (POLES, CONDUITS, AND RIGHTS OF WAYS)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Rights of Way (ROW), Conduits and Poles provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.1.1 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
- 1.1.2 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.1.3 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.4 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.5 **SBC SNET** - As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.1.6 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **Definitions in general.** As used in this Appendix, the terms defined in this article shall have the meanings set forth below in Sections 2.1 to 2.14 except as the context otherwise requires.
- 2.2 **Conduit.** The term "conduit" refers to tubes or structures, usually underground or on bridges, containing one or more ducts used to enclose cables, wires, and associated transmission equipment. As used in this Appendix, the term "conduit" refers only to conduit structures (including ducts, manholes and handholes) and space within those structures and does not include (a) cables and other telecommunications equipment located within conduit structures or (b) central office vaults, controlled environment vaults, or other **SBC-13STATE** structures (such as huts and cabinets) which branch off from or are connected to **SBC-13STATE's** conduit.
- 2.3 **Conduit system.** The term "conduit system" refers to any combination of ducts, conduits, manholes, and handholes joined to form an integrated whole. As used in this Appendix, the term "conduit system" does not include (a) cables and other telecommunications equipment located within conduit structures or (b) central office vaults, controlled environment vaults, or other **SBC-13STATE** structures (such as huts and cabinets) which branch off from or are connected to **SBC-13STATE's** conduit.

- 2.4 **Duct.** The term "duct" refers to a single enclosed tube, pipe, or channel for enclosing and carrying cables, wires, and other equipment. As used in this Appendix, the term "duct" includes "inner ducts" created by subdividing a duct into smaller channels, but does not include cables and other telecommunications equipment located within such ducts.
- 2.5 **Handhole.** The term "handhole" refers to a structure similar in function to a manhole, but which is too small for personnel to enter. As used in this Appendix, the term "handhole" refers only to handholes which are part of **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system and does not refer to handholes which provide access to buried cables not housed within **SBC-13STATE** ducts or conduits. As used in this Appendix, the term "handhole" refers only to handhole structures owned or controlled by **SBC-13STATE** and does not include cables and other telecommunications equipment located within handhole structures.
- 2.6 **Occupancy Permit.** The term "occupancy permit" refers to a written instrument confirming that **SBC-13STATE** has granted the structure access request of Attaching Party or a third party for access to pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way space.
- 2.7 **Maintenance Duct.** The term "maintenance duct" generally refers to a full-sized duct (typically three inches in diameter or larger) for use, on a short-term basis, for maintenance, repair, or emergency restoration activities. The term "maintenance duct" does not include ducts and conduits extending from an **SBC-13STATE** manhole to customer premises. When only one usable full-sized duct remains in a conduit section, that duct shall be deemed to be the maintenance duct.
- 2.8 **Make-ready work.** The term "make-ready work" refers to all work performed or to be performed to prepare **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, rights-of-way, and related facilities for the requested occupancy or attachment of Attaching Party's facilities.
- 2.9 **Manhole.** The term "manhole" refers to an enclosure, usually below ground level and entered through a hole on the surface, which personnel may enter and use for the purpose of installing, operating, and maintaining facilities in ducts or conduits which are parts of **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system. As used in this Appendix, the term "manhole" does not include cables and other telecommunications equipment located within manhole structures.
- 2.10 **Other User.** The term "Other User" refers to entities, other than the Attaching Party, with facilities on an **SBC-13STATE** pole, duct, conduit or right-of-way to which the Attaching Party has obtained access. Other Users may include **SBC-13STATE**, other attaching parties, municipalities or other governmental entities, and electric utilities (which may own interests in **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits or rights-of-ways).
- 2.11 **Overlashing.** The term "Overlashing" refers to the practice of placing an additional cable by lashing such cable with spinning wire over an existing cable and strand.
- 2.12 **Pole.** The term "pole" refers to poles (and associated anchors) which are owned or controlled by **SBC-13STATE** and does not include cables and other telecommunications equipment attached to pole structures.
- 2.13 **Rights-of-way.** The term "rights-of-way" refers to **SBC-13STATE** owned or controlled legal rights to pass over or through property of another party and used by **SBC-13STATE** for its telecommunications distribution system. For purposes of this Appendix, "rights-of-way" includes property owned by **SBC-13STATE** and used by **SBC-13STATE** for its telecommunications distribution facilities. Rights-of-way does not include:
- 2.13.1 cables and other telecommunications equipment buried or located on such rights-of-way,
 - 2.13.2 public rights of way (which are owned by and subject to the control of governmental entities), or
 - 2.13.3 any space which is owned and controlled by a third-party property owner and occupied by **SBC-13STATE** with permission from such owner rather than as a matter of legal right.
- 2.14 **Structure.** The term "Structure" refers collectively to poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way.

3. SCOPE OF APPENDIX

- 3.1 This Appendix establishes the rates, terms, conditions, and procedures by which SBC-13STATE shall provide non-discriminatory access to SBC-13STATE's Structure. Separate tariffs, appendix, or agreements shall govern Attaching Party's access, if any, to the following facilities which require special security, technical, and construction arrangements outside the scope of this Appendix:
- 3.1.1 SBC-13STATE's central office vaults and ducts and conduits which serve no purpose other than to provide a means of entry to and exit from SBC-13STATE's central offices;
- 3.1.2 controlled environment vaults (CEVs), huts, cabinets, and other similar outside plant structures and ducts and conduits which serve no purpose other than to provide a means of entry to and exit from such vaults, huts, cabinets, and structures;
- 3.1.3 ducts and conduits located within buildings owned by SBC-13STATE; and
- 3.1.4 ducts, conduits, equipment rooms, and similar spaces located in space leased by SBC-13STATE from third-party property owners for purposes other than to house cables and other equipment in active service as part of SBC-13STATE's network distribution operations.
- 3.2 No Transfer of Property Rights to Attaching Party. Nothing contained in this Appendix, or any occupancy permit subject to this Appendix, shall create or vest (or be construed as creating or vesting) in either party any right, title, or interest in or to any real or personal property owned by the other.
- 3.3 No Effect on SBC-13STATE's Right to Abandon, Convey or Transfer Structure. Nothing contained in this Appendix, or any occupancy permit subject to this Appendix, shall in any way affect SBC-13STATE's right to abandon, convey, or transfer to any other person or entity SBC-13STATE's interest in any of SBC-13STATE's Structure. SBC-13STATE shall give Attaching Party at least 60 days written notice prior to abandoning, conveying, or transferring any Structure to which Attaching Party has already attached its facilities, or any Structure on which Attaching Party has already been assigned space. The notice shall identify the transferee, if any, to whom any such pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way is to be conveyed or transferred.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM, AND ELECTIVE TERMINATION

- 4.1 Effective Date. This Appendix shall be effective as of the _____ day of _____, 2003, or, if this Appendix has been entered into as an appendix, attachment, or exhibit to an interconnection Appendix between the parties, the date of approval by the State Commission of the interconnection Appendix, whichever date first occurs.
- 4.2 Initial Term. Unless sooner terminated as herein provided, the initial term of this Appendix shall run from the effective date until the end of the calendar year which includes the effective date. In the event this Appendix is entered into as a part of an Interconnection Appendix, this Appendix shall terminate upon the termination of the Interconnection Appendix of which this is apart.
- 4.3 Automatic Renewal. Unless sooner terminated as herein provided, this Appendix shall be automatically renewed for successive one-year terms beginning on the first day of each calendar year after the effective date, or in the same fashion as the Interconnection Appendix renews, if a part of the Interconnection Appendix.
- 4.4 Elective Termination. Either party may terminate this Appendix by giving the other party at least six months prior written notice as provided in this section. The notice of termination shall state the effective date of termination, which date shall be no earlier than the last to occur of the following dates: the last day of the current term of this Appendix or six months after the date the notice is given.
- 4.5 Elective Termination by SBC-13STATE. Attaching Party shall, within 60 days after the effective date of the elective termination by SBC-13STATE, either initiate negotiations for continued access to SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way or remove its facilities in accordance with the provisions of Section 28 of this Appendix.

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- 4.6 Effect of Elective Termination. Elective termination of this Appendix by Attaching Party, as permitted under Section 4 of this Appendix, shall not affect Attaching Party's liabilities and obligations incurred under this Appendix prior to the effective date of termination and shall not entitle Attaching Party to the refund of any advance payment made to SBC-13STATE under this Appendix. Elective termination of this Appendix by SBC-13STATE shall not affect SBC-13STATE's obligations to afford access to SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way owned or controlled by SBC-13STATE as required by the Pole Attachment Act, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and other applicable laws, regulations, and commission orders.

5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 5.1 Entire Appendix. This Appendix, together with the interconnection Appendix, if any, of which this Appendix is a part, and the Guidelines for Access to SBC-13STATE Structure, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, sets forth the entire understanding and Appendix of the parties.
- 5.2 Prior Agreements Superseded. This Appendix supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, between Attaching Party and SBC-13STATE relating to the placement and maintenance of Attaching Party's facilities on and within SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, and conduits within this State.
- 5.3 Amendments Shall Be in Writing. Except as otherwise specifically provided to the contrary by other provisions of this Appendix, the terms and conditions of this Appendix shall not be amended, changed or altered except in writing and with approval by authorized representatives of both parties.
- 5.4 Survival of Obligations. Any liabilities or obligations of either party for acts or omissions prior to the termination of this Appendix, any obligations of either party under provisions of this Appendix relating to confidential and proprietary information, indemnification, limitations of liability, and any other provisions of this Appendix which, by their terms, are contemplated to survive (or be performed after) termination of this Appendix, will survive the termination of this Appendix.
- 5.5 Multiple Counterparts. This Appendix may be executed in multiple counterparts.
- 5.6 Effect on Licenses or Occupancy Permits Issued Under Prior Agreements. All currently effective pole attachment and conduit occupancy permits granted to Attaching Party shall, on the effective date of this Appendix, be subject to the rates, terms, conditions, and procedures set forth in this Appendix.
- 5.7 Force Majeure. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Appendix, neither party will be liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Appendix caused by a Force Majeure condition, including acts of the United States of America or any state, territory, or political subdivision thereof, acts of God or a public enemy, fires, floods, disputes, freight embargoes, earthquakes, volcanic actions, wars, civil disturbances, cable cuts, or other causes beyond the reasonable control of the party claiming excusable delay or other failure to perform; provided, however, that Force Majeure will not include acts of any governmental authority relating to environmental, health, or safety conditions at work locations. If any Force Majeure condition occurs, the party whose performance fails or is delayed because of such Force Majeure condition will give prompt notice to the other party, and, upon cessation of such Force Majeure condition, will give like notice and commence performance hereunder as promptly as reasonably practicable.
- 5.8 Severability. If any article, section, subsection, or other provision or portion of this Appendix is or becomes invalid under any applicable statute or rule of law, and such invalidity does not materially alter the essence of this Appendix as to either party, the invalidity of such provision shall not render this entire Appendix unenforceable and this Appendix shall be administered as if it did not contain the invalid provision.
- 5.9 Choice of Law. Except to the extent that federal law controls any aspect of this Appendix, the validity of this Appendix, the construction and enforcement of its terms, and the interpretation of the rights and duties of the parties will be governed by the laws of this State, applied without regard to the provisions of this State's laws relating to conflicts-of-laws.

- 5.10 Changes in the Law. The parties agree to negotiate in good faith changes to this Appendix to conform to changes applicable law pertaining to access to poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way, including the Pole Attachment Act.
- 5.11 The parties shall at all times observe and comply with, and the provisions of this Appendix are subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations which in any manner affect the rights and obligations of the parties.

6. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES

- 6.1 SBC-13STATE MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AND DISCLAIMS ANY WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, THAT SBC-13STATE'S POLES, DUCTS, CONDUITS AND WARRANTIES ARE SUITABLE FOR THE ATTACHING PARTY'S INTENDED USES OR ARE FREE FROM DEFECTS. THE ATTACHING PARTY SHALL IN EVERY INSTANCE BE RESPONSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE ADEQUACY OF SBC-13STATE'S POLES, DUCTS, CONDUITS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE ATTACHING PARTY'S INTENDED USE.

7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 7.1 In the event that this Appendix is a part of an Interconnect Agreement between the parties, the dispute resolution provisions of the Interconnection Agreement shall apply to disputes under this Appendix.

8. INDEMNIFICATION

- 8.1 Definitions. The term "Claims" as used in Section 8 shall mean any suit, claim, demand, loss, damage, liability, fee, fine, penalty, or expense, of every kind and character.
- 8.2 Indemnities Excluded. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this article, neither party (as an "indemnifying party") shall be required to indemnify or defend the other party (as an "indemnified party") against, or hold the indemnified party harmless from, any Claims arising out of:
- 8.2.1 any breach by the indemnified party of any provision of this Appendix or any breach by the indemnified party of the parties' interconnection Appendix, if any;
- 8.2.2 the violation of any law by any employee of the indemnified party or other person acting on the indemnified party's behalf;
- 8.2.3 willful or intentional misconduct or gross negligence committed by any employee of the indemnified party or by any other person acting on the indemnified party's behalf; or
- 8.2.4 any negligent act or acts committed by any employee of the indemnified party or other person acting on the indemnified party's behalf, if such negligent act or acts are the sole producing cause of the injury, loss, or damage giving rise to the Claim for which indemnity is requested.
- 8.3 Workplace Injuries. Except as expressly provided in this Appendix to the contrary, each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any injury, loss, or damage suffered by any person, which arises out of or in connection with the personal injury or death of any employee of the indemnifying party (or other person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf) if such injury or death results, in whole or in part, from any occurrence or condition on, within, or in the vicinity of SBC-13STATE's Structure.
- 8.4 Other Claims Brought Against Either Party by Employees and Other Persons Acting on the Other Party's Behalf. Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims (other than workplace injury claims subject to Section 8.3 above) made, brought, or sought against the indemnified party by any employee, contractor, or subcontractor of the indemnifying party or by any other person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf.

