

22. GOVERNING LAW

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

23. REGULATORY APPROVAL

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

24. CHANGES IN END USER LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE PROVIDER SELECTION

24.1 Applies to SBC-12STATE only

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

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

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

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

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24.2 Applies to SBC SNET only

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

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

25. COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATION

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

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

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

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

26. LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

26.1.1 Intercept Devices:

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

26.1.2 Subpoenas:

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

26.1.3 Emergencies:

26.1.3.1 If a Party receives a request from a law enforcement agency for a temporary number change, temporary disconnect, or one-way denial of outbound calls by the receiving Party's switch for an End User of the other Party, that Receiving Party will comply with a valid emergency request. However, neither Party shall be held liable for any claims or Losses arising from compliance with such requests on behalf of the other Party's End

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User and the Party serving such End User agrees to indemnify and hold the other Party harmless against any and all such claims or Losses.

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

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

27. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES/INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

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

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

28. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES; DISCLAIMER OF AGENCY

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

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30. SUBCONTRACTING

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

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

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

30.4 No contract, subcontract or other agreement entered into by either Party with any Third Party in connection with the provision of Interconnection, Resale Services, Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services hereunder will provide for any indemnity, guarantee or

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assumption of liability by the other Party to this Agreement with respect to such arrangement, except as consented to in writing by the other Party.

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

31. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION

- 31.1 Each Party shall be solely responsible at its own expense for the proper handling, use, removal, excavation, storage, treatment, transport, disposal, or any other management by such Party or any person acting on its behalf of all Hazardous Substances and Environmental Hazards introduced to the affected work location and will perform such activities in accordance with Applicable Law.
- 31.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement and to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, SBC-13STATE shall, at CLEC's request, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CLEC, each of its officers, directors and employees from and against any losses, damages, costs, fines, penalties and expenses (including reasonable attorneys and consultant's fees) of every kind and nature to the extent they are incurred by any of those parties in connection with a claim, demand, suit, or proceeding for damages, penalties, contribution, injunction, or any other kind of relief that is based upon, arises out of, is caused by, or results from: (i) the removal or disposal from the work location of a Hazardous Substance by SBC-13STATE or any person acting on behalf of SBC-13STATE, or the subsequent storage, processing, or other handling of such Hazardous Substances after they have been removed from the work location, (ii) the Release of a Hazardous Substance, regardless of its source, by SBC-13STATE or any person acting on behalf of SBC-13STATE, or (iii) the presence at the work location of an Environmental Hazard for which SBC-13STATE is responsible under Applicable Law or a Hazardous Substance introduced into the work location by SBC-13STATE or any person acting on behalf of SBC-13STATE.
- 31.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement and to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, CLEC shall, at SBC-13STATE's request, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless SBC-13STATE, each of its officers, directors and employees from and against any losses, damages, costs, fines, penalties and expenses (including reasonable attorney's and consultant's fees) of every kind and nature to the extent they are incurred by any of those parties in connection with a claim, demand, suit, or proceeding for damages, penalties, contribution, injunction, or any other kind of relief that is based upon, arises out of, is caused by, or results from: (i) the removal or disposal of a Hazardous Substance from the work location by CLEC or any person acting on behalf of CLEC, or the subsequent storage, processing, or other handling of such Hazardous Substances after they have been removed from the work location, (ii) the Release of a Hazardous Substance, regardless of its source, by CLEC or any person acting on behalf of CLEC, or (iii) the presence at the work location of an Environmental Hazard for which CLEC is responsible under Applicable Law or a Hazardous Substance introduced into the work location by CLEC or any person acting on behalf of CLEC.
- 31.4 For the purposes of this agreement, "Hazardous Substances" means i) any material or substance that is defined or classified as a hazardous substance, hazardous waste, hazardous material, hazardous chemical, pollutant, or contaminant under any federal, state, or local environmental statute, rule, regulation, ordinance or other Applicable Law dealing with the protection of human health or the environment, ii) petroleum, oil, gasoline, natural gas, fuel oil, motor oil, waste oil, diesel fuel, jet fuel, and other petroleum hydrocarbons, or iii) asbestos and asbestos containing material in any form, and iv) any soil, groundwater, air, or other media contaminated with any of the materials or substances described above.
- 31.5 For the purposes of this agreement, "Environmental Hazard" means i) the presence of petroleum vapors or other gases in hazardous concentrations in a manhole or other confined space, or conditions reasonably likely to give rise to such concentrations, ii) asbestos containing materials, or iii) any

potential hazard that would not be obvious to an individual entering the work location or detectable using work practices standard in the industry.

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

32. FORCE MAJEURE

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

33. TAXES

- 33.1 Each Party purchasing Interconnection, Resale Services, Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement shall pay or otherwise be responsible for all federal, state, or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts, municipal fees, transfer, transaction or similar taxes, fees, or surcharges (hereinafter "Tax") imposed on, or with respect to, the Interconnection, Resale Services, Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement provided by or to such Party, except for (a) any Tax on either party's corporate existence, status, or income or (b) any corporate franchise Taxes. Whenever possible, Taxes shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice.
- 33.2 CLEC acknowledges and agrees that it is required to comply with Chapter 283 of the Texas Local Government Code, as it may be amended from time to time, and the reporting and compensation requirements of Subchapter R of the P.U.C. Substantive Rules - Chapter 26, Applicable to Telecommunications Service Providers, as they may be amended from time to time. With respect to municipal fees charged pursuant to Chapter 283, Tex. Loc. Gov't Code, CLEC agrees that it will directly report its access lines to the Texas Public Utility Commission, will remit the related payments to municipalities, and will otherwise comply with Chapter 283 and applicable P.U.C. rules, as they may be amended from time to time.
- 33.3 With respect to any purchase of Interconnection, Resale Services, Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement if any Tax is required or permitted by Applicable Law to be collected from the purchasing Party by the providing Party, then: (i) the providing Party shall bill the purchasing Party for such Tax; (ii) the purchasing Party shall remit such Tax to the providing Party; and (iii) the providing Party shall remit such collected Tax to the applicable taxing authority. Failure to include Taxes on an invoice or to state a Tax separately shall not impair the

obligation of the purchasing Party to pay any Tax. Nothing shall prevent the providing Party from paying any Tax to the appropriate taxing authority prior to the time: (i) it bills the purchasing Party for such Tax, or (ii) it collects the Tax from the purchasing Party. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the purchasing Party shall be liable for and the providing Party may collect Taxes which were assessed by or paid to an appropriate taxing authority within the statute of limitations period but not included on an invoice within four (4) years after the Tax otherwise was owed or due.

- 33.4 With respect to any purchase hereunder of Interconnection, Resale Services, Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement that are resold to a third party, if any Tax is imposed by Applicable Law on the End User in connection with any such purchase, then: (i) the purchasing Party shall be required to impose and/or collect such Tax from the End User; and (ii) the purchasing Party shall remit such Tax to the applicable taxing authority. The purchasing Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the providing Party for any costs incurred by the providing Party as a result of actions taken by the applicable taxing authority to collect the Tax from the providing Party due to the failure of the purchasing Party to pay or collect and remit such tax to such authority.
- 33.5 If the providing Party fails to bill or to collect any Tax as required herein, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party: (i) the purchasing Party shall remain liable for such uncollected Tax; and (ii) the providing Party shall be liable for any penalty and interest assessed with respect to such uncollected Tax by such authority. However, if the purchasing Party fails to pay any Taxes properly billed, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, the purchasing Party will be solely responsible for payment of the Taxes, penalty and interest.
- 33.6 If the purchasing Party fails to impose and/or collect any Tax from End Users as required herein, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, the purchasing Party shall remain liable for such uncollected Tax and any interest and penalty assessed thereon with respect to the uncollected Tax by the applicable taxing authority. With respect to any Tax that the purchasing Party has agreed to pay or impose on and/or collect from End Users, the purchasing Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the providing Party for any costs incurred by the providing Party as a result of actions taken by the applicable taxing authority to collect the Tax from the providing Party due to the failure of the purchasing Party to pay or collect and remit such Tax to such authority.
- 33.7 If either Party is audited by a taxing authority or other Governmental Authority, the other Party agrees to reasonably cooperate with the Party being audited in order to respond to any audit inquiries in a proper and timely manner so that the audit and/or any resulting controversy may be resolved expeditiously.
- 33.8 To the extent a sale is claimed to be for resale and thus subject to tax exemption, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation of the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. Failure to timely provide said resale tax exemption certificate will result in no exemption being available to the purchasing Party for any period prior to the date that the purchasing Party presents a valid certificate. If Applicable Law excludes or exempts a purchase of Interconnection, Resale Services, Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement from a Tax, but does not also provide an exemption procedure, then the providing Party will not collect such Tax if the purchasing Party (a) furnishes the providing Party with a letter signed by an officer of the purchasing Party claiming an exemption and identifying the Applicable Law that both allows such exemption and does not require an exemption certificate; and (b) supplies the providing Party with an indemnification agreement, reasonably acceptable to the providing Party, which holds the providing Party harmless from any tax, interest, penalties, loss, cost or expense with respect to forbearing to collect such Tax.
- 33.9 With respect to any Tax or Tax controversy covered by this Section 34, the purchasing Party is entitled to contest with the imposing jurisdiction, pursuant to Applicable Law and at its own expense, any Tax that it is ultimately obligated to pay or collect. The purchasing Party will ensure that no lien is attached to any asset of the providing Party as a result of any contest. The purchasing Party shall be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery of amounts that it had previously paid resulting from such a

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contest. Amounts previously paid by the providing Party shall be refunded to the providing Party. The providing Party will cooperate in any such contest.

