5.4.7 If **PACIFIC** refers CLEC to an alternate process details the details of the provision of the alternate process will accompany the notification. The details may include an application form for the alternate process and other documentation required for CLEC to submit the application for the alternate process.

6. NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE

6.1 The Network Interface Device (NID) UNE is defined as any means of interconnection of End User customer premises wiring to **SBC-13STATE**'s distribution loop facilities, such as a cross connect device used for that purpose. Fundamentally, the NID establishes the final (and official) network demarcation point between the loop and the End User's inside wire. Maintenance and control of the End User's inside wiring (on the End User's side of the NID) is under the control of the End User. Conflicts between telephone service providers for access to the End User's inside wire must be resolved by the End User. Pursuant to applicable FCC rules, **SBC-13STATE** offers nondiscriminatory access to the NID on an unbundled basis to any requesting telecommunications carrier for the provision of a telecommunications service. CLEC access to the NID is offered as specified below (**SBC-12STATE**) or by tariff (**SNET**).

6.2 **SBC-12STATE** will permit CLEC to connect its local loop facilities to End Users' premises wiring through **SBC-12STATE**'s NID, or at any other technically feasible point.

6.3 CLEC may connect to the End User's premises wiring through the **SBC-12STATE** NID, as is, or at any other technically feasible point. Any repairs, upgrade and rearrangements to the NID required by CLEC will be performed by **SBC-12STATE** based on Time and Material charges. **SBC-12STATE**, at the request of CLEC, will disconnect the **SBC-12STATE** local loop from the NID, at charges reflected in the state specific Appendix Pricing.

6.4 With respect to multiple dwelling units or multiple-unit business premises, CLEC will connect directly with the End User's premises wire, or may connect with the End User's premises wire via **SBC-12STATE**'s NID where necessary.

6.5 The **SBC-12STATE** NIDs that CLEC uses under this Appendix will be existing NIDs installed by **SBC-12STATE** to serve its End Users.

6.6 CLEC shall not attach to or disconnect **SBC-12STATE**'s ground. CLEC shall not cut or disconnect **SBC-12STATE**'s loop from the NID and/or its protector. CLEC shall not cut any other leads in the NID.

7. LOCAL LOOP

7.1 Pursuant to applicable FCC rules, a local loop UNE is a dedicated transmission facility between a distribution frame (or its equivalent) in an **SBC-13STATE** Central Office and the loop demarcation point at an End User premises. Where applicable, the local loop includes all wire within multiple dwelling and tenant buildings and campuses that provides access to End User premises wiring, provided such wire is owned and controlled by **SBC-13STATE**. The local loop UNE includes all features, functions and capabilities of the transmission facility, including attached electronics (except those electronics used for the provision of advanced services, such as Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexers), and line conditioning. The local loop UNE includes, but is not limited to DS1, DS3, fiber, and other high capacity loops to the extent required by applicable law, and where such loops are deployed in **SBC-13STATE** wire centers. CLEC agrees to operate each loop type within the technical descriptions and parameters accepted within the industry.

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

7.2.1 2-Wire Analog Loop

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

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

7.2.2 4-Wire Analog Loop

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

7.2.3 2-Wire Digital Loop

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

7.2.4 4-Wire Digital Loop

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

7.2.5 DS3 Digital Loop

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

7.2.6 OC3 Loop

7.2.6.1 The OC3 155.520 Mbps loop provides an optical transmission facility from the **SBC-SWBT** and/or **PACIFIC** central office to the end user premises. OC3 concatenated service is also available.

7.2.7 OC12 Loop

7.2.7.1 The OC12 622.080 Mbps loop provides an optical transmission facility from the **SBC-SWBT** and/or **PACIFIC** central office to the end user premise. OC12 concatenated service is also available.

7.2.8 OC48 Loop

7.2.8.1 The OC48 2488.320 Mbps loop provides an optical transmission facility from the **SBC-SWBT** and/or **PACIFIC** central office to the end user premise. OC48 concatenated service is also available.

7.3 Unbundled DS1, DS3, and/or optical loops may not be employed in combination with transport facilities to replace special access services or facilities, except consistently with the certification and other requirements of the Supplemental Order released and adopted by the FCC on November 24, 1999 in Docket No. 96-98 ("In the Matter of the Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996"), including but not limited to the requirement that significant local exchange traffic, in addition to exchange access service, be provided to a particular

customer over the facilities in compliance with the Supplemental Order, and with SBC-13STATE's processes implementing the Supplemental Order.

8. SUB-LOOP ELEMENTS

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

8.1.1 A sub-loop unbundled network element is defined as any portion of the loop from SBC-12STATE's central office Main Distribution Frame (MDF) to the point at the customer premise that can be accessed at a terminal in SBC-12STATE's outside plant. An accessible terminal is a point on the loop where technicians can access the wire or fiber within the cable without removing a splice closure to reach the wire within.

8.2 Definitions pertaining to the Sub-Loop:

8.2.1 "Dead Count" refers to those binding posts which have cable spliced to them but which cable is not currently terminated to any terminal to provide service.

8.2.2 "Demarcation Point" is defined as the point on the loop where the ILEC's control of the wire ceases and the subscriber's control (or on the case of some multiunit premises, the landlord's control) of the wire begins.

8.2.3 "Digital Subloop" May be deployed on non-loaded copper cable pairs, channels of a digital loop carrier system, channels of a fiber optic transport system or other technologies suitable for the purpose of providing 160 Kbps and 1.544 Mbps subloop transport.

8.2.4 "Distribution Cable" is defined as the cable from the SAI/FDI to the terminals from which an end user can be connected to the ILEC's network. "Feeder cable" is defined as that cable from the MDF to a point where it is cross connected in a SAI/FDI for neighborhood distribution.

8.2.5 "MDF-to-SAI/FDI" is that portion of the loop from the MDF to the SAI/FDI.

8.2.6 "MDF-to-Term" is that portion of the loop from the MDF to an accessible terminal.

8.2.7 "Network Terminating Wire (NTW)" is the service wire that connects the ILEC's distribution cable to the NID at the demarcation point.

8.2.8 "SAI/FDI-to-Term" is that portion of the loop from the SAI/FDI to an accessible terminal.

8.2.9 "SAI/FDI-to-NID" is that portion of the loop from the SAI/FDI to the Network Interface Device (NID), which is located an end user's premise.

8.2.10 "SPOI" is defined as a Single Point of Interconnection. When there is a single Demarcation Point in a Multi-Tenant Environment, the SPOI is the Demarcation Point and the SPOI will allow ILECs and CLECs to interconnect to wiring owned or controlled by the property owner of their agent. When there is multiple Demarcation Points in a Multi-Tenant Environment, the SPOI will allow ILECs and CLECs to interconnect to wiring that is part of the regulated network and is owned and controlled by the ILEC.

8.2.11 "SAI/FDI" is defined as the point in the ILEC's network where feeder cable is cross connected to the distribution cable. "SAI" is Serving Area Interface. "FDI" is Feeder Distribution Interface. The terms are interchangeable.

8.2.12 "Term-to-NID" is that portion of the loop from an accessible terminal to the NID, which is located at an end user's premise. Term-to-NID includes use of the Network Terminating Wire (NTW).

8.3 **SBC-12STATE** will offer the following subloop types:

8.3.1 2-Wire Analog Subloop provides a 2-wire (one twisted pair cable or equivalent) capable of transporting analog signals in the frequency range of approximately 300 to 3000 hertz (voiceband).

8.3.2 4-Wire Analog Subloop provides a 4-wire (two twisted pair cables or equivalent, with separate transmit and receive paths) capable of transporting analog signals in the frequency range of approximately 300 to 3000 hertz (voiceband).

8.3.3 4-Wire DS1 Subloop provides a transmission path capable of supporting a 1.544 Mbps service that utilizes AMI or B8ZS line code modulation.

8.3.4 DS3 Subloop provides DS3 service from the central office MDF to an Interconnection Panel at the RT. The loop facility used to transport the DS3 signal will be a fiber optical facility.

8.3.5 2-Wire / 4-Wire Analog DSL Capable Subloop that supports an analog signal based DSL technology (such as ADSL). It will have twisted copper cable that may be loaded, have more than 2,500 feet of bridged tap, and may contain repeaters.

8.3.6 2-Wire / 4-Wire Digital DSL Capable Subloop that supports a digital signal based DSL technology (such as HDSL or IDSL). It will have twisted copper cable that may be loaded, have more than 2,500 feet of bridged tap, and may contain repeaters.

8.3.7 ISDN Subloop is a 2-Wire digital offering which provides a transmission path capable of supporting a 160 Kbps, Basic Rate ISDN (BRI) service that utilizes 2B1Q line code modulation with end user capacity up to 144 Kbps.

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8.5 Subloops are provided "as is" unless CLEC requests loop conditioning on xDSL Subloops for the purpose of offering advanced services. xDSL subloop conditioning will be provided at the rates, terms, and conditions set out in the state specific Appendix Pricing.

8.6 A subloop unbundled network element is an existing spare portion of the loop that can be accessed via cross-connects at accessible terminals. An accessible terminal is a point on the loop where technicians can access the copper or fiber within the cable without removing a splice case to reach the copper or fiber within.

8.7 Twisted-pair Copper Subloops:

8.7.1 Access to terminals for twisted-pair copper subloops is defined to include:

- any technically feasible point near the customer premises accessible by a cross-connect (such as the pole or pedestal, the NID, or the minimum point of entry (MPOE) to the customer premises),
- the Feeder Distribution Interface (FDI) or Serving Area Interface (SAI), where the "feeder" leading back to the central office and the "distribution" plant branching out to the subscribers meet,
- the Main Distributing Frame (MDF),
- the Terminal (underground or aerial).

8.8 CLEC may request access to the following twisted-pair copper subloop segments:

FROM:	TO:
1. Main Distributing Frame	Serving Area Interface or Feeder Distribution Interface
2. Main Distributing Frame	Terminal
3. Serving Area Interface or Feeder Distribution Interface	Terminal
4. Serving Area Interface or Feeder Distribution Interface	Network Interface Device
5. Terminal	Network Interface Device

6.	NID	Stand Alone
7.	*SPOI (Single Point of Interface)	Stand Alone

* Provided using the BFR Process. In addition, if a CLEC requests an Interconnection Point which has not been identified, the CLEC will need to submit a BFR.

8.9 High Capacity Subloops:

8.9.1 Access to terminals for high capacity subloops is defined to include:

- any technically feasible point near the customer premises accessible by a cross-connect (such as the pole or pedestal or the minimum point of entry (MPOE) to the customer premises),
- the Remote Terminal (RT), only when cross-connect access is available at that RT
- the Terminal (underground or aerial).

8.9.2 CLEC may request access to the high-capacity subloop segment between the Central Office Point of Termination (POT) and the Remote Terminal Point of Termination (POT).

8.10 Unbundled DS1 and DS3 subloops may not be utilized in combination with transport facilities to replace special access services or facilities, except consistently with the certification and other requirements of the Supplemental Order released and adopted by the FCC on November 24, 1999 in Docket No. 96-98 ("In the Matter of the Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996"), including but not limited to the requirement that significant local exchange traffic in addition to exchange access service, be provided to a particular customer over the facilities in compliance with the Supplemental Order, and with processes implementing the Supplemental Order.

8.11 Provisioning:

8.11.1 Connecting Facility Arrangement (CFA) assignments must be in-place prior to ordering and assigning specific subloop circuit(s).

8.11.2 Spare subloop(s) will be assigned to CLEC only when an LSR/ASR is processed. LSR/ASRs will be processed on a "first come first serve" basis.

8.12 Maintenance:

8.12.1 The Parties acknowledge that by separating switching, feeder plant and distribution plant, the ability to perform mechanized testing and monitoring

of the subloop from the **SBC-12STATE** switch/testing equipment will be lost.

8.12.2 CLEC shall isolate trouble to the **SBC-12STATE** Subloop portion of the CLEC's service before reporting trouble to **SBC-12STATE**.

8.12.3 **SBC-12STATE** shall charge the CLEC a Maintenance of Service Charge (MSC) when CLEC dispatches **SBC-12STATE** on a trouble report and the fault is determined to be in the CLEC's portion of the loop. Such charges may be found in the individual state pricing appendices or tariffs.

8.12.4 Once all subloop access arrangements have been completed and balance of payment due **SBC-12STATE** is received, the CLEC may place a LSR for subloops at this location. Prices at which **SBC-12STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with Unbundled Network Elements (UNE) are contained in the state specific Appendix Pricing.

8.12.5 In the event of Catastrophic Damage to the RT, SAI/FDI, Terminal, or NID where CLEC has a SAA, **SBC-13 STATE** repair forces will restore service in a non-discriminatory manner which will allow the greatest number of all customers to be restored in the least amount of time. Should the CLEC cabling require replacement, **SBC-13STATE** will provide prompt notification to CLEC for CLEC to provide the replacement cable to be terminated as necessary.

8.13 Subloop Access Arrangements:

8.13.1 Prior to ordering subloop facilities, CLEC will establish Collocation using the Collocation process as set forth in the Collocation Appendix, or will establish a Subloop Access Arrangement utilizing the Special Construction Arrangement (SCA), either of which are necessary to interconnect to the **SBC-12STATE** subloop network.

8.13.2 The space available for collocating or obtaining various Subloop Access Arrangements will vary depending on the existing plant at a particular location. The CLEC will initiate an SCA by submitting a Sub-loop Access Arrangement Application.

8.13.3 Upon receipt of a complete and correct application, **SBC-12STATE** will provide to CLEC within 30 days a written estimate for the actual construction, labor, materials, and related provisioning costs incurred to fulfill the SCA on a Time and Materials basis. When CLEC submits a request to provide a written estimate for sub-loop(s) access, appropriate rates for the engineering and other associated costs performed will be charged.

8.13.4 The assignment of subloop facilities will incorporate reasonable practices used to administer outside plant loop facilities. For example, where SAI/FDI interfaces are currently administered in 25 pair cable complements, this will continue to be the practice in assigning and administering subloop facilities.

8.13.5 Subloop inquiries do not serve to reserve subloop(s).

8.13.6 Several options exist for Collocation or Subloop Access Arrangements at technically feasible points. Sound engineering judgment will be utilized to ensure network security and integrity. Each situation will be analyzed on a case-by-case basis.

8.13.7 CLEC will be responsible for obtaining rights of way from owners of property where **SBC-12STATE** has placed the equipment necessary for the SAA prior to submitting the request for SCA.

8.13.8 Prior to submitting the Sub-loop Access Arrangement Application for SCA, the CLEC should have the "Collocation" and "Poles, Conduit, and Row" appendices in the Agreement to provide the guidelines for both CLEC and ILEC to successfully implement subloops, should collocation, access to poles/conduits or rights of way be required.

8.13.9 Except as set forth below in this Section 8.13.9, construction of the Subloop Access Arrangement shall be completed within 90 days of CLEC submitting to **SBC-12STATE** written approval and payment of not less than 50% of the total estimated construction costs and related provisioning costs after an estimate has been accepted by the carrier and before construction begins, with the balance payable upon completion. **SBC-12STATE** will not begin any construction under the SCA until the CLEC has provided proof that it has obtained necessary rights of way as defined in Section 8.13.7. In the event CLEC disputes the estimate for an SAA in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures set forth in the General Terms and Conditions, Section 10, of this Agreement, **SBC-12STATE** will proceed with construction of the SAA upon receipt from CLEC of notice of the dispute and not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total estimated costs, with the balance payable by CLEC upon completion of the SAA. Such payments may be subject to any "true-up", if applicable, upon resolution of the dispute in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures.

8.13.10 Upon completion of the construction activity, the CLEC will be allowed to test the installation with a **SBC-12STATE** technician. If the CLEC desires test access to the SAA, the CLEC should place its own test point in its cable prior to cable entry into **SBC-12STATE**'s interconnection point.

8.13.11 A non-binding CLEC forecast shall be required as a part of the request for SAA, identifying the subloops required for line-shared and non line-shared arrangements to each subtending SAI. This will allow **SBC-12STATE** to properly engineer access to each SAI and to ensure **SBC-12STATE** does not provide more available terminations than the CLEC expects to use.

8.13.12 In order to maximize the availability of terminations for all CLECs, the CLEC shall provide CFA for their subloop pairs utilizing the same 25-pair binder group. The CLEC would begin utilizing the second 25-pair binder group once the first 25-pair binder group reached its capacity.

8.13.13 Unused CLEC terminations (in normal splicing increments such as 25-pair at a SAI/FDI) which remain unused for a period of one year after the completion of construction shall be subject to removal at CLEC expense.

8.13.14 In the event a CLEC elects to discontinue use of an existing SAA, or abandons such arrangement, CLEC shall pay **SBC-12STATE** for removal of their facilities from the SAA.

8.14 Subloop Access Arrangement (SAA) Access Points:

8.14.1 SAI/FDI or Terminal

8.14.1.1 CLEC cable to be terminated in a **SBC-12STATE** SAI/FDI, or Terminal, shall consist of 22 or 24-guage copper twisted pair cable bonded and grounded to the power company Multi Grounded Neutral (MGN). Cable may be filled if buried or buried to aerial riser cable. CLEC's Aerial cables should be aircore.

8.14.1.2 The CLEC may elect to place their cable to within 3 feet of the SAA site and coil up an amount of cable, defined by the engineer in the design phase, that **SBC-12STATE** will terminate on available binding posts in the SAI/FDI or Terminal.

8.14.1.3 The CLEC may "stub" up a cable at a prearranged meet point, defined during the engineering site visit, and **SBC-12STATE** will stub out a cable from the SAI/FDI or Terminal, which **SBC-12STATE** will splice to the CLEC cable at the meet point.

8.14.1.4 Dead counts will be offered as long as they have not been placed for expansion **purposes** planned within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the inquiry LSR.

8.14.1.5 Exhausted termination points in a SAI/FDI - When a SAI/FDI's termination points are all terminated to assignable cable pairs,

SBC-12STATE may choose to increase capacity of the SAI/FDI by the method of it's **choice**, for which the CLEC will be charged a portion of the expense to be determined with the engineer, for the purpose of allowing the CLEC to terminate it's cable at the SAI/FDI.

8.14.1.6 Exhausted Termination Points in a Terminal- When a terminal's termination points are all terminated to assignable cable pairs, SBC-13STATE may choose to increase the capacity of the Terminal or to construct an adjacent termination facility to accommodate the CLEC facilities for which the CLEC will be charged.

8.15 Relocation of Existing ILEC/CLEC Facilities involved in a SAA at a RT, SAI/FDI, Terminal or NID:

8.15.1 SBC-12STATE shall notify CLEC of pending relocation as soon as SBC-12STATE receives such notice.

8.15.2 CLEC shall notify SBC-12STATE of it's intentions to remain, or not, in the SAA by way of a new Subloop Access Arrangement Application for a new SCA.

8.15.3 SBC-12STATE shall then provide the CLEC an estimate to terminate their facilities as part of the relocation of the site including the applicable SAA. This process may require a site visit with the CLEC and SBC-12STATE engineer.

8.15.4 CLEC shall notify SBC-12STATE of acceptance or rejection of the new SCA within 10 business days of it's receipt of SBC-12STATE's estimate.

8.15.5 Upon acceptance of the SBC-12STATE estimate, CLEC shall pay at least 50% of the relocation costs at the same time as they notify SBC-12STATE of their acceptance of estimate costs.

