

**APPENDIX FOR THE REMOVAL OF ALL OR
NON-EXCESSIVE BRIDGED TAP AFTER LOOP COMPLETION USING A MODIFIED
MAINTENANCE PROCESS**

Appendix to Attachment 25 xDSL

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This Appendix to Attachment 25 sets forth the terms and conditions for the Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap ("RABT") using a modified version of the standard maintenance process for xDSL Loops and xDSL Subloops where CLEC requests such removal after its order for an xDSL Loop or xDSL Subloop has been completed. This process is available to CLEC as an alternative to SBC MISSOURI's existing ordering processes but applies only to completed loops.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **"Minimum qualifications"** as used herein means a loop that has no load coil(s), repeater(s), or bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet in total length.
- 2.2 **"No Sync situation"** as used herein means that after the completion of a provisioning service order, CLEC is experiencing a situation in which its DSLAM will not communicate (sync) with the End-User premises.
- 2.3 **"Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap"** as used herein means the removal of all bridged tap (i.e., both Excessive and Non-Excessive) or the removal of Non-Excessive bridged tap in response to CLEC's request in connection with CLEC's xDSL Loop or xDSL Subloop.

3. REMOVAL OF ALL OR NON-EXCESSIVE BRIDGED TAP OFFERING

- 3.1. CLEC may request Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap by either (1) ordering an xDSL Loop or xDSL Subloop and requesting such removal on its original service order or (2) generating a trouble ticket pursuant to Section 5 of this Appendix with the Local Operations Center (LOC) after the service order for an xDSL Loop or xDSL Subloop has completed and specifying the type of bridged tap conditioning requested on the trouble ticket. If CLEC selects option (1) above, Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap shall be performed in accordance with the rates, terms and conditions set out in Attachment 25 xDSL. If CLEC selects option (2) above, Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap shall be performed in accordance with the rates, terms and conditions set out in the following sections of this Appendix. Irrespective of whether CLEC selects option (1) or options (2), the limitations set forth in Section 3.3 shall apply.
- 3.2. Upon CLEC's request, the LOC will investigate and will address any SBC MISSOURI non-conditioning related reasons for any No Sync situation, or ensure CLEC's bridged tap removal request is appropriate by verifying the subject bridged tap is located on the loop; provided, however, SBC MISSOURI does not guarantee the synchronization of any loop.
- 3.3. Except as otherwise provided below, in response to CLEC's request for removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap, either in its original order or in a trouble ticket, SBC MISSOURI will offer CLEC a zero plus five (0 + 5) business day interval, subject to Sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 below.
- 3.3.1. In those instances where SBC MISSOURI determines it is not possible to remove All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap, e.g., in those situations in which (i) municipalities will not grant rights of way to certain areas; or (ii) there are other issues associated with access to the subject facilities; or (iii) events, actions or circumstances exist or arise that are outside the sole control of SBC MISSOURI, SBC MISSOURI has no obligation to perform the requested conditioning.

3.3.2. In those instances where SBC MISSOURI determines that it can Remove All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap but cannot meet the zero plus five (0 + 5) business day interval e.g., in those situations (i) involving municipalities which may affect access to certain areas; or (ii) there are other issues associated with access to the subject facilities; or (iii) events, actions or circumstances exist or arise that are outside the sole control of SBC MISSOURI, the Parties understand and agree that the zero plus five (0 + 5) business day interval set forth above shall not apply, but instead, in such situations, SBC MISSOURI will respond to CLEC's request for Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap for xDSL Loops and xDSL Subloops in parity with the repair intervals SBC MISSOURI provides to its advanced services affiliate(s) in MISSOURI

3.3.3. SBC MISSOURI will advise CLEC as soon as possible when SBC MISSOURI is unable to remove All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap or is unable to meet the zero plus five (0 + 5) business day interval.

3.4. If Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap has been requested by the CLEC on a trouble ticket, the opening of the trouble ticket with specific conditioning requests will be used as authorization from CLEC for SBC MISSOURI to condition the loop as requested.

3.5. CLEC shall pay the appropriate conditioning charges for Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap as set out in the Pricing Schedule set out in this Appendix.

4. TESTING

4.1. All testing requests after the completion of the service order will follow the testing procedures outlined for xDSL Loops and xDSL Subloops, as applicable, set out in Attachment 25 of this Agreement.

4.2. CLEC shall assist in trouble isolation for the Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap-related initial trouble tickets by obtaining and providing to SBC MISSOURI interferor information on the loop or subloop at the time of opening the trouble ticket. For best results, CLEC is encouraged to provide appropriate testing equipment for its technician to determine the presence and location of the following: the number and location of load coil(s), repeater(s) and section(s) of bridged tap, including the length of individual section(s).

5. MAINTENANCE/SERVICE ASSURANCE

5.1. Prior to opening of a trouble ticket for the Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap, CLEC must verify that the problem is not CLEC-related. If a Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap trouble ticket is opened, and it is later determined by SBC MISSOURI that the requested conditioning is not available because no such bridged tap was on the loop, the trouble ticket will be closed and CLEC shall pay the Maintenance Service Charge on a Time and Material basis in accordance with Section 7 of Attachment 25 - xDSL.

5.2. CLEC may open a trouble ticket for the Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap via the following two methods:

5.2.1. By calling the LOC and opening a manual ticket with its specific conditioning request, e.g., "Found Bridged Tap (BT) on loop, request Removal of Non-Excessive BT."

5.2.2. By opening an electronic bonding ticket. In such case, CLEC shall request specific conditioning in the remarks field e.g., "Found Bridged Tap (BT) on loop, request Removal of Non-Excessive BT."