- 8.5 THE INDEMNIFYING PARTY'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS UNDER SECTIONS 8.3-8.4 SHALL ARISE EVEN IF THE INJURY, SICKNESS, DISEASE, OR DEATH WAS ATTRIBUTABLE IN PART TO NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE INDEMNIFIED PARTY.
- 8.6 Claims Brought Against Either Party by Vendors, Suppliers and Customers of the Other Party. Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims (other than workplace injury claims subject to Section 8.3, or other claims subject to Section 8.4) made, brought, or sought against the indemnified party by any vendor, supplier, or customer of the indemnifying party.
- 8.7 Injuries to Third Parties and Third party Property Owners Resulting from the Parties' Conduct. Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with the personal injury or death of any third party or physical damage to real or personal property owned by a third party, arising, in whole or in part, out of or in connection with the conduct of employees of the indemnifying party or other persons acting on the indemnifying party's behalf.
- 8.8 Indemnification for Environmental Claims.
- 8.8.1 Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with the violation or breach, by any employee of the indemnifying party or other person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf, of
- 8.8.1.1 any federal, state, or local environmental statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other law or
- 8.8.1.2 any provision or requirement of this Appendix dealing with hazardous substances or protection of the environment.
- 8.8.2 Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with the release or discharge, onto any public or private property, of any hazardous substances, regardless of the source of such hazardous substances, by any employee of the indemnifying party, or by any person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf, while present on, within, or in the vicinity of any SBC-13STATE pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way.
- 8.8.3 Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with the removal or disposal of any hazardous substances by the indemnifying party or by any person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf, or arising out of or in connection with the subsequent storage, processing or other handling of such hazardous substances by any person or entity after they have been removed by the indemnifying party or persons acting on the indemnifying party's behalf from the site of any SBC-13STATE pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way.
- 8.8.4 Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, neither party shall be required to indemnify or defend the other party against, or hold the other party harmless from any Claims for which the other party may be liable under any federal, state, or local environmental statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other law.
- 8.9 Miscellaneous Claims. Attaching Party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold SBC-13STATE harmless from any and all Claims, of every kind and character, made, brought, or sought against SBC-13STATE by any person or entity, arising out of or in connection with the subject matter of this Appendix and based on either:
- 8.9.1 Claims for taxes, municipal fees, franchise fees, right-to-use fees, and other special charges assessed on SBC-13STATE due to the placement or presence of Attaching Party's facilities on or within SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way; or

- 8.9.2 Claims based on the violation by Attaching Party of any third party's intellectual property rights, including but not limited to claims for copyright infringement, patent infringement, or unauthorized use or transmission of television or radio broadcast programs or other program material.
- 8.10 Attaching Party's General Indemnity Obligations to SBC-13STATE. This section applies only in those situations not expressly covered by Sections 8.3-8.10 and does not apply to any Claims resulting from Attaching Party's enforcement of its rights against SBC-13STATE pursuant to this Appendix or other provisions in the parties' interconnection Appendix, if any. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Appendix to the contrary, and subject to the exclusions set forth in Section 8.2, Attaching Party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold SBC-13STATE harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with Attaching Party's access to or use of SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way, Attaching Party's performance of any acts authorized under this Appendix, or the presence or activities of Attaching Party's employees or other personnel acting on Attaching Party's behalf on, within, or in the vicinity of SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way.
- 8.11 SBC-13STATE's General Indemnity Obligations to Attaching Party. This section applies only in those situations not expressly covered by Sections 8.3-8.9 and does not apply to any Claims resulting from SBC-13STATE's enforcement of its rights against Attaching Party pursuant to this Appendix or other provisions in the parties' interconnection Agreement, if any. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Appendix to the contrary, SBC-13STATE shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold Attaching Party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with SBC-13STATE's access to or use of SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way, SBC-13STATE's performance of any acts authorized under this Appendix, or the presence or activities of SBC-13STATE's employees or other personnel acting on SBC-13STATE's behalf on, within, or in the vicinity of SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way.

9. LIABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

- 9.1 EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY FOR SPECIAL, INDIRECT, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOSS OF ANTICIPATED PROFITS OR REVENUE OR OTHER ECONOMIC LOSS IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING FROM ANY ACT OR FAILURE TO ACT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT, EVEN IF THE OTHER PARTY HAS ADVISED SUCH PARTY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. THIS SECTION LIMITS EACH PARTY'S LIABILITY FOR INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH NEGLIGENT (INCLUDING GROSSLY NEGLIGENT) ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF SUCH PARTY BUT DOES NOT LIMIT EITHER PARTY'S LIABILITY FOR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT.
- 9.2 SBC-13STATE Not Liable to Attaching Party for Acts of Third Parties or Acts of God. By affording Attaching Party access to SBC-13STATE Structure SBC-13STATE does not warrant, guarantee, or insure the uninterrupted use of such facilities by Attaching Party. Except as specifically provided in Section 9.5 of this Appendix, Attaching Party assumes all risks of injury, loss, or damage (and the consequences of any such injury, loss, or damage) to Attaching Party's facilities attached to SBC-13STATE's poles or placed in SBC-13STATE's Structure and SBC-13STATE shall not be liable to Attaching Party for any damages to Attaching Party's facilities other than as provided in Section 9.5. In no event shall SBC-13STATE be liable to Attaching Party under this Agreement for any death of person or injury, loss, or damage resulting from the acts or omissions of (1) any Other User or any person acting on behalf of an Other User, (2) any governmental body or governmental employee, (3) any third-party property owner or persons acting on behalf of such property owner, or (4) any permit, invitee, trespasser, or other person present at the site or in the vicinity of any SBC-13STATE pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way in any capacity other than as a SBC-13STATE employee or person acting on SBC-13STATE's behalf. In no event shall SBC-13STATE be

liable to Attaching Party under this Agreement for injuries, losses, or damages resulting from acts of God (including but not limited to storms, floods, fires, and earthquakes), wars, civil disturbances, espionage or other criminal acts committed by persons or entities not acting on SBC-13STATE's behalf, cable cuts by persons other than SBC-13STATE's employees or persons acting on SBC-13STATE's behalf, or other causes beyond SBC-13STATE's control which occur at sites subject to this Appendix.

- 9.3 Damage to Facilities. Each party shall exercise due care to avoid damaging the facilities of the other or of Other Users and hereby assumes all responsibility for any and all loss from damage caused by the party and persons acting on the party's behalf. A party shall make an immediate report to the other of the occurrence of any damage and hereby agrees to reimburse the other party, and/or Other Users for any property damaged caused by the party or persons acting on the party's behalf.
- 9.4 No Limitations of Liability in Contravention of Federal or State Law. Nothing contained in this article shall be construed as exempting either party from any liability, or limiting such party's liability, in contravention of federal law or in contravention of the laws of this State.

10. INSURANCE

- 10.1 At all times in which the Attaching Party has attachments to SBC-13STATE poles, or is occupying SBC-13STATE conduit or right-of-way, Attaching Party shall keep and maintain in force, at its own expense, the minimum insurance coverage and limits set for below. Such insurance and coverage shall not only cover the Attaching Party, but it must cover all contractors, subcontractors and/or any other person acting on Attaching Party's behalf, that are providing services under this Appendix.
- 10.1.1 Workers' Compensation insurance with benefits afforded under the laws of each state covered by this Appendix and Employers Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 for Bodily Injury-each accident, \$500,000 for Bodily Injury by disease-policy limits and \$1,000,000 for Bodily Injury by disease-each employee.
- 10.1.2 Commercial General Liability insurance with minimum limits of: \$10,000,000 General Aggregate limit; \$5,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for all bodily injury or property damage incurred in any one occurrence; \$1,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for Personal Injury and Advertising; \$10,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate limit, with a \$5,000,000 each-occurrence sub-limit for Products/Completed Operations.
- 10.1.3 Automobile Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limits per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, with coverage extending to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles.
- 10.2 Attaching Party agrees to name SBC-13STATE as an Additional Insured on the Commercial General Liability policy and Commercial Automobile Liability Policy.
- 10.3 SBC-13STATE agrees to accept the Attaching Party's program of self-insurance in lieu of insurance coverage if certain requirements are met. These requirements are as follows:
- 10.3.1 Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability: Attaching Party submit to SBC-13STATE its Certificate of Authority to Self-Insure its Workers' Compensation obligations issued by each state covered by this Appendix or the employer's state of hire; and
- 10.3.2 Automobile liability: Attaching Party shall submit to SBC-13STATE a copy of the state-issued letter approving self-insurance for automobile liability issued by each state covered by this Appendix; and
- 10.3.3 General liability: Attaching Party must provide evidence acceptable to SBC-13STATE 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.
- 10.4 All insurance required in accordance with this section must be in effect before SBC-13STATE will issue pole attachment or conduit occupancy permits under this Appendix.

- 10.5. Attaching Party agrees to provide **SBC-13STATE** 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.

11. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

- 11.1 **Assignment Permitted.** Neither party may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this Appendix except as provided in this section.

11.1.1 **SBC-13STATE** may assign its rights, delegate its benefits, and delegate its duties and obligations under this Appendix, without Attaching Party's consent, to any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with **SBC-13STATE** or which acquires or succeeds to ownership of substantially all of **SBC-13STATE's** assets.

- 11.1.2 Overlashing of Attaching Party's facilities on **SBC-13STATE** poles by a third party will be allowed under the following conditions:

11.1.2.1 The Overlashing entity must enter into an Appendix with **SBC-13STATE** for access to **SBC-13STATE** Structures and abide by the terms and conditions of such an Occupancy Permit.

11.1.2.2 The Overlashing entity must obtain written approval from the Attaching Party and provide a copy to **SBC-13STATE** prior to submitting a request for access to structure.

11.1.2.3 The Overlashing party must submit a written request for access to structure, and indicate on the request that the request is for Overlashing of an existing attachment of the Attaching Party.

11.1.2.4 The Overlashing entity is responsible for paying the fees for Overlashing in APPENDIX I and/or APPENDIX PRICING which are separate and in addition to the fees paid by the Attaching Party.

11.1.3 Attaching Party may, ancillary to a bona fide loan transaction between Attaching Party and any lender, and without **SBC-13STATE's** consent, grant security interests or make collateral assignments in substantially all of Attaching Party's assets, including Attaching Party's rights under this Appendix, subject to the express terms of this Appendix. In the event Attaching Party's lender, in the bona fide exercise of its rights as a secured lender, forecloses on its security interest or arranges for a third party to acquire Attaching Party's assets through public or private sale or through an Agreement with Attaching Party, Attaching Party's lender or the third party acquiring Attaching Party's rights under this Appendix shall assume all outstanding obligations of Attaching Party under the agreement and provide proof satisfactory to **SBC-13STATE** that such lender or third party has complied or will comply with all requirements established under this Appendix. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Appendix to the contrary, such foreclosure by Attaching Party's lender or acquisition of assets by such third party shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement and, upon such foreclosure or acquisition, Attaching Party's lender or such third party shall succeed to all rights and remedies of Attaching Party under this Agreement (other than those rights and remedies, if any, which have not been transferred and, if Attaching Party is a debtor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code, those rights, if any, which remain a part of the debtor's estate notwithstanding an attempted foreclosure or transfer) and to all duties and obligations of Attaching Party under the Agreement, including liability to **SBC-13STATE** for any act, omission, default, or obligation that arose or occurred under the Agreement prior to the date on which such lender or third party succeeds to the rights of Attaching Party under the Agreement, as applicable.

11.1.4 No assignment or transfer by Attaching Party of rights under this Agreement, occupancy permit subject to this Agreement, or authorizations granted under this Agreement shall be effective until Attaching Party, its successors, and assigns have complied with the provisions of this article, secured **SBC-13STATE's** prior written consent to the assignment or transfer, if necessary, and given **SBC-13STATE** notice of the assignment or transfer pursuant to Section 11.3.

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- 11.2 Incorporations, Mergers, Acquisitions, and Other Changes in Attaching Party's Legal Identity. When the legal identity or status of Attaching Party changes, whether by incorporation, reincorporation, merger, acquisition, or otherwise, such change shall be treated as an assignment subject to the provisions of this article.
- 11.3 Assignment Shall Not Relieve Attaching Party of Prior Obligations. Except as otherwise expressly agreed by SBC-13STATE in writing, no assignment permitted by SBC-13STATE under this Agreement shall relieve Attaching Party of any obligations arising under or in connection with this Agreement, including but not limited to indemnity obligations under Section 8 of this Agreement or the interconnection agreement, if any.
- 11.4 Satisfaction of Existing Obligations and Assumption of Contingent Liabilities. SBC-13STATE may condition its approval of any requested assignment or transfer on the assignee's or successor's payment or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations of Attaching Party under this Agreement and the assignee's or successor's assumption of any liabilities, or contingent liabilities, of Attaching Party arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.
- 11.5 Sub-Permits Prohibited. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as granting Attaching Party the right to sublease, sublicense, or otherwise transfer any rights under this Agreement or occupancy permits subject to this Agreement to any third party. Except as otherwise expressly permitted in this Agreement, Attaching Party shall not allow third party to attach or place facilities to or in pole or conduit space occupied by or assigned to Attaching Party or to utilize such space.

12. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT OR OCCUPANCY PERMITS; REMEDIES FOR BREACHES

- 12.1 Termination Due to Non-Use of Facilities or Loss of Required Authority. This Appendix and all occupancy permits subject to this Appendix shall terminate if Attaching Party ceases to have authority to do business or ceases to do business in this State, ceases to have authority to provide or ceases to provide cable television services in this State (if Attaching Party is cable television system having access to SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits or rights-of-way solely to provide cable television service), ceases to have authority to provide or ceases to provide telecommunications services in this State (if Attaching Party is a telecommunications carrier which does not also have authority to provide cable television service in this State), or ceases to make active use of SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way.
- 12.2 Individual occupancy permits subject to this Appendix shall terminate if (a) Attaching Party ceases to utilize the pole attachment or conduit or right of way space subject to such occupancy permit or (b) Attaching Party's permission to use or have access to particular poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way has been revoked, denied, or terminated, or local governmental authority or third-party property owner having authority to revoke, deny, or terminate such use or access.
- 12.3 Limitation, Termination, or Refusal of Access for Certain Material Breaches. Attaching Party's access to SBC-13STATE's Structure shall not materially interfere with or impair service over any facilities of SBC-13STATE or any Other User, cause material damage to SBC-13STATE's plant or the plant of any Other User, impair the privacy of communications carried over the facilities of SBC-13STATE or any Other User, or create serious hazards to the health or safety of any persons working on, within, or in the vicinity of SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, rights-of-way or to the public. Upon reasonable notice and opportunity to cure, SBC-13STATE may limit, terminate or refuse access if Attaching Party violates this provision.
- 12.4 Notice and Opportunity to Cure Breach. In the event of any claimed breach of this Agreement by either party, the aggrieved party may give written notice of such claimed breach.
- 12.5 The complaining party shall not be entitled to pursue any remedies available under this Agreement or relevant law unless such notice is given, and
- 12.5.1 the breaching party fails to cure the breach within 30 days of such notice, if the breach is one which can be cured within 30 days, or

12.5.2 the breaching party fails to commence promptly and pursue diligently a cure of the breach, if the required cure is such that more than 30 days will be required to effect such cure.

- 12.6 **Remedies for Breach.** Subject to the provisions of this article, either party may terminate this Agreement in the event of a material breach by the other party or exercise any other legal or equitable right which such party may have to enforce the provisions of this Agreement. In any action based on an alleged breach of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses incurred by such party, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees.