8.15.6 Should CLEC decide not to continue the SAA, CLEC will notify SBC-12STATE as to the date that SBC-12STATE may remove CLEC's facilities from that SAA. CLEC will pay SBC-12STATE for all costs associated with the removal of the CLEC's SAA.

8.15.7 In the event that CLEC does not respond to SBC-12STATE in time to have their facilities relocated, SBC-12STATE shall move CLEC facilities and submit a bill for payment to the CLEC for the costs associated with the relocation. Should CLEC elect not pay this bill, then CLEC facilities will be removed from the site upon 30 days notice to the CLEC.

8.16 RT (for DS3 Subloop):

8.16.1 The CLEC may elect to place their cable (fiber or coax) to within 3 feet of the RT and coil up an amount of cable, defined by the engineer in the design phase, that **SBC-12STATE** will terminate on a fiber/coax interconnection block to be constructed in the RT.

8.16.2 The CLEC may "stub" up a cable (fiber or coax) at a prearranged meet point, defined during the engineering site visit, and **SBC-12STATE** will stub out a cable from the RT, which **SBC-12STATE** will splice to the CLEC cable at the meet point.

9. ENGINEERING CONTROLLED SPLICE (ECS)

9.1 Although under no obligation to do so at non-Pronto sites, as a voluntary offering, **SBC-13STATE** will also make available an Engineering Controlled Splice (ECS), which will be owned by **SBC-13STATE**, for CLECs to gain access to subloops at or near remote terminals. This voluntary service is in addition to FCC UNE Remand requirements.

9.2 The ECS shall be made available for Subloop Access Arrangements (SAA) utilizing the Special Construction Arrangement (SCA).

9.2.1 CLEC requesting such a SCA shall pay all of the actual construction, labor, materials and related provisioning costs incurred to fulfill its SCA on a Time and Materials basis, provided that **SBC-13STATE** will construct any Subloop Access Arrangement requested by a telecommunications carrier in a cost-effective and efficient manner. If **SBC-13STATE** elects to incur additional costs for its own operating efficiencies and that are not necessary to satisfy an SCA in a cost-effective and efficient manner, the requesting telecommunications carrier will not be liable for such extra costs.

9.2.2 CLEC shall be liable only for costs associated with cable pairs that it orders to be presented at an engineering controlled splice (regardless of whether the requesting carrier actually utilizes all such pairs), even if **SBC-13STATE** places more pairs at the splice.

9.2.3 **SBC-13STATE** will either use existing copper or construct new copper facilities between the SAI(s) and the ECS, located in or at the remote terminal site. Although **SBC-13STATE** will construct the engineering controlled splice, the ECS maybe owned by **SBC-13STATE** or the CLEC (depending on the specific arrangement) at the option of **SBC-13STATE**.

9.2.4 If more than one requesting telecommunications carrier obtains space in expanded remote terminals or adjacent structures and obtains an SAA with

the new copper interface point at the ECS, the initial telecommunications carrier which incurred the costs of construction of the engineering controlled splice and/or additional copper/fiber shall be reimbursed those costs in equal proportion to the space or lines used by the requesting carriers.

9.2.5 **SBC-13STATE** may require a separate SCA for each remote terminal site.

9.2.6 Except as set forth below in this Section 9.2.6, written acceptance and at least 50% of payment for the SCA must be submitted at least 90 days before access to the copper subloop is to be provisioned by **SBC-13STATE**. If an augment of cabling is required between the ECS and the SAI, the interval for completion of the SCA will be determined on an individual case basis. **SBC-12STATE** will not begin any construction of the ECS until the CLEC has provided proof that it has obtained the necessary rights of way as defined in Section 9.3. In the event CLEC disputes the estimate for the ECS in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures set forth in the General Terms and Conditions, Section 10, of this Agreement, **SBC-13STATE** will proceed with construction of the ECS upon receipt from CLEC of notice of the dispute and not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total estimated costs, with the balance payable by CLEC upon completion of the ECS. Such payments may be subject to any "true-up", if applicable, upon resolution of the dispute in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures.

9.3 CLECs will have two (2) options for implementing the ECS: a "Dedicated Facility Option" (DFO) and a "Cross-connected Facility Option" (CFO).

9.3.1 Dedicated Facility Option (DFO)

9.3.1.1 CLEC may request **SBC-13STATE** splice the existing cabling between the ECS and the SAI to the CLEC's SAA facility. This facility will be "dedicated" to the CLEC for subsequent subloop orders.

9.3.1.2 CLEC must designate the quantity of subloops they desire to access via this spliced, dedicated facility, specified by subtending SAI. This designation must differentiate cabling desired for access to the HFPL subloop from the cabling desired for access to non-line shared subloops.

9.3.1.3 CLECs will compensate **SBC-13STATE** for each of the dedicated subloop facilities, based on recurring subloop charges, for the quantity of subloops dedicated to the CLEC between the ECS and the SAI.

9.3.2 Cross-connected Facility Option (CFO)

9.3.2.1 CLEC may request **SBC-13STATE** build an ECS cross-connect junction on which to terminate CLEC's SAA facility.

9.3.2.2 The SCA associated with this option will include the charges associated with constructing the cross-connect device, including the termination of **SBC-13STATE** cabling between the ECS and the RT and/or SAI, and the inventorying of that **SBC-13STATE** cabling.

9.3.2.3 CLEC must designate the quantity of subloops they desire to access via this cross-connectable, dedicated facility, specified by subtending SAI. This designation must differentiate cabling desired for access to the HFPL subloop from the cabling desired for access to non-line shared subloops.

9.3.2.4 CLECs will compensate **SBC-13STATE** for the charges incurred by **SBC-13STATE** derived from the CLEC's request for the SCA.

10. PACKET SWITCHING

10.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC unbundled packet switching if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

10.1.1 **SBC-13STATE** has deployed digital loop carrier systems, including but not limited to, integrated digital loop carrier or universal digital loop carrier systems; or has deployed any other system in which fiber optic facilities replace copper facilities in the distribution section (e.g., end office to remote terminal, pedestal or environmentally controlled vault);

10.1.2 There are no spare copper loops capable of supporting the xDSL services the requesting carrier seeks to offer;

10.1.3 **SBC-13STATE** has not permitted a requesting carrier to deploy DSLAM at the remote terminal, pedestal or environmentally controlled vault or **other** interconnection point, nor has the requesting carrier obtained a virtual collocation arrangement at these sub-loop interconnection points as defined by 47 CFR §51.319(b); and

10.1.4 **SBC-13STATE** has deployed packet switching capability for its own use.

11. LOCAL SWITCHING

11.1 The Unbundled Local Switching (ULS) capability, to be provided on an unbundled basis pursuant to this Agreement, is defined as set forth in FCC Rule 51.319. Pursuant to that Rule, ULS includes:

11.1.1 line-side facilities, which include the connection between a Loop termination at the Main Distribution Frame and a switch line card;

11.1.2 trunk-side facilities, which include the connection between trunk termination at a trunk-side cross- connect panel and a switch trunk card; and

11.1.3 all features, functions, and capabilities of the switch available from the specific port type (line side or trunk side port), which include:

11.1.3.1 the basic switching function of connecting lines to lines, lines to trunks, trunks to lines, and trunks to trunks, as well as the same basic capabilities made available to ILEC customers, such as a telephone number, white page listing, and dial tone;

11.1.3.2 access to OS/DA and 9-1-1; and

11.1.3.3 all other features that the switch provides, including custom calling, CLASS features and Centrex.

11.2 Specific Terms and Conditions for Unbundled Local Switching (ULS)

11.2.1 Unbundled Local Switching uses routing instructions resident in the **SBC-12STATE** switch to direct all CLEC traffic.

11.2.2 Vertical features, CLASS features, and other features resident in the **SBC-12STATE** switch providing the ULS port are available under ULS. Refer to state specific Appendix Pricing for **SBC-12STATE** and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for **SNET**.

11.2.3 **SBC-12STATE** will allow CLEC to designate the features and functions that are available on a particular ULS port to the extent such features and functions are activated in that switch or as may be requested by the Bona Fide Request process. When CLEC purchases ULS in **SBC-12STATE**, CLEC will be required to designate the features and functions that are to be activated on each ULS port.

11.2.4 ULS as provided by **SBC-12STATE** includes standard Central Office treatments (e.g., busy tones, vacant codes, fast busy, etc.), supervision and announcements.

11.2.5 **SBC-12STATE** will control congestion points such as those caused by radio station call-ins and network routing abnormalities using appropriate network capabilities. CLEC agrees to respond to **SBC-12STATE's** notifications regarding network congestion.

11.2.6 **SBC-12STATE** will perform testing through ULS for CLECs in the same manner and frequency that it performs for its own customers for an equivalent service.

11.2.7 **SBC-12STATE** will repair and restore any **SBC-12STATE** equipment that may adversely impact ULS.

11.2.8 **SBC-12STATE** will provide usage detail for each ULS port via on a daily basis. Refer to state specific Appendix pricing.

11.2.9 **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC the functionality of blocking calls (e.g., 900 calls, international calls (IDDD), and toll calls) by line or trunk to the extent that **SBC-12STATE** provides such blocking capabilities to its End Users and to the extent required by federal and/or State law.

11.2.10 At **SBC-13STATE**'s discretion and upon not less than ninety (90) days' written notice to CLEC, **SBC-13STATE** may elect to discontinue providing ULS or to provide ULS at market prices to CLECs serving end-users with four or more voice grade lines within any territory (each an "exception Territory") with respect to which **SBC-13STATE** can demonstrate that, as of the date on which CLEC receives notice (the "Exception Notice Date"), **SBC-13STATE** has satisfied each of the following conditions.

a) A territory shall constitute an "Exception Territory" if it constitutes the service area of **SBC-13STATE** offices that both are assigned to density zone 1 and are located within one of the Top 50 Metropolitan Statistical Areas ("MSAs"). The Parties shall determine density zone assignments by reference to the NECA Tariff No. 4, in effect on January 1, 1999. The Top 50 MSAs are those listed in Appendix B of the FCC Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket 96-98 ("UNE Remand Order"); and

b) In the Exception Territory where **SBC-13STATE** elects to offer the Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) in accordance with the UNE Remand Order, the EEL would be available to the CLEC in the Exception Territory at prices which are set in accordance with the pricing standards of Section 252 of the Act. Such prices would be specified in Appendix Pricing. **SBC-13STATE** may only exercise its

rights to discontinue or market-price ULS under this Section for CLEC End Users involving four or more lines.

11.2.10.1 In determining whether **SBC-13STATE** may exercise its rights under this Section in any particular case, the CLEC shall be obligated to disclose customer account detail similar to customer service records that **SBC-13STATE** provides to the CLEC through pre-ordering process.

11.2.10.2 Nothing in this Section shall preclude CLEC from using its own facilities, resold services, or any other facilities, services or serving arrangements to provide additional services to an End User customer account with respect to which **SBC-13STATE** may exercise its rights under this Section.

11.3 Customized Routing

11.3.1 Subject to switch limitations, Custom Routing is available upon CLEC request to handle Operator Services, Directory Assistance, and/or other traffic as required by state jurisdiction. CLEC will pay the customized routing charges reflected in Appendix Pricing.

11.4 Unbundled Local Switching Usage Sensitive Rate Element

11.4.1 Usage rates will apply to ULS on a per minute basis. See the Appendix Pricing for the state specific ULS rates (**SBC-12STATE**) and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for **SNET**.

11.5 Switch Ports

11.5.1 In **SBC-12STATE**, a Switch Port is a termination point in the end office switch. The charges for Switch Ports are reflected in state specific Appendix Pricing.

11.5.1.1 Line Switch Ports – **SBC-12STATE**

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

11.5.1.1.2 The Analog Line Port can be provisioned with Centrex-like features and capabilities. When a CLEC wants to provide the Centrex-like port, a system establishment

charge is applicable to translate the common block and system features in the switch.

11.5.1.1.3 The Analog Line Port can be provisioned with two-way, one-way-out, and one-way-in, directionality for PBX business applications.

11.5.1.1.4 ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Port is a 2-wire line side switch connection which provides two 64 kbps "B" (bearer) channels for circuit switched voice and/or data and on 16 kpbs "D" (delta) channel for signaling.

11.5.1.2 Trunk Side Switch Ports – **SBC-12STATE**

11.5.1.2.1 The Analog DID Trunk Port is a 2-wire trunk side switch port that supports Direct Inward Dialing (DID) capability for PBX business applications.

11.5.1.2.2 ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Trunk Side Port is a trunk side switch connection that provides twenty-three 64 kbps "B" channels for digital voice and data and one 64 kbps "D" channel.

11.5.1.2.3 DS1 Trunk Port is a trunk side DS1 interface intended for digital PBX business applications. Also this ULS Trunk Port is used to terminate dedicated facilities associated with completing ULS Custom Routing calls in **SBC-AMERITECH**.

11.5.2 Switch Ports are available for **SNET** pursuant to the Connecticut Access Service Tariff.

11.6 Tandem Switching

11.6.1 Tandem Switching is defined as:

11.6.1.1 trunk-connect facilities, including but not limited to the connection between trunk termination at a cross-connect panel and a switch trunk card,

11.6.1.2 the basic switching function of connecting trunks to trunks; and

11.6.1.3 all technically feasible functions that are centralized in Tandem Office Switches (as distinguished from separate end-office switches), including but not limited to call recording, the routing of calls to operator services, and signaling conversion features.

11.6.2 The charges for Tandem Switching are reflected in Appendix Pricing (**SBC-12STATE**) and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for **SNET**.

12. SHARED TRANSPORT

12.1 The Unbundled Shared Transport capability is defined as set forth in FCC Rule 51.319.

12.1.1 **SBC-12STATE** provides access to unbundled shared transport only when purchased in conjunction with a ULS port that CLEC subscribes to for the purpose of delivering traffic from/to a CLEC End User as set forth below.

12.1.1.1 Unbundled Local Switching is provided under Section 11 of this Appendix UNE.

12.1.1.2 "ULS-ST" refers to Unbundled Local Switching with Unbundled Shared Transport in **SBC-AMERITECH**. ULS-ST is provided on a per ULS port basis.

12.1.1.3 Unbundled Network Element – Local Switching with Shared Transport is available for **SNET** pursuant to the Connecticut Access Service Tariff.

12.1.2 **SBC-AMERITECH** provides to CLECs subscribing to ULS the function of shared transport (as defined in the Third Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, 12 FCC Rcd 12460 (1997)), as described in Paragraph 56 of Attachment 1 in the August 27, 1999 *ex parte* to the FCC in *In the Matter of the SBC/Ameritech Merger*, CC Docket No. 98-141 ("FCC Conditions").

12.1.3 ULS-ST permits the CLEC to access the interoffice network of **SBC-AMERITECH** for the origination from and completion to the associated ULS port of End User local traffic to and from **SBC-AMERITECH** switches or third-party switches. ULS-ST also permits access to that network, using Common Transport and Tandem Switching, for the origination from and completion to the associated ULS port of End User toll traffic where a PIC'd/LPIC'd Interexchange Carrier for that ULS port is not directly connected to the **SBC-AMERITECH** switch providing that ULS port. **SBC-AMERITECH** will not require use of dedicated transport or customized routing to complete calls when using ULS-ST.

12.1.4 All CLEC's local traffic between **SBC-AMERITECH** switches will use Shared Transport and all local CLEC's traffic to non-**SBC-12STATE** switches will use the transit function of Shared Transport (with this transit

function being referred to as "Shared Transport-Transit"). All interexchange traffic will be routed to the interLATA (PIC) or intraLATA toll (LPIC) Interexchange Carrier, as appropriate, selected for that ULS port.

12.1.5 The Unbundled Shared Transport rate is a blend of Shared Transport and Shared Transport-Transit. **SBC-12STATE** reserves the right to seek separate rates for Shared Transport and Shared Transport-Transit in future negotiations to amend or replace this Agreement.

12.1.6 **SBC-12STATE**'s ability to provide ULS-ST is limited to existing switch and transmission facilities capacities of the **SBC-12STATE** network.

12.1.7 In providing ULS-ST, **SBC-12STATE** will use the existing **SBC-12STATE** routing tables contained in **SBC-12STATE** switches, as **SBC-12STATE** may change those tables from time to time including after CLEC purchases ULS-ST.

12.1.8 **SBC-12STATE** will provide SS7 signaling on interswitch calls originating from an ULS port. CLEC will be charged for the use of the **SBC-12STATE** signaling on a per- call basis.

12.2 Custom Routing of OS/DA with ULS-ST

12.2.1 CLEC can only mix ULS-ST and custom routing within a **SBC-AMERITECH** end office switch where CLEC chooses to custom route all of its OS and/or all of its DA (OS/DA) traffic for its End Users served by **SBC-AMERITECH**'s ULS-ST ports in that **SBC-AMERITECH** end office switch. If this custom routing for OS/DA is chosen in a given **SBC-AMERITECH** end office switch, then all End Users served via ULS-ST ports in that switch will have their OS/DA traffic routed over the same custom route designated by CLEC.

12.2.2 CLEC must provide **SBC-AMERITECH** routing instructions necessary to establish such custom routing of OS/DA traffic in those end offices where CLEC has End Users served via ULS-ST ports. CLEC will be charged by **SBC-AMERITECH** for the establishment of each custom route for OS or DA traffic in an end office switch.

12.2.3 **SBC-AMERITECH** will direct all custom routed local OS and/or local DA calls using the Advanced Intelligence Network programming developed to be compatible with ULS-ST to a specific trunk group associated with an ULS Trunk Port or over an existing dedicated trunk group designated by CLEC.

12.2.4 CLEC will request custom OS/DA routing for use with ULS-ST other than described in this Section via the Bona Fide Request process.

12.3 ULS-ST Usage-Sensitive Rating

12.3.1 **SBC-12STATE** will charge CLEC ULS usage rates for intraswitch and interswitch traffic originating from an ULS port and for interswitch traffic terminating to an ULS port.

12.3.2 **SBC-12STATE** will charge CLEC using **SBC-12STATE**'s Shared Transport a usage-sensitive Blended Transport rate in addition to the originating ULS usage-sensitive rate for local interswitch calls. The Blended Transport rate is based upon a blend of direct and tandem-routed local traffic to/from either an **SBC-12STATE** end office or to/from a non-**SBC-12STATE** end office.

12.3.3 The charges for Shared Transport are reflected in Appendix Pricing (**SBC-12STATE**) and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for **SNET**.

12.4 Reciprocal Compensation associated with ULS-ST

12.4.1 For the traffic to which reciprocal compensation applies and subject to the other provisions in this Agreement regarding reciprocal compensation:

12.4.2 As to ULS-ST only, **SBC-AMERITECH** will charge CLEC using **SBC-AMERITECH**'s ULS-ST a Reciprocal Compensation rate specific to ULS-ST for interswitch local traffic originated from a ULS-ST port and terminated to a **SBC-AMERITECH** end office.

12.4.3 As to ULS-ST only, CLEC will reciprocally charge **SBC-AMERITECH** for interswitch local traffic originated from a **SBC-AMERITECH** end office and terminated to an ULS-ST port at the same rate as ULS usage rate associated with ULS-ST a Reciprocal Compensation rate.

