

APPENDIX SS7

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions under which **LEVEL 3** and **SBC-13STATE** will interconnect their respective Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/557) signaling networks.

2.0 SERVICE DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 Either party may choose to provide its own SS7 signaling for its facility-based services, or to the extent available, it may purchase SS7 signaling from the other party under the terms and conditions of that party's tariff offering. Alternatively, either party may choose to obtain SS7 signaling from a third-party provider.
- 2.1.1 In the event that **LEVEL 3** chooses to act as its own SS7 service provider, the parties will effectuate a Bill and Keep arrangement and shall share the cost of the SS7 quad links in each LATA between their STPs; provided, however, that said Bill and Keep arrangement and use of SS7 quad links apply only to **LEVEL 3** CLEC calls and not to calls that are subject to traditional access compensation as found between a long distance carrier and a local exchange carrier, including **LEVEL 3** acting as a long distance carrier.

3.0 ADDITIONAL SS7 SERVICES

- 3.1 Any request for SS7 service beyond offerings contained within the parties' tariffs must be negotiated between the Parties.