13. FAILURE TO ENFORCE

- 13.1 **No Waiver.** The failure by either party to take action to enforce compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, to give notice of any breach, or to terminate this Agreement or any occupancy permit or authorization subject to this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver or relinquishment of any term or condition of this Agreement, a waiver or relinquishment of the right to give notice of breach, or waiver or relinquishment of any right to terminate this Agreement.

14. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

- 14.1 **Information Provided by Attaching Party to SBC-13STATE.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Appendix, all company-specific and customer-specific information submitted by Attaching Party to **SBC-13STATE** in connection with this Appendix (including but not limited to information submitted in connection with Attaching Party's applications for occupancy permit shall be deemed to be "confidential" or "proprietary" information of Attaching Party and shall be subject to the terms set forth in this article. Confidential or proprietary information specifically includes information or knowledge related to Attaching Party's review of records regarding a particular market area, or relating to assignment of space to Attaching Party in a particular market area, and further includes knowledge or information about the timing of Attaching Party's request for or review of records or its inquiry about **SBC-13STATE** facilities. This article does not limit the use by **SBC-13STATE** of aggregate information relating to the occupancy and use of **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure by firms other than **SBC-13STATE** (that is, information submitted by Attaching Party and aggregated by **SBC-13STATE** in a manner that does not directly or indirectly identify Attaching Party).
- 14.2 **Access Limited to Persons with a Need to Know.** Confidential or proprietary information provided by Attaching Party to **SBC-13STATE** in connection with this Agreement shall not be disclosed to, shared with, or accessed by any person or persons other than those who have a need to know such information for the limited purposes set forth in Sections 14.3-14.6.
- 14.3 **Permitted Uses of Attaching Party's Confidential Information.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 14.1 and 14.2 above, **SBC-13STATE** and persons acting on **SBC-13STATE**'s behalf may utilize Attaching Party's confidential or proprietary information for the following purposes:
- 14.3.1 posting information, as necessary, to **SBC-13STATE**'s outside plant records;
 - 14.3.2 placing, constructing, installing, operating, utilizing, maintaining, monitoring, inspecting, repairing, relocating, transferring, conveying, removing, or managing **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure and any **SBC-13STATE** facilities located on, within, or in the vicinity of such Structure;
 - 14.3.3 performing **SBC-13STATE**'s obligations under this Agreement and similar agreements with third parties;
 - 14.3.4 determining which of **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure are (or may in the future be) available for **SBC-13STATE**'s own use, and making planning, engineering, construction, and budgeting decisions relating to **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure;
 - 14.3.5 preparing cost studies;
 - 14.3.6 responding to regulatory requests for information;

14.3.7 maintaining SBC-13STATE's financial accounting records; and

14.3.8 complying with other legal requirements relating to Structure.

14.4 **Defense of Claims.** In the event of a dispute between SBC-13STATE and any person or entity, including Attaching Party, concerning SBC-13STATE's performance of this Agreement, satisfaction of obligations under similar agreements with third parties, compliance with the Pole Attachment Act, compliance with the Telecommunications Act of 1996, or compliance with other federal, state, or local laws, regulations, commission orders, and the like, SBC-13STATE may utilize confidential or proprietary information submitted by Attaching Party in connection with this Appendix as may be reasonable or necessary to demonstrate compliance, protect itself from allegations of wrongdoing, or comply with subpoenas, court orders, or reasonable discovery requests; provided, however, that SBC-13STATE shall not disclose Attaching Party's proprietary or confidential information without first, at SBC-13STATE's option:

14.4.1 obtaining an agreed protective order or nondisclosure Agreement that preserves the confidential and proprietary nature of Attaching Party's information;

14.4.2 seeking such a protective order as provided by law if no agreed protective order or nondisclosure Agreement can be obtained; or

14.4.3 providing Attaching Party notice of the subpoena, demand, or order and an opportunity to take affirmative steps of its own to protect such proprietary or confidential information.

14.5 **Response to Subpoenas, Court Orders, and Agency Orders.** Nothing contained in this article shall be construed as precluding SBC-13STATE from complying with any subpoena, civil or criminal investigative demand, or other order issued or entered by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction; provided, however, that SBC-13STATE shall not disclose Attaching Party's proprietary or confidential information without first, at SBC-13STATE's option:

14.5.1 obtaining an agreed protective order or nondisclosure Agreement that preserves the confidential and proprietary nature of Attaching Party's information;

14.5.2 seeking such a protective order as provided by law if no agreed protective order or nondisclosure Agreement can be obtained; or

14.5.3 providing Attaching Party notice of the subpoena, demand, or order and an opportunity to take affirmative steps of its own to protect such proprietary or confidential information.

15. ACCESS TO RIGHTS-OF-WAY

15.1 To the extent SBC-13STATE has the authority to do so, SBC-13STATE grants Attaching Party a right to use any right-of-way for SBC-13STATE poles, ducts, or conduits to which Attaching Party may attach its facilities for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining such Attaching Party's facilities on SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts or conduits. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Attaching Party shall be responsible for determining the necessity of and obtaining from private and/or public authority any necessary consent, easement, right of way, license, permit, permission, certification or franchise to construct, operate and/or maintain its facilities on private and public property at the location of the SBC-13STATE pole, duct or conduit to which Attaching Party seeks to attach its facilities. Attaching Party shall furnish proof of any such easement, right of way, license, permit, permission, certification, or franchise within thirty (30) days of request by SBC-13STATE. SBC-13STATE does not warrant the validity or apportionability of any rights it may hold to place facilities on private property.

15.2 **Private Rights-of-Way Not Owned or Controlled by Either Party.** Neither party shall restrict or interfere with the other party's access to or right to occupy property owned by third-parties which is not subject to the other party's control, including property as to which either party has access subject to non-exclusive rights-of-way. Each party shall make its own, independent legal assessment of its right to enter upon or use the property of third-party property owners and shall bear all expenses, including legal expenses, involved in making such determinations.

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- 15.3 Access to Rights-of-Way Generally. At locations where **SBC-13STATE** has access to third-party property pursuant to non-exclusive rights-of-way, **SBC-13STATE** shall not interfere with Attaching Party's negotiations with third-party property owners for similar access or with Attaching Party's access to such property pursuant to easements or other rights-of-ways obtained by Attaching Party from the property owner. At locations where **SBC-13STATE** has obtained exclusive rights-of-way from third-party property owners or otherwise controls the right-of-way, **SBC-13STATE** shall, to the extent space is available, and subject to reasonable safety, reliability, and engineering conditions, provide access to Attaching Party on a nondiscriminatory basis, provided that the underlying agreement with the property owner permits **SBC-13STATE** to provide such access, and provided further that **SBC-13STATE**'s charges for such access shall include Attaching Party's pro rata portion of the charges, if any, paid by **SBC-13STATE** to obtain the right-of-way, plus any other documented legal, administrative, and engineering costs incurred by **SBC-13STATE** in obtaining the right-of-way and processing Attaching Party's request for access.

16. SPECIFICATIONS

- 16.1 Compliance with Requirements, Specifications, and Standards. Attaching Party's facilities attached to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles or occupying space in **SBC-13STATE**'s ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way shall be attached, placed, constructed, maintained, repaired, and removed in full compliance with the requirements, specifications, and standards specified in this Appendix and the Administrative Guide.
- 16.1.1 **SBC CALIFORNIA ONLY-** In addition to the terms and conditions included in this Appendix, **SBC CALIFORNIA** shall comply with any requirements set forth in California Public Utility Commission Decision 98-10-058.
- 16.2 Published Standards. Attaching Party's facilities shall be placed, constructed, maintained, repaired, and removed in accordance with current (as of the date when such work is performed) editions of the following publications:
- 16.2.1 the Blue Book Manual of Construction Procedures, Special Report SR-TAP-001421, published by Bell Communications Research, Inc. ("Bellcore"), and sometimes referred to as the "Blue Book";
- 16.2.2 the National Electrical Safety Code ("NESC"), published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc. ("IEEE");
- 16.2.3 the National Electrical Code ("NEC"), published by the National Fire Protection Association ("NFPA");
- 16.2.4 California Public Utility Commission's General Orders 95 and 128 for attachments to Pacific Bell Telephone Company poles, ducts, conduits and rights of way; and,
- 16.2.5 the **SBC-13STATE** Structure Access Guidelines
- 16.3 Opening of Manholes and Access to Conduit. The following requirements apply to the opening of **SBC-13STATE**'s manholes and access to **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system.
- 16.3.1 Attaching Party will notify **SBC-13STATE** not less than 5 business days in advance before entering **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system to perform non-emergency work operations. Such operations shall be conducted during normal business hours except as otherwise agreed by the parties. The notice shall state the general nature of the work to be performed.
- 16.3.2 An authorized employee or representative of **SBC-13STATE** may be present any time when Attaching Party or personnel acting on Attaching Party's behalf enter or perform work within **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system. Attaching Party shall reimburse **SBC-13STATE** for costs associated with the presence of **SBC-13STATE**'s authorized employee or representative.
- 16.3.3 Each party must obtain any necessary authorization from appropriate authorities to open manholes.

17. ACCESS TO RECORDS

- 17.1 **SBC-13STATE** will, upon request and at the expense of the Attaching Party, provide Attaching Party access to and copies of redacted maps, records and additional information relating to the location, capacity and utilization of **SBC-13STATE's** Structure. Upon request, **SBC-13STATE** will meet with the Attaching Party to clarify matters relating to maps, records or additional information. **SBC-13STATE** does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of information on any maps or records.
- 17.2 Maps, records or information are and remain the proprietary property of **SBC-13STATE**, are provided to the Attaching Party solely for the pursue of enabling the Attaching Party to obtain access to **SBC-13STATE's** Structure, and may not be resold, reproduced or disseminated by the Attaching Party.
- 17.3 **SBC-13STATE** will provide information currently available on the **SBC-13STATE's** maps and/or records regarding:
- 17.3.1 the location of Structure and street addresses for manholes and poles as shown on **SBC-13STATE's** maps;
 - 17.3.2 the footage between manholes or lateral ducts lengths, as shown on **SBC-13STATE's** maps;
 - 17.3.3 the footage between poles, if shown on **SBC-13STATE's** maps;
 - 17.3.4 the total capacity of the Structure
 - 17.3.5 the existing utilization of the Structure.
- 17.4 **SBC-13STATE** will not acquire additional information or provide information in formats other than that in which it currently exists and is maintained by **SBC-13STATE**.
- 17.5 **SBC-13STATE** will expunge any confidential or proprietary information from its maps and records prior to providing access to the same to the Attaching Party.

18. APPLICATIONS AND PRE-OCCUPANCY PERMIT SURVEYS

- 18.1 Occupancy Permits Required. Attaching Party shall apply in writing for and receive an occupancy permit before attaching facilities to specified **SBC-13STATE** poles or placing facilities within specified **SBC-13STATE** ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way.
- 18.2 Structure Access Request Form. To apply for an occupancy permit under this Appendix, Attaching Party shall submit to **SBC-13STATE** the appropriate **SBC-13STATE** request forms. Attaching Party shall promptly withdraw or amend its request if, at any time prior to the 45th day, it has determined that it no longer seeks access to specific **SBC-13STATE** Structure.
- 18.3 Make-Ready Survey. A Make-Ready survey must be completed by **SBC-13STATE** or the Attaching Party before an occupancy permit is issued. The primary purposes of the make ready survey will be to enable **SBC-13STATE** to
- 18.3.1 confirm or determine the modifications, capacity expansion, and make-ready work, if any, necessary to accommodate Attaching Party's attachment of facilities to **SBC-13STATE** structures;
 - 18.3.2 plan and engineer the facilities modification, capacity expansion, and make-ready work, if any, required to prepare **SBC-13STATE's** poles, ducts, conduits, rights-of-way, and associated facilities for Attaching Party's proposed attachments or occupancy; and
 - 18.3.3 estimate the costs associated with such facilities modification, capacity expansion, or make-ready work.

19. POLE, DUCT, AND CONDUIT SPACE ASSIGNMENTS

- 19.1 Selection of Space. **SBC-13STATE** will select or approve the Attaching Party's selection of the space Applicant will occupy on **SBC-13STATE's** poles or in **SBC-13STATE's** conduit systems. Maintenance ducts shall not be considered available for Attaching Party's use except as specifically provided elsewhere in this

Appendix. Where required by law or franchise agreement, ducts and attachment space on poles reserved for municipal use shall not be considered available for the Attaching Party's use. All other ducts, inner ducts, space on poles or space in rights-of-ways which are not assigned or occupied shall be deemed available for use by SBC-13STATE, Attaching Party, and other parties entitled to access under applicable law.

19.2 Pole, Duct, and Conduit Space Assignments.

19.2.1 After Attaching Party's application for a pole attachment or conduit occupancy permit has been approved by SBC-13STATE, the pole, duct, and conduit space selected and/or approved by SBC-13STATE in such application will be assigned to Attaching Party for a pre-occupancy period not to exceed twelve (12) months.

19.2.2 **SBC CALIFORNIA:** The pole, duct, and conduit space selected and/or approved by SBC-13STATE in such application will be assigned to Attaching Party for a pre-occupancy period not to exceed nine (9) months in **SBC CALIFORNIA** only as detailed by the California Public Utility Commission.

19.2.3 SBC-13STATE may assign space to itself by making appropriate entries in the same records used to log assignments to Attaching Party and third parties. If SBC-13STATE assigns pole, duct, or conduit space to itself, such assignment will automatically lapse 12 months after the date the assignment has been entered into the appropriate SBC-13STATE record if SBC-13STATE has not occupied such assigned space within such 12 month period.

19.2.4 **SBC CALIFORNIA:** Space assignment is 9 months in California.

19.2.5 Notices and applications including assignment requests will be date-and time-stamped on receipt.

20. **ISSUANCE OF OCCUPANCY PERMITS (INCLUDING MAKE-READY WORK)**

20.1 Response Within 45 Days. Within 45 days of Attaching Party's submission of a request for access to SBC-13STATE Structure, SBC-13STATE shall provide a written response to the application. The response shall state whether the request is being granted or denied, and if the request is denied, provide the reasons why the request is being denied. If denial of access is proposed, SBC-13STATE will meet with the Attaching Party and explore in good faith reasonable alternatives to accommodate the proposed attachment. The Attaching Party must request such meeting within ten (10) business days of receipt of a notice of denial. SBC-13STATE will schedule the meeting within ten (10) business days of receipt of the Attaching Party's written request for a meeting.

20.2 If access is granted the response will further advise Attaching Party in writing of:

20.2.1 what modifications, capacity expansions, or make-ready work, if any, will be required to prepare SBC-13STATE's Structure, and

20.2.2 an estimate of charges for such modifications, capacity expansions, or make-ready work.