12.4.4 CLEC will be solely responsible for establishing compensation arrangements with all telecommunications carriers to which ULS-ST traffic is delivered or from which ULS-ST traffic is received, including all ULS-ST traffic carried by Shared Transport-Transit.

12.5 IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll Rate Application

12.5.1 When ULS-ST is used to make or receive interLATA (including PIC) or intraLATA (including LPIC) toll traffic and that traffic is routed through **SBC-AMERITECH** tandem switch(es) and transmission facilities, **SBC-AMERITECH** will charge usage-sensitive Common Transport and Tandem Switching Rates in addition to other applicable ULS-ST charges. However, when that traffic is routed to and/or from an Interexchange Carrier directly connected at the **SBC-AMERITECH** end office providing that ULS port,

the Common Transport and Tandem Switching rates will not apply to such traffic.

12.5.2 The ULS-ST usage-sensitive charges (per minute of use) described in this Section are set forth in the Appendix Pricing.

12.6 Application of Usage Sensitive Charges for ULS-ST

12.6.1 ULS may include two usage sensitive components: originating ULS usage (ULS-O) and terminating ULS usage (ULS-T).

12.6.2 Intra Switch Calls - (calls originating and terminating in the same switch i.e., the same 11 digit Common Language Location Identifier (CLLI) end office):

12.6.2.1 CLEC will be charged ULS-O usage charges of use for a call originating from an CLEC ULS line port or trunk port that terminates to a **SBC-AMERITECH** end user line, Resale line, or any unbundled line port or trunk port which is connected to the same end office switch.

12.6.2.2 CLEC will be charged ULS-O usage charges for a Centrex-like ULS intercom call in which CLEC's End User dials from one Centrex-like station to another Centrex-like station in the same common block defined system.

12.6.2.3 **SBC-AMERITECH** will not bill ULS-T usage charges for Intraswitch calls that terminate to a CLEC ULS port.

12.6.3 Interswitch Calls - calls not originating and terminating in the same switch, i.e., not the same 11-digit Common Language Location Identifier (CLLI) end office:

12.6.3.1 Local Calls

12.6.3.1.1 General Principles

12.6.3.1.1.1 When a call originates from a CLEC ULS-ST port, CLEC will be charged ULS-O usage and SS7 signaling charges. If the call routes over **SBC-AMERITECH**'s shared transport network, CLEC will pay charges for Blended Transport usage in addition to ULS-O usage charges.

12.6.3.1.1.2 The Parties agree that, for local calls originated over ULS-ST, **SBC-AMERITECH** will not be required to record and will not bill actual tandem switching usage. Rather, CLEC will be charged the rate shown on Appendix Pricing UNE - Schedule of unbundled shared transport Prices labeled "ULS-ST Blended Transport," for each minute of use, whether or not the call actually traverses the tandem switch.

12.6.3.1.1.3 When a call terminates to a CLEC ULS-ST port, CLEC will pay ULS-T usage charges.

12.6.3.1.1.4 Illustrative Call Flows demonstrating the rate applications for ULS-ST are set forth in *Exhibit A*.

12.6.3.2 IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll Calls

12.6.3.2.1 General Principles

12.6.3.2.1.1 "1+" intraLATA calls from CLEC ULS-ST ports will be routed to the originating End User's IntraLATA Primary Interexchange Carrier (LPIC) choice. When a "1+" interLATA call is initiated from an ULS-ST port, it will be routed to the End User's interLATA (PIC) choice.

12.6.3.2.1.2 When an intraLATA or interLATA toll call originates from a CLEC ULS-ST port, **SBC-AMERITECH** will not charge originating access charges to CLEC or the IXC except that **SBC-AMERITECH** may bill the IXC for the access transport (FGD), in accordance with its access tariff, in cases where the IXC has chosen **SBC-AMERITECH** as its transport provider.

12.6.3.2.1.3 When an intraLATA or interLATA toll call terminates to a CLEC ULS-ST port, **SBC-AMERITECH** will not charge terminating access to CLEC or the IXC except that **SBC-AMERITECH** may bill the IXC for the access transport (FGD), in accordance with its access tariff, in cases where the IXC has chosen **SBC-AMERITECH** as its transport provider.

12.6.3.2.1.4 Illustrative Call Flows demonstrating the rate applications for ULS-ST are set forth in *Exhibit A*.

12.6.3.3 Toll Free Calls

12.6.3.3.1 When CLEC uses an ULS-ST port to initiate an intraLATA 800-type call, **SBC-AMERITECH** will perform the appropriate database query and will route the call to terminating **SBC-AMERITECH** "Success 800" subscriber. CLEC will be charged the 800 database query, ULS-O usage, and SS7 signaling charges.

12.6.3.3.2 When CLEC uses an ULS-ST port to initiate an 800-type call where the terminating port is not an **SBC-AMERITECH** "Success 800" subscriber, **SBC-AMERITECH** will perform the appropriate database query and route the call to the indicated IXC. CLEC will pay the 800 database query, ULS-O usage, and SS7 signaling charges. If 800-type call is routed **using SBC-AMERITECH** tandem, then **SBC-AMERITECH** will also charge ULS-ST Common Transport and ULS-ST Tandem Switching usage charges. **SBC-AMERITECH** will not charge originating access charges to CLEC or the IXC except that **SBC-AMERITECH** may bill the IXC for the access transport (FGD), in accordance with its access tariff, in cases where the IXC has chosen **SBC-AMERITECH** as its transport provider.

13. INTEROFFICE TRANSPORT

13.1 The Interoffice Transport (IOT) Unbundled Network Element is defined as **SBC-12STATE** interoffice transmission facilities dedicated to a particular CLEC that provide telecommunications between Wire Centers owned by **SBC-12STATE**, or requesting CLEC, or between switches owned by **SBC-12STATE** or CLEC. IOT will be provided only where such facilities exist at the time of CLEC request. Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, **SNET** does not offer Interoffice Transport (IOT) under this agreement. Rather, IOT is available as described in Section 18 of the Connecticut Tariff FCC No. 39.

13.2 **SBC-12STATE** will be responsible for the engineering, provisioning, maintenance of the underlying equipment and facilities that are used to provide Interoffice Transport.

13.3 Unbundled Dedicated Transport

13.3.1 Unbundled Dedicated Transport (UDT) is an interoffice transmission path dedicated to a particular CLEC that provides telecommunications (when facilities exist and are technically feasible) between two Wire Centers or switches owned by **SBC-12STATE** or between a Wire Center or switch owned by **SBC-12STATE** and a CLEC owned or provided switch.

13.3.2 **SBC-12STATE** will provide Dedicated Transport as a point to point circuit dedicated to the CLEC at the following speeds: DS1 (1.544 Mbps), DS3 (44.736 Mbps), OC3 (155.52 Mbps) including OC3 concantenated (OC3-c), OC12 (622.08 Mbps) Including OC12 concantenated (OC12-c), and OC48 (2488.32 Mbps) including OC48 concantenated (OC48-c). **SBC-12STATE** will provide higher speeds to CLEC as they are deployed in the **SBC-12STATE** network. **SBC-12STATE** provides OCN Dedicated Transport and Entrance Facilities as point to point bit rates, when and where facilities exist.

13.3.3 UDT includes the following elements:

13.3.3.1 Interoffice Transport – a circuit between two **SBC12-STATE** Wire Centers.

13.3.3.2 Entrance Facility – a circuit from **SBC-12STATE** serving Wire Center to the CLEC's location.

13.3.3.3 Multiplexing – an option ordered in conjunction with dedicated transport which converts a circuit from higher to lower bandwidth, or from digital to voice grade. Multiplexing is only available when ordered at the same time as UDT entrance facility and/or interoffice transport.

13.3.3.4 Other Optional features are outlined in Appendix Pricing.

13.4 Diversity

13.4.1 When requested by CLEC and only where such interoffice facilities exist at the time of CLEC request, Physical diversity shall be provided for Unbundled Dedicated Transport. Physical diversity means that two circuits are provisioned in such a way that no single failure of facilities or equipment will cause a failure on both circuits.

13.4.2 **SBC-12STATE** shall provide the Physical separation between intra-office and inter-office transmission paths when technically and economically feasible. Physical diversity requested by the CLEC shall be subject to additional charges. When additional costs are incurred by **SBC-12STATE** for CLEC specific diversity. **SBC-12STATE** will advise CLEC of the applicable additional charges. **SBC-12STATE** will not process the request for diversity until CLEC accepts such charges. Any applicable performance measures will be abated from the time diversity is requested until CLEC accepts the additional charges.

13.5 Digital Cross-Connect System (DCS)

13.5.1 **SBC-12STATE** will offer Digital Cross-Connect System (DCS) as part of the unbundled dedicated transport element with the same functionality that is offered to interexchange carriers. DCS requested by CLEC shall be subject to additional charges as outlined in pricing schedule appendix.

13.6 Network Reconfiguration Service (NRS)

13.6.1 **SBC-12STATE** will offer reconfiguration service as part of the UDT element with the same functionality that is offered to interexchange carriers. Reconfiguration service requested by the CLEC shall be subject to additional charges as outlined in pricing schedule appendix.

13.7 **PACIFIC**

13.7.1 Cross Boundary UDT Meet Point Facilities Arrangements

13.7.1.1 Cross Boundary UDT Facilities are arrangements that involve shared ownership of the Unbundled Dedicated Local Interconnection Facilities between **PACIFIC** and another neighboring Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) **PACIFIC** will be a willing participant in the CLEC's efforts to midspan join an UDT Facility ordered from **PACIFIC** with one of the same ordered by the same CLEC from the neighboring ILEC. It is the

responsibility of the CLEC to negotiate with each ILEC individually, and to order each piece of the Meet Point transmission facility from each individual ILEC separately in order to provide UDT from each ILEC's respective Central Office to the meet point. UDT Cross Boundary Meet Point Transmission Facilities are available at DS1 and DS3 transmission speeds and only where facilities exist and are available at the time of CLEC's order.

13.7.1.2 Rates: Charges applicable to Cross Boundary UDT Meet Point Facility arrangements are as follows:

13.7.1.2.1 Non Recurring Charges: 100% of **PACIFIC** existing UDT Non Recurring Charges, i.e. service order charge, install (connect) charges, disconnect charges, etc. for its side of the facilities and without any compensation to the other ILEC. Each of these charges are found in Appendix Pricing.

13.7.1.2.2 Monthly Charges: **PACIFIC** will charge full (100%) existing UDT monthly charges for the first (or Fixed) mile, plus 100% of the monthly charges for the additional miles in its territory. Each of these charges is found in Appendix Pricing. The additional miles are calculated by the total facility mileage multiplied by the percentage of the facilities that fall within **PACIFIC** territory, as determined by the NECA 4 tariff. There will not be any compensation to the other ILEC.

13.7.1.2.3 **PACIFIC**'s current intervals for the ordering and provisioning of the UDT will also be applicable to the ordering and provisioning of Cross Boundary UDT Meet Point Facilities. However, for end to end connectivity, the longer of the two ILEC's ordering and provisioning intervals will apply.

14. DARK FIBER

14.1 In **SBC-12STATE** Dark fiber is deployed, unlit fiber optic cable that connects two points within the incumbent LEC's network. Dark fiber is fiber that has not been activated through connection to the electronics that "light it", and thereby render it capable of carrying communications services. Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, **SNET** does not offer Dark Fiber under this agreement. Rather, Dark Fiber is available to CLECs as described in Section 18.2.1E of the Connecticut Service Tariff.

14.1.1 Dark Fiber is fiber that is spliced in all segments from end to end and would provide continuity or "light" end to end. CLEC may only subscribe to dark fiber that is considered "spare," as defined in Sections 14.4.1 and 14.5.1, below.

14.2 Interoffice Dark Fiber

14.2.1 **SBC-12STATE** will provide dark fiber in the dedicated interoffice transport segment of the network as an unbundled network element. Interoffice dark fiber is between two different **SBC-12STATE** Central Offices (CO's) and terminates on a fiber distribution frame, or equivalent, in the CO. **SBC-12STATE** will offer its dark fiber to CLEC when CLEC has collocation space in each **SBC-12STATE** CO where the requested dark fiber(s) terminate.

14.3 Loop Dark Fiber

14.3.1 **SBC-12STATE** will provide loop dark fiber as an unbundled network element. Loop dark fiber is a segment between a serving **SBC-12STATE** central office and an end user customer premise.

14.4 Sub-Loop Dark Fiber

14.4.1 **SBC-12STATE** will provide sub-loop dark fiber as an unbundled network element. Sub-loop dark fiber is a segment between:

14.4.1.1 The serving **SBC-12STATE** central office and a remote terminal/CEV/Hut; or

14.4.1.2 a remote terminal/CEV/Hut and an end user customer premise.

14.4.2 Dark Fiber sub-loop segments are explicitly governed by Section 8 of this Appendix and are limited to remote terminal/CEV/Hut outlined below.

14.4.3 Upon receipt of a complete and correct Sub-loop Access Application, **SBC-12STATE** shall provide to CLEC within 30 days a written estimate for the actual construction, labor, materials, and related provisioning costs to be incurred to fulfill the SCA on a Time and Materials basis. CLEC agrees to pay **SBC-12STATE** appropriate rates for the engineering and other associated costs performed when CLEC submits a request to provide a written estimate for sub-loop(s).

14.4.4 At **SBC-12STATE** Central Offices' the dark fiber terminates on a fiber distribution frame, or equivalent, in the Central Office. CLEC access is provided pursuant Method One (Section 3.1.1.1, above) which allows for

approved collocation access. The only method of access for Dark fiber is collocation.

14.5 Spare Fiber Inventory Availability and Condition

14.5.1 All available spare dark fiber will be provided as is. No conditioning will be offered. Spare dark fiber is fiber that is spliced in all segments, point to point but not assigned, and spare dark fiber does not include maintenance spares, fibers set aside and documented for **SBC-12STATE**'s forecasted growth, defective fibers, or fibers subscribed to by other carriers. CLEC will not obtain any more than 25% of the spare dark fiber contained in the requested segment, during any two-year period.

14.6 Determining Spare Fibers:

14.6.1 **SBC-12STATE** will inventory dark fibers. Spare fibers do not include the following:

14.6.1.1 Maintenance spares. Maintenance spares shall be kept in inventory like a working fiber. Spare maintenance fibers are assigned as follows:

- Cables with 24 fibers and less: two maintenance spare fibers
- Cables with 36 and 48 fibers: four maintenance spare fibers
- Cables with 72 and 96 fibers: eight maintenance spare fibers
- Cables with 144 fibers: twelve maintenance spare fibers
- Cables with 216 fibers: 18 maintenance spares
- Cables with 288 fibers: 24 maintenance spares
- Cables with 432 fibers: 36 maintenance spares
- Cables with 864 fibers: 72 maintenance spares.

14.6.1.2 Defective fibers

14.6.1.3 **SBC-12STATE** growth fibers. Fibers documented as reserved by **SBC-12STATE** for utilization for growth within the 12 month–period following the carrier's request.

14.6.2 The appropriate **SBC-12STATE** engineering organization will maintain records on each fiber optic cable for which CLECs request dark fiber.

14.6.3 Defective fibers, if any, will be deducted from the total number of spare fibers that would otherwise be available to CLEC for use under this Agreement.

14.7 Quantities and Time Frames for ordering Dark Fiber:

14.7.1 The minimum number of fiber strands that CLEC can order is one, and fiber strands must be ordered on a strand-by-strand basis. The maximum number of fiber strands that CLEC can order is no greater than 25% of the spare facilities in the segment requested. Should spare fiber fall below 8 strands in a given location, **SBC-12STATE** will provide the remaining spares one strand at a time and no more than a quantity of 2 strands. (See definition of spare facilities set forth in Sections 14.4.1 and 14.5.1 above.)

14.7.2 If CLEC wishes to request dark fiber, it must submit a dark fiber facility inquiry, providing CLEC's specific point to point (A to Z) dark fiber requirements. When CLEC submits a dark fiber facility inquiry, appropriate rates for the inquiry will be charged as outlined in state specific Appendix Pricing.

14.7.2.1 If spare dark fiber is available, as determined under this Agreement, **SBC-12STATE** will notify CLEC and CLEC may place an Access Service Request (ASR) for the dark fiber.

14.7.3 Dark fiber will be assigned to CLEC only when an ASR is processed. ASRs will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis. Inquiry facility checks do not serve to reserve dark fiber. When CLEC submits the ASR, the ASR will be processed and the dark fiber facilities will be assigned. The charges which will be established as set forth in paragraph 14.6.2 will be applied.

14.8 Right of Revocation of Access to Dark Fiber

14.8.1 Should CLEC not utilize the fiber strand(s) subscribed to within the 12-month period following the date **SBC-12STATE** provided the fiber(s), **SBC-12STATE** may revoke CLEC's access to the dark fiber and recover those fiber facilities and return them to **SBC-12STATE** inventory.

14.8.2 **SBC-12STATE** may reclaim from the CLEC's the right to use dark fiber, whether or not the dark fiber is being utilized by CLEC, upon twelve (12) months' written notice to the CLEC. **SBC-12STATE** will provide an alternative facility for the CLEC with the same bandwidth the CLEC was using prior to reclaiming the facility. **SBC-12STATE** must also demonstrate to the CLEC that the dark fiber will be needed to meet **SBC-12STATE**'s bandwidth requirements within the 12 months following the revocation.

14.9 Access Methods specific to Dark Fiber

14.9.1 The demarcation point for dark fiber at central offices, remote terminals and customer premises will be in an **SBC-12STATE** approved splitter shelf. This arrangement allows for non-intrusive testing.

14.9.2 At CO's dark fiber terminates on a fiber distribution frame, or equivalent in the CO. CLEC access is provided pursuant to Method One (Section 3.1.1.1, above) which is the only method of access for dark fiber.

14.9.3 At remote terminals, CEVs and Huts, CLEC access to the dark fiber will be provided via the network demarcation point at the end user customer premises and via a fiber distribution frame at the remote terminal/CEV/Hut.

14.9.3.1 CLECs may collocate, providing collocation application and associated criteria are met, when seeking to interconnection and desire to place non-passive electronics in a remote terminal/CEV/Hut provided **SBC-12STATE** has existing and available space in these locations.

14.9.3.2 CLECs have two (2) options for obtaining dark fiber subloop access. Prior to ordering subloop facilities, CLEC must establish Collocation using the Collocation process as set forth in Collocation Appendix, or must establish a Subloop Access Arrangement utilizing the Special Construction Arrangement (SCA), either or which are necessary to interconnect to the **SBC-12STATE** subloop network.

14.9.3.3 The space available for collocating or obtaining various Subloop Access Arrangements will vary depending on the existing plant at a particular location. The CLEC shall initiate an SCA by submitting a Sub-loop Access Arrangement Application.

14.9.3.4 At remote terminals, CEVs and Huts, CLEC access to the dark fiber will be provided via the network demarcation point at the End User premises and via a fiber distribution frame at the remote terminal/CEV/Hut. CLEC may elect to place his cable, defined by the engineer in the design phase, that **SBC-12STATE** will terminate on available demarcation points or terminal.

14.10 Installation and Maintenance for Dark Fiber

14.10.1 **SBC-12STATE** will install demarcations and place the fiber jumpers from the fiber optic terminals to the demarcation point. CLEC will run its fiber

jumpers from the demarcation point (1x2, 90-10 optical splitter) to the CLEC equipment.