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

34. NON-WAIVER

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

35. NETWORK MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT

- 35.1 The Parties will work cooperatively to implement this Agreement. The Parties will exchange appropriate information (for example, maintenance contact numbers, network information, information required to comply with law enforcement and other security agencies of the Government, escalation processes, etc.) to achieve this desired result.
- 35.2 Each Party will administer its network to ensure acceptable service levels to all users of its network services. Service levels are generally considered acceptable only when End Users are able to establish connections with little or no delay encountered in the network. Each Party will provide a 24-hour contact number for Network Traffic Management issues to the other's surveillance management center.
- 35.3 Each Party maintains the right to implement protective network traffic management controls, such as "cancel to", "call gapping" or 7-digit and 10-digit code gaps, to selectively cancel the completion of traffic over its network, including traffic destined for the other Party's network, when required to protect the public-switched network from congestion as a result of occurrences such as facility failures, switch congestion or failure or focused overload. Each Party shall immediately notify the other Party of any protective control action planned or executed.
- 35.4 Where the capability exists, originating or terminating traffic reroutes may be implemented by either Party to temporarily relieve network congestion due to facility failures or abnormal calling patterns. Reroutes shall not be used to circumvent normal trunk servicing. Expansive controls shall be used only when mutually agreed to by the Parties.
- 35.5 The Parties shall cooperate and share pre-planning information regarding cross-network call-ins expected to generate large or focused temporary increases in call volumes to prevent or mitigate the impact of these events on the public-switched network, including any disruption or loss of service to the other Party's End Users. Facsimile (FAX) numbers must be exchanged by the Parties to facilitate event notifications for planned mass calling events.
- 35.6 Neither Party shall use any Interconnection, Resale Service, Unbundled Network Element, function, facility, product or service provided under this Agreement or any other service related thereto or used in combination therewith in any manner that interferes with or impairs service over any facilities of **SBC-13STATE**, its affiliated companies or other connecting telecommunications carriers, prevents any carrier from using its Telecommunications Service, impairs the quality or the privacy of Telecommunications Service to other carriers or to either Party's End Users, causes hazards to either Party's personnel or the public, damage to either Party's or any connecting carrier's facilities or equipment, including any malfunction of ordering or billing systems or equipment. Upon such

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occurrence either Party may discontinue or refuse service, but only for so long as the other Party is violating this provision. Upon any such violation, either Party shall provide the other Party notice of the violation at the earliest practicable time.

36. SIGNALING

- 36.1 SBC-12STATE will provide SS7 signaling on interswitch calls originating from an ULS port pursuant to Appendix UNE, Section 12 Shared Transport. All other use of SS7 signaling is pursuant to the access tariff.

37. TRANSMISSION OF TRAFFIC TO THIRD PARTIES

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

38. CUSTOMER INQUIRIES

- 38.1 Except as otherwise required by Section 24.1, each Party will refer all questions regarding the other Party's services or products directly to the other Party at a telephone number specified by that Party.
- 38.2 Except as otherwise required by Section 24.1, each Party will ensure that all of its representatives who receive inquiries regarding the other Party's services:
- 38.2.1 Provide the number described in Section 38.1 to callers who inquire about the other Party's services or products; and
- 38.2.2 Do not in any way disparage or discriminate against the other Party or its products or services.
- 38.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, CLEC shall be the primary point of contact for CLEC's End Users with respect to the services CLEC provides such End Users.
- 38.4 CLEC acknowledges that SBC-13STATE may, upon End User request, provide services directly to such End User similar to those offered to CLEC under this Agreement.

39. EXPENSES

- 39.1 Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, each Party will be solely responsible for its own expenses involved in all activities related to the matters covered by this Agreement.
- 39.2 SBC-12STATE and CLEC shall each be responsible for one-half (1/2) of expenses payable to a Third Party for Commission fees or other charges (including regulatory fees, reproduction and delivery expense and any costs of notice or publication, but not including attorney's fees) associated with the filing of this Agreement or any amendment to this Agreement. Prior to the filing of this Agreement in the State of Nevada, CLEC will submit a check in the amount of \$200.00, payable to **Public Utilities Commission of Nevada**, to cover its portion of the expenses incurred with filing this Agreement. Prior to the filing of each and every Amendment filed in connection with this Agreement in the State of Nevada, CLEC will submit a check in the amount of \$200.00, payable to **Public Utilities Commission of Nevada**, to cover its portion of the expenses incurred with filing of each amendment filed in connection with this Agreement. Upon receipt of CLEC's check, the Agreement will be processed for filing with the Commission.

40. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

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41. SURVIVAL

- 41.1 The Parties' obligations under this Agreement which by their nature are intended to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement: Section 5.5; Section 5.6, Section 7.3; Section 8.1; Section 8.4; Section 8.5; Section 8.6; Section 8.7; Section 8.8; Section 10, Section 11; Section 13; Section 14; Section 15; Section 16.1; Section 18; Section 19; Section 20; Section 22; Section 25.4; Section 26.1.3; Section 32; Section 34 and Section 42.

42. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- 42.1 This Agreement is intended to describe and enable specific Interconnection and compensation arrangements between the Parties. This Agreement is the arrangement under which the Parties may purchase from each other the products and services described in Section 251 of the Act and obtain approval of such arrangement under Section 252 of the Act. Except as agreed upon in writing, neither Party shall be required to provide the other Party a function, facility, product, service or arrangement described in the Act that is not expressly provided herein.
- 42.2 Except as specifically contained herein or provided by the FCC or any Commission within its lawful jurisdiction, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to affect any access charge arrangement.

43. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

- 43.1 Except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, no provision of this Agreement shall be deemed amended or modified by either Party unless such an amendment or modification is in writing, dated, and signed by an authorized representative of both Parties. The rates, terms and conditions contained in the amendment shall become effective upon approval of such amendment by the appropriate Commissions; and such amendment will not require refunds, true-up or retroactive crediting or debiting prior to the approval of the Amendment. SBC-12STATE and CLEC shall each be responsible for its share of the publication expense (i.e. filing fees, delivery and reproduction expense, and newspaper notification fees), to the extent publication is required for filing of an amendment by a specific state.
- 43.2 Neither Party shall be bound by any preprinted terms additional to or different from those in this Agreement that may appear subsequently in the other Party's form documents, purchase orders, quotations, acknowledgments, invoices or other communications.

44. APPENDICES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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

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

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

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

44.3 DATABASE ACCESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44.7 OTHER SERVICES

44.7.1 911 and E911 Services

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

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

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

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

44.7.1.2.3 CLEC agrees to begin implementing access to 911 sufficiently in advance of the planned implementation of voice service to meet its 911 requirements. CLEC understands that the steps it must take to fulfill its 911 obligation include, but are not limited to, obtaining NXX(s) from NECA for the exchange area(s) CLEC plans to serve, submission of the appropriate form(s) to SBC-13STATE, and, following SBC-13STATE's processing of such form(s), obtaining approval from the appropriate PSAP(s) for the CLEC's 911 service architecture. CLEC further understands that PSAP approval may include testing 911 trunks with appropriate PSAP(s). CLEC understands that, based on SBC-13STATE's prior experience with CLEC implementation of 911, these steps require a minimum of sixty (60) days.

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

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44.7.2 AIN

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

44.7.3 Directory Assistance (DA)

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

44.7.4 Hosting

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

44.7.5 Operator Services (OS)

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

44.7.6 Signaling System 7 Interconnection

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

44.7.7 Publishing and Directory

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

45. AUTHORITY

- 45.1 Each of the SBC-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that it is a corporation or limited partnership duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of incorporation or formation. Each of the SBC-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that SBC Telecommunications, Inc. has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement as agent for that SBC-owned ILEC. Each of the SBC-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that it has full power and authority to perform its obligations hereunder.
- 45.2 CLEC represents and warrants that it is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder. CLEC represents and warrants that it has been or will be certified as a LEC by the Commission(s) prior to submitting any orders hereunder and is or will be authorized to provide the Telecommunications Services contemplated hereunder in the territory contemplated hereunder prior to submission of orders for such Service.
- 45.3 Each Person whose signature appears below represents and warrants that he or she has authority to bind the Party on whose behalf he or she has executed this Agreement.

46. COUNTERPARTS

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

47. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

47.1 SBC-12STATE

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

47.2 SBC SNET

47.2.1 The rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement and any Appendices, Attachments, Exhibits, Schedules, Addenda, Commission approved tariffs and other documents or instruments

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referred to herein and incorporated into this Agreement by reference constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, superseding all prior understandings, proposals and other communications, oral or written between the Parties predating the execution of this Agreement; provided, however, that none of the rates, terms or conditions of this Agreement shall be construed to apply in any manner to any period prior to the termination and/or expiration date of any agreement that this Agreement replaces. This Agreement shall not operate as or constitute a novation of any agreement or contract between the Parties that predates the execution and/or Effective Date of this Agreement.

48. SELECTION OF BILLING OPTIONS

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

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SBC-13STATE Agreement
Signatures

**THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS A BINDING
ARBITRATION PROVISION WHICH MAY BE
ENFORCED BY THE PARTIES.**

CLEC's STATE-SPECIFIC:

FACILITIES-BASED OCN # _____

RESALE OCN # _____

ACNA _____

Now Acquisition Corporation

**Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas
and SBC Missouri by SBC Telecommunications, Inc., its
authorized agent**

Signature: _____

Name: Scott Kellogg
(Print or Type)

Title: SECRETARY
(Print or Type)

Date: 12/23/03

Signature: _____

Name: LARRY B. COOPER
(Print or Type)

Title: For/ President - Industry Markets

Date: 12/30/03

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Appendix A

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Appendix A to General Terms and Conditions

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

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

Now Acquisition Corporation

Signature: Name: SCOTT KELLOGG
(Print or Type)Title: SECRETARY
(Print or Type)Date: 12/23/03

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APPENDIX 800 (Access To the Toll Free Calling Database)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Access to the Toll Free Calling Database provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **SBC-4STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 **SBC-7STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA**, and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

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- 1.14 **SBC INDIANA** - As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN** - As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.17 **SBC MISSOURI** - As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.18 **SBC NEVADA** - As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.19 **SBC OHIO** - As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.21 **SBC SNET** - As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.23 **SBC TEXAS** - As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2. DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this Agreement, **SBC SNET** does not offer Access to the Toll Free Calling Database under this Agreement. Rather, Access to the Toll Free Calling Database is available from **SBC SNET** as described in Section 18.2.9, 800 Database Access, of the CT Access Service Tariff.
- 2.2 **SBC-12STATE's** 800 database, an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Signaling System 7 (SS7) call-related database system, receives updates processed from the national System Management System (SMS) database. Customer records in the SMS are created or modified by entities known as Responsible Organizations ("Resp Org") who obtain access to the SMS via the System Management System/800 database, Tariff FCC No. 1. 800 Service Providers must either become their own Resp Org or use the services of an established Resp Org. The services of a Resp Org include creating and updating 800 records in the SMS to download to the 800 database(s). **SBC-12STATE** does not, either through a tariff or contract, provide Resp Org service.
- 2.3 After the 800 customer record is created in the SMS, the SMS downloads the records to the appropriate databases, depending on the area of service chosen by the 800 subscriber. An 800 customer record is created in the SMS for each 800 number to be activated. The SMS initiates all routing changes to update information on a nationwide basis.