20.3 Make-ready Work. If it is determined that make ready work will be necessary to accommodate Attaching Party's facilities, Attaching Party shall have 45 days (the "acceptance period") to either

20.3.1 submit payment for the estimate authorizing SBC-13STATE or its contractor to complete the make-ready work; or

20.3.2 advise SBC-13STATE of its willingness to perform the proposed make-ready work itself if permissible in the application area.

20.4 Make-ready work performed by Attaching Party, or by an authorized contractor selected by Attaching Party, shall be performed in accordance with SBC-13STATE's specifications and in accordance with the same standards and practices which would be followed if such work were being performed by SBC-13STATE or SBC-13STATE's contractors. Neither Attaching Party nor authorized contractors selected by Attaching Party shall conduct such work in any manner which degrades the integrity of SBC-13STATE's Structures or interferes with any existing use of SBC-13STATE's facilities or the facilities of any Other User.

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- 20.5 Payments to Others for Expenses Incurred in Transferring or Arranging Their Facilities. Attaching Party shall make arrangements with the Other Users with facilities attached to SBC-13STATE's poles or occupying space in SBC-13STATE's conduit system regarding reimbursement for any expenses incurred by the Other Users in transferring or rearranging the Other Users' facilities to accommodate the attachment or placement of Attaching Party's facilities to or in SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits and rights of ways.
- 20.6 Reimbursement for the Creation or Use of Additional Capacity. If any additional capacity is created as a result of make-ready work performed to accommodate Attaching Party's facilities, Attaching Party shall not have a preferential right to utilize such additional capacity in the future and shall not be entitled to any fees subsequently paid to SBC-13STATE for the use of such additional capacity. If SBC-13STATE utilizes additional space or capacity created at Attaching Party's expense, SBC-13STATE will reimburse Attaching Party on a pro-rata basis for SBC-13STATE's share, if any, of Attaching Party's capacity expansion costs, to the extent reimbursement is required by applicable rules, regulations, and commission orders. SBC-13STATE will notify the Attaching Party if any entity, including SBC-13STATE, attaches facilities to additional capacity on SBC-13STATE's Structure created at the Attaching Party's expense. SBC-13STATE shall not be required to collect or remit any such amounts to Attaching Party, to resolve or adjudicate disputes over reimbursement between Attaching Party and Other Users.
- 20.7 If Attaching Party utilizes space or capacity on any SBC-13STATE Structure created at SBC-13STATE's expense after February of 1996, the Attaching Party will reimburse Attaching Party on a pro-rata basis for the Attaching Party's share, if any, of SBC-13STATE's capacity creation costs.
- 20.8 Occupancy Permit and Attachment. After all required make-ready work is completed, SBC-13STATE will issue an occupancy permit confirming that Attaching Party may attach specified facilities to SBC-13STATE's Structure.
- 20.9 The Attaching Party must occupy the assigned space within a period not to exceed twelve (12) months from the issuance of the occupancy permit. If the Attaching Party does not occupy the assigned space within the twelve (12) month period, the Occupancy Permit will lapse and the space will be considered available for use by SBC-13STATE or Other User.
- *SBC CALIFORNIA only: Space assignment shall not exceed nine (9) months in California.
- 20.10 The Attaching Party's obligation to pay semiannual pole attachment or conduit occupancy fees will commence on the date the Occupancy Permit is provided by SBC-13STATE to the Attaching Party.

21. CONSTRUCTION OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

- 21.1 Responsibility for Attaching and Placing Facilities. The Attaching Party shall be responsible for the actual attachment of its facilities to SBC-13STATE's poles and the placement of such facilities in SBC-13STATE's ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way and shall be solely responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by it or on its behalf in connection with such activities.
- 21.2 Construction Schedule. After the issuance of an occupancy permit, Attaching Party shall provide SBC-13STATE with a construction schedule and thereafter keep SBC-13STATE informed of anticipated changes in the construction schedule.

22. USE AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

- 22.1 Routine Maintenance of Attaching Party's Facilities. Each occupancy permit subject to this Agreement authorizes Attaching Party to engage in routine maintenance of facilities located on or within SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, and conduits. Routine maintenance does not include the replacement or modification of Attaching Party's facilities in any manner which results in Attaching Party's facilities differing substantially in size, weight, or physical characteristics from the facilities described in Attaching Party's occupancy permit.

- 22.2 Short-term Use of Maintenance Ducts for Repair and Maintenance Activities. Maintenance ducts shall be available, on a nondiscriminatory basis, for short-term (not to exceed 30 days) non-emergency maintenance or repair activities by any entity with facilities in the conduit section in which the maintenance duct is located; provided, however, that use of the maintenance duct for non-emergency maintenance and repair activities must be scheduled by SBC-13STATE. A person or entity using the maintenance duct for non-emergency maintenance or repair activities shall immediately notify SBC-13STATE of such use and must either vacate the maintenance duct within 30 days or, with SBC-13STATE's consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, rearrange its facilities to ensure that at least one full-sized replacement maintenance duct (or, if the designated maintenance duct was an inner duct, a suitable replacement inner duct) is available for use by all occupants in the conduit section within 30 days after such person or entity occupies the maintenance duct. Cables temporarily placed in the maintenance duct on a non-emergency basis shall be subject to such accommodations as may be necessary to rectify emergencies which may occur while the maintenance duct is occupied.

23. MODIFICATION OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

- 23.1 Notification of Planned Modifications. Attaching Party shall notify SBC-13STATE in writing at least 30 days before adding to, relocating, replacing or otherwise modifying its facilities already attached to a SBC-13STATE Structure. The notice shall contain sufficient information to enable SBC-13STATE to determine whether the proposed addition, relocation, replacement, or modification is within the scope of Attaching Party's present occupancy permit or requires a new or amended occupancy permit.
- 23.2 Replacement of Facilities and Overlashing Additional Cables. Attaching Party may replace existing facilities with new facilities occupying the same SBC-13STATE Structure, and may overlash additional cables to its own existing facilities; provided, however, that such activities shall not be considered to be routine maintenance and shall be subject to the requirements of this article.

24. REQUIRED REARRANGEMENTS OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

- 24.1 Required Rearrangement of Attaching Party's Facilities. Attaching Party agrees that Attaching Party will cooperate with SBC-13STATE and other users in making rearrangements to SBC-13STATE Structure as may be necessary, and that costs incurred by Attaching Party in making such rearrangements shall, in the absence of a specific agreement to the contrary, be borne by the parties in accordance with then applicable law.
- 24.2 Whenever feasible, SBC-13STATE shall give Attaching Party not less than 30 days prior written notice of the need for Attaching Party to rearrange its facilities pursuant to this section. The notice shall state the date by which such rearrangements are to be completed. Attaching Party shall complete such rearrangements within the time prescribed in the notice. If Attaching Party does not rearrange facilities within noted time, SBC-13STATE will rearrange at Attaching Party's expense.

25. EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND POLE REPLACEMENTS

- 25.1 Responsibility for Emergency Repairs; Access to Maintenance Duct. In general, each party shall be responsible for making emergency repairs to its own facilities and for formulating appropriate plans and practices enabling such party to make such repairs.
- 25.1.1 Nothing contained in this Appendix shall be construed as requiring either party to perform any repair or service restoration work of any kind with respect to the other party's facilities or the facilities of joint users.
- 25.1.2 Maintenance ducts shall be available, on a nondiscriminatory basis, for emergency repair activities by any entity with facilities in the conduit section in which the maintenance duct is located; provided, however, that an entity using the maintenance duct for emergency repair activities will notify SBC-13STATE within 12 hours of the current business day (or first business day following a non-business day) that such entity is entering the SBC-13STATE conduit system and using the maintenance duct

for emergency restoral purposes. The notice will include a description of the emergency and non-emergency services involved and an estimate of the completion time. Maintenance ducts will be used to restore the highest priority services, as defined in Section 2.7, first. Existing spare ducts may be used for restoration purposes providing the spare ducts are restored after restoration work is complete. Any spare ducts not returned will be included be assigned to the user of the duct and an occupancy permit issued.

- 25.1.3 The Attaching Party shall either vacate the maintenance duct within 30 days or, with **SBC-13STATE**'s consent, rearrange its facilities to ensure that at least one full-sized replacement maintenance duct (or, if the designated maintenance duct was an inner-duct, a suitable replacement inner-duct) is available for use by all occupants in the conduit section within 30 days after such person or entity occupies the maintenance ducts. Entities not vacating the maintenance duct must provide an immediate maintenance duct at the entity's cost.
- 25.2 Designation of Emergency Repair Coordinators and Other Information. For each **SBC-13STATE** construction district, Attaching Party shall provide **SBC-13STATE** with the emergency contact number of Attaching Party's designated point of contact for coordinating the handling of emergency repairs of Attaching Party's facilities and shall thereafter notify **SBC-13STATE** of changes to such information.
- 25.3 Order of Precedence of Work Operations; Access to Maintenance Duct and Other Unoccupied Ducts in Emergency Situations. When notice and coordination are practicable, **SBC-13STATE**, Attaching Party, and other affected parties shall coordinate repair and other work operations in emergency situations involving service disruptions. Disputes will be immediately resolved at the site by the affected parties present in accordance with the following principles.
- 25.3.1 Emergency service restoration work requirements shall take precedence over other work operations.
- 25.3.2 Except as otherwise agreed upon by the parties, restoration of lines for emergency services providers (e.g., 911, fire, police, national security and hospital lines) shall be given the highest priority and temporary occupancy of the maintenance duct (and, if necessary, other unoccupied ducts) shall be assigned in a manner consistent with this priority. Secondary priority shall be given to restoring services to the local service providers with the greatest numbers of local lines out of service due to the emergency being rectified. The parties shall exercise good faith in assigning priorities, shall base their decisions on the best information then available to them at the site in question, and may, by mutual agreement at the site, take other factors into consideration in assigning priorities and sequencing service restoration activities.
- 25.3.3 **SBC-13STATE** shall determine the order of precedence of work operations and assignment of duct space in the maintenance duct (and other unoccupied ducts) only if the affected parties present are unable to reach prompt agreement; provided, however, that these decisions shall be made by **SBC-13STATE** on a nondiscriminatory basis in accordance with the principles set forth in this section.
- 25.4 Emergency Pole Replacements.
- 25.4.1 When emergency pole replacements are required, **SBC-13STATE** shall promptly make a good faith effort to contact Attaching Party to notify Attaching Party of the emergency and to determine whether Attaching Party will respond to the emergency in a timely manner.
- 25.4.2 If notified by **SBC-13STATE** that an emergency exists which will require the replacement of a pole, Attaching Party shall transfer its facilities immediately, provided such transfer is necessary to rectify the emergency. If the transfer is to an **SBC-13STATE** replacement pole, the transfer shall be in accordance with **SBC-13STATE**'s placement instructions.
- 25.4.3 If Attaching Party is unable to respond to the emergency situation immediately, Attaching Party shall so advise **SBC-13STATE** and thereby authorize **SBC-13STATE** (or any Other User sharing the pole with **SBC-13STATE**) to perform such emergency-necessitated transfers (and associated facilities rearrangements) on Attaching Party's behalf.

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25.5 Expenses Associated with Emergency Repairs. Each party shall bear all reasonable expenses arising out of or in connection with emergency repairs of its own facilities and transfers or rearrangements of such facilities associated with emergency pole replacements made in accordance with the provisions of this article.

25.5.1 Each party shall be solely responsible for paying all persons and entities who provide materials, labor, access to real or personal property, or other goods or services in connection with any such repair, transfer, or rearrangement of such party's facilities.

25.5.2 Attaching Party shall reimburse SBC-13STATE for the costs incurred by SBC-13STATE for work performed by SBC-13STATE on Attaching Party's behalf in accordance with the provisions of this article.

26. INSPECTION BY SBC OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

26.1 Post-Construction Inspections. SBC-13STATE will, at the Attaching Party's expense, conduct a post-construction inspection of the Attaching Party's attachment of facilities to SBC-13STATE's Structures for the purpose of determining the conformance of the attachments to the occupancy permit. SBC-13STATE will provide the Attaching Party advance written notice of proposed date and time of the post-construction inspection. The Attaching Party may accompany SBC-13STATE on the post-construction inspection.

26.2 Right to Make Periodic or Spot Inspections. SBC-13STATE shall have the right, but not the obligation, to make periodic or spot inspections of all facilities attached to SBC-13STATE's Structure. These inspections will not be made more often than once every 2 years unless in SBC-13STATE's judgement such inspections are required for reasons involving safety or because of an alleged violation of the terms of this Agreement.

26.3 If Attaching Party's facilities are in compliance with this Appendix, there will be no charges incurred by the Attaching Party for the periodic or spot inspection. If Attaching Party's facilities are not in compliance with this Appendix, SBC-13STATE may charge Attaching Party for the inspection. The costs of Periodic Inspections will be paid by those Attaching Parties with 2% or greater of their attachments in violation. The amount paid by the Attaching Party shall be the percentage that their violations bear to the total violations of all Attaching Parties found during the inspection.

26.4 If the inspection reflects that Attaching Party's facilities are not in compliance with the terms of this Appendix, Attaching Party shall bring its facilities into compliance within 30 days after being notified of such noncompliance. If any make ready or modification work to SBC-13STATE's Structures is required to bring Attaching Party's facilities into compliance, the Attaching Party shall provide notice to SBC-13STATE and the make ready work or modification will be treated in the same fashion as make ready work or modifications for a new request for attachment.

27. TAGGING OF FACILITIES AND UNAUTHORIZED ATTACHMENTS

27.1 Facilities to Be Marked. Attaching Party shall tag or otherwise mark all of Attaching Party's facilities placed on or in SBC-13STATE's Structure in a manner sufficient to identify the facilities as those belonging to the Attaching Party.

27.2 Removal of Untagged Facilities. SBC-13STATE may, without notice to any person or entity, remove from SBC-13STATE's poles or any part of SBC-13STATE's conduit system the Attaching Party's facilities, if SBC-13STATE determines that such facilities are not the subject of a current occupancy permit and are not otherwise lawfully present on SBC-13STATE's poles or in SBC-13STATE's conduit system.

27.3 Notice to Attaching Party. If any of Attaching Party's facilities for which no occupancy permit is presently in effect are found attached to SBC-13STATE's poles or anchors or within any part of SBC-13STATE's conduit system, SBC-13STATE, without prejudice to other rights or remedies available to SBC-13STATE under this Appendix, and without prejudice to any rights or remedies which may exist independent of this Agreement, shall send a written notice to Attaching Party advising Attaching Party that no occupancy permit

is presently in effect with respect to the facilities and that Attaching Party must, within 30 days, respond to the notice as provided in Section 27.6 of this Appendix.

