

APPENDIX CH

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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 AT&T-12STATE to participate in the Clearinghouse (CH).
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T-2STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-2STATE** means **AT&T CALIFORNIA** and **AT&T NEVADA**, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **AT&T-4STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, and AT&T Oklahoma the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 **AT&T-7STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-7STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** and **AT&T NEVADA**, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.6 **AT&T-8STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-8STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T CALIFORNIA**, **AT&T NEVADA**, and **AT&T CONNECTICUT** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.7 **AT&T-10STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-10STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **AT&T-12STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-12STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **AT&T-2STATE** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-13STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T-2STATE** and **AT&T CONNECTICUT** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **AT&T ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **AT&T ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 **AT&T CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, **AT&T CONNECTICUT** means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.13 **AT&T KANSAS** - As used herein, **AT&T KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Kansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 1.14 **AT&T ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **AT&T ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

- 1.15 AT&T INDIANA - As used herein, AT&T INDIANA means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.16 AT&T MICHIGAN - As used herein, AT&T MICHIGAN means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Michigan.
- 1.17 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE - As used herein, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.18 AT&T MISSOURI - As used herein, AT&T MISSOURI means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.19 AT&T NEVADA - As used herein, AT&T NEVADA means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.20 AT&T OHIO - As used herein, AT&T OHIO means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.21 AT&T OKLAHOMA - As used herein, AT&T OKLAHOMA means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.22 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE - As used herein, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.23 AT&T TEXAS - As used herein, AT&T TEXAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 AT&T WISCONSIN - As used herein, AT&T WISCONSIN means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.
- 1.25 In AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, 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 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE is facilitated via the existing LEC Settlement process in each state.
- 1.26 In AT&T-2STATE, 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 AT&T-2STATE is facilitated via the Message Exchange Appendix.
- 1.27 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 AT&T CONNECTICUT, is technically infeasible in AT&T CONNECTICUT.

2. CLEARINGHOUSE DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and CLEC.

3. QUALIFYING MESSAGE CRITERIA

- 3.1 The only toll call messages that qualify for submission to AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE'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 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE with billing records for CH processing that are in an industry standard format acceptable to AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's CH. CLEC will retain its originating records for ninety (90) days such that the category ninety-two (92) Records can be retransmitted to AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE for CH processing, if needed.
- 4.3 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE will provide and maintain such systems as it believes are required to furnish the CH service described herein. AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, 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 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE all CH Records required by AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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. AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE a processing charge in consideration of AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE'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 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, when AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE bills the message. This charge is located in Appendix Pricing under "Other" listed as Billing Charge.

7. SETTLEMENT REPORT

- 7.1 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE assumes no liability for any LEC's or CLEC's receipt of appropriate revenues due to it from any other entity. CLEC agrees that AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE may have relied in preparing settlement reports or performing any other act under this Attachment.
- 9.2 CLEC agrees to indemnify and hold AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's performance of CH processing pursuant to this Attachment.
- 9.3 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE. Any losses or damage for which AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE receives notice of the error, interruption, defect, failure or malfunction, to the time service is restored.

10. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES

- 10.1 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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.