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- 2.4 Access to the Toll Free Calling Database allows CLEC to access SBC-12STATE's 800 database for the purpose of switch query and database response. Access to the Toll Free Calling Database supports the processing of toll free calls (e.g., 800 and 888) where identification of the appropriate carrier (800 Service Provider) to transport the call is dependent upon the full ten digits of the toll free number (e.g., 1+800+NXX+XXXX). Access to the Toll Free Calling Database includes all 800-type dialing plans (i.e., 800, 888, and other codes as may be designated in the future).
- 2.5 Access to the Toll Free Calling Database provides the carrier identification function required to determine the appropriate routing of an 800 number based on the geographic origination of the call, from a specific or any combination of NPA/NXX, NPA or LATA call origination detail.
- 2.6 There are three optional features available with 800 service:
 - 2.6.1 Designated 10-Digit Translation;
 - 2.6.2 Call Validation; and
 - 2.6.3 Call Handling and Destination.
 - 2.6.4 The Designated 10-Digit Translation feature converts the 800 number into a designated 10-digit number. If the 800 Service Provider provides the designated 10-digit number associated with the 800 number and request delivery of the designated 10-digit number in place of the 800 number, SBC-12STATE will deliver the designated 10-digit number.
 - 2.6.5 The Call Handling and Destination feature allows the customer to create routing schemes utilizing:
 - 2.6.5.1 Time of Day
 - 2.6.5.2 Day of Week
 - 2.6.5.3 Day of Year
 - 2.6.5.4 Allocation of Traffic by Percentage
 - 2.6.5.5 NPA-NXX-XXXX
 - 2.6.6 The Call Validation feature List Turnaround feature (referred to as the Six-Digit Master Number List Turnaround feature in SBC-2STATE) applies when customer identification is performed for Canadian and Caribbean toll free numbers. This feature is billed in lieu of the Basic Toll Free Access Query charge.

3. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 3.1 Access to the Toll Free Calling Database provided under these terms and conditions is only available for use in the provision of telephone exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunication Services as specified in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and any effective rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and the State regulatory Commission.
- 3.2 Access to the Toll Free Calling Database is offered separate and apart from other unbundled network elements necessary for operation of the network routing function addressed in these terms and conditions, e.g., end office 800 (SSP) functionality and (CCS/SS7) signaling. This Appendix is separate from the prices, terms, conditions and billing for such related elements, and in no way shall this Appendix be construed to circumvent the prices, terms, conditions or billing as specified for such related elements. To utilize this Appendix for Toll Free Calling Database access, CLEC must use SBC-13STATE switching. When CLEC elects to use their own switch, then access to the Toll Free Calling Database is purchased from SBC-13STATE's Federal Access Tariffs.
- 3.3 CLEC shall address its queries to SBC-12STATE's database to the alias point code of the STP pair identified by SBC-12STATE. CLEC's queries shall use subsystem number 0 in the calling party address field and a translations type of 254 with a routing indicator set to route on global title. CLEC acknowledges that such subsystem number and translation type values are necessary for SBC-12STATE to properly process queries to its 800 database.

- 3.4 Each Party warrants to the other that it shall send queries and SS7 messages conforming to the ANSI approved standards for SS7 protocol and pursuant to the Specifications and Standards documents attached and incorporated herein in Exhibit I. Both Parties acknowledge that transmission in said protocol is necessary for each Party to provision Access to the Toll Free Calling Database (or the equivalent thereof). Each Party reserves the right to modify its network pursuant to other specifications and standards, which may include Telcordia's specifications, defining specific service applications, message types, and formats, that may become necessary to meet the prevailing demands within the U.S. telecommunications industry. All such changes shall be announced in accordance with the then prevailing industry standard procedures. Each Party shall work cooperatively to coordinate any necessary changes.
- 3.5 CLEC acknowledges and agrees that CCS/SS7 network overload due to extraordinary volumes of queries and/or other SS7 network messages can and will have a detrimental effect on the performance of SBC-12STATE's CCS/SS7 network and its 800 database. CLEC further agrees that SBC-12STATE, at its sole discretion, may employ certain automatic and/or manual overload controls within SBC-12STATE's CCS/SS7 network to guard against these detrimental effects. SBC-12STATE shall report to CLEC any instances where overload controls are invoked due to CLEC's CCS/SS7 network. CLEC shall take immediate corrective actions as are necessary to cure the conditions causing the overload situation.
- 3.6 During periods of 800 database system congestion, SBC-12STATE shall utilize an automatic code gapping procedure to control congestion that may affect the service of all customers of SBC-12STATE's 800 database. The automatic code gapping procedure used by SBC-12STATE shall notify the CLEC's switch of the gap length (how long CLEC's switch should wait before sending another query) and the gap duration (how long the switch should continue to perform gapping). For example, during an overload condition, the automatic code gapping procedures shall tell SBC-12STATE's 800 database when to begin to drop one out of three queries received. This code gapping procedure shall be applied uniformly to all users of SBC-12STATE's 800 database. SBC-12STATE reserves the right to manually invoke the automatic code gapping procedure to control congestion.
- 3.7 Prior to SBC-12STATE initiating service under this Appendix, CLEC shall provide an initial forecast of busy hour query volumes. CLEC shall update its busy hour forecast for each upcoming calendar year (January-December) by October 1 of the preceding year and also whenever CLEC anticipates a change to existing forecasts. CLEC shall provide such updates each year for as long as this Appendix is in effect; provided, the obligation to provide updates shall not extend for longer than three years, assuming this Appendix in effect for that long or longer. If prior to the establishment of a mutually agreeable service effective date, in writing, SBC-12STATE, at its discretion, determines that it lacks adequate processing capability to provide Access to the Toll Free Calling Database to CLEC, SBC-12STATE shall notify CLEC of SBC-12STATE's intent not to provide the services under this Appendix and this Appendix will be void and have no further effect.
- 3.8 CLEC shall from time to time at SBC-12STATE's request, provide additional forecasted information as deemed necessary by SBC-12STATE for network planning in connection with this offering.
- 3.9 SBC-12STATE shall test the Access to the Toll Free Calling Database in conjunction with CCS/SS7 Interconnection Service (e.g., Appendix SS7) as outlined in Telcordia Technical References TR-NWT-000533, TR-NWT-000954, TR-TSV-000905, TP76638, GR-954-CORE, GR-905-CORE and Pacific Bell PUB L-780023-PB/NB and SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE AM-TR-OAT-000069.
- 3.10 CLEC shall only use Access to the Toll Free Calling Database to determine the routing requirements for originating 800 calls. Neither CLEC nor carrier customers of CLEC, if CLEC is acting on behalf of other carriers, shall use the database information to copy, store, maintain or create any table or database of any kind or for any purpose. If CLEC acts on behalf of other carriers to access SBC-12STATE's Toll Free Calling Database, CLEC shall prohibit such carriers from copying, storing, maintaining, or creating any table or database of any kind from any response provided by SBC-12STATE after a query to SBC-12STATE's Toll Free Calling Database. CLEC shall only use this network element in connection with the provision of telephone exchange and Exchange Access services.

- 3.11 CLEC shall ensure that it has sufficient link capacity and related facilities to handle its signaling and toll free traffic without adversely affecting other network subscribers.
- 3.12 SBC-12STATE shall provide Access to the Toll Free Calling Database as set forth in this Appendix only as such elements are used for CLEC's activities on behalf of its local service customers where SBC-12STATE is the incumbent local exchange carrier. CLEC agrees that any other use of SBC-12STATE's Toll Free Calling Database for the provision of 800 database service by CLEC will be pursuant to the terms, conditions, rates, and charges of SBC-12STATE's effective tariffs, as revised, for 800 database services.
- 3.13 Ordering and Billing Inquiries
- 3.13.1 Ordering and billing inquiries for the elements described herein shall be directed to:
- 3.13.1.1 For SBC-7STATE - the Local Service Center (LSC).
- 3.13.1.2 For SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE - the AII Service Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

4. RATE REGULATIONS

- 4.1 CLEC shall pay a Local Service Order Request Charge for each CLEC request for service order activity to establish Access to the Toll Free Calling Database in the SBC-12STATE region.
- 4.2 The prices at which SBC-13STATE agrees to provide CLEC with Access to the Toll Free Calling Database are contained in the applicable Appendix PRICING and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.
- 4.3 CLEC shall pay a nonrecurring charge when a CLEC establishes or changes a signaling point code. The rates and charges for Signaling Point Code(s) are described in the Appendix SS7. This charge also applies to point code information provided by CLECs allowing other telecommunications providers to use the CLEC's SS7 signaling network.
- 4.4 Rate Elements
- There are four rate elements associated with Access to the Toll Free Calling Database:
- 4.4.1 Basic Toll Free Access Query Rate Element
- 4.4.2 Designated 10-Digit Translation Rate Element (referred to as POTS Translations in SBC-2STATE and SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE).
- 4.4.3 Call Validation Rate Element (referred to as Multiple Destination Routing Rate Element in SBC-2STATE).
- 4.4.4 Call Handling and Destination Rate Element (referred to as Six-Digit Master Number List Turnaround Rate Element in SBC-2STATE and 800 Database Vertical Feature in SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE).
- 4.5 CLEC shall pay the Basic Toll Free Access query rate for each query received and processed by SBC-12STATE's database. When applicable, the charge for the additional features (Designated 10-Digit Translation, Call Validation, and Call Handling and Destination) are per query and in addition to the Basic Toll Free Access query charge; and shall also be paid by CLEC.