- 27.4 **Attaching Party's Response.** Within 60 days after receiving a notice under Section 27.5 of this Appendix, Attaching Party shall acknowledge receipt of the notice and submit to **SBC-13STATE**, in writing, an application for a new or amended occupancy permit with respect to such facilities.
- 27.5 **Approval of Request and Retroactive Charges.** If **SBC-13STATE** approves Attaching Party's application for a new or amended occupancy permit, Attaching Party shall be liable to **SBC-13STATE** for all fees and charges associated with the unauthorized attachments as specified in Section 27.10 of this Appendix. The issuance of a new or amended occupancy permit as provided by this article shall not operate retroactively or constitute a waiver by **SBC-13STATE** of any of its rights or privileges under this Appendix or otherwise.
- 27.6 Attachment and occupancy fees and charges shall continue to accrue until the unauthorized facilities are removed from **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, conduit system or rights of way or until a new or amended occupancy permit is issued and shall include, but not be limited to, all fees and charges which would have been due and payable if Attaching Party and its predecessors had continuously complied with all applicable **SBC-13STATE** licensing requirements. Such fees and charges shall be due and payable 30 days after the date of the bill or invoice stating such fees and charges. In addition, the Attaching Party shall be liable for an unauthorized attachment fee in the amount of 5 times the annual attachment and occupancy fees in effect on the date Attaching Party is notified by **SBC-13STATE** of the unauthorized attachment or occupancy. Payment of such fees shall be deemed liquidated damages and not a penalty. In addition, Attaching Party shall rearrange or remove its unauthorized facilities at **SBC-13STATE**'s request to comply with applicable placement standards, shall remove its facilities from any space occupied by or assigned to **SBC-13STATE** or another Other User, and shall pay **SBC-13STATE** for all costs incurred by **SBC-13STATE** in connection with any rearrangements, modifications, or replacements necessitated as a result of the presence of Attaching Party's unauthorized facilities.
- 27.7 **Removal of Unauthorized Attachments.** If Attaching Party does not obtain a new or amended occupancy permit with respect to unauthorized facilities within the specified period of time, **SBC-13STATE** shall by written notice advise Attaching Party to remove its unauthorized facilities not less than 60 days from the date of notice and Attaching Party shall remove the facilities within the time specified in the notice. If the facilities have not been removed within the time specified in the notice, **SBC-13STATE** may, at **SBC-13STATE**'s option, remove Attaching Party's facilities at Attaching Party's expense.
- 27.8 **No Ratification of Unpermitted Attachments or Unauthorized Use of SBC-13STATE's Facilities.** No act or failure to act by **SBC-13STATE** with regard to any unauthorized attachment or occupancy or unauthorized use of **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure shall be deemed to constitute a ratification by **SBC-13STATE** of the unauthorized attachment or occupancy or use, nor shall the payment by Attaching Party of fees and charges for unauthorized pole attachments or conduit occupancy exonerate Attaching Party from liability for any trespass or other illegal or wrongful conduct in connection with the placement or use of such unauthorized facilities.

28. REMOVAL OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

- 28.1 When Applicant no longer intends to occupy space on a **SBC-13STATE** pole or in a **SBC-13STATE** duct or conduit, Applicant will provide written notification to **SBC-13STATE** that it wishes to terminate the occupancy permit with respect to such space and will remove its facilities from the space described in the notice. Upon removal of Applicant's facilities, the occupancy permit shall terminate and the space shall be available for reassignment.
- 28.1.1 Attaching Party shall be responsible for and shall bear all expenses arising out of or in connection with the removal of its facilities from **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure.
- 28.1.2 Except as otherwise agreed upon in writing by the parties, Applicant must, after removing its facilities, plug all previously occupied ducts at the entrances to **SBC-13STATE**'s manholes.

28.1.3 Applicant shall be solely responsible for the removal of its own facilities from SBC-13STATE's Structure.

- 28.2 At SBC-13STATE's request, Attaching Party shall remove from SBC-13STATE's Structure any of Attaching Party's facilities which are no longer in active use. Upon request, the Attaching Party will provide proof satisfactory to SBC-13STATE that an Attaching Party's facility is in active service. Attaching Party shall not abandon any of its facilities by leaving such facilities on or in SBC-13STATE's Structure.
- 28.3 Removal Following Termination of Occupancy permit. Attaching Party shall remove its facilities from SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way within 60 days after termination of the occupancy permit.
- 28.4 Removal Following Replacement of Facilities. Attaching Party shall remove facilities no longer in service from SBC-13STATE's Structures within 60 days after the date Attaching Party replaces existing facilities on a pole or in a conduit with substitute facilities on the same pole or in the same conduit.
- 28.5 Removal to Avoid Forfeiture. If the presence of Attaching Party's facilities on or in SBC-13STATE's Structure would cause a forfeiture of the rights of SBC-13STATE to occupy the property where such Structure is located, SBC-13STATE will promptly notify Attaching Party in writing and Attaching Party shall not, without due cause and justification, refuse to remove its facilities within such time as may be required to prevent such forfeiture. SBC-13STATE will give Attaching Party not less than 60 days from the date of notice to remove Attaching Party's facilities unless prior removal is required to prevent the forfeiture of SBC-13STATE's rights. At Attaching Party's request, the parties will engage in good faith negotiations with each other, with Other Users, and with third-party property owners and cooperatively take such other steps as may be necessary to avoid the unnecessary removal of Attaching Party's facilities.
- 28.6 Removal of Facilities by SBC-13STATE; Notice of Intent to Remove. If Attaching Party fails to remove its facilities from SBC-13STATE's Structure in accordance with the provisions of Sections 28.1-28.6 of this Appendix, SBC-13STATE may remove such facilities and store them at Attaching Party's expense in a public warehouse or elsewhere without being deemed guilty of trespass or conversion and without becoming liable to Attaching Party for any injury, loss, or damage resulting from such actions. SBC-13STATE shall give Attaching Party not less than 60 days prior written notice of its intent to remove Attaching Party's facilities pursuant to this section.
- 28.7 Removal of Facilities by SBC-13STATE. If SBC-13STATE removes any of Attaching Party's facilities pursuant to this article, Attaching Party shall reimburse SBC-13STATE for SBC-13STATE's costs in connection with the removal, storage, delivery, or other disposition of the removed facilities.

29. RATES, FEES, CHARGES, AND BILLING

- 29.1 Rates, Charges and Fees Subject to Applicable Laws, Regulations, Rules, and Commission Orders. All rates, charges and fees outlined in this Appendix will be set forth in APPENDIX PRICING as part of the Interconnection Agreement. All rates, charges and fees shall be subject to all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and commission orders.
- 29.2 Changes to Rates, Charges and Fees. Subject to applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations and orders, SBC-13STATE shall have the right to change the rates, charges and fees outlined in this Appendix. SBC-13STATE will provide the Attaching Party 60 days written notice, advising the Attaching Party of the specific changes being made and the effective date of the change. If the changes outlined in the notice are not acceptable to the Attaching Party, Attaching Party may either (1) seek renegotiation of this Appendix, (2) terminate this Appendix, or (3) seek relief through the dispute resolution process in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

30. PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

- 30.1 Bond May Be Required. SBC-13STATE may require Attaching Party, authorized contractors, and other persons acting on Attaching Party's behalf to execute performance and payment bonds (or provide other

forms of security) in amounts and on terms sufficient to guarantee the performance of the Attaching Party's obligations arising out of or in connection with this Appendix.

30.1.1 If a bond or similar form of assurance is required of Attaching Party, an authorized contractor, or other person acting on Attaching Party's behalf, Attaching Party shall promptly submit to **SBC-13STATE** adequate proof that the bond remains in full force and effect and provide certification from the company issuing the bond that the bond will not be cancelled, changed or materially altered without first providing **SBC-13STATE** 60 days written notice.

30.2 Payment and Performance Bonds in Favor of Contractors and Subcontractors. Attaching Party shall be responsible for paying all employees, contractors, subcontractors, mechanics, materialmen and other persons or entities performing work or providing materials in connection with Attaching Party's performance under this Appendix. In the event any lien, claim or demand is made on **SBC-13STATE** by any such employee, contractor, subcontractor, mechanic, materialman, or other person or entity providing such materials or performing such work, **SBC-13STATE** may require, in addition to any security provided under Section 30.1 of this Appendix, that Attaching Party execute payment or performance bonds, or provide such other security, as **SBC-13STATE** may deem reasonable or necessary to protect **SBC-13STATE** from any such lien, claim or demand.

31. NOTICES

31.1 Notices to Attaching Party. All written notices required to be given to a party shall be delivered or mailed to the party's duly authorized agent or attorney, as designated in this section.

31.1.1 Such notice may be delivered to the party's duly authorized agent or attorney in person or by agent or courier receipted delivery.

31.1.2 Such notice may be mailed to the party's duly authorized agent or attorney by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. When notice is given by mail, such notice shall be complete upon deposit of the notice, enclosed in a postpaid, properly addressed wrapper, in a post office or official depository under the care and control of the United States Postal Service and shall be deemed to have been given three days after the date of deposit.

31.1.3 Notices to a party shall be sent to the authorized agent or attorney designated below:

NOTICE CONTACT	ATTACHING PARTY	SBC-13STATE CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Scott Kellogg-Attorney	Contract Administration ATTN: Notices Manager
STREET ADDRESS	180 N. Wacker Dr., Lower Level, Suite 3	311 S. Akard, 9 th Floor Four SBC Plaza
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE	Chicago, IL 60606	Dallas, TX. 75202-5398
FACSIMILE NUMBER	312-658-5487	214-464-2006

31.2 Changes in Notice Requirements. Either party may, from time to time, change notice addressees and addresses by giving written notice of such change to the other party. Such notice shall state, at a minimum, the name, title, firm, and full address of the new addressee.

32. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

32.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Appendix 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;

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limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no permit; 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 UNE

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APPENDIX UNE (UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix UNE sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)-owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) agrees to furnish CLEC with access to unbundled network elements as specifically defined in this Appendix UNE (UNEs) for the provision by CLEC of a Telecommunications Service. ((Act, Section 251(c)(3)). For information regarding deposit, billing, payment, non-payment, disconnect, and dispute resolution, see the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- 1.2 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **SBC-4STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 **SBC-7STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC NEVADA**, and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

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- 1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.14 **SBC INDIANA** - As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN** - As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Michigan.
- 1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.17 **SBC MISSOURI** - As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.18 **SBC NEVADA** - As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.19 **SBC OHIO** - As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.21 **SBC SNET** - As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.23 **SBC TEXAS** - As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.
- 1.25 The Prices at which **SBC-13STATE** agrees to provide electronic access to its Directory Assistance (DA) database are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 2.1 The Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which **SBC-13STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with access to unbundled network elements under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act in **SBC-13STATE's** incumbent local exchange areas for the provision of Telecommunications Services by CLEC. The Parties acknowledge and agree that **SBC-13STATE** is only obligated to make available UNEs and access to UNEs to CLEC in **SBC-13STATE's** incumbent local exchange areas. **SBC-13STATE** has no obligation to provide such UNEs to CLEC for the purposes of CLEC providing and/or extending service outside of **SBC-13STATE's** incumbent local exchange areas. In addition, **SBC-13STATE** is not obligated to provision UNEs or to provide access to UNEs and is not otherwise bound by any 251(c) obligations in geographic areas other than **SBC-13STATE's** incumbent local exchange areas. Therefore, the Parties understand and agree that the rates, terms and conditions set forth in this Appendix, and any associated provisions set forth elsewhere in this Agreement (including but not limited to the rates set forth in this Agreement associated with Collocation, Interconnection and/or Resale), shall only apply to the Parties and be available to CLEC for provisioning Telecommunication Services within an **SBC-13STATE** incumbent local exchange area(s) in

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the State in which this Agreement with **SBC-13STATE** has been approved by the relevant state Commission and is in effect. Further, the Parties agree that **SBC-13STATE** is not obligated to provision UNEs or to provide access to UNEs that have been Declassified or are subject to Declassification, as set forth in Section 5, below, and elsewhere in this Appendix.

- 2.2 **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC may agree to connect CLEC's facilities with **SBC-13STATE**'s network at any technically feasible point for access to UNEs for the provision by CLEC of a Telecommunications Service. (Act, Section 251(c)(2)(B); 47 CFR § 51.305(a)(2)(vi)).
- 2.3 **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC nondiscriminatory access to UNEs (Act, Section 251(c)(3), Act, and Section 271(c)(2)(B)(ii); 47 CFR § 51.307(a)):
 - 2.3.1 At any technically feasible point (Act, Section 251(c)(3); 47 CFR § 51.307(a));
 - 2.3.2 At the rates, terms, and conditions which are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory (Act, Section 251(c)(3); 47 CFR § 51.307(a));
 - 2.3.3 In a manner that allows CLEC to provide a Telecommunications Service that may be offered by means of that UNE (Act, Section 251(c)(3); 47 CFR § 51.307 (c));
 - 2.3.4 In a manner that allows access to the facility or functionality of a requested UNE to be provided separately from access to other elements, and for a separate charge (47 CFR § 51.307(d));
 - 2.3.5 With technical information regarding **SBC-13STATE**'s network facilities to enable CLEC to achieve access to UNEs (47 CFR § 51.307(e));
 - 2.3.6 Without limitations, restrictions, or requirements on requests that would impair CLEC's ability to provide a Telecommunications Service in a manner it intends (47 CFR § 51.309(a));
 - 2.3.7 In a manner that allows CLEC purchasing access to UNEs to use such UNE to provide exchange access service to itself in order to provide interexchange services to subscribers (47 CFR § 51.309(b));
 - 2.3.8 Where applicable, terms and conditions of access to UNEs shall be no less favorable than terms and conditions under which **SBC-13STATE** provides such elements to itself (47 CFR § 51.313(b)).
 - 2.3.9 Only to the extent it has been determined that these elements are required by the "necessary" and "impair" standards of the Act (Act, Section 251(d)(2)).
 - 2.3.10 Except upon request of CLEC, **SBC-13STATE** shall not separate CLEC-requested UNEs that are currently combined. (47 CFR § 51.315(b)) **SBC-13STATE** is not prohibited from or otherwise limited in separating any UNEs not requested by CLEC or a Telecommunications Carrier, including without limitation in order to provide a UNE(s) or other **SBC-13STATE** offering(s).
- 2.4 As provided for herein, **SBC-13STATE** will permit CLEC exclusive use of an unbundled network facility for a period of time, and when CLEC is purchasing access to a feature, function, or capability of a facility, **SBC-13STATE** will provide use of that feature, function, or capability for a period of time (47 CFR § 51.309(c)).
- 2.5 **SBC-13STATE** will maintain, repair, or replace UNEs (47 CFR § 51.309(c)) as provided for in this Agreement.
- 2.6 Where technically feasible, the quality of the UNE and access to such UNE shall be at least equal to what **SBC-13STATE** provides itself or any subsidiary, affiliate, or other party (47 CFR § 51.311(a), (b)).
- 2.7 Each Party shall be solely responsible for the services it provides to its End Users and to other Telecommunications Carriers.
- 2.8 UNEs provided to CLEC under the provisions of this Appendix shall remain the property of **SBC-13STATE**.
- 2.9 Performance of UNEs
 - 2.9.1 Each UNE will be provided in accordance with **SBC-13STATE** Technical Publications or other written descriptions, if any, as changed from time to time by **SBC-13STATE** at its sole discretion.