Both methods require the following:

1. When Excessive Bridged Tap is present on the loop, the removal of All bridged tap.
2. When Excessive Bridged Tap is not present on the loop, the removal of Non-Excessive Bridged Tap.

3. Once All Bridged Tap has been removed, any future trouble tickets concerning bridged tap will require a vendor meet with the SBC MISSOURI LOC. Vendor meet procedures can be found in SBC MISSOURI' CLEC On-Line Handbook.
 4. It is CLEC's obligation to document on the trouble ticket the type of conditioning it is requesting be performed by SBC MISSOURI e.g., the Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap. If the specific RABT conditioning request is not documented on the CLEC trouble ticket, the trouble ticket will be returned to CLEC for specific information.
 5. Any conditioning requests for the removal of Excessive Bridged Tap or for the removal of load coil(s) or repeater(s), will be performed pursuant to the existing rates, terms and conditions for xDSL Loops and Subloops provided for in Attachment 25 of this Agreement.
- 5.3. Except as otherwise provided for herein, when a trouble ticket is opened by CLEC for the Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap, a zero plus five (0+ 5) business day interval will be given. Trouble ticket authorization for conditioning and billing will be provided as follows:
- 5.3.1. if the trouble ticket is opened for a loop that is 12,000 feet or greater in Actual Loop Length, SBC MISSOURI will use that designation and the initiation of the trouble ticket by CLEC as approval for loop conditioning and the loop will be conditioned by SBC MISSOURI. CLEC will then be billed and shall pay the conditioning charges set forth in the Pricing Schedule set out in this Appendix, in addition to any other applicable conditioning charges specified in Attachment 25 of this Agreement upon the completion of the requested conditioning by SBC MISSOURI.
 - 5.3.2. if the trouble ticket is opened for a loop that is less than 12, 000 feet in Actual Loop Length, and the loop is conditioned to remove bridged tap beyond that required to meet Minimum Qualifications, SBC MISSOURI will bill and CLEC shall pay the conditioning charges set forth in the Pricing Schedule set out in this Appendix, in addition to any other applicable conditioning charges specified in Attachment 25 of this Agreement, for any conditioning performed by SBC MISSOURI at CLEC's request.
 - 5.3.3. In the scenarios addressed in Subsections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 above, the SBC MISSOURI LOC will notify CLEC as soon as the trouble is closed, whether conditioning has been performed or not.
- 5.4. Escalations for trouble tickets will follow the existing procedures listed in the CLEC On-Line Handbook.

6. PRICING

- 6.1. The rates that SBC MISSOURI shall charge and CLEC shall pay for the Removal of All or Excessive Bridged Tap requested after CLEC's xDSL Loop or xDSL Subloop order has been completed are set forth in the Pricing Schedule set out in this Appendix.

**Removal of All and Non-Excessive Bridged Tap Non Recurring Charge
Pricing Schedule**

MISSOURI		SBC MISSOURI RECURRING	SBC MISSOURI NON-REC.	
		Monthly		
	Removal of All Bridged Tap			
	DSL Loops - >12KFT and < 17.5KFT			
	Removal of All Bridged Tap	N/A	\$876.63	N/A
	Removal of Non-Excessive Bridged Tap			
	DSL loops - >0KFT and < 17.5KFT			
	Removal of Non-Excessive Bridged Tap	N/A	\$338.64	N/A
	Removal of All Bridged Tap > 17.5KFT			
	DSL Loops - > 17.5KFT - per element			
	Incremental Removal of All Bridged Tap > 17.5KFT - per element	N/A	\$338.64	N/A
	Removal of Non-Excessive Bridged Tap > 17.5KFT			
	DSL Loops - >17.5KFT - per element			
	Incremental Removal of Non-Excessive Bridged Tap > 17.5KFT - per element	NA	\$338.64	N/A

- (1) All of the Missouri RABT rates set forth above on this Missouri RABT Pricing Schedule are interim and subject to retroactive true-up upon the Missouri Public Service Commission's establishment of RABT rates, as more specifically provided in Paragraph 6.1 above.
- (2) For any requests for the removal of Non-Excessive Bridged Tap only on loops 17,500 feet in length or less, CLEC shall pay the flat, interim, non-recurring rate of \$338.64 With respect to any Non-Excessive Bridged Tap removed from an xDSL loop over 17,500 feet in length, CLEC shall pay a flat, interim, non-recurring rate of \$338.64 for any and all Non-Excessive Bridged Tap removed from the loop under 17,500 feet and shall pay an interim non-recurring rate of \$338.64 per Non-Excessive Bridged Tap segment removed (i.e., per occurrence) over 17,500 feet. (Any Excessive Bridged Tap on a loop over 17,500 feet in length is addressed in the Pricing Schedule to the Agreement). CLEC may request the removal of Non-Excessive Bridged Tap on loops below 12,000 feet in length at the same RABT rate as loops between 12,000 and 17,500 feet (i.e., 338.64).
- (3) For any requests for the removal of All Bridged Tap on loops 17,500 feet in length or less, CLEC shall pay the interim, flat, non-recurring rate of \$338.64 for any and all Excessive and Non-Excessive Bridged Tap present on the loop and in addition, shall pay an interim non-recurring rate of \$338.64 per Non-Excessive Bridged Tap segment removed (i.e., per occurrence) over 17,500 feet. (Any Excessive Bridged Tap on a loop over 17,500 feet in length is addressed in the Pricing Schedule to the Agreement).