15. OPERATOR SERVICES AND DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

15.1 SBC-13STATE will provide access to operator service and directory assistance databases where technically feasible. (47 CFR § 51.319(g)). Operator Services and Directory Assistance (OS/DA) are available as described in Appendix DA, and Appendix OS.

16. SIGNALING NETWORKS AND CALL-RELATED DATABASES

16.1 Signaling Networks and Call-Related Databases are Network Elements that include Signaling Link Transport, Signaling Transfer Points, and Service Control Points and Call-Related Databases. Access to SBC-13STATE's signaling network and call related databases on an unbundled basis will be provided as described in the following Appendices: SS7, LIDB AS, LIDB Service, 800, and AIN (refer to General Terms and Conditions, Section 46.7.2).

17. OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEMS FUNCTIONS

17.1 Operations Support Systems Functions consist of pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing functions supported by SBC-13STATE's databases and information. SBC-13STATE will provide CLEC access to its Operations Support Systems Functions as outlined in Appendix OSS.

18. CROSS CONNECTS

18.1 The cross connect is the media between the SBC-7STATE UNE and a CLEC designated point of access as described in various sections of this Appendix, or the media between a SBC-7STATE UNE and a Collocation area for the purpose of permitting the CLEC to connect the SBC-7STATE UNE to other UNEs or to the CLECs own facilities. Where SBC-7STATE has otherwise committed to connect one UNE to another UNE on behalf of CLEC, or to leave connected one UNE to another UNE on behalf of CLEC the cross connect is the media between one SBC-7STATE UNE and another SBC-7STATE UNE. Nothing in this section is a commitment to connect or leave connected any two or more UNEs.

18.2 SBC-7STATE will provide cross connects at the rates, terms, and conditions set forth in Appendix Pricing. Pricing for Sections 18.3, 18.4 and 18.5 for SBC-AMERITECH and SNET are provided as set forth in Appendix Pricing. For all other cross-connect pricing for SNET refer to the applicable state tariff.

18.3 The applicable Loop cross connects to point of access for the purpose of CLEC combining a **SBC-13STATE** Loop with another **SBC-13STATE** UNE are as follows:

18.3.1 2-Wire Analog Loop to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.3.2 4 -Wire Analog Loop to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.3.3 2 -Wire Digital Loop to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.3.4 4 -Wire Digital Loop to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.4 The applicable Unbundled Dedicated Transport cross connects to the UNE Connection Methods point of access for the purpose of CLEC combining. Unbundled Dedicated Transport to another **SBC-13STATE** UNE are as follows:

18.4.1 DS-1 to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.5 The applicable Switch Port cross connects to the UNE Connection Methods point of access for the purpose of CLEC combining Switch Ports to another **SBC-13STATE** UNE are as follows:

18.5.1 Analog Line Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.5.2 ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Line Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.5.3 ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Trunk Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.5.4 Analog DID Trunk Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.5.5 DS-1 Trunk Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.6 The applicable Loop cross connects for the purpose of CLEC connecting a **SBC-SWBT** and **NEVADA** Loop UNE to a CLEC's Collocated facilities are as follows:

18.6.1 2-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation

18.6.2 2-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation (without testing)

18.6.3 4-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation

18.6.4 4-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation (without testing)

18.6.5 2-Wire Digital Loop to Collocation

18.6.6 2-Wire Digital Loop to Collocation (without testing)

18.6.7 4-Wire Digital Loop to Collocation

18.6.8 4-Wire Digital loop to Collocation (without testing)

18.6.9 DSL Shielded Cross Connect to Collocation

18.6.10 2-Wire DSL non-shielded cross connect to Collocation

18.6.11 4-Wire DSL non-shielded cross connect to Collocation

18.7 The applicable dedicated transport cross connects for the purpose of CLEC connecting an **SBC-SWBT** and **NEVADA** dedicated transport UNE to a CLEC's Collocated facilities are as follows:

18.7.1 DS-1 to Collocation

18.7.2 DS-3 Collocation

18.7.3 OC-3 to Collocation

18.7.4 OC-12 to Collocation

18.7.5 OC-48 to Collocation

18.8 The applicable Port cross connects for the purpose of CLEC connecting an **SBC-SWBT** and Port UNE to a CLEC's Collocated facilities are as follows:

18.8.1 Analog Line Port to Collocation

18.8.2 ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Line Port to Collocation

18.8.3 Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Trunk Port to Collocation

18.8.4 Analog DID Trunk Port to Collocation

18.8.5 DS- Trunk Port to Collocation

18.9* The applicable cross connects for the purpose of a CLEC connecting a **PACIFIC** Loop, UDT or Port UNE to a CLEC's Collocated facility are as follows:

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* Sections 18.9 through 18.13 are available only in the State of California. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS Paragraph 2.10.1

18.9.1 Voice Grade/ISDN EISCC

18.9.2 DS-0 EISCC

18.9.3 DS-1 EISCC

18.9.4 DS-3 EISCC

18.9.5 DSL Shielded Cross Connect to Collocation

18.10 The applicable cross connects for **SBC-AMERITECH** Loop, UDT or Port UNEs are as follows:

18.10.1 2-wire

18.10.2 4-wire

18.10.3 DS-1

18.10.4 DS-3

18.10.5 OC-3

18.10.6 OC-12

18.10.7 OC-48

18.10.8 LT1

18.10.9 LT3

18.11* The applicable Loop cross connects to the Adjacent Location Method of Accessing UNEs for the purpose of a CLEC combining a **PACIFIC** Loop with a CLEC's own facilities for are as follows:

18.11.1 2 -Wire Analog Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.11.2 4 -Wire Analog Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.11.3 2 -Wire Digital Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.11.4 4 -Wire Digital Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access

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* Sections 18.9 through 18.13 are available only in the State of California. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS Paragraph 2.10.1

18.11.5 DSL shielded Cross Connect to Adjacent Location point of access

18.12* The applicable Unbundled Dedicated transport cross connects to the Adjacent Location Method of accessing UNEs for the purpose of a CLEC combining a **PACIFIC** Unbundled Dedicated Transport with a CLEC's own facilities as follows:

18.12.1 DS-1 to the Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.13* The applicable Switch Port cross connects to the Adjacent Location Method of Accessing UNEs for the purpose of a CLEC combining a **PACIFIC** Port with a CLEC's own facilities point of access are as follows:

18.13.1 -Analog Line Port to Adjacent Location Method to point of access

18.13.2 -ISDN BRI Port to Adjacent Location Method to point of access

18.13.3 -ISDN PRI Trunk Port to Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.14 Cross Connects, required for the UNE platform, from UNE Loops to UNE Ports for the purpose of combining a **SWBT**, **NEVADA** and **PACIFIC** 2 -Wire Loop *with a **SWBT**, **NEVADA** and **PACIFIC** Port are as follows:

18.14.1 -Wire Analog Loop to Analog line Port

18.14.2 -Wire Digital Loop to ISDN BRI Port

18.15 Maintenance of Elements

18.15.1 If trouble occurs with unbundled network elements provided by **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC will first determine whether the trouble is in CLEC's own equipment and/or facilities or those of the End User. If CLEC determines the trouble is in **SBC-13STATE**'s equipment and/or facilities, CLEC will issue a trouble report to **SBC-13STATE**.

18.15.2 CLEC shall pay Time and Material charges (maintenance of service charges/additional labor charges) when CLEC reports a suspected failure of a Unbundled Network Element and **SBC-13STATE** dispatches personnel to the End User's premises or an **SBC-13STATE** Central Office and trouble was not caused by **SBC-13STATE**'s facilities or equipment. Time and Material charges will include all technicians dispatched, including technicians dispatched to other locations for purposes of testing.

* Sections 18.9 and 18.11 through 18.13 are available only in the State of California. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS Paragraph 2.10.1

18.15.3 CLEC shall pay Time and Material charges when **SBC-13STATE** dispatches personnel and the trouble is in equipment or communications systems provided an entity by other than **SBC-13STATE** or in detariffed CPE provided by **SBC-13STATE**, unless covered under a separate maintenance agreement.

18.15.4 CLEC shall pay Maintenance of Service charges when the trouble clearance did not otherwise require dispatch, but dispatch was requested for repair verification or cooperative testing, and the circuit did not exceed maintenance limits.

18.15.5 If CLEC issues a trouble report allowing **SBC-13STATE** access to the End User's premises and **SBC-13STATE** personnel are dispatched but denied access to the premises, then Time and Material charges will apply for the period of time that **SBC-13STATE** personnel are dispatched. Subsequently, if **SBC-13STATE** personnel are allowed access to the premises, these charges will still apply.

18.15.6 Time and Material charges apply on a first and additional basis for each half-hour or fraction thereof. If more than one technician is dispatched in conjunction with the same trouble report, the total time for all technicians dispatched will be aggregated prior to the distribution of time between the "First Half Hour or Fraction Thereof" and "Each Additional Half Hour or Fraction Thereof" rate categories. Basic Time is work-related efforts of **SBC-13STATE** performed during normally scheduled working hours on a normally scheduled workday. Overtime is work-related efforts of **SBC-13STATE** performed on a normally scheduled workday, but outside of normally scheduled working hours. Premium Time is work related efforts of **SBC-13STATE** performed other than on a normally scheduled workday.

18.15.7 If CLEC requests or approves a **SBC-13STATE** technician to perform services in excess of or not otherwise contemplated by the nonrecurring charges herein, CLEC will pay Time and Material charges for any additional work to perform such services, including requests for installation or conversion outside of normally scheduled working hours.

19. RECONFIGURATION

19.1 **SBC-13STATE** will reconfigure existing qualifying special access services to combinations of unbundled loop and transport upon terms and conditions consistent with the Supplemental Order Clarification released by the FCC on June 2, 2000 *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 00-183) and with **SBC-13STATE**'s processes to implement that Order, as set forth on the CLEC website.

20. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

20.1 SBC-13STATE's provision of UNEs identified in this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Federal Act, including but not limited to, Section 251(d). The Parties acknowledge and agree that on May 24, 2002, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia Circuit issued its decision in *United States Telecom Association, et. al v. FCC,* No. 00-101, in which the Court granted the petitions for review of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-238) ("the UNE Remand Order") and the FCC's Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 98-147 and Fourth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-355) (rel. December 9, 1999) ("the Line Sharing Order"), specifically vacated the Line Sharing Order, and remanded both these orders to the FCC for further consideration in accordance with the decision. In addition, on November 24, 1999, the FCC issued its Supplemental Order *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,* (FCC 99-370) and on June 2, 2000, its Supplemental Order Clarification, (FCC 00-183), in CC Docket 96-98 (collectively the "Orders"). By entering into this Agreement which makes available certain UNEs, or any Amendment to this Agreement, neither Party waives any of its rights with respect to such Orders, including but not limited each Party's right to dispute whether any UNEs identified in the Agreement must be provided under Section 251(c)(3) and Section 251(d) of the Act, and under this Agreement. In the event that the FCC, a state regulatory agency or a court of competent jurisdiction, in any proceeding finds, rules and/or otherwise orders ("order") that any of the UNEs and/or UNE combinations provided for under this Agreement do not meet the necessary and impair standards set forth in Section 251(d)(2) of the Act, the affected provision will be immediately invalidated, modified or stayed as required to effectuate the subject order upon written request of either Party. In such event, the Parties shall have sixty (60) days from the effective date of the order to attempt to negotiate and arrive at an agreement on the appropriate conforming modifications required to the Agreement. If the Parties are unable to agree upon the conforming modifications required within sixty (60) days from the effective date of the order, any disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretations of the actions required or the provisions affected by such order shall be handled under the Dispute Resolution Procedures set forth in this Agreement.

21. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

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

EXHIBIT A

ILLUSTRATIVE CALL FLOWS
(USAGE-SENSITIVE ULS-ST RATE ELEMENTS)

The following call flows provide examples of application of usage sensitive UNE charges and reciprocal compensation. The call flows below depict the charges between **SBC-AMERITECH** and CLEC A. Charges to or from CLEC B (e.g., reciprocal compensation) to or from **SBC-AMERITECH** or CLEC A are pursuant to the charging arrangement(s) between the originating and terminating carriers.

Local Calls:

1. CLEC A (UNE) ULS-ST port originating and **SBC-AMERITECH** port terminating:

   CLEC A is charged:
   - ULS – O Usage
   - Blended Transport Usage
   - SS7 Signalling
   - ULS-ST Reciprocal Compensation (equal to ULS-T rate)

2. **SBC-AMERITECH** port originating and CLEC A (UNE) ULS-ST port terminating

   CLEC A is charged:
   - ULS – T Usage

   SBC-AMERITECH is charged:
   - ULS-ST Reciprocal Compensation (equal to ULS-T rate)

3. CLEC A (UNE) port originating and CLEC B (UNE) terminating

   CLEC A is charged:
   - ULS – O Usage
   - Blended Transport Usage
   - SS7 Signaling

4. CLEC A (UNE) port originating and CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

   CLEC A is charged:
   - ULS – O Usage
   - Blended Transport Usage
   - SS7 Signaling
   - ULS - T Usage

5. CLEC B (UNE) port originating and CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

   CLEC A is charged:
   ULS – T Usage

6. CLEC (Resale services) Originating and CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

   CLEC A is charged:
   ULS – T Usage

7. CLEC A (UNE) port originating and CLEC (Resale services) terminating

   CLEC A is charged:
   ULS – O Usage
   Blended Transport Usage
   SS7 Signaling
   ULS-ST Reciprocal Compensation (equal to ULS-T rate)

8. CLEC A (UNE) port originating to CLEC (Facilities Based Network (FBN) terminating

   CLEC A is charged:
   ULS – O Usage
   Blended Transport Usage
   SS7 Signaling

9. CLEC (FBN) Originating to CLEC A (UNE) Terminating

   CLEC A is charged:
   ULS – T Usage

IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll Calls:

10. CLEC A (UNE) port originating to IXC

    If call is routed to IXC POP via direct-route (IXC FGD Trunking)—
    CLEC A is charged:
    ULS – O Usage
    SS7 Signaling

    If call is routed to IXC POP via **SBC-AMERITECH** Tandem—
    CLEC A is charged:

    ULS – O Usage
    SS7 Signaling
    ULS-ST Common Transport Usage

ULS-ST Tandem Usage

11. IXC to CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

If call is routed from IXC POP via direct-route (IXC FGD Trunking)—
CLEC A is charged:

ULS – T Usage

If call is routed from IXC POP via **SBC-AMERITECH** Tandem—
CLEC A is charged:

ULS – T Usage
ULS-ST Common Transport Usage
ULS-ST Tandem Usage

APPENDIX WP

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APPENDIX WP
(WHITE PAGES DIRECTORY)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions that shall apply to switched-based CLEC's or CLECs leasing unbundled switched ports for End User Listings in White Page directories provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

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

1.3 As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.4 As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.5 As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means the above listed ILEC's doing business in Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, California, Nevada, and Connecticut.

1.6 As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means the above listed ILEC's doing business in Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, California, and Nevada.

1.7 As used herein, **SNET** means the above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

2. SERVICE PROVIDED

2.1 **SBC-13STATE** publishes alphabetical White Pages (WP) directories for its geographic local service areas. CLEC provides local exchange telephone service in the same area(s) and wishes to include listing information for its end users in the appropriate **SBC-13STATE** WP directories.

2.2 CLEC also desires distribution to its end users of the WP directories that include listings of CLEC's end users.

2.3 Subject to **SBC-13STATE**'s practices, as well as the rules and regulations applicable to the provision of WP directories, **SBC-13STATE** will include in appropriate WP directories the primary alphabetical listings of all CLEC end users located within the local directory scope. The rules, regulations and **SBC-13STATE** practices are subject to change from time to time.

2.4 When CLEC provides its subscriber listing information to **SBC-13STATE** listings database, CLEC will receive for its end user, one primary listing in **SBC-13STATE** WP directory and a listing in **SBC-13STATE**'s directory assistance database.

2.5 CLEC shall furnish to **SBC-13STATE**, in a form acceptable to both Parties, subscriber listing information pertaining to CLEC end users located within the local directory scope, along with such additional information as **SBC-13STATE** may require to prepare and print the alphabetical listings of said directory. CLEC will submit listing information within one (1) business day of installation, disconnection or other change in service (including change of nonlisted or nonpublished status) affecting the directory assistance database or the directory listing of an CLEC end user.

2.6 CLEC may provide CLEC's subscriber listing information to **SBC-8STATE** for inclusion in the WP directory via either a mechanical or manual feed of the listing information to **SBC-8STATE**'s directory listing database.

2.6.1 CLEC will provide **SBC-AMERITECH**, CLEC's subscriber listing information for inclusion in the White Page directory in either a mechanized or manual feed of the listing information to **SBC-AMERITECH**'s directory listing database. CLEC agrees to submit all listing information via only a mechanized process within six (6) months of the effective date of this Appendix. Sixty (60) days prior to the directory close date for a particular directory, **SBC-8STATE** shall make available to CLEC, via the applicable electronic listing verification tool, its subscriber listings as such listings are to appear in the directory. CLEC shall review the listing information and shall submit to **SBC-8STATE** any necessary additions, deletions or modifications at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the directory close date. The listing information shall also include Directory Delivery Address information for each **SBC-8STATE** CLEC end user.

2.6.2 Forty-five (45) days prior to the directory close date for a particular directory, **SBC-AMERITECH** shall make available to CLEC, either electronically or manually, its subscriber listings as such listings are to appear in the directory. CLEC shall review the listing information and shall submit to **SBC-AMERITECH** any necessary additions, deletions or modifications prior to the directory close date.

2.7 Each CLEC subscriber will receive one copy per primary End User listing of **SBC-8STATE** White Pages directory in the same manner and at the same time that they are delivered to **SBC-8STATE**'s subscribers during the annual delivery of newly published directories.

2.7.1 **SBC-7STATE** has no obligation to provide any additional White Page directories above the directories provided to CLEC or CLEC customers after each annual distribution of newly published White Pages. For White Page directories and/or White Page directories that are co-bound with Yellow Pages, CLEC may provide to **SBC-7STATE** written specifications of the total number of directories that it will require, at least sixty (60) days prior to the directory close. In that event, **SBC-7STATE** will deliver the remaining directories included in the CLEC's order in bulk to an address specified by the CLEC.

2.7.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall not be required to deliver a directory to a CLEC End User until new White Page directories are published for that End User's location.

2.7.3 **SNET** White Page directories will be provided in accordance to state and/or local regulations and orders governing White Page directory distribution.

2.7.4 **SBC-AMERITECH** shall direct its directory publishing affiliate to offer delivery of newly published WP directories and subsequent directory delivery to CLECs' end users pursuant to terms and conditions agreed to by the parties.

2.8 **SBC-8STATE** will provide CLEC with 1/8th page in each directory (where the CLEC has or plans to have local telephone exchange customers) for the CLEC to include CLEC specific-information (i.e., business office, residence office, repair bureau, etc.) in the White Pages directory on an "index-type" informational page. No advertising will be permitted on such informational page. This page will also include specific information pertaining to other CLECs. At its option, CLEC shall provide **SBC-8STATE** with its logo and information in the form of a camera-ready copy, sized at 1/8th of a page. The content of CLEC's camera-ready copy shall be subject to **SBC-8STATE** approval. In those directories in which **SBC-8STATE** includes Spanish Customer Guide Pages, this informational page will also be provided in Spanish at CLEC's request, subject to the guidelines set forth above.