5. MONTHLY BILLING

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

6. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 6.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service

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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 800 EXHIBIT I

1. SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS

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

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APPENDIX COORDINATED HOT CUT (CHC)

1. INTRODUCTION

This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Coordinated Hot Cut (CHC) provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

- 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.
- 1.2 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
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- 1.5 **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.
- 1.6 **SBC SNET** - As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.7 **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.
- 1.8 **"Conversion of Service"** is defined as the matching of the disconnect of one telecommunications product or service with the installation of another telecommunications product or service.
- 1.9 **"Designated Installation"** is defined as an installation of service occurring at a specific time of day as specified by CLEC.

2. CHC SERVICE DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 Coordinated Hot Cut (CHC) Service is an optional manual service offering that permits CLEC to request a designated installation and/or conversion of service during, or after, normal business hours..
- 2.2 CLEC will initiate the beginning of a CHC by contacting the appropriate coordination center. This special request enables CLEC to schedule and coordinate particular provisioning requirements with the **SBC-13STATE**.
- 2.3 **SBC-13STATE** may limit the number of service orders that can be coordinated based on workload and resources available. SBC shall approve CHC requests on a non-discriminatory basis, by requesting carrier, and on a first come, first served basis.
- 2.4 The **SBC-13STATE** reserves the right to suspend the availability of CHC Service during unanticipated heavy workload/activity periods. Heavy workload includes any unanticipated volume of work that impacts the **SBC-**

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13STATE's ability to provide its baseline service. Where time permits, the **SBC-13STATE** will make every effort to notify CLEC when such unanticipated activities occur.

3. CHC PRICING

- 3.1 CHC is a time sensitive labor operation. Total charges are determined by a number of factors including the volume of lines, day of the week, and the time of day requested for the cut over.
- 3.2 When CLEC orders CHC service, **SBC-13STATE** shall charge and CLEC agrees to pay for CHC service at the "additional labor" or "Time and Material" rates set forth in the following applicable Tariffs or Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices:
- 3.2.1 **SBC-MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - FCC No. 2 Access Services Tariff, Section 13.2.6 (c)¹
- 3.2.2 **SBC-NEVADA** - PUCN, Section C13A, 13.2.6(c)
- 3.2.3 **SBC-CALIFORNIA** - Access Tariff 175-T, Section 13.2.6(c)
- 3.2.4 **SBC-SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices, "Time and Materials Charges"
- 3.2.5 **SBC-SNET** - Connecticut Access Service Tariff, Section 18.1(3)
- 3.3 In the event the **SBC-13STATE** fails to meet a CHC Service commitment for reasons within the control of **SBC-13STATE**, SBC will not charge CLEC a CHC Service charge. However, in the event SBC misses a CHC Service commitment due to CLEC, its agent or end user reasons, the Coordinated Hot Cut (CHC) Service charge will still apply. For example, if CLEC requests any change to an order with CHC Service including, but not limited to, **SBC-13STATE**'s inability to gain access to CLEC's end user's premises, or CLEC/end user is not ready to proceed with the order, the CHC charge will apply and **SBC-13STATE** is no longer obligated to ensure a CHC is on that order.

4. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 4.1 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.

¹ **SBC-13STATE** will not charge the additional labor rate in a particular state in the **SBC-MIDWEST 5-STATE** region until the effective non-recurring dockets: IL - 98-0396, IN - Cause 40611-S1, MI - U-11831, OH - 96-922-TP-UNC, and WI - 6720-TI-120, are superseded by that state's commission order approving new non-recurring UNE rates.

CLEC BILLING SUMMARY

	California	Nevada	MidWest	SouthWest	SNET
Tariff/Schedule Pricing Appendix	State Tariff 175T, Sec. 13.2.6	Tariff PUCN, Sec. 13A, 13.2.6	FCC No.2 Sec. 13.2.6	Appendix - Pricing Schedule of Pricing (derived from FCC Access Tariff-each state's UNE schedule has different rate)	CT Access Service Tariff, Section 18-3.6
USOCs	ALKNF/ALK++ Basic rate first half hour ALKNS - Basic Rate each additional ALKXF/ALK++ Overtime rate first half hour ALKXS Overtime rate each additional ALKPF/ALK++ Premium rate first half hour ALKPS Premium rate each additional	ALKNM - Basic Rate Central Office Technician ALKXM - Overtime Rate Central Office Technician ALKPM - Premium Rate Central Office Technician	ALK - testing and maintenance with other telephone companies and Other Labor	ALK - Testing and Maintenance with Other Telephone Companies or Other Labor	NRBN7 - 18.6.1 Rates for Coordinated Cutover Service - POTS Products/Services NRBN8 - Rates for Coordinated Cutover Service - Complex
Basic 1st half hour	\$42.00	\$32.72	\$23.94	TX \$21.44 (X2A billing in 1/4 hour increments; generic in half hour increments) MO \$42.75 OK \$49.48 KS \$62.34 AR \$71.20	\$113.40 (per order) POTS \$337.48 (per Order) Complex
Basic each addtl half hour	\$21.00	\$32.72	\$22.68	TX \$21.44 MO \$34.20 OK \$23.78 KS \$29.97 AR \$34.25	NA
Overtime 1st half hour	\$45.00	\$49.08	\$26.62	TX \$28.01 MO \$53.45 OK \$62.10 KS \$77.80 AR \$88.85	NA
Overtime each addtl half hour	\$24.00	\$49.08	\$26.62	TX \$28.01 MO \$43.35 OK \$30.10 KS \$37.70 AR \$43.10	NA
Premium 1st half hour	\$49.00	\$65.43	\$31.46	TX \$34.59 MO \$64.10 OK \$74.73 KS \$93.25 AR \$106.55	NA
Premium each addtl half hour	\$28.00	\$65.43	\$31.46	TX \$34.59 MO \$52.50 OK \$36.40 KS \$45.52 AR \$51.90	NA
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APPENDIX PHYSICAL COLLOCATION

1. INTRODUCTION

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- 2.2 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 2.3 **SBC-4STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 2.4 **SBC-7STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
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- 2.6 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 2.7 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
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- 2.9 **SBC ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 2.10 **SBC CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 2.11 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 2.12 **SBC ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

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- 2.13 **SBC INDIANA** - As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
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- 2.16 **SBC MISSOURI** - As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 2.17 **SBC NEVADA** - As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 2.18 **SBC OHIO** - As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 2.19 **SBC OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
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- 2.22 **SBC TEXAS** - As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 2.23 **SBC WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.
- 2.24 "Active Central Office Space" denotes the existing, central office switch room space, which can be designated for physical collocation, with sufficient infrastructure systems. Also denotes central office space that may contain obsolete and unused equipment.
- 2.25 "Adjacent Structure" is a Collocator provided structure at **SBC-13STATE**'s Premises adjacent to an Eligible Structure. This arrangement is only permitted when space is legitimately exhausted inside the Eligible Structure and to the extent technically feasible.
- 2.26 "Application Fee" means the charge assessed by **SBC-13STATE** to process the Collocator's application for physical collocation requests.
- 2.27 "Approved Vendor" is a vendor who is qualified by **SBC-13STATE** for installation, and/or removal of central office equipment, which is administered by **SBC-13STATE** Procurement on a state-by-state basis.
- 2.28 "Augment" is a request from the Collocator to add equipment, cable, and/or Collocation services to or to remove cable and/or Collocation services from an existing Physical Collocation arrangement.
- 2.29 "Caged Physical Collocation" is a cage or similar structure (not including a top) enclosing Collocator's Physical Collocation Space in which a Collocator may install its telecommunications equipment.
- 2.30 "Cageless Physical Collocation" is a Collocation arrangement, provided in single bay increments, and does not require the construction of a cage or similar structure.