2.9.2 Nothing in this Appendix will limit either Party's ability to modify its network through the incorporation of new equipment, new software or otherwise. Each Party will provide the other Party written notice of any upgrades in its network which will materially impact the other Party's service consistent with 47 CFR § 51.325.

2.9.3 SBC-13STATE may elect to conduct Central Office switch conversions for the improvement of its network. During such conversions, CLEC orders for UNEs from that switch shall be suspended for a period of three days prior and one day after the conversion date, consistent with the suspension SBC-13STATE places on itself for orders from its End Users.

2.9.4 CLEC will be solely responsible, at its own expense, for the overall design of its Telecommunications Services and for any redesigning or rearrangement of its Telecommunications Services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations, or procedure of SBC-13STATE, minimum network protection criteria, or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

2.10 Qualifying Services Conditions

2.10.1 As conditions to accessing and using any UNE (whether on a stand-alone basis or in combination with other UNEs or otherwise) CLEC must continuously meet each of the following:

2.10.1.1 CLEC must be a Telecommunications Carrier. CLEC hereby represents and warrants that it is a Telecommunications Carrier and that it will notify SBC-13STATE immediately in writing if it ceases to be a Telecommunications Carrier. Failure to so notify SBC-13STATE shall constitute material breach of this Agreement.

2.10.1.2 CLEC must be providing one or more Qualifying Services to either residential or business End Users using that particular UNE.

2.10.1.2.1 "Qualifying Service" is defined as a Telecommunications Service provided in direct competition with a Telecommunications Service that has been traditionally the exclusive or primary domain of SBC-13STATE (e.g., local exchange services such as POTS and local data service, or access services such as xDSL and hi-capacity circuits).

2.10.1.2.1.1 For purposes of this Section, "local" means within the SBC-13STATE designated local calling area in which the requested UNE is provided.

2.10.1.3 CLEC must be providing that Qualifying Service(s) on a "Common Carrier" basis:

2.10.1.3.1 For purposes of determining whether CLEC is providing the Qualifying Service(s) on a "Common Carrier" basis, the phrase "Common Carrier" shall be interpreted as in *National Ass'n. of Regulatory Utility Commissioners v. FCC*, 533 F.2d 601, 608-09 (1976) (*NARUC II*) (CLEC (1) holds itself out to serve indifferently all potential users, and (2) allows its End Users to transmit intelligence of their own design and choosing).

2.10.1.3.2 By way of example only, the self-provision of access services used solely as an input to provide a retail interexchange service does *not* qualify as the provision of exchange access on a Common Carrier basis.

2.10.2 Where CLEC combines UNEs (including a combination of UNEs with network elements possessed by CLEC or otherwise, each as may be permitted under this Agreement), CLEC must satisfy the Qualifying Services conditions as to each UNE used in the particular combination.

2.10.3 Satisfaction of the Qualifying Service(s) conditions is required in addition to any other eligibility criteria that must also be met.

2.10.4 By ordering, accessing or using a UNE (whether on a stand-alone basis, in combination with other UNEs, with a network element possessed by CLEC, or otherwise) CLEC continuously represents and warrants that it satisfies the Qualifying Service(s) conditions as to the particular UNE, UNEs or

combination of UNEs. Additionally, CLEC agrees to provide written certification upon **SBC-13STATE** request identifying:

2.10.4.1 the Telecommunications Service it will provide using the UNE; and

2.10.4.2 which core **SBC-13STATE** service the Telecommunications Service directly competes with by providing a detailed description of the Telecommunications Service that will be provided and by designating the core ILEC service(s) with which it competes.

2.10.4.3 This Section 2.10.4 is in addition to any other certification to eligibility criteria that may be required by Section 2.10.5, below, or other provisions hereof.

2.10.5 **SBC-13STATE** has no obligation to provide any UNE (whether on a stand-alone basis, in combination with other UNEs, with a network element possessed by CLEC, or otherwise) unless CLEC continuously meets the Qualifying Services conditions for that UNE. If CLEC does not meet the Qualifying Services conditions or, for any reason, stops meeting the Qualifying Services conditions for a particular UNE (whether on a stand-alone basis, or in combination with other UNEs, with a network element possessed by CLEC, or otherwise), CLEC shall not request such UNE or continuing using such UNE. Failure to provide accurate certifications that CLEC is providing a Qualifying Service(s) with such UNE, or to actually provide a Qualifying Service(s) on a "Common Carrier" basis with such UNE, constitutes a material breach of this Agreement. Accordingly, in addition to any other audits or reviews contemplated by this Agreement, **SBC-13STATE** may request and/or review CLEC's Qualifying Services certifications at any time, even after the UNE has been provided to CLEC, and may discontinue providing that UNE(s) (including a combination(s) (as defined herein) including that UNE(s)) upon 90 days' advance written notice to CLEC if CLEC's certifications indicate that it is not using UNE(s) to provide Qualifying Services or if CLEC is, in fact, not using UNE(s) to provide Qualifying Services. Without affecting the application or interpretation of any other provisions regarding waiver, estoppel, laches, or similar concepts in other situations, CLEC shall fully comply with this Section 2.10 "Qualifying Services Conditions" in all cases and, further, the failure of **SBC-13STATE** to require such compliance, including if **SBC-13STATE** provides or continues to provide, access to a UNE (whether on a stand-alone basis, in combination(s) with other UNEs, or otherwise, that does not meet the Qualifying Services conditions, including those in this Section 2.10, shall not act as a waiver of any part of this Section, and estoppel, laches, or other similar concepts shall not act to affect any rights or requirements hereunder.

2.10.6 CLEC may only use a UNE (whether on a stand-alone basis, in combination(s) with other UNEs, with a network element possessed by CLEC, or otherwise), to provide a Non-Qualifying Service only to the extent that CLEC is permitted such use of that particular UNE by FCC rules and orders.

2.10.6.1 A "Non-Qualifying Service" is a service that is not a Qualifying Service.

2.10.6.2 CLEC may not access any UNE for the sole purpose of providing a Non-Qualifying Service(s).

2.10.7 By way of example, use of a UNE (whether on a stand-alone basis or in combination with other UNEs), with a network element possessed by CLEC or otherwise) to provide service to CLEC or for other administrative purpose(s) does not constitute using a UNE to provide a Qualifying Service.

2.11 Pre-Existing Combinations

2.11.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide "Pre-existing Combinations" of UNEs as set forth below. A Pre-existing Combination includes all orders within the definition of "Contiguous Interconnection of Network Elements."

2.11.1.1 "Contiguous Interconnection of Network Elements" means the situation when CLEC orders all the **SBC-13STATE** UNEs required either

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- (1) to convert to a combinations of UNEs-only (which must include Local Loop UNE and ULS) an SBC-13STATE End User, another carrier's pre-existing End User served exclusively using UNEs, or CLEC's or another carrier's resale End User; or
 - (2) if the Pre-Existing Combination includes a local loop UNE with unbundled local switching, to activate that Pre-Existing Combination for CLEC (a) without any change in features or functionality that was being provided at the time of the order, and/or (b) with the only change needed being to route the operator service and directory assistance ("OS/DA") calls from the End User to be served by that Pre-Existing Combination to CLEC's OS/DA platform via customized routing, and/or (c) with only changes needed in order to change a local switching feature resident and activated in the serving switch and available to the switch port class used to provide service, e.g., call waiting for residential local service, and/or (d) at the time of the order and when the order is worked by SBC-13STATE, the End User in question is not served by a line sharing arrangement as defined herein (or, if not so defined, by applicable FCC orders) or the technical equivalent, e.g., the loop facility is being used to provide both a voice service and also an xDSL service. (Section 2.11.1.1(2)(b) applies only to orders involving customized routing after customized routing has been established to CLEC's OS/DA platform from the relevant SBC-13STATE local switch, including CLEC's payment of all applicable charges to establish that routing.)
- 2.12 Where processes for any UNE requested pursuant to this Agreement are not already in place, SBC-13STATE will develop and implement processes, subject to any associated rates, terms and conditions. The Parties will comply with any applicable Change Management guidelines.
 - 2.13 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or in any amendment SBC-13STATE shall have no obligation to provide UNEs beyond those UNEs required by the Act, including the lawful and effective FCC rules and associated FCC and judicial orders, or where UNEs are not requested for permissible purposes.
 - 2.14 The Parties intend that this Appendix UNE contain the sole and exclusive terms and conditions by which CLEC will obtain unbundled network elements from SBC-13STATE. Accordingly, except as may be specifically permitted by this Appendix UNE, and then only to the extent permitted, CLEC and its affiliated entities hereby fully and irrevocably waive any right or ability any of them might have to purchase any unbundled network element (whether on a stand-alone basis, in combination with other unbundled network elements, with a network element possessed by CLEC, or otherwise) directly from any SBC-13STATE tariff, and agree not to so purchase or attempt to so purchase from any such tariff. Without affecting the application or interpretation of any other provisions regarding waiver, estoppel, laches, or similar concepts in other situations, the failure of SBC-13STATE to enforce the foregoing (including if SBC-13STATE fails to reject or otherwise block orders for, or provides or continues to provide, unbundled network elements under tariff) shall not act as a waiver of any part of this Section, and estoppel, laches, or other similar concepts shall not act to affect any rights or requirements hereunder. At its option, SBC-13STATE may either reject any order for any unbundled network element submitted under tariff, or without the need for any further contact with or consent from CLEC, SBC-13STATE may process any order for any unbundled network element submitted under tariff, as being submitted under this Appendix UNE and, further, may convert any unbundled network element provided under tariff, to this Appendix UNE, effective as of the later in time of the (i) [Effective Date of this Agreement/Amendment], or (ii) the submission of the order by CLEC.

3. ACCESS TO UNE CONNECTION METHODS

- 3.1 Subject to Section 2 of this Appendix UNE, SBC-13STATE shall provide Access to UNE Connection Methods under the following terms and conditions in this subsection
- 3.2 This Section describes the connection methods under which SBC-13STATE agrees to provide CLECs with access to unbundled loops, switch ports, and dedicated transport and the conditions under which SBC-13STATE makes these methods available. These methods provide CLEC access to multiple SBC-13STATE UNEs that the CLEC may then combine. The methods listed below provide CLEC with access to

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UNEs without compromising the security, integrity, and reliability of the public switched network, as well as to minimize potential service disruptions.

3.2.1 Subject to availability of space and equipment, CLEC may use the methods listed below to access and combine UNE local loops, Unbundled Local Circuit Switching ports, and Unbundled Dedicated Transport within a requested SBC-13STATE Central Office.

3.2.1.1 (Method 1)

SBC-13STATE will extend SBC-13STATE UNEs requiring cross connection to the CLEC's Physical or Virtual Collocation Point of Termination (POT) when the CLEC is Physically Collocated, in a caged or shared cage arrangement or Virtually Collocated, within the same Central Office where the UNEs which are to be combined are located. For Collocation terms and conditions refer to the Physical and Virtual Collocation Appendices.

3.2.1.2 (Method 2)

SBC-13STATE will extend SBC-13STATE UNEs that require cross connection to the CLEC's UNE frame located in the common room space, other than the Collocation common area, within the same Central Office where the UNEs which are to be combined are located.

3.2.1.3 (Method 3)

SBC-13STATE will extend SBC-13STATE UNEs to the CLEC's UNE frame that is located outside the SBC-13STATE Central Office where the UNEs are to be combined in a closure such as a cabinet provided by SBC-13STATE on SBC-13STATE property.

3.3 The following terms and conditions apply to Methods 2 and 3 when SBC-13STATE provides access pursuant to Sections 3.2.1. 2 and 3.2.1.3:

3.3.1 The CLEC may cancel the request at any time, but will pay SBC-13STATE's reasonable and demonstrable costs for modifying SBC-13STATE's Central Office up to the date of cancellation.

3.3.2 CLEC shall be responsible for initial testing and trouble sectionalization of facilities containing CLEC installed cross connects.

3.3.3 CLEC shall refer trouble sectionalized in the SBC-13STATE UNE to SBC-13STATE.

3.3.4 Prior to SBC-13STATE providing access to UNEs under this Appendix, CLEC and SBC-13STATE shall provide each other with a point of contact for overall coordination.

3.3.5 CLEC shall provide all tools and materials required to place and remove the cross connects necessary to combine and disconnect UNEs when CLEC combines or disconnects UNEs.

3.3.6 CLEC shall designate each UNE being ordered from SBC-13STATE. CLEC shall provide an interface to receive assignment information from SBC-13STATE regarding location of the affected UNEs. This interface may be manual or mechanized.

3.3.7 SBC-13STATE will provide CLEC with contact numbers as necessary to resolve assignment conflicts encountered. All contact with SBC-13STATE shall be referred to such contact numbers.

3.3.8 Certain construction and preparation activities may be required to modify a building or prepare the premises for access to UNEs.

3.3.8.1 Where applicable, costs for modifying a building or preparing the premises for access to SBC-13STATE UNEs will be made on an individual case basis (ICB).

3.3.8.2 SBC-13STATE will contract for and perform the construction and preparation activities using same or consistent practices that are used by SBC-13STATE for other construction and preparation work performed in the building.

4. ADJACENT LOCATION

4.1 Consistent with Section 2.1 of this Appendix UNE, SBC-13STATE shall provide Adjacent Location provision under the following terms and conditions in this subsection.