2.8.1 For Directories covering the territory where CLEC is certified to provide local service, upon request **SBC-AMERITECH** will include in the "Information Pages", or comparable section of its White Pages directories, information provided by CLEC for CLEC's installation, repair, customer service and local sales office information and, where required by regulatory bodies, payment address. Such information shall appear in the same manner

as such information appears for **SBC-AMERITECH** and other LECs. **SBC-AMERITECH**'s directory publishing affiliate will administer the charges, if any, for the inclusion of such information, which will be calculated on the same basis as the charges, if any, charged to **SBC-AMERITECH**.

2.9 At its request, CLEC may purchase one (1) one-sided "Informational Page" in the informational section of the WP directory covering a geographic area where CLEC provides local telecommunications exchange service. Such page shall be no different in style, size, color and format than **SBC-8STATE** "Informational Pages". Sixty (60) calendar days prior to the directory close date, the CLEC shall provide to **SBC-8STATE** the "Informational Page" in the form of camera-ready copy.

3. USE OF SUBSCRIBER LISTING INFORMATION

3.1 CLEC authorizes **SBC-13STATE** to include and use the subscriber listing information provided to **SBC-13STATE** pursuant to this Appendix in **SBC-13STATE**'s WP directory and **SBC-13STATE**'s directory assistance databases. Included in this authorization is the exchange of extended area service listings **SBC-13STATE** provides for Independent Company directory publications and release of CLEC listings to requesting competing carriers as required by Section 271(c)(2)(B)(vii)(II) and Section 251(b)(3) and any applicable state regulations and orders. Also included in this authorization is **SBC-13STATE**'s use of CLEC's subscriber listing information in **SBC-13STATE**'s directory assistance, directory assistance related products and services, and directory publishing products and services.

3.2 At CLEC's written request, **SBC-13STATE** shall transmit CLEC's End User listing information to designated third party directory publishers (limited to publishers to which **SBC-13STATE** transmits its own listing information).

4. PRICING

4.1 **SBC-7STATE** will assess a per book copy, per subscriber line, charge at the time newly published directories are distributed to CLEC end users, plus an annual, per book copy charge at the time directories are delivered in bulk to CLEC. **SBC-7STATE** has no obligation to warehouse WP directories for CLEC or provide WP directories to CLEC's end users subsequent to the annual distribution of newly published directories. The rates for the services described herein are identified on Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

4.1.1 The rates, if any, for **SNET** WP directories will be in accordance to any applicable tariffs, state and/or local regulations or orders governing the rates for WP directories.

4.1.2 **SBC-AMERITECH** - The rates for **SBC-AMERITECH** White Page directories will be in accordance with a separate directory services agreement with **SBC-AMERITECH**'s directory publishing affiliate.

4.2 **SBC-7STATE** has no obligation to provide any additional WP directories above the number of directories forecast by CLEC per Section 2.7 above. While **SBC-7STATE** has no obligation to provide WP directories to CLEC or CLEC End Users after the annual distribution of newly published directories, **SBC-7STATE** will in good faith attempt to accommodate CLEC requests for "Subsequent" directory orders (orders placed after the initial order/forecast is provided - see Section 2.7 above). Orders for directories above the forecast number(s) will be filled subject to availability. In such event, **SBC-7STATE** will provide the directories in bulk to CLEC and will assess a per book charge.

4.2.1 **SBC-AMERITECH** – **SBC-AMERITECH**'s directory delivery practices are discussed above in Section 2.7.4.

4.3 Where a CLEC End User requires foreign, enhanced or other listings in addition to the primary listing to appear in the WP directory, **SBC-13STATE** will assess CLEC a charge for such listings at existing **SBC-13STATE** tariff rates. An additional charge at **SBC-13STATE**'s tariff rate applies when CLEC wishes to list an End User in **SBC-13STATE**'s directory assistance database but does not wish to have its End-User listed in **SBC-13STATE**'s WP directory. In addition, for those CLEC End Users served by CLEC via a **SBC-13STATE** unbundled switch port, CLEC may elect to have its End User unlisted and the listing not published in **SBC-13STATE**'s WP directory at **SBC-13STATE**'s tariff rate for those nonpublished, nonlisted services.

5. ASSIGNMENT

5.1 Except as stated in Section 3 herein, CLEC shall not sublicense, assign, sell or transfer the subscriber listing information provided hereunder, nor shall CLEC authorize any other company or any person to use the subscriber listing information for any other purpose. CLEC shall take appropriate measures to guard against any unauthorized use of the listings provided to it hereunder (at least the same measures CLEC takes to protect its own listings from unauthorized use), whether by CLEC, its agents, employees or others.

6. LIABILITY

6.1 CLEC hereby releases **SBC-13STATE** from any and all liability for damages due to errors or omissions in CLEC's subscriber listing information as provided to **SBC-13STATE** under this Appendix, and/or CLEC's subscriber listing information as it appears in the WP directory, including, but not limited to, special, indirect, consequential, punitive or incidental damages.

6.2 CLEC shall indemnify, protect, save harmless and defend **SBC-13STATE** (and/or **SBC-13STATE**'s officers, employees, agents, assigns and representatives) from and against any and all losses, liability, damages and expense arising out of any demand, claim, suit or judgment by a third party in any way related to any error or omission in CLEC's subscriber listing information, including any error or omission related to non-published or non-listed subscriber listing information. CLEC shall so indemnify regardless of whether the demand, claim or suit by the third party is brought jointly against CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**, and/or against **SBC-13STATE** alone. However, if such demand, claim or suit specifically alleges that an error or omission appears in CLEC's subscriber listing information in the WP directory, **SBC-13STATE** may, at its option, assume and undertake its own defense, or assist in the defense of the CLEC, in which event the CLEC shall reimburse **SBC-13STATE** for reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses incurred by **SBC-13STATE** in handling and defending such demand, claim and/or suit.

6.3 This Appendix shall not establish, be interpreted as establishing, or be used by either Party to establish or to represent their relationship as any form of agency, partnership or joint venture. Neither Party shall have any authority to bind the other nor to act as an agent for the other unless written authority, separate from this Appendix, is provided. Nothing in the Appendix shall be construed as providing for the sharing of profits or losses arising out of the efforts of either or both of the Parties. Nothing herein shall be construed as making either Party responsible or liable for the obligations and undertakings of the other Party.

7. BREACH OF CONTRACT

7.1 If either Party is found to have materially breached this Appendix, the non-breaching Party may terminate the Appendix by providing written notice to the breaching Party, whereupon this Appendix shall be null and void with respect to any issue of **SBC-13STATE**'s WP directory published sixty (60) or more calendar days after the date of receipt of such written notice.

8. TERM

8.1 This Appendix will continue in force for the length of the Interconnection Agreement to which this Appendix is attached. Either Party may terminate this Appendix upon one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days written notice to the other Party.

8.2 Upon termination, this Appendix will be null and void with respect to any issue of directory published thereafter, except that the indemnification provided by Section 6 herein shall continue with respect to any directory published.

9. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

APPENDIX WP
SBC-7STATE
EXHIBIT I
PRICE LIST

Directory White Pages Price Sheet				
Directory	**Price Per Book Copy Delivered in Bulk to CLEC**	**Price Per Book Copy Delivered to CLEC End User**	**Price Per Single Sided Informational Page**	**Price Per Book Copy[1] Ordered After Initial Order**

1 Subject to Availability

APPENDIX BCR

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APPENDIX BCR
(Billing, Collecting And Remitting)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions that apply to those telecommunications services for which charges are billed and collected by one Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) or CLEC but earned by another LEC; and to establish procedures for the billing, collecting and remitting of such charges and for compensation for the services performed in connection with the billing, collecting and remitting of such charges.

1.2 As used herein, **SBC 12STATE** means an ILEC doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.

1.3 As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means an ILEC doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.

1.4 As used herein, **PACIFIC** means an ILEC doing business in California.

1.5 As used herein, **NEVADA** means an ILEC doing business in Nevada.

1.6 As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means an ILEC doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.7 As used herein, **SBC-SWBT** means an ILEC doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.8 The prices at which **SBC-12STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with BCR services are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **"Telcordia Client Company Calling Card and Third Number Settlement (BCC CATS) System"** - Nationwide system used to produce information reports that are used in the settlement of LEC revenues recorded by one BCC (or LEC) and billed to an End User of another BCC (or LEC) as described in accordance with the Telcordia Practice BR 981-200-110.

2.2 **"Charges"**- the amount approved or allowed by the appropriate regulatory authority to be billed to an End User for any of the services described in Section 3, rendered by a LEC to an End User.

2.3 **"Compensation"** - the amount to be paid by one Party to the other Party for billing, collecting and remitting of charges as set forth in Section 5.

2.4 **"IntraLATA"** - within a Local Access Transport Area (LATA) - IntraLATA messages are those messages, either intrastate or interstate, which originate and terminate within a LATA. The term "IntraLATA messages," as used herein, shall only include those that qualify for the Telcordia Client Company BCC CATS process.

2.5 **"InterLATA"** - between Local Access and Transport Areas (LATAs) as defined in the FCC's CC Docket No. 78-72. InterLATA messages are those messages, which originate in one LATA and terminate, in a different LATA. The term "InterLATA messages" as used herein, shall only include those that qualify for the Telcordia Client Company BCC CATS process.

2.6 **"Local Exchange Carrier (LEC)"** - as used in this Appendix shall mean those Local Exchange Carriers or Competitive Local Exchange Carriers using BCC CATS as a message tracking system.

2.7 **"Local Message"** - Local messages are those messages that originate and terminate within the area defined as the local service area of the station from which the message originates.

2.8 **"Revenues"** - the sum of all or part of the charges as defined above.

3. SCOPE OF APPENDIX

3.1 This Appendix shall apply to procedures for the billing; collecting and remitting of revenues (and compensation to either Party for billing, collecting and remitting of such revenues) derived from the following services:

3.2 LEC-carried (traffic transported by facilities belonging to a LEC) local messages of the following types:

3.2.1 Local Message Service Charges Billed to a Calling Card or to a Third Number.

3.2.2 Directory Assistance Calls Charged to a Calling Card or to a Third Number.

3.2.3 Public Land Mobile Radiotelephone Transient-Unit Local Message Service (Mobile Channel Usage Link Charge).

3.2.4 Maritime Mobile Radiotelephone Service and Aviation Radiotelephone Service (Marine, Aircraft, High Speed Train Radio Link Charges).

3.2.5 The billing, collection and remitting of local messages as described in section 3.2 are technically infeasible in **SNET** at this time.

3.2.6 In **PACIFIC/NEVADA**, the billing, collection, and remitting of local messages as described in section 3.2 is done via the Message Exchange Agreement.

3.3 LEC-carried Interstate IntraLATA and Interstate InterLATA telecommunications services that qualify for and flow through the BCC CATS process as addressed in the Telcordia Practice BR 981-200-110, of the following types: paragraph 3.3 is applicable (**SBC 12-STATE**) only when **SBC 12-STATE** company is the CMDS Host Company.

3.3.1 Interstate IntraLATA Toll Service carried by an LEC and charged to a Calling Card or a Third Number.

3.3.2 Interstate InterLATA Toll Service carried by an LEC and charged to a Calling Card or a Third Number.

3.3.3 Radio Link Charges where service is provided by one LEC and billed by another LEC.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

4.1 CLEC agrees to bill, collect and remit to **SBC-12STATE** the charges for the services described in Section 3.2 which charges are earned by any LEC (including **SBC-12STATE**), but which are to be billed to End Users of the CLEC.

4.2 In those cases in which the charges for the services listed in Section 3.2 above are due any LEC other than **SBC-12STATE**. **SBC-12STATE** will arrange to transfer these and charges to the appropriate company in accordance with accepted industry standards.

4.3 Charges for the services listed in Section 3.2 above to be billed, collected and remitted by CLEC for **SBC-12STATE** benefit, shall be remitted by CLEC to **SBC-12STATE** within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of **SBC-12STATE** bill to CLEC for such services.

4.4 **SBC-12STATE** agrees to bill and collect (or to have another LEC bill and collect, where appropriate), and to remit to CLEC, the charges for the services described in Section 3.2 above, which charges are earned by CLEC, but which are to be billed by another LEC (including **SBC -12STATE**) to the End Users of that LEC.

4.5 Charges for the services listed in Section 3.2 above to be billed, collected and remitted by **SBC-12STATE** or another LEC for CLEC's benefit, shall be remitted

by SBC-12STATE to CLEC within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of CLEC's bill to SBC-12STATE for such services.

4.6 The full amount of the charges transmitted to either Party for billing, collecting and remitting shall be remitted by the other Party, without setoff, abatement or reduction for any purpose, other than to deduct the compensation, as described in Section 5 below, due the Party for performing the End User billing function. The Party billing the End User shall be responsible for all uncollectible amounts related to the services described remitted in Section 3.2 AND 3.3 above. Notwithstanding this paragraph, SBC-12STATE may net amounts due to CLEC under this Appendix against amounts owed to SBC-12STATE when SBC-12STATE renders a bill to CLEC hereunder.

4.7 Each Party will furnish to the other such information as may be required for monthly billing and remitting purposes.

5. COMPENSATION

5.1 A Party performing the services described in Section 3.2 and Section 3.3 above will compensate the other Party for each charge billed at the rates set forth in Appendix Pricing. Such compensation shall be paid (unless a Party has collected such compensation as described in Section 4.6 above) within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of a bill for such compensation by the Party performing (or which has another LEC perform for it), the billing, collecting and remitting functions described in Section 4.

6. DISCLAIMER OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

6.1 SBC-12STATE makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to any warranty as to merchantability or fitness for intended or particular purpose with respect to services provided hereunder. SBC-12STATE assumes no responsibility with regard to the correctness of the data supplied by CLEC when this data is accessed and used by a third party.

7. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

7.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions; interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies;

intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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APPENDIX CLEARINGHOUSE (CH)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth the rates, terms, and conditions, which are made available for CLECs by **SBC-12STATE** to participate in the Clearinghouse (CH).

1.2 As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means the above listed LEC doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.

1.3 As used herein, **SBC-SWBT** means the above listed LEC doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.4 As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means the LEC doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

1.5 As used herein, **PACIFIC** means the LEC doing business in California.

1.6 As used herein, **NEVADA** means the LEC doing business in Nevada.

1.7 As used herein, **SNET** means the LEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.8 In **SBC-AMERITECH**, the exchange of certain alternately billed intrastate intraLATA message toll call records and the reporting of appropriate settlement revenues owed by and among participating LECs, CLECs, and **SBC-AMERITECH** is facilitated via the existing LEC Settlement process in each state.

1.9 In **PACIFIC/NEVADA**, the exchange of certain alternately billed intrastate intraLATA message toll call records and the reporting of appropriate settlement revenues owed by and among participating LECs, CLECs and **PACIFIC/NEVADA** is facilitated via the Message Exchange Appendix.

1.10 The exchange of certain alternately billed intrastate intraLATA message toll call records and the reporting of appropriate settlement revenues owed by and among participating LECs, CLECs and **SNET**, is **technically infeasible** in **SNET**.

1.11 SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) means the holding company which owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.

2. CLEARINGHOUSE DESCRIPTION

2.1 SBC-SWBT operates a CH for the purpose of facilitating the exchange of certain alternatively billed intrastate intraLATA message toll call records and the reporting of settlement revenues owed by and among participating LECs and CLECs, including SBC-SWBT and CLEC.

3. QUALIFYING MESSAGE CRITERIA

3.1 The only toll call messages that qualify for submission to SBC-SWBT for CH processing are: (a) intrastate intraLATA sent collect (including calling card, collect and third number) messages which are originated in one LEC or CLEC exchange, exclusively carried by a LEC or CLEC over LEC or CLEC facilities and billed to a customer located in a second LEC's or CLEC exchange within the same state; or (b) intrastate intraLATA sent collect (but limited to calling card and third number) messages originated in one of SBC-SWBT's operating areas (located in parts of Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri or Oklahoma), exclusively carried by a LEC or CLEC over LEC or CLEC facilities, and billed to a customer located in a second LEC's or CLEC exchange and not in the originating State.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

4.1 CLEC agrees that it will provide SBC-SWBT with billing records for CH processing that are in an industry standard format acceptable to SBC-SWBT and at a minimum will display the telephone number of the end user to whom the call is to be billed, and data about the call sufficient for a carrier to comply with all applicable state regulatory requirements. For purposes of this Attachment, these records ("CH Records") will detail intraLATA toll calls which were originated by use of the single digit access code (i.e., 0+ and 0-) in one LEC or CLEC exchange but are to be billed to an end user in a second LEC's or CLEC exchange. Such records are referred to as category ninety-two (92) records for CH processing purposes. The term "CH Record" will mean the call detail attributed to a single completed toll message.

4.2 CLEC agrees that all CH Records it generates will display indicators denoting whether category ninety-two (92) Records should be forwarded to SBC-SWBT's CH. CLEC will retain its originating records for ninety (90) days such that the category ninety-two (92) Records can be retransmitted to SBC-SWBT for CH processing, if needed.

4.3 SBC-SWBT will provide and maintain such systems as it believes are required to furnish the CH service described herein. SBC-SWBT, in its capacity as operator of the CH, agrees to retain all CH Records processed through the CH for two (2) years.

4.4 CLEC will timely furnish to SBC-SWBT all CH Records required by SBC-SWBT to provide the CH service in accordance with the Technical Exhibit Settlement Procedures (TESP) dated DD/MM/YEAR, or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by the Parties. SBC-SWBT will provide the CH service in accordance with the TESP, and such modifications as are subsequently agreed upon.

4.5 Presently, in operating the CH, SBC-SWBT relies upon NXX codes to identify messages for transmission to participating billing companies. To the extent any subprocesses are required to settle CH messages due to the use of ported numbers, such subprocessing will be the responsibility of the porting entity.

5. PROCESSING CHARGE

5.1 CLEC agrees to pay SBC-SWBT a processing charge in consideration of SBC-SWBT's performance of CH services. This charge is located in Appendix Pricing under "Other" listed as CH Processing Charge.

6. BILLING CHARGE

6.1 CLEC agrees to pay a per message charge to the CLEC responsible for billing the message, including SBC-SWBT, when SBC-SWBT bills the message. This charge is located in Appendix Pricing under "Other" listed as Billing Charge.

7. SETTLEMENT REPORT

7.1 SBC-SWBT will issue monthly reports containing the results of the processing of CH Records to each participating LEC and CLEC. These reports list the: (a) amounts owed by CLEC for billing messages originated by others; (b) amounts due to CLEC for CLEC originated messages billed by others; (c) applicable billing charges; and (d) processing charges.

8. RETROACTIVE AND LOST MESSAGES

8.1 The Parties agree that processing of retroactive messages through the CH is acceptable, if such messages utilize the industry standard format for call records, pursuant to Section III of this Attachment. The Parties agree that lost messages are the complete responsibility of the originating LEC or CLEC. If messages are lost by any Party, and cannot be recreated or retransmitted, the originating LEC or CLEC will estimate messages, minutes, and associated revenues based on the best available data. No estimate will be made for messages which are more than two years old at the time the estimate is made. The estimates will be off-line calculations (i.e., not part of the routine CH processing) and will be included as a supplement to the monthly settlement report.

9. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

9.1 By agreeing to operate the CH, SBC-SWBT assumes no liability for any LEC's or CLEC's receipt of appropriate revenues due to it from any other entity. CLEC agrees that SBC-SWBT will not be liable to it for damages (including, but not limited to, lost profits and exemplary damages) which may be owed to it as a result of any inaccurate or insufficient information resulting from any entity's actions, omissions, mistakes, or negligence and upon which SBC-SWBT may have relied in preparing settlement reports or performing any other act under this Attachment.

9.2 CLEC agrees to indemnify and hold SBC-SWBT harmless against and with respect to any and all third party claims, demands, liabilities or court actions arising from any of its actions, omissions, mistakes or negligence occurring during the course of SBC-SWBT's performance of CH processing pursuant to this Attachment.

9.3 SBC-SWBT will not be liable for any losses or damages arising out of errors, interruptions, defects, failures, or malfunction of the CH services provided pursuant to this Attachment, including those arising from associated equipment and data processing systems, except such losses or damages caused by the sole negligence of SBC-SWBT. Any losses or damage for which SBC-SWBT is held liable under this Attachment will in no event exceed the amount of processing charges incurred by CLEC for the CH services provided hereunder during the period beginning at the time SBC-SWBT receives notice of the error, interruption, defect, failure or malfunction, to the time service is restored.

10. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES

10.1 SBC-SWBT makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to any warranty as to merchantability or fitness for intended or particular purpose with respect to services provided hereunder. Additionally, SBC-SWBT assumes no responsibility with regard to the correctness of the data supplied by CLEC when this data is accessed and used by a third party.

11. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

11.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions; interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies;

intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

APPENDIX HOSTING

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APPENDIX HOSTING

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Hosting Company will perform hosting responsibilities for a CLEC for data received from such CLECs for distribution to the appropriate billing and/or processing location or for data received from other Local Exchange Carriers/CLECs to be distributed to such CLEC via the Hosting company's in-region network or via the nationwide Centralized Message Distribution System (CMDS).

1.2 This Appendix sets forth the terms for the provision of 1) Message Distribution Services; 2) Intercompany Revenue Settlement Services; and (**SBC-AMERITECH** only) 3) In-Region Non-Intercompany Revenue Settlement Services ("Agreement").

1.2.1 Hosting out of region is only available to a CLEC that is a Full Status Revenue Accounting Office (RAO) company.

1.3 **SNET** - The hosting function described herein is facilitated via the LEC-LINK agreement if the CLEC chooses SNET as its CMDS HOST. The LEC-LINK service is de-regulated in SNET.

1.3.1 CLECs interested in CMDS Hosting by SNET may contact:

SNET Diversified Group, Inc.
530 Preston Ave.
Meriden, CT 06450
Ls5275@ctmail.snet.com
203-634-6370

1.4 SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) means the holding company which owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.

1.5 As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.

1.6 As used herein, **SBC-SWBT** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

1.7 As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

1.8 As used herein, **SBC-IL** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois.

1.9 As used herein, **SBC-MI** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Michigan.

1.10 As used herein, **PACIFIC** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in California.

1.11 As used herein, **NEVADA** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Nevada.

1.12 As used herein, **SNET** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.13 The prices at which **SBC-7STATE** and **SBC-AMERITECH** agrees to provide CLEC Hosting responsibilities are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **"Bellcore Client Company Calling Card and Third Number Settlement (BCC CATS) System"** – Nationwide system used to produce information reports that are used in the settlement of Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) revenues originated by one BCC (or within the territory of that BCC) and billed to a customer of another BCC (or Local Exchange Carrier within the territory of that BCC) as described in accordance with the Telcordia Practice BR 981-200-110. The CATS Report cycle is the 26th of the current month through the 25th of the following month.

2.2 **"Centralized Message Distribution System" (CMDS)** – means the industry-wide data collection system located in Kansas City, Missouri which handles the daily exchange of toll message details between LECs that are Direct Participants of the systems.

2.3 **"Direct Participants" (DP)** -- the 24 pre-divestiture Bell Operating Companies that interface directly with CMDS. Following is a list of the Direct Participants:

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2.3.1 New England Telephone Company

2.3.2 New York Telephone Company
2.3.3 Bell Atlantic, NJ
2.3.4 Bell Atlantic, PA
2.3.5 Bell Atlantic, DE
2.3.6 Bell Atlantic, DC
2.3.7 Bell Atlantic MD
2.3.8 Bell Atlantic VA
2.3.9 Bell Atlantic WV
2.3.10 Southern Bell Telephone Company
2.3.11 South Central Bell Telephone Company
2.3.12 Ohio bell Telephone Company (Ameritech)
2.3.13 Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Michigan
2.3.14 Indiana Bell Telephone Company (Ameritech)
2.3.15 Illinois Bell Telephone Company (Ameritech)
2.3.16 Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company (Ameritech)
2.3.17 Northwestern Bell Telephone Company
2.3.18 Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
2.3.19 Mountain Bell Telephone Company
2.3.20 Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Pacific Bell Telephone Company
2.3.21 Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada Bell Telephone Company
2.3.22 Southern New England Telephone Company
2.3.23 Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company

2.4 **"Exchange Message Interface (EMI)"** -the format used for the exchange of telecommunications message information. EMI format is contained in the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) document that defines industry guidelines for exchange message records.

2.5 **"Full Status Revenue Accounting Office (RAO)"** – CLEC that is provided a separate RAO code. Responsible for formatting EMI records, editing and packing of such detail records into files for distribution.

2.6 **"In Region Hosting" (SBC-SWBT only)** - The transport of 1) LEC transported data that originates in the region and are delivered by the CLEC to the Hosting Company to be sent another Local Exchange Carrier for billing; and 2) data received from CMDS or another LEC to be delivered to the CLEC for billing to its End User located within the five state territory of the Host Company.

2.7 **"Intercompany Settlements"** (ICS) - a revenue exchange process for messages that originate (earning company) by one Direct Participant (or LEC within the territory of that Direct Participant) and billed to a customer of

another Direct Participant (or LEC within the territory of the other Direct participant). ICS consists of third number billed and calling card revenues.

2.8 **"Local Exchange Carriers (LECs)** or **"Exchange Carriers (ECs) "** - facilities-based providers of local telecommunication services.

2.9 **"Message Distribution (Transmission)"** is a collection of data designated to be delivered to the CLEC. Message distribution includes collection of data from the CLEC designated to be delivered to other LECs.

2.10 **"Non-Intercompany Settlement (NICS)"** (**SBC-AMERITECH** only) is a revenue exchange process for messages which originate from CLEC and bill to **SBC-AMERITECH** and message which originate from **SBC-AMERITECH** and bill to CLEC. NICS messages must originate and bill within the same **SBC-AMERITECH** Company.

2.11 **"Non-Full Status Revenue Accounting Office (RAO)"** - Contracting Company that has assigned responsibility to the Hosting Company for editing, sorting and placing billing message record detail and/or access usage record detail into packs for distribution.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

3.1 All data forwarded from the CLEC must be in the industry standard format in accordance with the ATIS EMI document. The CLEC is responsible to ensure all appropriate settlement plan indicators are included in the message detail, i.e., the Bellcore Client Company Calling Card and Third Number Settlement (BCC CATS) System. The CLEC acknowledges that the only message records subject to this Hosting Agreement are those that arise from Local Exchange Carrier transported data.

3.2 (**SBC-7STATE**) - When CLEC delivers messages to the Hosting Company which must be forwarded to another location for billing purposes, the Hosting Company will accept data from the CLEC, perform edits required to ensure the records are consistent with CMDS specifications, and use its in region data network to forward this data to the appropriate billing company or to access the national CMDS network in order to deliver this data to the appropriate billing and/or processing company.

3.3 If CLEC is non- Full Status RAO Company, the Hosting Company will also sort billable message detail and access usage record detail by Revenue Accounting Office, Operating Company Number or Service Bureau and split data into packs for invoicing prior to using its in region network to forward this data to the appropriate billing company or to access the national CMDS network in order to deliver such data to the appropriate billing company.

3.4 (**SBC-7STATE** only) For billable message data and/or access usage data received by the Hosting Company for delivery to a CLEC location, the Hosting Company will use its in region data network to receive this data from other Local Exchange Carriers or from CMDS in order to deliver such billable message data and/or access usage data to the agreed upon billing Contract Company location.

4. DESCRIPTION OF BILLING SERVICES

4.1 (**SBC-AMERITECH**) Monthly Billing

4.1.1 Each month, **SBC-AMERITECH** shall calculate the total amount due. This calculation will include:

4.1.1.1 Transmission fee

4.1.1.2 ICS settlement processing fee

4.1.1.3 ICS revenue, originated by Ameritech and ICS revenue originated by CLEC

4.1.1.4 NICS revenue, originated by Carrier and NICS revenue originated by Ameritech

4.1.2 CATS and NICS reports include a payment by the originating company to the billing company for compensation of Billing and Collecting (B&C).

4.1.3 **SBC-AMERITECH** shall provide collection and distribution of messages that are designated to be delivered to the CLEC.

4.1.4 **SBC-AMERITECH** shall provide collection and distribution of messages that originate with the CLEC and are designated to be delivered to other LECs.

4.1.5 CLEC must provide **SBC-AMERITECH** a Non-Hosted Nationwide Revenue Accounting Office (RAO) code which has been assigned by Telcordia Technologies (previously Bellcore). **SBC-AMERITECH** advise Telcordia Technologies to convert the RAO code.

4.1.6 CLEC subscribing to Hosting services with **SBC-AMERITECH** prior to the effective date of this agreement and sharing an **SBC-AMERITECH** RAO may continue this service using **SBC-AMERITECH** RAO. One exception is when the CLEC is providing Hosting service using **SBC-AMERITECH** as an intermediary. In this situation, a Full Status RAO is required.

4.1.7 If access records are received from the CMDS system, **SBC-AMERITECH** shall collect these records and distribute to the CLEC. Such records may be either detail or summary access records.

4.1.8 All data will be forwarded on a daily basis to the CLEC or their designated billing agent. Both **SBC-AMERITECH** and CLEC shall send/receive data in EMI format. **SBC-AMERITECH** and CLEC shall be responsible for packing the data and shall be subject to Telcordia Technologies CMDS packing and editing requirements.

4.1.9 CLEC may return to **SBC-AMERITECH** any messages which are unbillable provided that such returns are made within ninety (90) days of message date. All such returned unbillable messages shall be accepted by **SBC-AMERITECH** and the charges therefore deducted for reimbursement amount owing to **SBC-AMERITECH**. CLEC shall be responsible for packing such unbillable messages subject to Telcordia Technologies CMDS packing and editing requirements.

4.2 (**SBC-AMERITECH**) INTERCOMPANY SETTLEMENT (ICS)

4.2.1 **SBC-AMERITECH** will provide Intercompany Settlement (ICS) for alternately billed (third number billed and calling card) messages. Using the following criteria:

4.2.1.1 The call must be transported by a LEC.

4.2.1.2 The message must be billed in a DP's territory different from the DP's territory where the call originated.

4.2.1.3 ICS does not extend to the 900 or 976 calls or to other pay per call services.

4.2.1.4 The Telcordia Technologies CATS report is the source for revenue to be settled between **SBC-AMERITECH** and CLEC. ICS settlement will be incorporated into the CLEC's monthly invoice.

4.3 (**SBC-AMERITECH**) NON-INTERCOMPANY SETTLEMENT (NICS)

4.3.1 Non-Intercompany Settlement (NICS) shall apply only to alternately billed messages (calling card, third number billed and collect calls) originated by **SBC-AMERITECH** and billed by the CLEC, or messages originated by the CLEC and billed by **SBC-AMERITECH** within the same **SBC-AMERITECH** State. For example, an alternately billed call originating within **AM-IL** territory and billed

to a CLEC within **AM-IL** would be covered by this section; a call originating within **AM-MI** but billing outside of **AM-MI** would not be NICS.

4.3.2 NICS does not extend to 900 or 976 calls or to other pay per call services.

4.3.3 The Telcordia Technologies NICS report is the source for revenue to be settled between **SBC-AMERITECH** and CLEC. NICS settlement will be incorporated into the CLEC's monthly invoice.

4.3.4 CLECs subscribing to Hosting services with **SBC-AMERITECH** prior to the effective date of this agreement and sharing an **SBC-AMERITECH** RAO, may continue this service using **SBC-AMERITECH**'s RAO. One exception is when the CLEC is providing Hosting service using **SBC-AMERITECH** as an intermediary. In this situation, a Full Status RAO is required.

4.3.5 For calls originating and billing within a non- **SBC-AMERITECH** state, CLEC should obtain NICS agreements with the LECs in that state.

5. BASIS OF COMPENSATION

5.1 In **SBC-SWBT**, CLEC agrees to pay Hosting Company a per record charge for billable message records an/or access usage records that are received from the CLEC and destined for delivery to another location for billing, at the rates listed in Appendix Pricing.

5.1.1 As part of this per record charge, the Hosting Company will provide Confirmation and /or Error Reports and any Intercompany Settlement (ICS) Reports, such as the Bellcore Client Company Calling Card and Third Number Settlement System (BCC CATS).

5.1.2 CLEC also agrees to pay Hosting Company a per record charge for billable message records an/or access usage records in those situations where the Hosting Company, performing a transfer service, provides this message data received from other Local Exchange Carriers or from CMDS on a magnetic tape or data file for delivery to the CLEC.

5.2 (**SBC-AMERITECH** only)- CLEC shall pay a one-time set-up charge, half (½) due at contract signing and half (½) due with first billing and for services as set forth in Appendix Pricing.

5.3 (SBC-AMERITECH only) CLEC shall be issued a monthly invoice that may be amended by Hosting Company from time to time at its sole discretion. Monthly charges shall be billed as set forth in Appendix Pricing. Payments shall be due within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice. A late payment charge of one and one half percent (1 1/2%) per month, or the highest amount allowed by law, whichever is greater, shall apply to past due amounts.

6. TERM OF AGREEMENT

6.1 Unless sooner terminated as herein provided, this Agreement will continue in force for a period of one (1) year from the effective date hereof and thereafter until terminated by sixty (60) days prior notice in writing form either party to the other.

7. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

7.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

Exhibit A
Change Request by Carrier
SBC-AMERITECH

1. For purposes of this Exhibit, Interfacing Company shall mean Ameritech.

2. When CLEC requests modifications to existing Interfacing Company systems or procedures, CLEC will provide complete written specifications for the requested change. The time and cost request should be directed to the CLEC's Account Manager.

3. Change Requests:

   - Both parties must agree that the specification accurately describes the work to be performed. CLEC will authorize the specifications in writing.

   - The authorized specifications will be distributed within the Interfacing Company to develop an estimate of the work effort involved to implement the change.

   - CLEC will have up to sixty (60) workdays from receipt of the time and cost to authorize implementation. If implementation is to proceed, CLEC will provide written authorization to the Interfacing Company.

   - Any changes to the approved specifications will be subject to re-evaluation by the Interfacing Company and CLEC.

4. General:

   - Interfacing Company will notify CLEC if it fails to implement a change on the agreed effective date. This notification will take place as soon as the Interfacing Company is aware of the problem.

   - CLEC will compensate Interfacing Company for changes only to the extent such changes have been authorized by Carrier in writing.

   - For cancelled requests, CLEC will compensate Interfacing Company for expense incurred up to the point of cancellation.

5. System Embargo:

- Interfacing Company will notify CLEC in advance when Interfacing Company will be involved in a major project resulting in a billing system embargo for a period of time. Such embargo will not affect any existing request pending before Interfacing Company for which written authorization has been received. Change requests received during an embargo will be handled on an individual case basis.

APPENDIX DSL
(Including Line Sharing or HFPL)

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APPENDIX DSL
Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) Capable Loops

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for providing DSL and the High Frequency Portion of the Loop (HFPL) by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC).

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

1.3 As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means the above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.

1.4 As used herein, **SNET** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

1.5 As used herein, **SBC-SWBT**, means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.6 As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH**, means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.7 As used herein, **SBC-PACIFIC**, means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in California.

1.8 As used herein, **SBC-NEVADA**, means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Nevada.

1.9 The prices at which **SBC-12STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with DSL and HFPL are contained in the applicable Appendix and/or the applicable Commission ordered tariff where stated.

1.10 The prices, terms, and conditions herein are not applicable in **SNET**. **SNET**'s unbundled DSL offering may be found in the Commission-ordered Connecticut Access Service Tariff, Section 18.2.

1.11 **SBC-12STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with access to UNEs (including the unbundled xDSL Capable Loop and HFPL offerings) in accordance with the rates, terms and conditions set forth in this xDSL Attachment and the general terms and conditions applicable to UNEs under this Agreement, for CLEC to use in conjunction with its desired xDSL technologies and equipment to provide xDSL services to its end user customers.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 For purposes of this Appendix, a "loop" is defined as a transmission facility between a distribution frame (or its equivalent) in a central office and the loop demarcation point at an end user customer premises.

2.2 For purposes of this Appendix, a "subloop" is defined as any portion of the loop from **SBC-12STATE**'s F1/F2 interface to the demarcation point at the customer premise that can be accessed at a terminal in **SBC-12STATE**'s outside plant. An accessible terminal is a point on the loop where technicians can access the wire or fiber within the cable without removing a splice closure to reach the wire within. The Parties recognize that this is only one form of subloop (defined as the F1/F2 interface to the customer premise) as set forth in the FCC's Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-986 (FCC 99-238), including the FCC's Supplemental Order issued In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-370) (rel. November 24, 1999) ("the UNE Remand Order"). Additional subloop types may be negotiated and agreed to by the Parties consistent with the UNE Remand Order. Subloops discussed in this Appendix will be effective in accordance with the dates set out in the UNE Remand Order.

2.3 The term **"Digital Subscriber Line" ("DSL")** describes various technologies and services. The "x" in "xDSL" is a place holder for the various types of DSL services, including, but not limited to ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line), HDSL (High-Speed Digital Subscriber Line), IDSL (ISDN Digital Subscriber Line), SDSL (Symmetrical Digital Subscriber Line), UDSL (Universal Digital Subscriber Line), VDSL (Very High-Speed Digital Subscriber Line), and RADSL (Rate-Adaptive Digital Subscriber Line).

2.4 **"High Frequency Portion of the Loop" ("HFPL")** is defined as the frequency above the voice band on a copper loop facility that is being used to carry traditional POTS analog circuit-switched voice band transmissions. The FCC's Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 98-147 and Fourth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-98 (rel. December 9, 1999) (the "Line Sharing Order") references the voice band

frequency of the spectrum as 300 to 3000 Hertz (and possibly up to 3400 Hertz) and provides that DSL technologies which operate at frequencies generally above 20,000 Hertz will not interfere with voice band transmission. SBC-12STATE shall only make the HFPL available to CLEC in those instances where SBC-12STATE also is providing retail POTS (voice band circuit switched) service on the same local loop facility to the same end user.

2.5 A loop technology that is **"presumed acceptable for deployment"** is one that either complies with existing industry standards, has been successfully deployed by another carrier in any state without significantly degrading the performance of other services, or has been approved by the FCC, any state commission, or an industry standards body.