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- 2.31 **"Collocation Interconnection Power Panel" (CIPP)** is a DC Power panel for Power termination. *Two DC Power panels are available: (1) A DC power panel designed to provide either 20, 40 or 50 (Maximum) AMPS (redundant) of DC voltage, (2) A DC Power Panel designed to provide either 100 or 200 (Maximum) AMPS (redundant) of DC voltage; See also 9.6.5.*
- 2.32 **"Collocator"** is any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust corporation, or governmental entity or any other entity who is collocated in **SBC-13STATE** location, for purposes of Interconnection with **SBC-13STATE** or access to Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs).
- 2.33 **"Delivery Date"** is the date, which **SBC-13STATE** provides the requested collocation space to the Collocator in accordance with the Delivery Intervals set forth in Section 12 of this Agreement.
- 2.34 **"Eligible Equipment"** is the equipment eligible for collocation as defined in Section 6 of this Appendix.
- 2.35 **"Eligible Structure"** is (1) a **SBC-13STATE** central office, serving wire center or tandem office, or (2) a building or similar structure owned or leased by **SBC-13STATE** that houses its network facilities, or (3) a structure that houses **SBC-13STATE** transmission facilities on public rights-of-way, including but not limited to vaults containing loop concentrators or similar structures.
- 2.36 **"Engineering Design Charge"** is the charge assessed by **SBC-4STATE** to perform the central office survey for caged and cageless serving arrangements and to implement the collocation area.
- 2.37 **"Entrance Fiber Facility"** is an arrangement where a Collocator-provided single mode fire retardant dielectric fiber optic cable extends from the **SBC-13STATE** designated manhole into the **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure designated splice point. It is used as a transmission medium to the designated splice point. Collocator shall be permitted no more than two (2) entrance routes into the **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure, if available.
- 2.38 **"Equipment"** means hardware that must use power, have electronics, and provide a Telecommunications Service. The equipment must be a complete piece, unit, or item of such equipment, not a piece-part or sub-component (such as a line card) of a complete unit of equipment. The Collocator may not collocate its equipment sub-components or piece-parts.
- 2.39 **"Individual Case Basis" (ICB)** is a pricing method used for services that are not tariffed or are not standard offerings or configurations.
- 2.40 **"Infrastructure Systems"** include, but are not limited to, structural components, such as floors capable of supporting equipment loads, frames, heating, ventilating and air conditioning ("HVAC") systems, electrical systems (AC power), DC Power, power distribution via frames or bays, high efficiency filtration, humidity controls, remote alarms, compartmentation, and smoke purge.
- 2.41 **"Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook"** or like document is a publication provided to the Collocators, which provides information on how to order collocation arrangements and the processes and requirements for collocation in the **SBC-13STATE**'s, which is located on the **SBC-13STATE** CLEC Online Website (<https://clec.sbc.com/>), as amended from time to time.
- 2.42 **"Non Standard Collocation Request" (NSCR)** in **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, is a pricing method used for services that are not tariffed or are not standard offerings or configurations.
- 2.43 **"Other Central Office Space"** denotes the space within the central office, which can be designated for physical collocation where infrastructure systems do not currently exist and must be constructed.
- 2.44 **"Physical Collocation"** is as defined in Section 4 of this Appendix.
- 2.45 **"Physical Collocation Space"** is the space provided for the Collocator's physical collocation arrangement located within an **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure.
- 2.46 **"Point of Termination" (POT)** denotes the point of demarcation, within an Eligible Structure at which the **SBC-13STATE** responsibility for the provisioning of service ends.

- 2.47 **"Premises"** means **SBC-13STATE**'s Eligible Structures and all land owned, leased or otherwise controlled by **SBC-13STATE** that is adjacent to these Eligible Structures.
- 2.48 **"Project Management Fee"** reflects **SBC-13STATE**'s labor costs to manage the provisioning of the individual Collocator's space requirements for a particular Physical Collocation Space request. This fee is applicable upon the submission of an application.
- 2.49 **"Shared Physical Collocation Cage"** is a caged Physical Collocation Space that is shared by two or more Collocators within the **SBC-13STATE**'s Eligible Structure.
- 2.50 **"Technically Feasible"** - A collocation arrangement is technically feasible if, in accordance with either national standards or industry practice, there is no significant technical impediment to its establishment. Deployment by any incumbent LEC of a collocation arrangement gives rise to a rebuttable presumption in favor of a Collocator seeking collocation in **SBC-13STATE**'s Eligible Structures that such an arrangement is technically feasible.
- 2.51 **"Unbundled Network Element" (UNE)** is As Defined in the Act.
- 2.52 **"Unused Space"** is space within **SBC-13STATE** Premises which is available for collocation (subject to technical feasibility, state and local safety and engineering requirements, third party property rights, and other requirements set forth in this Agreement) unless it is (a) physically occupied by non-obsolete and/or used equipment; (b) assigned to another collocator; (c) used to provide physical access to occupied space; (d) used to enable technicians to work on equipment located within occupied space; (e) properly reserved for future use, either by **SBC-13STATE** or by another carrier or affiliate; or (f) essential for the administration and proper functioning of **SBC-13STATE**'s Premises.

3. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF APPENDIX

- 3.1 Collocation is available in accordance with section 251(C)(6) of the Act and consistent with Section 2.12.1.3 of the General Terms and conditions of the Agreement.
- 3.2 The purpose of this Appendix is to set forth the terms and conditions, including pricing, in which **SBC-13STATE** will provide Physical Collocation to Collocator.
- 3.3 Preparation Prior to Regulatory Approval
- 3.3.1 Upon the written request of Collocator, **SBC-13STATE** shall consider an application for collocation space submitted prior to receiving the approval. Upon such an election, this Appendix shall become effective but only insofar as to be applicable to the consideration of an application for collocation space. In the event that the Appendix does not become fully effective as contemplated by this Section, Collocator shall not be entitled to any refund or return of any such payments beyond any portion of the charges paid but not attributable to costs incurred by **SBC-13STATE**. To the extent that **SBC-13STATE** has incurred preparation costs not included within any payment made by Collocator, Collocator shall pay those costs within thirty (30) calendar days of notice by **SBC-13STATE**.
- 3.3.2 Collocator is responsible for obtaining an approved Interconnection Agreement (ICA) and meeting the State Certification requirements. The following shall apply:
- 3.3.2.1 If the State Commission has not approved the ICA prior to completion of the build-out, **SBC-13STATE** will not process service orders for interconnection or access to UNES. However, the requested space will be turned over to the Collocator if the final non-recurring costs have been received. Monthly recurring charges will commence when space is turned over.
- 3.3.2.2 If the Collocator has not received their State Certification prior to completion of the build-out, **SBC-13STATE** will not process service orders for interconnection or access to UNES. However, the requested space will be turned over to the Collocator if the final non-recurring

costs have been received. Monthly recurring charges will commence when space is turned over.

- 3.3.2.3 If the Collocator has not received their State Certification or the State Commission has not approved the ICA by Day one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after space turnover, then the Collocator (forfeits) all charges collected to date by **SBC-13STATE** and the collocation space. The Collocator will have thirty (30) calendar days to remove any equipment and bays placed by the Collocator in the premise.
- 3.3.2.4 The Parties agree that billing for all costs incurred in the establishment of Physical Collocation for the Collocator will be provided to the Collocator within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of the billing cycle. Billing will be subject to true up if interim rates are pending State or Federal Commission approval.

4. GENERAL OFFERINGS

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

4.1.1 Caged Physical Collocation

- 4.1.1.1 In the **SBC-13STATE**'s, Collocator may apply for Caged Physical Collocation in initial and subsequent increments of fifty (50) square feet. Space totaling less than fifty (50) square feet will be provided where technically feasible. The caged serving arrangement is an area designated by **SBC-13STATE** within an Eligible Structure to be used by a Collocator for the sole purpose of installing, maintaining and operating Collocator provided equipment. **SBC-13STATE** will provide floor space, floor space conditioning, cage common systems and safety and security on a per square foot basis. **SBC-13STATE** will prorate the charge for site conditioning and preparation undertaken to construct or condition the Physical Collocation Space so the first Collocator in an **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure will not be responsible for the entire cost of site preparation.
- 4.1.1.2 The Collocator must use a contractor/vendor to perform the necessary preparation activities within the Collocator's Physical Collocation Space including the construction of the cage and any physical security arrangements, if applicable; provided, however, any such contractor/vendor shall be subject to the prior written approval of **SBC-13STATE**, such Physical Collocation Space preparation activities shall be in accordance with all approved plans and specifications and coordinated with **SBC-13STATE**, and the Collocator shall be solely responsible for all charges of any such contractor/vendor. The Collocator must provide a cage enclosure (not including a top), cable rack and support structure inside the cage, lighting, receptacles, cage grounding, cage sign and door key set.

4.1.2 Shared Caged Collocation

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

Physical Collocation ("**Subleased Shared Collocation**"). In each Shared Caged Collocation arrangement, **SBC-13STATE**'s single point of contact (SPOC) with respect to such arrangement shall be referred to as the "**Primary Collocator**". For New Shared Collocation, the Primary Collocator shall be the single Collocator that submits the request for New Shared Collocation on behalf of the other Resident Collocators (as defined below). For Subleased Shared Collocation, the Primary Collocator shall be the Collocator that originally requested and occupied such space and is the sublessor in such arrangement. For purposes of this section, each Collocator (including Resident Collocator(s) and the Primary Collocator) to a Shared Caged Collocation arrangement is sometimes referred to as a "**Resident Collocator**". An order for Shared Caged Collocation shall include blanket letters of authorization signed by the Primary Collocator that authorize each other Resident Collocator to utilize the Connecting Facility Assignments associated with the Primary Collocator and signed by each Resident Collocator that authorize the Primary Collocator to request and place firm orders for Shared Caged Collocation and facilities on behalf of such Resident Collocators.

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

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

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

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

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4.1.2.1.5 As a condition of entering into Shared Caged Collocation, Collocator agrees that if it is not the Primary Collocator in a New Shared Collocation, or if it is the sublessee in a Subleased Shared Collocation arrangement, it unconditionally and irrevocably undertakes and guarantees **SBC-13STATE** the prompt and full payment of any charges assessed on the Shared Caged Collocation. If the Primary Collocator in a Shared Caged Collocation arrangement no longer occupies the space, the other Resident Collocators must immediately identify a new Primary Collocator. If only one Collocator remains in the Shared Cage Collocation, that Collocator shall become the Primary Collocator. **SBC-13STATE** shall bill the new Primary Collocator any applicable charges to change **SBC-13STATE**'s records and databases to reflect such new Primary Collocator.

4.1.3 Cageless Physical Collocation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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4.1.4 Adjacent Structure Collocation

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

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

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

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

4.3 The Collocator's **SBC-13STATE** Approved Vendor will be permitted access to the **SBC-13STATE** Main Distribution Frame and/or its equivalent for installation and termination of interconnection cabling and the cabling arrangement to provide grounding for equipment. Collocator must use an **SBC-13STATE** Approved Power Installation Vendor to install power cable(s) from the Collocator's Physical Collocation Space to the

designated **SBC-13STATE**'s Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB) or Power Plant Primary Distribution points, whichever is applicable. Additional requirements relating to installation and placement of interconnection cabling and power cabling is set forth in Section 10.5.3 and 10.6 of this Appendix.