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- 4.2* This Section describes the Adjacent Location Method for accessing UNEs. This Section also provides the conditions in which **SBC CALIFORNIA** offers the Adjacent Location Method.
- 4.3* The Adjacent Location Method allows a CLEC to access loops, switch ports, and dedicated transport for a CLEC location adjacent to a **SBC CALIFORNIA** Central Office as identified by **SBC CALIFORNIA**. Under this method **SBC CALIFORNIA** UNEs will be extended to the adjacent location, via copper cabling provided by the CLEC, which the CLEC can then utilize to provide Telecommunications Service.
- 4.4* This method requires the CLEC to provide copper cable, greater than 600 pairs, to the last manhole outside the **SBC CALIFORNIA** Central Office. The CLEC shall provide enough slack for **SBC CALIFORNIA** to pull the cable into the Central Office and terminate the cable on the Central Office Intermediate Distribution Frame (IDF).
- 4.5* The CLEC will obtain all necessary rights of way, easements, and other third party permissions.
- 4.6* The following terms and conditions apply when **SBC CALIFORNIA** provides the adjacent location:
- 4.6.1 The CLEC is responsible for Spectrum Interference and is aware that not all pairs may be ADSL or POTS capable.
- 4.7* The installation interval applies on an individual application basis. The CLEC is responsible for paying all up front charges (nonrecurring and case preparation costs) before work will begin. This assumes that all necessary permits will be issued in a timely manner.
- 4.8* The CLEC will provide the excess cable length necessary to reach the **SBC CALIFORNIA** IDF in the **SBC CALIFORNIA** Central Office where CLEC requests connection.
- 4.9* The CLEC will be responsible for testing and sectionalization of facilities from the End User's location to the entrance manhole.
- 4.10* The CLEC should refer any sectionalized trouble determined to be in **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s facilities to **SBC CALIFORNIA**.
- 4.11* The CLEC's employees, agents and contractors will be permitted to have access to the CLEC's cable where it is delivered to **SBC CALIFORNIA** (outside the entrance manhole). The CLEC is only able to enter the entrance manhole to splice under a duct lease agreement. If the CLEC leases ducts to get to the Central Office then CLEC has the right to splice the manholes on the route, including the entrance manhole.
- 4.12* In order for **SBC CALIFORNIA** to identify the entrance manhole for the CLEC, the CLEC must specify the direction from which the cable originates. **SBC CALIFORNIA** will verify that a vacant sleeve or riser duct exists at the entrance manhole. If none exists, construction of one will be required. If a vacant access sleeve or riser duct does not exist, and one must be constructed, the CLEC will pay for the construction on an Outside Plant Custom Work Order.
- 4.13* The CLEC will retain all assignment control. **SBC CALIFORNIA** will maintain TIRKS records for cable appearance information on the horizontal and vertical appearance on the **SBC CALIFORNIA** frame.
- 4.14* The CLEC will pay Time and Materials charges when **SBC CALIFORNIA** dispatches personnel and failure is in the CLEC's facility.
- 4.15* **SBC CALIFORNIA** will not assume responsibility for the quality of service provided over this special interconnection arrangement. Service quality is the responsibility of the CLEC. **SBC CALIFORNIA** limits each CLEC to two building entrances. Two entrances allow for CLEC growth or a diverse path.
- 4.16* Prior to **SBC CALIFORNIA** providing the Adjacent Location Method in this Appendix, the CLEC and **SBC CALIFORNIA** shall provide each other with a single point of contact for overall coordination.
- 4.17* The Adjacent Location Method of Accessing UNEs only allows for copper cable termination.

5. LIFTING OF OR NON-EXISTENCE OF UNBUNDLING OBLIGATION ("DECLASSIFICATION")

5.1 As used in this Appendix UNE and Agreement, "Declassified" or "Declassification" means the situation where SBC-13STATE is not required, or is no longer required, to provide a network element on an unbundled basis pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, including, but not limited to (a) by operation of either the *Triennial Review Order* released by the FCC on August 21, 2003 in CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147 (the "Triennial Review Order" or "TRO"), which became effective as of October 2, 2003; or (b) the issuance of a finding by the FCC or a State Commission that requesting Telecommunications Carriers are not impaired without access to a particular network element on an unbundled basis. Declassification can, for example, occur on an element-specific, route-specific or geographically-specific basis or a class of elements basis.

5.1.1 By way of example only, and without limitation, Declassified elements include any of the following: (i) any unbundled dedicated transport or dark fiber facility that is no longer encompassed within this Appendix UNE's terms applicable to Dedicated Transport or Dedicated Transport Dark Fiber, or Loop Dark Fiber (including, but not limited to entrance facilities); (ii) DS1 Dedicated Transport, DS3 Dedicated Transport, DS1 UNE Loop, DS3 UNE Loop, or Dark Fiber Transport on a route(s) or in an area as to which a State Commission or the FCC finds that requesting Telecommunications Carriers are not impaired without access to such elements; (iii) ULS for Enterprise Customers (as defined in Section 11 of this Appendix UNE); (iv) ULS for Mass Market Customers (as defined in Section 11 of this Appendix UNE) in any market in which a State Commission or the FCC finds requesting Telecommunications Carriers are not impaired without access to such element; (v) Local Switching subject to the FCC's four-line carve-out rule as described in *Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, CC Docket No. 96-98, 15 FCC Rcd 3822-31 (1999); (vi) OCn Loops and OCn Dedicated Transport; (vii) the Feeder portion of the Loop; (viii) Line Sharing; (ix) an EEL that does not meet the Mandatory Eligibility Criteria set forth in Section 2.15 of this Appendix UNE; (x) any Call-Related Database, other than the 911 and E911 databases, that is not provisioned in connection with CLEC's use of SBC-13STATE's ULS for Mass Market Customers (as defined in Section 11 of this Appendix UNE); (xi) SS7 signaling that is not provisioned in connection with CLEC's use of SBC-13STATE's ULS for Mass Market Customers (as defined in Section 11 of this Appendix UNE); (xii) Packet switching, including routers and DSLAMs; (xiii) the packetized bandwidth, features, functions, capabilities, electronics and other equipment used to transmit packetized information over Hybrid Loops (as defined in 47 CFR 51.319 (a)(2)), including without limitation, xDSL-capable line cards installed in digital loop carrier ("DLC") systems or equipment used to provide passive optical networking ("PON") capabilities; (xiv) Fiber-to-the-Home Loops (as defined in 47 CFR 51.319(a)(3)) ("FTTH Loops"), except to the extent that SBC-13STATE has deployed such fiber in parallel to, or in replacement of, an existing copper loop facility and elects to retire the copper loop, in which case SBC-13STATE will provide nondiscriminatory access to a 64 kilobits per second transmission path capable of voice grade service over the FTTH loop on an unbundled basis; or (xv) any element or class of elements as to which a State Commission or the FCC makes a general finding that requesting Telecommunications Carriers are not impaired without access to such element or class of elements.

5.2 CLEC is not entitled to obtain (or continue with) access to any network element on an unbundled basis at rates set under Section 252(d)(1), whether provided alone, or in combination with other UNEs or otherwise, once such network element has been or is Declassified or subject to Declassification.

5.3 Transitional Provisions for Declassified Elements

5.3.1 In accordance with, but only to the extent required by the Act, including the lawful and effective FCC rules and associated FCC and judicial orders, SBC-13STATE will abide by Declassification transitional procedures for specific elements as set forth in this Appendix UNE, e.g. in Section 8 (Local Loop), Section 11 (Local Circuit Switching), Section 13 (Unbundled Dedicated Transport), Section 14 (Dedicated Transport and Loop Dark Fiber) and elsewhere in this Agreement. With respect to any Declassified element not addressed elsewhere in this Appendix UNE or the Agreement, SBC-13STATE will notify CLEC in writing as to any particular element previously made

available to CLEC on an unbundled basis that has been or becomes Declassified, as defined herein. During a transitional period of thirty (30) days from the date of such notice, SBC-13STATE agrees to continue providing the Declassified element(s) addressed in the notice to CLEC under the terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, including any amendments to this Agreement, at the end of that thirty (30) day period, unless CLEC has submitted an LSR or ASR, as applicable, to SBC-13STATE requesting disconnection or other discontinuance of the Declassified element(s), SBC-13STATE shall convert the subject Declassified element(s) to an analogous access service, if available, or if no analogous access service is available, to such other service arrangement as SBC-13STATE and CLEC may agree upon (e.g., via a separate agreement at market-based rates or resale); provided, however, that where there is no analogous access service, if CLEC and SBC-13STATE have failed to reach agreement as to a substitute service within such thirty (30) day period, then SBC-13STATE may disconnect the Declassified element(s).

5.3.1.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, including any amendments to this Agreement, with respect to any dark fiber facility that, pursuant to the terms of this Appendix UNE, is (or becomes) a Declassified element, the transition period shall be ninety (90) days from the date of the aforementioned notice; and provided, further, that unless the Parties have been able to negotiate a suitable transitional services agreement for such dark fiber facility within that ninety (90) day period, SBC-13STATE shall no longer be obligated to provide the Declassified dark fiber facility in question to CLEC.

5.3.1.2 Where the Declassified element(s) are converted to an analogous access service, SBC-13STATE shall provide such service(s) at the month-to-month rates, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of SBC-13STATE's applicable access tariff, with the effective bill date being the first day following the thirty (30) day notice period. CLEC shall pay all applicable termination charges, if any, for any Declassified element(s) that CLEC requests SBC-13STATE to disconnect, or that SBC-13STATE disconnects as a result of the Parties' failure to reach agreement on a substitute service.

5.4 The provisions set forth in this Section 5, including but not limited to the Transitional Provisions for Declassified Elements as set forth in Section 5.2, like the other transitional provisions set forth in this Appendix UNE, are self-effectuating, and the Parties understand and agree that no amendment shall be required to this Agreement in order for the provisions of this Section 5 to be implemented or effective as provided above.

6. BONA FIDE REQUEST

6.1 Subject to Section 2 of this Appendix UNE, SBC-13STATE shall process BFR requests under the following terms and conditions in this subsection.

6.2 The Bona Fide Request process described in Item I of this Section 6 applies to each Bona Fide Request submitted in the SBC-10STATE and SBC NEVADA Territory. The Bona Fide Request process described in Item II of this Section 6 shall apply to each Bona Fide Request submitted in the SBC SNET Territory and the Bona Fide Request Process described in Item III of this Section shall apply to each Bona Fide Request submitted in the SBC CALIFORNIA Territory. If CLEC submits the same Request in more than one Territory that requires such Request to be processed under more than one Item in this Section 6 (e.g., in Territories that have different processes), separate BFRs shall be required. For purposes of this Appendix, a "Business Day" means Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays observed by SBC-13STATE.

6.3 Item I

SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA Bona Fide Request Process

6.3.1 A Bona Fide Request ("BFR") is the process by which CLEC may request SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA to provide CLEC access to an additional or new, undefined UNE, that is required to be

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provided by SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA under the Act but is not available under this Agreement or defined in a generic appendix at the time of CLEC's request.

- 6.3.2 The BFR process set forth herein does not apply to those services requested pursuant to Report & Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking 91-141 (rel. Oct. 19, 1992) paragraph 259 and n. 603 and subsequent rulings.
- 6.3.3 All BFRs must be submitted with a BFR Application Form in accordance with the specifications and processes set forth in the respective sections of the CLEC Handbook. Included with the Application CLEC shall provide a technical description of each requested UNE, drawings when applicable, the location(s) where needed, the date required, and the projected quantity to be ordered with a 3 year forecast.
- 6.3.4 CLEC is responsible for all costs incurred by SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA to review, analyze and process a BFR. When submitting a BFR Application Form, CLEC has two options to compensate SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA for its costs incurred to complete the Preliminary Analysis of the BFR:
- 6.3.4.1 Include with its BFR Application Form a \$2,000 deposit to cover SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA's preliminary evaluation costs, in which case SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA may not charge CLEC in excess of \$2,000 to complete the Preliminary Analysis; or
- 6.3.4.2 Not make the \$2,000 deposit, in which case CLEC shall be responsible for all preliminary evaluation costs incurred by SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA to complete the preliminary Analysis (regardless of whether such costs are greater or less than \$2,000).
- 6.3.5 If CLEC submits a \$ 2,000 deposit with its BFR, and SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA is not able to process the Request or determines that the Request does not qualify for BFR treatment, then SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA will return the \$2,000 deposit to CLEC. Similarly, if the costs incurred to complete the Preliminary Analysis are less than \$2,000, the balance of the deposit will, at the option of CLEC, either be refunded or credited toward additional developmental costs authorized by CLEC.
- 6.3.6 Upon written notice, CLEC may cancel a BFR at any time, but will pay SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA its reasonable and demonstrable costs of processing and/or implementing the BFR up to and including the date SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA received notice of cancellation. If cancellation occurs prior to completion of the preliminary evaluation, and a \$2,000 deposit has been made by CLEC, and the reasonable and demonstrable costs are less than \$2,000, the remaining balance of the deposit will be, at the option of the CLEC, either returned to CLEC or credited toward additional developmental costs authorized by CLEC.
- 6.3.7 SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA will promptly consider and analyze each BFR it receives. Within ten (10) Business Days of its receipt SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA will acknowledge receipt of the BFR and in such acknowledgement advise CLEC of the need for any further information needed to process the Request. CLEC acknowledges that the time intervals set forth in this Appendix begins once SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA has received a complete and accurate BFR Application Form and, if applicable, \$2,000 deposit.
- 6.3.8 Except under extraordinary circumstances, within thirty (30) calendar days of its receipt of a complete and accurate BFR SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA will provide to CLEC a preliminary analysis of such Request (the "Preliminary Analysis"). The Preliminary Analysis will (i) indicate that SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA will offer the Request to CLEC or (ii) advise CLEC that SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA will not offer the Request. If SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA indicates it will not offer the Request, SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA will provide a detailed explanation for the denial. Possible explanations may be, but are not limited to: i) access to the Request is not technically feasible, ii) that the Request is not required to be provided by SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA under the Act and/or, iii) that the BFR is not the correct process for the request.
- 6.3.9 If the Preliminary Analysis indicates that SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA will offer the Request, CLEC may, at its discretion, provide written authorization for SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA to

develop the Request and prepare a "BFR Quote". The BFR Quote shall, as applicable, include (i) the first date of availability, (ii) installation intervals, (iii) applicable rates (recurring, nonrecurring and other), (iv) BFR development and processing costs and (v) terms and conditions by which the Request shall be made available. CLEC's written authorization to develop the BFR Quote must be received by SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA within thirty (30) calendar days of CLEC's receipt of the Preliminary Analysis. If no authorization to proceed is received within such thirty (30) calendar day period, the BFR will be deemed canceled and CLEC will pay to SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA all demonstrable costs as set forth above. Any request by CLEC for SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA to proceed with a Request received after the thirty (30) calendar day window will require CLEC to submit a new BFR.

6.3.10 As soon as feasible, but not more than ninety (90) calendar days after its receipt of authorization to develop the BFR Quote, SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA shall provide to CLEC a BFR Quote.

6.3.11 Within thirty (30) calendar days of its receipt of the BFR Quote, CLEC must either (i) confirm its order pursuant to the BFR Quote (ii) cancel its BFR and reimburse SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA for its costs incurred up to the date of cancellation, or (iii) if it believes the BFR Quote is inconsistent with the requirements of the Act and/or this Appendix, exercise its rights under the Dispute Resolution Process set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement. If SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA does not receive notice of any of the foregoing within such thirty (30) calendar day period, the BFR shall be deemed canceled. CLEC shall be responsible to reimburse SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA for its costs incurred up to the date of cancellation (whether affirmatively canceled or deemed canceled by CLEC).