2.6 A **"non-standard xDSL-based technology"** is a loop technology that is not presumed acceptable for deployment under Section 2.5 of this Appendix.

2.7 **"Continuity"** shall be defined as a single, uninterrupted path along a circuit, from the Minimum Point of Entry (MPOE) or other demarcation point to the Point of Interface (POI) located on the horizontal side of the Main Distribution Frame (MDF).

2.8 **"Proof of Continuity"** shall be determined by performing a physical fault test from the MPOE or other demarcation point to the POI located on the horizontal side of the MDF by providing a short across the circuit on the tip and ring, and registering whether it can be received at the far end. This test will be known hereafter as "Proof of Continuity" or "Continuity Test."

2.9 **"xDSL Capable Loop"** is a loop that a CLEC may use to deploy xDSL technologies.

2.10 **"Acceptance Testing"** shall be defined as the joint testing for xDSL loops between SBC-12STATE's Technician, its Local Operations Center ("LOC"), and the CLECs designated test representative for the purpose of verifying Continuity as more specifically described in Section 8.

2.11 **"Line Share Turn-Up Test"** shall be defined as the testing for HFPL by SBC-12STATE as more specifically described in Section 8.

2.12 Plan of Record for Pre-Ordering and Ordering of xDSL and other Advanced Services **("Plan of Record" or "POR")** refers to SBC-12STATE's December 7, 1999 filing with the FCC, including any subsequent modifications or additions to such filing.

2.13 The **"Splitter"** is a device that divides the data and voice signals concurrently moving across the loop, directing the voice traffic through copper tie cables to the switch and the data traffic through another pair of copper tie cables to multiplexing equipment for delivery to the packet-switched network. The Splitter may be directly

integrated into the Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer (DSLAM) equipment or may be externally mounted.

2.14 **"Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer" ("DSLAM")** is a piece of equipment that links end-user DSL connections to a single high-speed packet switch, typically ATM or IP.

3. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATING TO UNBUNDLED xDSL-CAPABLE LOOPS

3.1 Unless otherwise noted, all references to "loop" in Sections 3.1 - 3.8 includes SBC-12STATE's HFPL offering unless otherwise noted.

3.2 SBC-12STATE will provide a loop for CLEC to deploy xDSL technologies presumed acceptable for deployment or non-standard xDSL technology as defined in this Appendix. SBC-12STATE will not impose limitations on the transmission speeds of xDSL services; provided, however, SBC-12STATE does not guarantee transmission speeds, available bandwidth nor imply any service level. Consistent with the Line Sharing Order, CLEC may only deploy xDSL technologies on HFPL loops that do not cause significant degradation with analog voice band transmission.

3.3 SBC-12STATE shall not deny CLEC's request to deploy any loop technology that is presumed acceptable for deployment pursuant to state or federal rules unless SBC-12STATE has demonstrated to the state commissions in accordance with FCC orders that CLEC's deployment of the specific loop technology will significantly degrade the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services.

3.4 In the event the CLEC wishes to introduce a technology that has been approved by another state commission or the FCC, or successfully deployed elsewhere, the CLEC will provide documentation describing that action to SBC-12STATE and the state commission before or at the time of its request to deploy such technology within SBC-12STATE. The documentation should include the date of approval or deployment, any limitations included in its deployment, and a sworn attestation that the deployment did not significantly degrade the performance of other services.

3.5 In the event the CLEC wishes to introduce a technology that does not conform to existing industry standards and has not been approved by an industry standards body, the FCC, or a state commission, the burden is on the CLEC to demonstrate that its proposed deployment meets the threshold for a presumption of acceptablity and will not, in fact, significantly degrade the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services.

3.6 Liability

3.6.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Appendix, each Party, whether a CLEC or **SBC-12STATE**, agrees that should it cause any non-standard xDSL technologies to be deployed or used in connection with or on **SBC-12STATE** facilities, the Party ("Indemnifying Party") will pay all costs associated with any damage, service interruption or other telecommunications service degradation, or damage to the other Party's ("Indemnitee") facilities. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Appendix, each Party ("Indemnifying Party") shall release, defend and indemnify the other Party ("Indemnitee") and hold Indemnitee harmless against any loss, or claim made by the Indemnifying Party's end-user, arising out of the negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnitee, its agents, its end users, contractors, or others retained by such Party, in connection with Indemnitee's provision of splitter functionality under this Appendix.

3.6.2 For any technology, CLEC's use of any **SBC-12STATE** network element, or its own equipment or facilities in conjunction with any **SBC-12STATE** network element, will not materially interfere with or impair service over any facilities of **SBC-12STATE**, its affiliated companies or connecting and concurring carriers involved in **SBC-12STATE** services, cause damage to **SBC-12STATE**'s plant, impair the privacy of a communications carried over **SBC-12STATE**'s facilities or create hazards to employees or the public. Upon reasonable written notice and after a reasonable opportunity to cure, **SBC-12STATE** may discontinue or refuse service if CLEC violates this provision, provided that such termination of service will be limited to CLEC's use of the element(s) causing the violation. Subject to Section 9.3 for HFPL, **SBC-12STATE** will not disconnect the elements causing the violation if, after receipt of written notice and opportunity to cure, the CLEC demonstrates that their use of the network element is not the cause of the network harm. If **SBC-12STATE** does not believe the CLEC has made the sufficient showing of harm, or if

CLEC contests the basis for the disconnection, either Party must first submit the matter to dispute resolution under the Dispute Resolution Procedures set forth in this Appendix. Any claims of network harm by **SBC-12STATE** must be supported with specific and verifiable supporting information.

3.7 Indemnification

3.7.1 Covered Claim: Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Appendix, each Party ("Indemnifying Party") will release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party ("Indemnitee") from and against any loss, liability, claim, or damage, including but not limited to direct, indirect or consequential damages, made against Indemnitee by any telecommunications

3.7.2 service provider or telecommunications user (other than claims for damages or other losses made by an end-user of Indemnitee for which Indemnitee has sole responsibility and liability) caused, in whole or substantial part, by the use of non-standard xDSL technologies by the Indemnifying Party, or by the Indemnifying Party's provision of splitter functionality under this Appendix, or the Indemnifying Party's (i.e., CLEC's) retention of the loop used to provide the HFPL when the end user terminates voice service from Indemnitee (i.e., SBC-12STATE) and Indemnitee is requested by another telecommunications service provider to provide a voice grade service or facility to the end user.

3.7.3 Indemnifying Party is permitted to fully control the defense or settlement of any Covered Claim, including the selection of defense counsel. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Indemnifying Party will consult with Indemnitee on the selection of defense counsel and consider any applicable conflicts of interest. Indemnifying Party is required to assume all costs of the defense and any loss, liability, claim or damage indemnified pursuant to Section 3.7.1 above and Indemnitee will bear no financial or legal responsibility whatsoever arising from such claims.

3.7.4 Indemnitee agrees to fully cooperate with the defense of any Covered Claim. Indemnitee will provide written notice to the Indemnifying Party of any Covered Claim at the address for notice set forth herein within ten days of receipt, and, in the case of receipt of service of process, will deliver such process to the Indemnifying Party not later than 10 business days prior to the date for response to the process. Indemnitee will provide to Indemnifying Party reasonable access to or copies of any relevant physical and electronic documents or records related to the deployment of non-standard xDSL technologies in the area affected by the claim, or the Indemnifying Party's provision of splitter functionality under this Appendix, all other documents or records determined to be discoverable, and all other relevant documents or records that defense counsel may reasonably request in preparation and defense of the Covered Claim. Indemnitee will further cooperate with the Indemnifying Party's investigation and defense of the Covered Claim by responding to the reasonable requests to make its employees with knowledge relevant to the Covered Claim available as witnesses for preparation and participation in discovery and trial during regular weekday business hours.

Indemnitee will promptly notify the Indemnifying Party of any settlement communications, offers or proposals received from claimants.

3.7.5 Indemnitee agrees that Indemnifying Party will have no indemnity obligation under 3.7.1 above, and Indemnitee will reimburse Indemnifying Party's defense costs, in any case in which Indemnifying Party's technology is determined not to be the cause of any of Indemnitee's liability and in any case in which the Indemnifying Party's provision of splitter functionality under this Appendix is determined not to be the cause of any of Indemnitee's liability.

3.8 Claims Not Covered: No Party hereunder agrees to indemnify or defend any other Party against claims based on the other Party's gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

4. UNBUNDLED xDSL-CAPABLE LOOP OFFERINGS

4.1 DSL-Capable Loops: For each of the loop types described in Sections 4.1.1 - 4.1.4 below, CLEC will, at the time of ordering, notify **SBC-12STATE** as to the Power Spectral Density (PSD) mask of the technology the CLEC will deploy.

4.1.1 2-Wire xDSL Loop: A 2-wire xDSL loop for purposes of this section, is a copper loop over which a CLEC may provision various DSL technologies. A copper loop used for such purposes will meet basic electrical standards such as metallic connectivity and capacitive and resistive balance, and will not include load coils, mid-span repeaters or excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet in length). However removal of load coils, repeaters or excessive bridged tap on an existing loop is optional, subject to conditioning charges, and will be performed at CLEC's request. The rates set forth in Appendix Pricing shall apply to this 2-Wire xDSL Loop.

4.1.2 2-Wire Digital Loop: A 2-Wire Digital Loop for purposes of this Section is 160 Kbps and supports Basic Rate ISDN (BRI) digital exchange services. The terms and conditions for the 2-Wire Digital Loop are set forth in the Appendix UNE and the rates in the associated Appendix Pricing.

4.1.3 IDSL Loop: An IDSL Loop for purposes of this Section is a 2-Wire Digital Loop transmission facility which supports IDSL services. The terms and conditions for the 2-Wire Digital Loop are set forth in the Appendix UNE. This loop also includes additional acceptance testing to insure the IDSL technology is compatible with the underlying Digital Loop Carrier system if present. IDSL is not compatible with all Digital Loop Carrier Systems and therefore this offering may not be available in all areas. The rates set forth in Appendix Pricing shall apply to this IDSL Loop.

4.1.4 4-Wire xDSL Loop: A 4-Wire xDSL loop for purposes of this section, is a copper loop over which a CLEC may provision DSL technologies. A copper loop used for such purposes will meet basic electrical standards such as metallic connectivity and capacitive and resistive balance, and will not include load coils, mid-span repeaters or excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet in length). However removal of load coils, repeaters or excessive bridged tap on an existing loop is optional and will be performed at CLEC's request. The rates set forth in Appendix Pricing shall apply to this 4-Wire xDSL Loop.

4.1.5 Sub-Loop: In locations where **SBC-12STATE** has deployed: (1) Digital Loop Carrier systems and an uninterrupted copper loop is replaced with a fiber segment or shared copper in the distribution section of the loop; (2) Digital Added Main Line ("DAML") technology to derive multiple voice-grade POTS circuits from a single copper pair; or (3) entirely fiber optic facilities to the end user, **SBC-12STATE** will make the following options available to CLEC:

4.1.5.1 Where spare copper facilities are available, and the facilities meet the necessary technical requirements for the provisioning of DSL, the CLEC has the option of requesting **SBC-12STATE** to make copper facilities available (subject to Section 4.6 below).

4.1.5.2 The CLEC has the option of collocating a DSLAM in **SBC-12STATE**'s Remote Terminal ("RT") at the fiber/copper interface point, pursuant to collocation terms and conditions. When the CLEC collocates its DSLAM at **SBC-12STATE** RTs, **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC with unbundled access to subloops to allow CLEC to access the copper wire portion of the loop.

4.1.5.3 Where the CLEC is unable to obtain spare copper loops necessary to provision a DSL service, and **SBC-12STATE** has placed a DSLAM in the RT, **SBC-12STATE** must unbundle and provide access to its packet switching. **SBC-12STATE** is relieved of this unbundling obligation only if it permits a requesting CLEC to collocate its DSLAM in **SBC-12STATE**'s remote terminal, on the same terms and conditions that apply to its own DSLAM. The rates set forth in Appendix Pricing shall apply to this subloop.

4.1.6 When **SBC-12STATE** is the provider of the retail POTS analog voice service on the same loop to the same end-user, HFPL access will be offered on loops that meet the loop requirements as defined in Sections 4.1.1-4.1.4 above. The CLEC will provide **SBC-12STATE** with the type of technology it seeks to deploy, at the time of ordering, including the PSD of the technology the CLEC will deploy. If the technology does not have a PSD mask, CLEC shall

provide **SBC-12STATE** with a technical description of the technology (including power mask) for inventory purposes.

4.1.6.1 xDSL technologies may only reside in the higher frequency ranges, preserving a "buffer zone" to ensure the integrity of voice band traffic.

4.2 When **SBC-12STATE** traditional retail POTS services are disconnected, **SBC-12STATE** will notify the CLEC that POTS service is being disconnected. The CLEC will determine whether the broadband service will be converted from a Line Sharing Circuit, or HFPL, to a full stand alone UNE loop or disconnected. All appropriate recurring and nonrecurring charges for the rearrangement and/or disconnect shall apply pursuant to Appendix Pricing.. Upon request of either Party, the Parties shall meet to negotiate rates, terms and conditions for such notification and disconnection.

4.3 **SBC-12STATE** shall be under no obligation to provide multi-carrier or multi-service line sharing arrangements as referenced in FCC 99-35, paragraph 75.

4.4 HFPL is not available in conjunction with a combination of network elements known as the platform or UNE-P (including loop and switch port combinations) or unbundled local switching or any arrangement where **SBC-12STATE** is not the retail POTS provider.

4.5 CLEC may provide voice and data services over the same loop by engaging in "line splitting" as set forth in paragraph 323-29 of the FCC's Texas 271 Order (CC Docket 00-65 (FCC 00-238), released June 30, 2000). Consistent with that Order, **SBC-12STATE** shall not be required to provide low frequency voice service to CLEC "A" and high frequency data service to CLEC "B" on the same loop. Any line splitting between two CLECs shall be accomplished between those parties and shall not utilize the HFPL product, as defined in this Appendix, or any **SBC-12STATE** splitters. CLEC shall provide any splitters used for line splitting. To implement line splitting, CLEC may order, including using supporting OSS, loops, unbundled switching, collocator-to-collocator connections, and available cross-connects, under the terms and conditions set forth in this Appendix.

4.6 **SBC-12STATE** shall be under no obligation to provision xDSL capable loops in any instance where physical facilities do not exist. **SBC-12STATE** shall be under no obligation to provide HFPL where **SBC-12STATE** is not the existing retail provider of the traditional, analog voice service (POTS). This shall not apply where physical facilities exist, but conditioning is required. In that event, CLEC will be given the opportunity to evaluate the parameters of the xDSL or HFPL service to be provided, and determine whether and what type of conditioning should be performed. CLEC shall pay **SBC-12STATE** for conditioning performed at CLEC's request pursuant to Sections 7.1 and 7.2 below.

4.7 For each loop (including the HFPL), CLEC shall at the time of ordering notify **SBC-12STATE** as to the PSD mask of the technology the CLEC intends to deploy on the loop. If and when a change in PSD mask is made, CLEC will immediately notify **SBC-12STATE**. Likewise, **SBC-12STATE** will disclose to CLEC upon request information with respect to the number of loops using advanced services technology within the binder and type of technology deployed on those loops. **SBC-12STATE** will use this formation for the sole purpose of maintaining an inventory of advanced services present in the cable sheath. If the technology does not fit within a national standard PSD mask (but still remains in the HFPL only), CLEC shall provide **SBC-12STATE** with a technical description of the technology (including power mask) for inventory purposes. Additional information on the use of PSD masks can be found in Section 10 below.

4.8 **SBC-12STATE** will not deny a requesting CLEC's right to deploy new xDSL technologies that do not conform to the national standards and have not yet been approved by a standards body (or otherwise authorized by the FCC, any state commission or which have not been successfully deployed by any carrier without significantly degrading the performance of other services) if the requesting CLEC can demonstrate to the Commission that the loop technology will not significantly degrade the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services.

4.8.1 Upon request by CLEC, **SBC-12STATE** will cooperate in the testing and deployment of new xDSL technologies or may direct the CLEC, at CLEC's expense, to a third party laboratory of CLEC's choice for such evaluation.

4.8.2 If it is demonstrated that the new xDSL technology will not significantly degrade the other advanced services or traditional voice based services, **SBC-12STATE** will provide a loop to support the new technology for CLEC as follows:

4.8.2.1 If the technology requires the use of a 2-Wire or a 4-Wire xDSL loop (as defined above), then **SBC-12STATE** will provide an xDSL loop at the same rates listed for a 2-Wire or 4-Wire xDSL loop and associated loop conditioning as needed; provided, however, conditioning on HFPL DSL circuits shall be provided consistent with the terms of Section 6.4.4 below.

4.8.2.2 In the event that a xDSL technology requires a loop type that differs from that of a 2-Wire or 4-Wire xDSL loop (as defined in this Attachment), the Parties make a good faith effort to arrive at an Agreement as to the rates, terms and conditions for an unbundled loop capable of supporting the proposed xDSL technology. If negotiations fail, any dispute between the Parties concerning the rates, terms and conditions for an unbundled loop capable of

supporting the proposed xDSL technology shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution process provided for in this Appendix.

4.8.2.3 With the exception of HFPL access, which is addressed in Section 9 below, if **SBC-12STATE** or another CLEC claims that a service is significantly degrading the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services, then **SBC-12STATE** or that other CLEC must notify the causing carrier and allow that carrier a reasonable opportunity to correct the problem. Any claims of network harm must be supported with specific and verifiable supporting information. In the event that **SBC-12STATE** or a CLEC demonstrates to the Commission that a deployed technology is significantly degrading the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services, the carrier deploying the technology shall discontinue deployment of that technology and migrate its customers to technologies that will not significantly degrade the performance of such services.

4.8.3 Each Party must abide by Commission or FCC-approved spectrum management standards. **SBC-12STATE** will not impose its own standards for provisioning xDSL services. However, **SBC-12STATE** will publish non-binding Technical Publications to communicate current standards and their application as set forth in Paragraph 72 of FCC Order 99-48 (rel. March 31, 1999), FCC Docket 98-147.

5. HFPL: SPLITTER OWNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Splitter ownership:

5.1.1 Option 1: CLEC will own and have sole responsibility to forecast, purchase, install, inventory, provision and maintain splitters. When physically collocating, splitters shall be installed in the CLECs collocation arrangement area (whether caged or cageless) consistent with **SBC-12STATE**'s standard collocation practices and procedure. When virtually collocated, **SBC-12STATE** will install, provision and maintain splitters under the terms of virtual collocation.

5.1.2 Option 2: Without waiving its right to decline to provide splitters under any other prices, terms, and conditions, SBC voluntarily agrees to own, purchase, install, inventory, provision, maintain and lease splitters in accordance with the terms set forth herein, provided however that SWBT reserves the right to withdraw this voluntary offer upon a minimum of 6-months notification to CLEC.. SBC will determine where such SBC-owned splitters will be located in each central office. SBC owned splitters will be placed in a common area

accessible to CLECs if space is available. When placed in common areas accessible to CLECs, CLECs will have test access at the line side of the splitter. Upon CLEC's request, SBC will perform testing and repair at the SBC-owned splitter on behalf of CLEC. In the event that no trouble is found at the time of testing by SBC, CLEC shall pay SBC for such testing at the rates set forth in the interconnection agreement with the parties. CLEC will not be permitted direct physical access to the MDF or the IDF, for testing. Upon the request of either Party, the Parties shall meet to negotiate terms for additional test access capabilities.