- 4.4 **SBC-13STATE** shall permit Collocator to place its own connecting transmission facilities within **SBC-13STATE**'s Eligible Structure in the Physical Collocation space, without requiring the Collocator to purchase any equipment or connecting facilities solely from **SBC-13STATE**, subject to reasonable safety limitations.
- 4.5 **SBC-13STATE** shall voluntarily permit the Collocator to provide, via installation by an **SBC-13STATE** approved vendor, a direct connection between its collocated equipment in a Physical Collocation Space to its collocated equipment located within the same **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structure provided such Collocator has satisfied the statutory and contractual requirements for collocation in each instance. In addition, **SBC-13STATE** shall permit the Collocator to provide, via installation by an **SBC-13STATE** approved vendor, a direct connection between its collocated equipment and the collocated equipment of one or more separate telecommunications carriers collocated within the same **SBC-13STATE** Premises provided that Collocator and each such carrier has satisfied the statutory and contractual requirements to qualify for collocation. Where technically feasible, a connection may be made using copper cable, dark fiber, lit fiber, or such other transmission medium (media) mutually agreed to by SBC and collocators in writing. A collocation application listing a different medium (media) for a connection, even if accepted by **SBC-13STATE**, shall not constitute such a writing. A Collocator's request for a connection using other transmission medium (media) shall be submitted via the NSCR/ICB procedure.
- 4.5.1 **SBC-13STATE** will designate and engineer the route, place cable racking (if applicable) and provide space to be used for such connections. Such connections and their installation shall be subject to the same reasonable safety requirements that **SBC-13STATE** imposes on its own equipment and facilities, without requiring the Collocator to purchase any equipment or connecting facilities solely from **SBC-13STATE**.

5. SPACE AVAILABILITY AND ASSIGNMENT

- 5.1 At the request of Collocator, **SBC-13STATE** will provide space for Physical Collocation as described above. **SBC-13STATE** is not required to provide Physical Collocation at a particular Eligible Structure if it demonstrates that physical collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations. In such cases and with the qualifications set forth above, **SBC-13STATE** will provide Adjacent Structure Collocation as described above or Virtual Collocation, as described in the Appendix Virtual Collocation, except where **SBC-13STATE** proves that Adjacent Structure Collocation and/or Virtual Collocation is not technically feasible. If Adjacent Structure Collocation or Virtual Collocation is not technically feasible, **SBC-13STATE** will make a good faith effort to negotiate other methods of interconnection and access to unbundled network elements to the extent technically feasible.
- 5.2 **SBC-13STATE** will provide physical collocation arrangements in Eligible Structures and on its Premises on a "first-come, first-served" basis. The determination whether there is sufficient space to accommodate Physical Collocation at a particular Eligible Structure or at a particular Premise will be made initially by **SBC-13STATE**. **SBC-13STATE** will notify Collocator as to whether its request for space is been granted or denied due to a lack of space within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of a Collocator's accurate and complete Physical Collocation Application. If **SBC-13STATE** determines that Collocator's Physical Collocation Application is unacceptable, **SBC-13STATE** shall advise Collocator of any deficiencies within this ten (10) calendar day period. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Collocator with sufficient detail so that Collocator has a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the queue to obtain the Physical Collocation arrangement, Collocator must cure any deficiencies in its Application and resubmit such Application within ten (10) calendar days after being advised of deficiencies. Any changes to the amount or type of floor space, interconnection terminations, and power requested from the originally submitted Physical Collocation Application will not be considered a deficiency, but rather as a new Physical Collocation Application with a new ten (10) calendar day space notification and delivery interval.

- 5.2.1 When space for Physical Collocation in a particular Eligible Structure is not available, **SBC-13STATE** shall place Collocator on the waiting list for collocation in a particular Eligible Structure according to the date Collocator submitted its application for Physical Collocation in that Eligible Structure.
- 5.3 If **SBC-13STATE** contends that space for Physical Collocation is not available in an Eligible Structure, **SBC-13STATE** must allow Collocator to tour the entire central office or other Eligible Structure in question, without charge and within ten (10) calendar from the receipt of **SBC-13STATE**'s denial of space notification or such later date as mutually agreed by the parties. Prior to taking a tour, each representative must execute and deliver to **SBC-13STATE** a standard nondisclosure agreement. In no event shall any camera or other video/audio-recording device be brought on or utilized during any tour of an **SBC-13STATE**'s Eligible Structure.
- 5.3.1 If Collocator disputes **SBC-13STATE**'s determination, Collocator can elect a review to be made by a mutually agreed to third party engineer or a Commission designate, under a non-disclosure agreement. All costs of the third-party inspection including, but not limited to, all payments to the third-party engineer or Commission designate in connection with the inspection, shall be shared equally by **SBC-13STATE** and the Collocator. The third party engineer shall take into consideration **SBC-13STATE**'s planned use for the Eligible Structure under review and, to the extent it can review Collocator space and how it is used.
- 5.3.2 If **SBC-13STATE** denies a Collocator's request for Physical Collocation because of space limitations and, after touring the applicable Eligible Structure, the Parties are unable to resolve the issue of whether the denial of space was proper, **SBC-13STATE** shall, in connection with any complaint filed by Collocator, file with the appropriate Commission detailed floor plans or diagrams of such Eligible Structure along with whatever additional information has been ordered by such Commission, subject to protective order. These floor plans or diagrams must show what space, if any, **SBC-13STATE** or any of its affiliates has reserved for future use, and must describe in detail the specific future uses for which the space has been reserved and the length of time for each reservation.
- 5.4 **SBC-13STATE** will maintain a publicly available document, posted for viewing on **SBC-13STATE**'s CLEC Online Website, indicating all Eligible Structures that are full, and will update such a document within ten (10) calendar days of the date at which an Eligible Structure runs out of Physical Collocation Space.
- 5.5 Upon receipt of a written request, **SBC-13STATE** will submit to the Collocator within ten (10) calendar days of the submission of the request a report describing in detail the space that is available for collocation in a particular **SBC-13STATE** Premises. This report will specify the amount of collocation space available at each requested Premises, the number of collocators, and any modifications in the use of the space since the last report. This report will also include measures that **SBC-13STATE** is taking to make additional space additional space available for collocation. **SBC-13STATE** will provide a report for two (2) to five (5) requests in ten (10) business days and six (6) to twenty (20) requests in twenty-five (25) business days. Should the Collocator submit more than twenty (20) requests at once, **SBC-13STATE** will provide the information on a scheduled basis of ten (10) additional offices for every ten (10) business days.
- 5.5.1 In **SBC-13STATE**, reports shall be ordered via the Collocation order form on **SBC-13STATE**'s CLEC Online Website and shall specifically identify the CLLI code of each Premises for which a report is ordered.
- 5.5.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall recover costs for the implementation of these reporting measures in a reasonable manner.
- 5.5.3 **SBC-13STATE** shall permit a Collocator to submit Physical Collocation Space preferences prior to **SBC-13STATE** assigning the carrier's space. Such preference shall be indicated on the Collocator's Physical Collocation application.
- 5.6 **SBC-13STATE** is not required to lease or construct additional space to provide for Physical Collocation when existing space has been exhausted. Moreover, **SBC-13STATE** is not required to, nor shall this Appendix create any obligation or expectation, to relinquish used, or forecasted space to undertake the

construction of new quarters or to construct additions to existing quarters in order to satisfy any request for additional space or the placement of Collocator equipment or facilities, whether through an initial request for Physical Collocation or a subsequent request for more space in an Eligible Structure. **SBC-13STATE** and Collocator shall not unreasonably warehouse forecasted space.

- 5.7 To the extent possible, **SBC-13STATE** will make contiguous space available to a Collocator if a Collocator seeks to expand an existing Physical Collocation arrangement and such request meets **SBC-13STATE**'s non-discriminatory practices regarding efficient space utilization.
- 5.8 When planning renovations of existing Eligible Structures or constructing or leasing new Eligible Structures, **SBC-13STATE** will take into account future demand based upon its knowledge of Collocator demand for Collocation. Collocator will provide **SBC-13STATE** with a two (2)-year rolling forecast of its requirements for Collocation that will be reviewed jointly on a yearly basis by the Parties.
- 5.9 **SBC-13STATE** may retain a limited amount of floor space for **SBC-13STATE**'s own specific future uses; provided, however that neither **SBC-13STATE** nor any of its affiliates may reserve space for future use for like equipment on terms more favorable than those that apply to other telecommunications carriers, including Collocator, seeking to reserve Collocation space for their own future use. Except for space needed for switching equipment "turnaround" (e.g., the installation of new switching equipment to replace then-existing switching equipment), other telecommunications equipment and infrastructure, if any, and/or otherwise permitted or directed by applicable rule or order, **SBC-13STATE** will relinquish any space held for future use before denying a request for Virtual Collocation on grounds of space limitations, unless **SBC-13STATE** proves to the Commission that Virtual Collocation at that point is not technically feasible, including that space does not exist. In any such event, **SBC-13STATE** and the Collocator will attempt to reach a mutually agreeable alternative method of interconnection.
- 5.10 At the request of the Commission or Collocator, **SBC-13STATE** shall remove any obsolete and unused equipment (e.g., retired in-place) from its Eligible Structures. **SBC-13STATE** shall be permitted to recover the cost of removal and/or relocation of such equipment if **SBC-13STATE** incurs expenses that would not otherwise have been incurred (at the time of the request or subsequent thereto) except to increase the amount of space available for collocation (e.g., costs to expedite removal of equipment or store equipment for reuse).
- 5.11 **SBC-13STATE** may impose reasonable restrictions on its provision of additional Unused Space available for Collocation (so-called "warehousing") as described in paragraph 586 of the First Report and Order (96-325); provided, however, that **SBC-13STATE** shall not set a maximum space limitation on Collocator unless **SBC-13STATE** proves to the Commission that space constraints make such restrictions necessary.
- 5.12 Notwithstanding anything contrary in this Agreement, **SBC-13STATE** maintains ultimate authority to assign and configure space for Physical Collocation within its Premises. **SBC-13STATE** will assign Physical Collocation Space on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory. **SBC-13STATE**'s space assignment will not (i) materially increase a Collocator's collocation costs or materially delay a Collocator's occupation and use of the **SBC-13STATE**'s Premises, unless required by operational constraints unrelated to competitive concerns, or (ii) reduce unreasonably the total space available for physical collocation or preclude unreasonably Physical Collocation within **SBC-13STATE**'s Premises. In addition, **SBC-13STATE** will not assign Physical Collocation Space that will discriminatorily impair the quality of service or impose other material limitations on the service Collocator wishes to offer.
- 5.13 **SBC-13STATE** may restrict Physical Collocation to space separated from space housing **SBC-13STATE**'s Equipment, provided that each of the following conditions is met:
 - (1) Either legitimate security concerns, or operational constraints unrelated to **SBC-13STATE**'s or any of its Affiliates' or subsidiaries competitive concerns, warrant such separation;
 - (2) Any Physical Collocation Space assigned to an Affiliate or subsidiary of **SBC-13STATE** is separate from space housing **SBC-13STATE**'s equipment;