6.3.12 Unless CLEC agrees otherwise, all rates and costs quoted or invoiced herein shall be consistent with the pricing principles of the Act.

6.3.13 If a Party believes that the other Party is not requesting, negotiating or processing a BFR in good faith and/or as required by the Act, or if a Party disputes a determination, or price or cost quote, such Party may seek relief pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Process set forth in the General Terms and Conditions section of this Agreement.

6.4 Item II

SBC SNET Bona Fide Request Process

6.4.1 The Bona Fide Request provisions set forth in Item I of Section 6 shall apply to BFRs submitted to SBC SNET, with the following exceptions:

6.4.2 Section 6.3.1 is amended to add the following: A CLEC may submit a BFR to request new UNEs, provided the request is not covered by one of the following conditions:

6.4.2.1 The UNEs requested have not previously been identified or defined by the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), the Federal Communications Commission, the CLEC's approved interconnection agreement, or in the listings of combinations in Docket No. 98-02-01, DPUC Investigation into Rebundling of Telephone Company Network Elements, August 17, 1998.

6.4.2.2 The UNEs requested are not currently deployed by an incumbent local exchange carrier in another jurisdiction or deemed acceptable for deployment by another state Commission or an industry standards body.

6.4.2.3 The UNEs requested are not included in a Telco tariffed offering as an existing capability or functional equivalent.

6.4.2.4 If the request is covered by one of the conditions listed above, SBC SNET will make these items generally available.

- 6.4.3 Sections 6.3.3 and 6.3.4 are amended as follows: No charges apply for SBC SNET to prepare the Preliminary Analysis.
- 6.4.4 Section 6.3.6 is amended as follows: Cancellation charges will not apply if the written notice of cancellation is received by SBC SNET after SBC SNET submits its Preliminary Analysis to CLEC but before CLEC's request for the BFR Quote. Cancellation charges will apply after CLEC submits its request for SBC SNET to provide a BFR Quote, but before the BFR Quote is provided to CLEC. CLEC shall be liable for reimbursement of all actual costs in connection with developing the BFR Quote incurred up to the time SBC SNET receives the written notice of cancellation from CLEC. However, if SBC SNET receives notification from CLEC for cancellation of the BFR after receipt by CLEC of the BFR Quote, the cancellation charges shall not exceed the lesser of the actual costs incurred by SBC SNET or the estimate in the BFR Quote plus twenty percent (20%).
- 6.4.5 Section 6.3.7 is amended as follows: SBC SNET will promptly consider and analyze each BFR it receives. Within ten (10) Business Days of its receipt, SBC SNET will acknowledge receipt of the BFR and in such acknowledgement advise CLEC of the need for any further information needed to process the Request. CLEC acknowledges that the time intervals set forth in this Appendix begin once SBC SNET has received a complete and accurate BFR Application Form.
- 6.4.6 SBC SNET will apply standard tariffed Processing Fees (BFR development costs) according to the Connecticut Access Service Tariff 4.11.
- 6.4.7 For SBC SNET, under the Dispute Resolution Process (DRP), either Party may petition the Department for relief pursuant to its own processes and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act regarding the issues raised during the BFR process. Upon request, a designated member of the Department staff may confer with both Parties orally or in person concerning the substance of the Parties' dispute, and may make such recommendations as he or she shall deem appropriate for consideration by both Parties to resolve expeditiously the issues in dispute. Any such participation by Department staff in such mediation shall not be construed in any subsequent proceeding as establishing precedent or any Formal position of the Department on the matter in dispute.

6.5 Item III

SBC CALIFORNIA Bona Fide Request Process

- 6.5.1 The Bona Fide Request provisions set forth in Item I of Section 6 shall apply to BFRs submitted to SBC CALIFORNIA, with the following exceptions:
- 6.5.2 Section 6.3.1 is amended as follows: A Bona Fide Request ("BFR") is the process by which CLEC may request SBC CALIFORNIA to provide CLEC access to an additional or new, undefined UNE.
- 6.5.3 Interconnection arrangement, or other (a "Request"), that is required to be provided by SBC CALIFORNIA under the Act but is not available under this Agreement or defined in a generic appendix at the time of CLEC's request.
- 6.5.4 Section 6.3.3 is amended as follows: All BFRs must be submitted with a BFR/Interconnection or Network Element Application Form in accordance with the specifications and processes set forth in the sections of the Handbook.
- 6.5.5 Section 6.3.8 is amended as follows: Except under extraordinary circumstances, within thirty (30) calendar days of its receipt of a complete and accurate BFR, SBC CALIFORNIA will provide to CLEC a Preliminary Analysis of such Request. The Preliminary Analysis will confirm that SBC CALIFORNIA will offer the request. The Preliminary Analysis provided by SBC CALIFORNIA will include cost categories (material, labor and other) and high level costs for the request. SBC CALIFORNIA will attempt to provide a "yes" response earlier than thirty (30) calendar days if possible. CLEC acknowledges that an earlier "yes" response will not include high level costs. The

* Section 6.5 is available only in the State of California. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, Paragraph 2.10.1.

costs will be sent by the 30th calendar day. When wholesale construction is required, costs will be provided within an additional twenty-four (24) calendar days (i.e., by the 54th calendar day).

- 6.5.6 If the BFR is denied, SBC CALIFORNIA will notify CLEC within fifteen (15) calendar days. The reason for denial will accompany the notification. Reasons for denial may include, but are not limited to: 1) not technically feasible, 2) the BFR is not the appropriate process for the Request and there is a referral to the appropriate process, and/or 3) the Request does not qualify as a new UNE, interconnection or other arrangement required by law.
- 6.5.7 If SBC CALIFORNIA refers CLEC to an alternate process, the details of the provision of the alternate process will accompany the notification. The details may include an application form for the alternate process and other documentation required for CLEC to submit the application for the alternate process.

7. NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE

- 7.1 Subject to Section 2 of this Appendix UNE, SBC-13STATE shall provide Network Interface Device under the following terms and conditions in this subsection.
- 7.2 The Network Interface Device (NID) UNE is defined as any means of interconnection of End User premises wiring to SBC-13STATE's distribution loop facilities, such as a cross connect device used for that purpose. Fundamentally, the NID establishes the final (and official) network demarcation point between the loop and the End User's inside wire. Maintenance and control of the End User's inside wiring (on the End User's side of the NID) is under the control of the End User. Conflicts between telephone service providers for access to the End User's inside wire must be resolved by the End User. Pursuant to applicable FCC rules, SBC-13STATE offers nondiscriminatory access to the NID on an unbundled basis to CLEC for the provision of a Telecommunications Service. CLEC access to the NID is offered as specified below (SBC-12STATE) or by tariff (SBC SNET).
- 7.3 SBC-12STATE will permit CLEC to connect its local loop facilities to End Users' premises wiring through SBC-12STATE's NID, or at any other technically feasible point.
- 7.4 CLEC may connect to the End User's premises wiring through the SBC-12STATE NID, as is, or at any other technically feasible point. Any repairs, upgrade and rearrangements to the NID required by CLEC will be performed by SBC-12STATE based on Time and Material charges. SBC-12STATE, at the request of CLEC, will disconnect the SBC-12STATE local loop from the NID, at charges reflected in the state specific Appendix Pricing.
- 7.5 With respect to multiple dwelling units or multiple-unit business premises, CLEC will connect directly with the End User's premises wire, or may connect with the End User's premises wire via SBC-12STATE's NID where necessary.
- 7.6 The SBC-12STATE NIDs that CLEC uses under this Appendix will be existing NIDs installed by SBC-12STATE to serve its End Users.
- 7.7 CLEC shall not attach to or disconnect SBC-12STATE's ground. CLEC shall not cut or disconnect SBC-12STATE's loop from the NID and/or its protector. CLEC shall not cut any other leads in the NID.
- 7.8 CLEC, who has constructed its own NID at a premises and needs only to make contact with SBC-12STATE's NID, can disconnect the End User's wiring from SBC-12STATE's NID and reconnect it to the CLEC's NID..
- 7.9 If CLEC requests any additional type of access to the NID not specifically referenced above, SBC-12STATE will consider the requested type of access via a mutually feasible method, to be facilitated via the Bona Fide Request (BFR) Process.

8. LOCAL LOOP

- 8.1 Subject to Section 2 of this Appendix UNE, SBC-13STATE shall provide Local Loop under the following terms and conditions in this subsection.

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8.2 Pursuant to applicable FCC rules, a local loop network element is a transmission facility between a distribution frame (or its equivalent) in an SBC-13STATE Central Office and the loop demarcation point at an End User premises. Therefore, consistent with the applicable FCC rules, SBC-13STATE will make available the UNE loops set forth herein below between a distribution frame (or its equivalent) in an SBC-13STATE Central Office and the loop demarcation point at an End User premises. The Parties acknowledge and agree that SBC-13STATE shall not be obligated to provision any of the UNE loops provided for herein to cellular sites or to any other location that does not constitute an End User premises. Where applicable, the local loop includes all wire within multiple dwelling and tenant buildings and campuses that provides access to End User premises wiring, provided such wire is owned and controlled by SBC-13STATE. The local loop includes all features, functions and capabilities of the transmission facility, including attached electronics (except those electronics used for the provision of advanced services, such as Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexers), and CLEC requested line conditioning (subject to applicable charges in Appendix Pricing). The local loop includes, but is not limited to copper loops (two-wire and four-wire analog voice-grade copper loops, digital copper loops [e.g., DS0s and integrated services digital network lines]), as well as two-wire and four-wire copper loops conditioned, at CLEC request and subject to charges, to transmit the digital signals needed to provide digital subscriber line services), DS1, DS3, and dark fiber, where such loops are deployed in SBC-13STATE wire centers. CLEC agrees to operate each loop type within applicable technical standards and parameters.

8.2.1 When a local loop is ordered to a high voltage area, the Parties understand and agree that the local loop will require a High Voltage Protective Equipment (HVPE) (e.g., a positron), to ensure the safety and integrity of the network, the Parties' employees and/or representatives, and the CLEC's End User. Therefore, any request by CLEC for a local loop to a high voltage area will be submitted by CLEC to SBC-13STATE via the BFR process set forth in Section 6 hereinabove and CLEC shall be required to pay SBC-13STATE for any HVPE that is provisioned by SBC-13STATE to CLEC in connection with the CLEC's UNE loop order to the high voltage area.

8.3 The following types of local loops will be provided at the rates, terms, and conditions set forth in this Appendix (SBC-12STATE) or by tariff (SBC-SNET) and in the state specific Appendix Pricing (SBC-12STATE) or by tariff (SBC-SNET):

8.3.1 2-Wire Analog Loop

8.3.1.1 A 2-Wire analog loop is a transmission facility which supports analog voice frequency, voice band services with loop start signaling within the frequency spectrum of approximately 300 Hz and 3000 Hz.

8.3.1.2 If CLEC requests one or more unbundled loops serviced by Integrated Digital Loop Carrier (IDLC) SBC-12STATE will, where available, move the requested unbundled loop(s) to a spare, existing all-copper or universal digital loop carrier unbundled loop at no additional charge to CLEC. If, however, no spare unbundled loop is available, as defined above, SBC-12STATE will within two (2) business days of CLEC's request, notify CLEC of the lack of available facilities.

8.3.2 4-Wire Analog Loop

8.3.2.1 A 4-Wire analog loop is a transmission facility that provides a non-signaling voice band frequency spectrum of approximately 300 Hz to 3000 Hz. The 4-Wire analog loop provides separate transmit and receive paths.

8.3.3 2-Wire Digital Loop

8.3.3.1 A 2-Wire 160 Kbps digital loop is a transmission facility which supports Basic Rate ISDN (BRI) digital exchange services. The 2-Wire digital loop 160 Kbps supports usable bandwidth up to 160 Kbps, including overhead.

8.3.4 4-Wire Digital Loop

8.3.4.1 A 4-Wire 1.544 Mbps digital loop is a transmission facility that will support DS1 service including Primary Rate ISDN (PRI). The 4-wire digital loop 1.544 Mbps supports usable bandwidth up to 1.544 Mbps.

8.3.4.2 UNE 4-Wire Digital Loops (DS1) will be offered and/or provided only where such Loops have not been Declassified.

8.3.4.3 The procedures set forth in Section 8.4, below will apply in the event 4-Wire Digital Loops (DS1) are or have been Declassified.

8.3.5 DS3 Digital Loop

8.3.5.1 The DS3 loop provides a digital, 45 Mbps transmission facility from the SBC-13STATE Central Office to the end user premises.

8.3.5.2 DS3 UNE loops will be offered and/or provided only where such Loops have not been Declassified.

8.3.5.3 The procedures set forth in Section 8.4, below will apply in the event DS3 Digital Loops are or have been Declassified.

8.3.5.4 DS3 Loop "Caps"

8.3.5.4.1 SBC 13-STATE is not obligated to provide to CLEC more than two (2) DS3 UNE loops per requesting carrier to any single End User premise location; accordingly, SBC-13STATE may reject CLEC orders for DS3 Loops once CLEC has already obtained two of these types of loops at the same End User premise location. Further, even if SBC-13STATE accepts such orders, it may, without further notice or liability, reject future orders and further provisioning of DS3 Loops at the same End User premises location. At SBC-13STATE's option it may accept the order, but convert any DS3 Loop(s) in excess of the cap to Special Access, and applicable Special Access charges will apply to CLEC for such DS3 Loop(s) as of the date of provisioning.

8.4 Declassification Procedure

8.4.1 In the event of Declassification of 4-Wire Digital Loops (DS1) or DS3 Digital Loops already purchased by CLEC on an unbundled basis from SBC-13STATE, SBC-13STATE will provide written notice to CLEC of such Declassification. Within 30 days from the date of the written notice, the affected Unbundled Loops will be converted to Special Access product and applicable revised charges and non-recurring charges will apply to CLEC for such product.

8.4.2 Products provided by SBC-13STATE in conjunction with such Loops (e.g. Cross-Connects) shall also be subject to re-pricing under this Section where such Loops are Declassified.

8.4.3 The Parties agree that activity by SBC-13STATE under this Section 8.4 shall not be subject to the Network Disclosure Rules.

9. SUB-LOOP ELEMENTS

9.1 Subject to Section 2 of this Appendix UNE, SBC-12STATE shall provide Sub-Loop Elements under the following terms and conditions in this subsection.

9.2 SBC-12STATE will provide sub-loop elements as UNEs as set forth in this Appendix. Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, SBC SNET does not offer Subloop elements under this Agreement. Rather, Subloop elements are available as described in Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff.

9.2.1 A subloop is a smaller included segment of SBC-12STATE's local loop plant, i.e., a portion of the loop from some technically accessible terminal beyond SBC-12STATE's central office and the

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