5.1.2.1 SBC will agree to lease such splitters a line at a time subject to the following terms and conditions:

5.1.2.1.1 Forecasts: CLEC will provide SBC with a forecast of its demand for each central office prior to submitting its first LSR for that individual office and then every January and July thereafter (or as otherwise agreed to by both parties). CLEC's failure to submit a forecast for a given office may affect provisioning intervals. In the event CLEC fails to submit a forecast in a central office which does not have available splitter ports, SBC shall have an additional ten (10) business days to install CLEC's line sharing order after such time as the additional splitter equipment is installed in the SBC central office. For requests for SBC provided splitters in offices not provisioned in the initial deployment, all such requests, including forecasts, must be made in the CLECs Collocation Application. Installation intervals will be consistent with the collocation intervals for the applicable state.

5.1.2.1.2 Forecasts will be non-binding on both ILECs and CLECs. As such, **SBC-12STATE** will not face liability from failure to provision facilities if the cause is simply its reliance on non-binding forecasts.

5.1.2.2 Splitter provisioning will use standard SBC configuration cabling and wiring in **SBC-12STATE** locations. Connecting Block layouts will reflect standard recognizable arrangements and will be wired out in contiguous 100 pair complements, and numbered 1-100. All arrangements must be consistent with **SBC-12STATE**'s Operational Support Systems ("OSS").

5.1.2.3 Splitter technology will adhere to established industry standards for technical, test access, common size, configurations and shelf arrangements.

5.1.2.4 All SBC-owned splitter equipment will be compliant with applicable national standards and NEBS Level 1.

5.1.2.5 When an end-user disconnects SBC's POTS service, SBC will advise the end user to also notify their data CLEC. SBC will also notify the CLEC of the disconnect and will reconfigure the loop to remove the splitter in order to conserve the splitter ports for future line sharing orders. CLEC shall pay a nonrecurring charge for any such reconfiguration. The loop reconfiguration will result in temporary downtime of the loop as the splitter is removed from the circuit. Upon request of either Party, the Parties shall meet to negotiate terms for such notification and disconnection.

5.1.2.6 SBC retains the sole right to select SBC-owned splitter equipment and installation vendors.

5.2 When physically collocated and choosing Option 1 above, splitters will be placed in traditional collocation areas as outlined in the physical collocation terms and conditions in this Appendix or applicable Commission-ordered tariff. In this arrangement, the CLEC will have test access to the line side of the splitter when the splitter is placed in an area commonly accessible by CLECs. It is recommended that the CLEC provision splitter cards that provide test port capabilities. When virtually collocated, **SBC-12STATE** will install the splitter in an **SBC-12STATE** bay and **SBC-12STATE** will access the splitter on behalf of the CLEC for line continuity tests. Additional testing capabilities (including remote testing) may be negotiated by the Parties.

5.3 Splitter provisioning will use standard SBC configuration cabling and wiring in **SBC-12STATE** locations. In situations where the CLEC owns the splitter, the splitter dataport and DSLAM will be hardwired to each other. Connecting Block layouts will reflect standard recognizable arrangements that will work with **SBC-12STATE** Operations Support Systems ("OSS").

5.4 Splitter technology needs to adhere to established industry standards for technical, test access, common size, configurations and shelf arrangements.

5.5 All splitter equipment must be compliant with applicable national standards and NEBS Level 1.

6. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS: LOOP MAKEUP INFORMATION AND ORDERING

6.1 General: **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC with nondiscriminatory access by electronic or manual means, to its loop makeup information set forth in **SBC-12STATE**'s Plan of Record. In the interim, loop makeup data will be provided as

set forth below. In accordance with the FCC's UNE Remand Order, CLEC will be given nondiscriminatory access to the same loop makeup information that **SBC-12STATE** is providing any other CLEC and/or **SBC-12STATE**'s retail operations or its advanced services affiliate.

6.2 Loop Pre-Qualification: Subject to 6.1 above, **SBC-12STATE**'s pre-qualification will provide a near real time response to CLEC queries. Until replaced with OSS access as provided in 6.1, **SBC-12STATE** will provide mechanized access to a loop length indicator via Verigate and DataGate in regions where Verigate/DataGate are generally available for use with xDSL-based, HFPL, or other advanced services. The loop length is an indication of the approximate loop length, based on a 26-gauge equivalent and is calculated on the basis of Distribution Area distance from the central office. This is an optional service to the CLEC and is available at no charge.

6.3 Loop Qualification: Subject to 6.1 above, **SBC-12STATE** will develop and deploy enhancements to its existing DataGate and EDI interfaces that will allow CLECs, as well as **SBC-12STATE**'s retail operations or its advanced services affiliate, to have near real time electronic access as a preordering function to the loop makeup information. As more particularly described below, this loop makeup information will be categorized by three separate pricing elements: mechanized, manual, and detailed manual.

6.3.1 Mechanized loop qualification includes data that is available electronically and provided via an electronic system. Electronic access to loop makeup data through the OSS enhancements described in 6.1 above will return information in all fields described in SBC's Plan of Record when such information is contained in **SBC-12STATE**'s electronic databases. CLEC will be billed a mechanized loop qualification charge for each xDSL capable loop order submitted at the rates set forth in Appendix Pricing.

6.3.2 Manual loop qualification requires the manual look-up of data that is not contained in an electronic database. Manual loop makeup data includes the following: (a) the actual loop length; (b) the length by gauge; (c) the presence of repeaters, load coils, bridged taps; and shall include, if noted on the individual loop record, (d) the total length of bridged taps; (e) the presence of pair gain devices, DLC, and/or DAML, and (f) the presence of disturbers in the same and/or adjacent binder groups. CLEC will be billed a manual loop qualification charge for each manual loop qualification requested at the rates set forth in Appendix Pricing.

6.3.3 Detailed manual loop qualification includes all fields as described in SBC's Plan of Record, including the fields described in fields 6.3.2 above. CLEC will be billed a detailed manual loop qualification charge for each detailed manual loop qualification requested at the rates set forth in Appendix Pricing.

6.4 All three categories of loop qualification are subject to the following:

6.4.1 If load coils, repeaters or excessive bridged tap are present on a loop less than 12,000 feet in length, conditioning to remove these elements will be performed without request and at no charge to the CLEC.

6.4.2 If a CLEC elects to have **SBC-12STATE** provide loop makeup through a manual process for information not available electronically, then the loop qualification interval will be 3-5 business days, or the interval provided to **SBC-12STATE**'s affiliate, whichever is less.

6.4.3 If the results of the loop qualification indicate that conditioning is available, CLEC may request that **SBC-12STATE** perform conditioning at charges set forth in Appendix Pricing. The CLEC may order the loop without conditioning or with partial conditioning if desired.

6.4.4 For HFPL, if CLEC's requested conditioning will degrade the customer's analog voice service, **SBC-12STATE** is not required to condition the loop. However, should **SBC-12STATE** refuse the CLEC's request to condition a loop, **SBC-12STATE** will make an affirmative showing to the relevant state commission that conditioning the specific loop in question will significantly degrade voice band services.

7. PROVISIONING

7.1 Provisioning: **SBC-12STATE** will not guarantee that the local loop(s) ordered will perform as desired by CLEC for xDSL-based, HFPL, or other advanced services, but will guarantee basic metallic loop parameters, including continuity and pair balance. CLEC-requested testing by **SBC-12STATE** beyond these parameters will be billed on a time and materials basis at the applicable tariffed rates. On loops where CLECs have requested that no conditioning be performed, **SBC-12STATE**'s maintenance will be limited to verifying loop suitability based on POTS design. For loops having had partial or extensive conditioning performed at CLEC's request, **SBC-12STATE** will verify continuity, the completion of all requested conditioning, and will repair at no charge to CLEC any gross defects which would be unacceptable based on current POTS design criteria and which do not result from the loop's modified design. For loops less than 12,000 feet, **SBC-12STATE** will remove load coils, repeaters, and excessive bridged tap at no charge to CLEC.

7.2 Subject to Section 6.4.4 above, CLEC shall designate, at the CLEC's sole option, what loop conditioning **SBC-12STATE** is to perform in provisioning the xDSL loop(s), subloop(s), or HFPL on the loop order. Conditioning may be ordered on loop(s), subloop(s), or HFPL of any length at the Loop conditioning rates set forth in the Appendix Pricing. The loop, subloop, or HFPL will be provisioned to meet

the basic metallic and electrical characteristics such as electrical conductivity and capacitive and resistive balance.

7.3 The provisioning intervals are applicable to every xDSL loop and HFPL regardless of the loop length. The Parties will meet to negotiate and agree upon subloop provisioning intervals.

7.3.1 The provisioning and installation interval for xDSL-capable loops, where no conditioning is requested (including outside plant rearrangements that involve moving a working service to an alternate pair as the only possible solution to provide a DSL-capable loop), on orders for 1-20 loops per order or per end-user location, will be 5 business days, or the provisioning and installation interval applicable to **SBC-12STATE**'s tariffed xDSL-based services, or its affiliate's, whichever is less.

7.3.2 For CLEC orders of more than 20 xDSL-capable loops per order or per end user location where no conditioning is requested, the provisioning and installation interval will be 15 business days, or as agreed upon by the Parties.

7.3.3 The provisioning and installation intervals for xDSL-capable loops where conditioning is requested or outside plant rearrangements are necessary, as defined above, on orders for 1-20 loops per order or per end-user customer location, will be ten (10) business days, or the provisioning and installation interval applicable to **SBC-12STATE**'s tariffed xDSL-based services or its affiliate's xDSL-based services where conditioning is required, whichever is less.

7.3.4 Orders for more than 20 xDSL-capable loops per order which require conditioning will have a provisioning and installation interval agreed by the parties in each instance.

7.3.5 Orders to convert existing stand-alone DSL-capable UNE loops to line shared loops, regardless of quantity, will be handled as Special Projects. The interval for such conversions will be determined on a case-by-case basis and will be jointly agreed upon by the Parties.

7.3.6 The provisioning and installation interval for the HFPL UNE, where no conditioning is requested (including outside plant rearrangements that involve moving a working service to an alternate pair as the only possible solution to provide the HFPL UNE), on orders for 1-24 loops per order or per end-user location, will be 3 business days, or the provisioning and installation interval applicable to **SBC-12STATE**'s tariffed xDSL-based services, or its affiliate's, whichever is less.

7.3.7 For CLEC orders of 25 to 48 HFPL per order or per end user customer location where no conditioning is requested, the provisioning and installation interval will be 6 business days or as agreed upon by the parties.

7.3.8 For CLEC orders of 48 up to 99 HFPL per order or per end user location where no conditioning is requested, the provisioning and installation interval will be 7 business days, or as agreed upon by the Parties.

7.3.9 For CLEC orders of more than 99 HFPL per order or per end user location where no conditioning is requested, the provisioning and installation interval will be as agreed upon by the Parties.

7.3.10 The provisioning and installation intervals for the HFPL UNE where conditioning is requested or outside plant rearrangements are necessary, as defined above, on orders for 1-24 HFPL per order or per end-user customer location, will be ten (10) business days, or the provisioning and installation interval applicable to **SBC-12STATE**'s tariffed xDSL-based services or its affiliate's xDSL-based services where conditioning is required, whichever is less.

7.3.11 For CLEC order of more than 24 HFPL per order or per end user location where conditioning is requested, the provisioning and installation interval will be as agreed upon by the Parties.

7.3.12 For HFPL orders, intervals are contingent upon CLEC's end user customer release of the voice grade circuit during normal working hours. In the event the end user customer should require conditioning during non-working hours, the due date may be adjusted consistent with end user release of the voice grade circuit and out-of-hours charges may apply.

7.3.13 Subsequent to the initial order for a xDSL capable loop, subloop, or HFPL additional conditioning may be requested on such loop(s) at the rates set forth in the Appendix Pricing and the applicable service order charges will apply; provided, however, when requests to add or modify conditioning are received for a pending xDSL capable loop(s) order, no additional service order charges shall be assessed, but the due date may be adjusted if necessary to meet standard offered provisioning intervals. The provisioning interval for additional requests for conditioning pursuant to this subsection will be the same as set forth above. In addition, CLEC agrees that standard offered intervals do not constitute performance measurement commitments.

7.3.14 The CLEC, at its sole option, may request shielded cabling between network elements and frames within the central office for use with 2-wire xDSL loop or HFPL when used to provision ADSL over a DSL-capable loop or HFPL provided for herein at the rates set forth in the Appendix Pricing. Tight Twist

cross-connect wire will be used on all identified DSL services on all central office frames.

8. TESTING

8.1 SBC-12STATE and the CLEC agree to implement Acceptance Testing during the provisioning cycle for xDSL loop delivery. When SBC-12STATE provides HFPL, continuity is generally assumed as SBC-12STATE retail POTS service is operating at the time of the order. Generally, SBC-12STATE would not dispatch to provision HFPL, thus would not have a technician at the customer site to perform an acceptance test. However, SBC-12STATE will perform the routine Line Sharing Turn-Up Testing prior to the completion of a HFPL order.

8.2 Should the CLEC desire Acceptance Testing, it shall request such testing on a per xDSL loop basis upon issuance of the Local Service Request (LSR). Acceptance Testing will be conducted at the time of installation of the service request.

8.2.1 If the LSR was placed without a request for Acceptance Testing, and the CLEC should determine that it is desired or needed during any subsequent phase of provisioning, the request may be added at any time; however, this may cause a new standard due date to be calculated for the service order.

8.3 Acceptance Testing Procedure:

8.3.1 Upon delivery of a loop to/for the CLEC, SBC-12STATE's field technician will call the LOC and the LOC tester will call a toll free number provided by the CLEC to initiate performance of a series of Acceptance Tests.

8.3.1.1 For 2-wire digital loops that are not provisioned through repeaters or digital loop carriers, the SBC-12STATE field technician will provide a solid short across the tip and ring of the circuit and then open the loop circuit.

8.3.1.2 For 2-wire digital loops that are provisioned through repeaters or Digital Loop Carrier, the SBC-12STATE field technician will not perform a short or open circuit due to technical limitations.

8.3.2 If the loop passes the "Proof of Continuity" parameters, as defined by this Appendix for DSL loops, the CLEC will provide SBC-12STATE with a confirmation number and SBC-12STATE will complete the order. The CLEC will be billed for the Acceptance Test as specified below under Acceptance Testing Billing at the applicable rates as set forth in Appendix Pricing.

8.3.3 If the Acceptance Test fails loop Continuity Test parameters, as defined by this Appendix for DSL loops, the LOC technician will take any or all reasonable steps to immediately resolve the problem with the CLEC on the

line including, but not limited to, calling the central office to perform work or troubleshooting for physical faults. If the problem cannot be resolved in an expedient manner, the technician will release the CLEC representative, and perform the work necessary to correct the situation. Once the loop is correctly provisioned, **SBC-12STATE** will re-contact the CLEC representative to repeat the Acceptance Test. When the aforementioned test parameters are met, the CLEC will provide **SBC-12STATE** with a confirmation number and **SBC-12STATE** will complete the order. If CLEC xDSL service does not function as desired, yet test parameters are met, **SBC-12STATE** will still close the order. **SBC-12STATE** will not complete an order that fails Acceptance Testing.

8.3.4 Until such time as the CLEC and **SBC-12STATE** agree, or industry standards establish, that their test equipment can accurately and consistently send signals through repeaters or Digital Loop Carriers, the CLEC agrees to accept 2-wire digital loops, designed with such reach extenders, without testing the complete circuit. Consequently, **SBC-12STATE** agrees that should the CLEC open a trouble ticket and an **SBC-12STATE** network fault be found by standard testing procedures on such a loop within ten (10) business days (in which it is determined by standard testing to be an **SBC-12STATE** fault), **SBC-12STATE**, upon CLEC request, will adjust the CLEC's bill to refund the recurring charge of such a loop until the fault has been resolved and the trouble ticket is closed.

8.3.5 **SBC-12STATE** will be relieved of the obligation to perform Acceptance Testing on a particular loop and will assume acceptance of the loop by the CLEC when the CLEC cannot provide a "live" representative (through no answer or placement on hold) for over ten (10) minutes. **SBC-12STATE** may then close the order utilizing existing procedures, document the time and reason, and may bill the CLEC as if the Acceptance Test had been completed and the loop accepted, subject to Section 8.4 below.

8.3.6 If, however, a trouble ticket is opened on the loop within 24 hours and the trouble resulted from **SBC-12STATE** error as determined through standard testing procedures, the CLEC will be credited for the cost of the Acceptance Test. Additionally, the CLEC may request **SBC-12STATE** to re-perform the Acceptance Test at the conclusion of the repair phase again at no charge. This loop will not be counted as a successful completion for the purposes of the calculations discussed in Section 8.4 below.

8.3.7 Both Parties declare they will work together, in good faith, to implement Acceptance Testing procedures that are efficient and effective. If the Parties mutually agree to additional testing, procedures and/or standards not covered by this Appendix or any Public Utilities Commission or FCC ordered tariff, the Parties will negotiate terms and conditions to implement such additional testing, procedures and/or standards. Additional charges may apply if any

accepted changes in Acceptance Testing procedures require additional time and/or expense.

8.4 Acceptance Testing Billing

8.4.1 The CLEC will be billed for Acceptance Testing upon the effective date of this Appendix for loops that are installed correctly by the committed interval without the benefit of corrective action due to acceptance testing.

8.5 Cooperative Testing: (**SBC-13STATE**)

REGION	TARIFF
Ameritech	FCC No. 2; Sec. 13.3.4 (C)(1)(a)
Nevada Bell*	FCC No. 1; Sec. 13.3.5 (B)(1)
Pacific Bell	FCC No. 128; Sec. 13.3.5 (C)(1)(a)
Southwestern Bell	FCC No. 73; Sec. 13.4.8 (A)

* Nevada Bell Charges represent I/R Technicians and Central Office Maintenance respectively.
**Rates subject to tariff changes.

8.5.1 **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC agree to implement Cooperative Testing during the repair and maintenance cycle of xDSL capable loops delivery.

8.5.2 Should CLEC desire Cooperative Testing, it shall request such testing on a trouble ticket on each xDSL capable loop upon issuance of the trouble ticket.

8.5.3 If the trouble ticket was opened without a request for Cooperative Testing, and the CLEC should determine that it is desired or needed during any subsequent phase of maintenance and repair, the request may be added; however, a new due date will be calculated to account for the additional work.

8.5.4 **Cooperative Testing Procedure**:

8.5.4.1 The **SBC-13STATE** field technician will call the LOC and the LOC will contact the CLEC for test and resolution of the trouble ticket and to verify basic metallic loop parameters including proof of continuity and pair balance.

8.5.4.2 If the loop passes the "Proof of Continuity" parameters, as defined by this Appendix for DSL capable loops, the technician will close out the trouble report and the LOC will bill for the cooperative testing.

8.5.4.3 If the Cooperative testing fails "Proof of Continuity" parameters, as defined by this Appendix for DSL capable loops, the LOC technician will take any reasonable steps to immediately resolve the problem with the CLEC on the line including, but not limited to,