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- (3) The separated space will be available in the same time frame as, or a shorter time frame than, non-separated space;
 - (4) The cost of the separate space to Collocator will not be materially higher than the cost of non-separated space; and
 - (5) The separated space is comparable, from a technical and engineering standpoint, to non-separated space.
- 5.14 SBC-13STATE may require the employees and contractors of Collocator to use a central or separate entrance to the SBC-13STATE Premises; provided, however, that where SBC-13STATE requires that the employees or contractors of Collocator access collocated Equipment only through a separate entrance, employees and contractors of the SBC-13STATE's Affiliates and Subsidiaries will be subject to the same restriction.
- 5.15 SBC-13STATE may construct or require the construction of a separate entrance to access Physical Collocation Space, provided that each of the following conditions is met:
- (1) Construction of a separate entrance is technically feasible;
 - (2) Either legitimate security concerns, or operational constraints unrelated to SBC-13STATE's or any of its Affiliates' or Subsidiaries competitive concerns, warrant such separation;
 - (3) Construction of a separate entrance will not artificially delay collocation provisioning; and
 - (4) Construction of a separate entrance will not materially increase Collocator's costs.

6. ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT FOR COLLOCATION

- 6.1 SBC-13STATE will allow Equipment to be collocated only if (1) it is "necessary" for interconnection to the SBC-13STATE's network for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service or exchange access, or for access to SBC-13STATE's unbundled network elements ("UNEs") for the provision of a Telecommunications Service, under all the standards and requirements addressed in this Section 6, or (2) SBC-13STATE voluntarily decides to allow the Equipment to be collocated on a non-discriminatory basis.
- 6.2 For purposes of this Section 6, Equipment is considered "necessary" as follows:
- (1) Equipment is considered necessary for Interconnection if an inability to deploy that Equipment would, as a practical, economic, or operational matter, preclude the Collocator from obtaining interconnection with SBC-13STATE at a level equal in quality to that which SBC 13STATE obtains within its own network or SBC-13STATE provides to any Affiliate, subsidiary, or other party.
 - (2) Equipment is considered necessary for access to a UNE if an inability to deploy that Equipment would, as a practical, economic, or operational matter, preclude Collocator from obtaining nondiscriminatory access to that UNE, including any of its features, functions, or capabilities.
- 6.3 Subject to the requirements of Section 6, "Stand-alone Function" Equipment that may be collocated include:
- (1) Transmission equipment that is optical terminating equipment or a multiplexer.
 - (2) Equipment being collocated to terminate basic transmission facilities pursuant to sections 64.1401 and 64.1402 of 47 C.F.R. (Expanded Interconnection) as of August 1, 1996.
 - (3) Equipment specified in the definition of "Advanced Services Equipment" in section 1.3.d of the SBC/Ameritech Merger Conditions. "Advanced Services Equipment" is defined as, and limited to, the following equipment: DSLAMs or functionally equivalent equipment; spectrum splitters that are used solely in the provision of Advanced Services; packet switches and multiplexers such as ATMs and Frame Relay engines used to provide Advanced Services; modems used in the provision of packetized data; and DACS frames used only in the provision of Advanced Services.
 - (4) Optical Concentrator Devices ("OCDs") or functionally equivalent Equipment used to provide Advanced Services.

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- (5) Remote switch modules ("RSMs") used in conjunction, via an umbilical, with host switches located in different CLEC locations.

- 6.4 **SBC-13STATE** may, at its option on a non-discriminatory basis, deny collocation of any of the above, or any other, Equipment if collocation of that Equipment would burden **SBC 13STATE**'s property interests and alternative Equipment not imposing such a burden is practically, economically, and operationally available to obtain interconnection or access to UNEs consistent with sections 251(c)(2) and 251(c)(3) of the Act. For **SBC-13STATE** to consider whether a request avoids such burden, the CLEC must provide all information needed by **SBC-13STATE** concerning the equipment or facilities in question, including without limitation its size (height, width, and depth) and its requirements for power, heat, ventilation, and air conditioning, and other resources. In addition, in order for **SBC-13STATE** to determine whether or not Equipment meets the "necessary" standard, CLEC must provide information establishing how it intends to use the equipment for interconnection with **SBC-13STATE**'s network for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service and exchange access and/or for access to **SBC-13STATE**'s UNEs for the provision of a Telecommunications Service. For this purpose, CLEC must identify what it intends to interconnect the Equipment to and/or what it intends to use the Equipment to access and must identify the services it intends to use the Equipment to provide. To qualify for collocation, any of the above Equipment that is used for switching or routing must be (1) "necessary" under the standards set forth above for access to a **SBC-13STATE** UNE sub-loop and (2) used solely for that purpose unless it also meets the requirements set forth below for collocating "Multi-functional Equipment." Equipment excluded from collocation in any other subsection of this Section 6 also would be excluded as "stand-alone function" Equipment. **SBC-13STATE** will make determinations on a request-by-request basis of whether or not Equipment meets these standards in order to be permitted, or whether or not Equipment will be voluntarily permitted. Moreover, if CLEC seeks to collocate a switch, CLEC must provide information establishing whether the switch is a packet switch, a circuit switch, or a combination. If the switch is a circuit switch or a combination, CLEC must provide information establishing whether or not the switch is used in conjunction, via an umbilical, with host switches located in different CLEC locations.
- 6.5 **SBC-13STATE** will not allow collocation of, among other Equipment, traditional, circuit switches or enhanced/information services Equipment. For purposes of this section, "traditional, circuit switch" is defined as any Equipment that performs circuit switching independently of other switches or switching systems and does not meet the requirements set forth below for collocating "Multi-functional Equipment." "Traditional circuit switches" include, but are not limited to, the following examples of equipment when such equipment does not meet such requirements: (1) equipment with circuit switching capabilities included in 47 CFR section 51.319(c) which defines "local circuit switching capability" and "local tandem switching capability;" (2) equipment that is used to obtain circuit switching capabilities, without reliance upon a host switch; and (3) equipment with the functionality of a class 4 or 5 switch including, without limitation, the following: Lucent Pathstar, 5E, 4E, or 1A switch; DMS 10, 100, 200, or 250 switch; Ericsson AXE-10 switch; and Siemens EWSD. For purposes of this Section 6, "enhanced services" are defined as in 47 CFR section 64.702, and "information services" are defined as in section 3(2) of the Act.
- 6.6 For purposes of this Section 6, "Multi-functional Equipment" is defined as Equipment that combines one or more functions that are necessary for interconnection or access to UNEs with one or more functions that would not meet that standard as stand-alone functions ("Unnecessary Functions"). **SBC-13STATE** will permit the collocation of Multi-functional Equipment if and only if the primary purpose and function of the Equipment, as the Collocator seeks to deploy it, meets all the requirements set forth Section 6.3 above for either interconnection or access to UNEs. For a piece of Multi-functional Equipment to be utilized primarily to obtain equal in quality interconnection or nondiscriminatory access to one or more UNEs, there also must be a logical nexus between the additional functions the Equipment would perform and the telecommunication services which the Collocator seeks to provide to its customers by means of the interconnection or UNE. The additional functions must aid in the actual transmission or routing of telephone exchange service and exchange access used with interconnection, or in the actual provision of the telecommunications service used with access to UNEs, in the manner that the CLEC intends to provide such services. For example, **SBC-13STATE** will not allow collocation of certain Equipment including,

without limitation, Equipment used to provide payroll processing, data collection, billing, or Equipment that generates customer orders, manages trouble tickets or inventory, or stores customer records in centralized databases, or other operation support systems, or other Equipment that does not provide telecommunications services. Collocator may not collocate Multi-Functional Equipment that has Unnecessary Functions which significantly increases the burden on **SBC-13STATE**'s property interests. For example, the additional functions must not require reconfiguration of the outer boundaries of the CLEC's collocation space, increased floor support, or upgrades to power, air conditioning, heating, or similar plant. **SBC-13STATE** also will consider other potential burdens on a request-by request basis, together with making determinations of whether or not particular Equipment meets all the standards in this Section 6. For **SBC-13STATE** to make these considerations, the CLEC must provide, without limitation, the information described in Section 6.4.

- 6.7 Ancillary Equipment or facilities do not provide telecommunications services and are not "necessary" for interconnection or access to unbundled network elements. **SBC-13STATE** voluntarily allows the Collocator to place in its Physical Collocation space certain ancillary Equipment or facilities solely to support and be used with Equipment that the Collocator has legitimately collocated in the same premises. Solely for this purpose, cross-connect and other simple frames, portable test equipment, equipment racks and bays, and potential other ancillary equipment or facilities may be placed in **SBC-13STATE**'s premises, on a non-discriminatory basis, only if **SBC-13STATE** agrees to such placement.
- 6.8 Collocator may not collocate certain equipment, facilities, or hardware which duplicate equipment, facilities or hardware used, and functions performed, by **SBC-13STATE** as part of its provision of infrastructure systems for collocation. Such equipment, facilities or hardware include, without limitation, Battery Distribution Fuse Bays, air conditioners, heaters, or bulk power plants. These and other types of equipment, facilities or hardware that do not provide Telecommunications Services may not be collocated.
- 6.9 **SBC-13STATE** will consider other equipment that provides a Telecommunications Service on a request-by request basis, together with making determinations of whether or not particular Equipment meets all the standards in this Section 6.
- 6.10 **SBC-13STATE** does not assume any responsibility for the installation, furnishing, designing, engineering, or performance of the Collocator's equipment and facilities.
- 6.11 All types of equipment placed in **SBC-13STATE** Eligible Structures or on its Premises by Collocators must meet the **SBC-13STATE** minimum safety standards. The minimum safety standards are as follows: (1) equipment complying with **SBC-13STATE** LEC document TP76200MP which contains network equipment, power, grounding, environmental, and physical design requirements and also contains Level 1 safety requirements except in Texas and any other state that has adopted the same approach as Texas, where Collocator's equipment must meet Telcordia Level 1 safety requirements as set forth in Telcordia documents SR-3580 and GR-63-CORE, Network Equipment Building Systems (NEBS); or, (2) Collocator must demonstrate that its equipment has a history of safe operation defined by installation in an ILEC (including **SBC-13STATE**) prior to January 1, 1998 with no known history of safety problems.
- 6.12 **SBC-13STATE** will not object to the collocation of equipment on the grounds that the equipment does not comply with safety or engineering standards that are more stringent than the safety or engineering standards that **SBC-13STATE** applies to its own network equipment. **SBC-13STATE** will not object to the collocation of equipment on the ground that the equipment fails to comply with Network Equipment and Building Specifications performance standards or any other performance standards.
- 6.13 In the event that **SBC-13STATE** denies Collocation of Collocator's equipment, citing minimum safety standards, **SBC-13STATE** will provide within five (5) business days of Collocator's written request to **SBC-13STATE** representative(s), a list of **SBC-13STATE** equipment placed since January 1, 1998 within the network areas of the Eligible Structure for which Collocation was denied together with an affidavit attesting that all of such **SBC-13STATE** equipment met or exceeded the then current minimum safety standards when such equipment was placed in the Eligible Structure.

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- 6.14 In the event Collocator submits an application requesting collocation of certain equipment and **SBC-13STATE** determines that such equipment is not necessary for interconnection or access to UNEs or does not meet the minimum safety standards or any other requirements of this Appendix, the Collocator must not collocate the equipment. If Collocator disputes such determination by **SBC-13STATE**, Collocator may not collocate such equipment unless and until the dispute is resolved in its favor. If **SBC-13STATE** determines that Collocator has already collocated equipment which is not necessary for interconnection or access to UNEs or does not meet the minimum safety requirements or any other requirements of this Appendix, the Collocator must remove the equipment from the collocation space within ten (10) business days of the date of the written notice from **SBC-13STATE**. Collocator will be responsible for the removal and all resulting damages. If Collocator disputes such determination, Collocator must remove such equipment pending the resolution of the dispute. If the Parties do not resolve the dispute, **SBC-13STATE** or Collocator may file a complaint at the Commission seeking a formal resolution of the dispute.

7. PHYSICAL COLLOCATION SPACE CHARGES

7.1 Physical Collocation Space

For each Physical Collocation request, Collocator must submit a separate Physical Collocation Application with the applicable Application and Project Management Fees including, but not limited to, the following types of requests: (i) a request to physically collocate equipment in a new Physical Collocation Space, (ii) a request to Augment an existing Physical Collocation Space, (iii) a request for direct cabling within an Eligible Structure, (iv) a request to partially disconnect and/or removal of Collocator's Eligible Equipment from an Eligible Structure, (v) a request to complete disconnect and/or removal of Collocator's Eligible Equipment from an Eligible Structure, (v) an ICB or NSCR, and (vi) specified revisions to Collocation Applications. A copy of the Physical Collocation Application may be obtained from the **SBC-13STATE** Collocation Services Account Manager or from the **SBC-13STATE** CLEC Online Website.

- 7.2 **SBC-13STATE** will contract for and perform the construction and preparation activities necessary to prepare the Physical Collocation Space, using the same or consistent practices that are used by **SBC-13STATE** for other construction and preparation work performed in the Eligible Structure.

- 7.3 Recurring/Non-Recurring charges - The Parties acknowledge that CLEC may have obtained use of Physical Collocation Space and **SBC-13STATE**-provided facilities/equipment therein pursuant to a Collocation Application(s) submitted to **SBC-13STATE** prior to the effective date of this Agreement ("CLEC's Physical Collocation Embedded Base"). To the extent the CLEC's Physical Collocation Embedded Base, if any, was purchased by CLEC from an applicable **SBC-13STATE** Commission-ordered physical collocation tariff in a particular state, the associated non-recurring and recurring rates (and intervals for uncompleted work associated with those Applications) set forth in such tariff, as amended from time to time, shall continue to apply to the CLEC's Physical Collocation Embedded Base in such state. For the CLEC's Physical Collocation Embedded Base, if any, purchased by CLEC pursuant to rates, terms and conditions agreed to by the Parties in an applicable prior interconnection agreement for a particular state, the associated agreed to nonrecurring and recurring rates in the applicable prior interconnection agreement, attached hereto in the Pricing Schedule entitled "Physical Collocation Embedded Based Rates and Charges" (Appendix Pricing) and incorporated herein by reference (and any intervals for uncompleted work associated with those Applications), shall continue to apply to the CLEC's Physical Collocation Embedded Base in that state.¹ For any Collocation Application(s) submitted by CLEC to **SBC-13STATE** after the effective date of this Agreement, the associated recurring and non-recurring rates and charges in

¹ In the event that this Agreement is the subject of any adoption request by a CLEC ("Adopting CLEC") pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, for purposes of this Agreement, the term "CLEC's Physical Collocation Embedded Base" shall mean the Adopting CLEC's own Physical Collocation Embedded Base and the nonrecurring and recurring rates (and intervals for uncompleted work associated with those Applications) for such Physical Collocation Embedded Base shall be the nonrecurring and recurring rates (and intervals) in the tariff (as amended from time to time) the Adopting CLEC previously elected to purchase its Physical Collocation Embedded Base from or the nonrecurring and recurring rates (and intervals) previously agreed to by the Adopting CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** pursuant to an applicable, prior interconnection agreement between the Adopting CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**.

the Pricing Schedule entitled "Physical Collocation CDOW Rates and Charges" (Appendix Pricing) attached hereto and incorporated by reference, and the intervals set forth herein, shall apply. Charges may be generated on an ICB/NSCR basis or may be contained the state specific Appendix Pricing.

- 7.3.1 An ICB/NSCR quote is prepared by **SBC-13STATE** to estimate non-recurring and recurring charges associated with the requested Physical Collocation Space, Augment, or Collocation services where a state specific Appendix Pricing rate element does not exist. This ICB/NSCR quote is prepared specifically for collocation requests and is not associated in any way with the Bona Fide Request (BFR) process used to request UNEs or other unique items not contained in a Collocator's ICA. The ICB/NSCR will be subject to true-up one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days following the job completion date.
- 7.4 Collocator shall pay its proportionate share of any reasonable security arrangements **SBC-13STATE** employs to protect **SBC-13STATE** equipment and ensure network reliability.
- 7.5 Payment of Preparation - Prior to any obligation on **SBC-13STATE** to start any preparation of the Physical Collocation Space, Collocator shall pay **SBC-13STATE** fifty percent (50%) of the Preparation Charge and eighty-five percent (85%) of any custom work charge required to create or vacate any entrance facility for the Collocator ("Custom Work"). Collocator also has the option of submitting a surety bond to cover these charges, in lieu of a check. The remainder of the Preparation Charge and any Custom Work charge are due upon completion and prior to occupancy by the Collocator.
- 7.6 Occupancy Conditioned on Payment - **SBC-13STATE** shall not permit Collocator to have access to the Physical Collocation Space for any purpose other than inspection during construction of Collocator's Physical Collocation Space until **SBC-13STATE** is in receipt of complete payment of the Preparation Charge and any Custom Work charges.
- 7.7 Breach Prior to Commencement Date - In the event that the Collocator materially breaches this Agreement by purporting to terminate this Agreement after **SBC-13STATE** has begun preparation of the Physical Collocation Space but before **SBC-13STATE** has been paid the entire amounts due under this Appendix, then in addition to any other remedies that **SBC-13STATE** might have, the Collocator shall be liable in the amount equal to the non-recoverable costs less estimated net salvage. Non-recoverable costs include the non-recoverable cost of equipment and material ordered, provided or used; the non-recoverable cost of installation and removal including the costs of equipment and material ordered, provided or used; labor; transportation and any other associated costs.
- 7.8 Late Payment Charge - In the event that any charge is not paid when due, the unpaid amounts shall bear interest in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in **SBC-13STATE**'s intrastate tariff late payment provision(s) applicable to access services for the State in which the Physical Collocation Space is located, or the highest rate permitted by law, whichever is lower, from the due date until paid.
- 7.9 Charges will begin to accrue on the Effective Billing Date - The Effective Billing Date is the Delivery Date.
- 7.10 The monthly recurring charge(s) shall begin to apply, no later than five (5) calendar days from the date that **SBC-13STATE** made the Physical Collocation Space available to the Collocator, Physical Collocation Space regardless of any failure by Collocators to complete its work. The fact that **SBC-13STATE** may have additional work to perform after Collocator does complete its work shall not bar the start of such charges.
- 7.11 The charges for an Adjacent Structure Collocation and for a Physical Collocation arrangement that is provided in Eligible Structures other than Central Offices shall be determined on Individual Case Basis (ICB/NSCR) in the **SBC-13STATES**.

8. USE OF PHYSICAL COLLOCATION SPACE

- 8.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall ensure that the Physical Collocation Space and the Eligible Structure comply with all applicable fire and safety codes. The preparation shall be arranged by **SBC-13STATE** in compliance with all applicable codes, ordinances, resolutions, regulations and laws.

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