

- 2.2.3 In the event a telephone service subscriber has a "non-published" listing, a "non-published" classification will be identified in lieu of the telephone number information and will be considered part of the Listing Information. The last name, first name, street number, street name, community, and zip code will be provided as part of the Listing Information. The information provided for non-published customers can only be used for two purposes. First, the non-published status may be added to the listing in CLEC's database for the sole purpose of adding/correcting the non-published status of the listings in the database. Second, addresses for non-published customers may be used for verification purposes. If a caller provides the address for a requested listing, CLEC may verify the listing by matching the caller-provided address with the address in CLEC's dates. CLEC may not provide the address information of a requested listing of a non-published subscriber to a caller under any circumstances. CLEC can notify the customer that the requested listing is non-published.

3. ASSIGNMENT

- 3.1 The directory assistance listing information shall remain the property of SBC-13STATE. The CLEC shall not sublicense, assign, sell or transfer the directory assistance listing information licensed hereunder, nor shall CLEC authorize any other company or any person to use the directory assistance 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 it takes to protect its own listings from unauthorized use), whether by CLEC, its agents, employees or others.

4. BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 4.1 In the event a Party is found to have materially breached this Appendix, such breach shall be remedied immediately and the non-breaching Party shall have the right to terminate the breaching party's license, without terminating its own rights hereunder, upon fourteen (14) calendar days notice, until the other Party's breach is remedied. Further should CLEC breach this agreement, it shall immediately cease use of SBC-13STATE's directory assistance listing information.

5. LIABILITY

- 5.1 SBC-13STATE makes no express or implied warranties whatsoever regarding the accuracy of the directory assistance listing information provided to CLEC. CLEC agrees to accept the directory assistance listing information on an "as-is" basis with all faults, errors and omissions, if any. SBC-13STATE makes no warranty, expressed or implied, with respect to any listings or the information contained

therein, including but not limited to warranties for merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

5.2 CLEC hereby releases SBC-13STATE from any and all liability for damages due to errors or omissions in the directory assistance listing information provided under this Appendix, or by reason of delay in providing the directory assistance listing information, including, but not limited to, special, indirect, consequential, punitive or incidental damages.

5.3 CLEC shall indemnify, protect, save harmless and defend SBC-13STATE (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 SBC-13STATE Appendix, and every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement or any other appendices or attachments to this Agreement which are supplying directory assistance listing information, or any actual error or omission. 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 DA listing information, SBC-13STATE may, at its option, assume and undertake its own defense, or assist in the defense of CLEC, in which event CLEC shall reimburse SBC-13STATE for reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses incurred by it in handling and defending such demand, claim and/or suit. CLEC shall not enter into any settlement of any such demand, claim or suit without the prior written consent of SBC-13STATE.

6. TERM OF APPENDIX

6.1 This Appendix will continue in force for the length of the Interconnection Agreement, but no less than twelve (12) months. At the expiration of the term of the Interconnection Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, or twelve (12) months, whichever occurs later either Party may terminate this Appendix upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar day's written notice to the other 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 911

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PROVIDING CONNECTION TO E911 UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY NUMBER SERVICE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for E911 Service 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, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, 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 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 doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.5 As used herein, SBC-PACIFIC means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.6 As used herein, SBC-NEVADA means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.7 The prices at which SBC-13STATE agrees to provide CLEC with E911 Service are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "911 Trunk" means a trunk capable of transmitting Automatic Number Identification (ANI) associated with a call to 911 from CLEC's End Office to the E911 system.

- 2.2 **“Automatic Location Identification” or “ALI”** means the automatic display at the PSAP of the caller’s telephone number, the address/location of the telephone and, in some cases, supplementary emergency services information.
- 2.3 **“Automatic Number Identification” or “ANI”** means the telephone number associated with the access line from which a call to 911 originates.
- 2.4 **“Company Identifier” or “Company ID”** means a three to five (3 to 5) character identifier chosen by the Local Exchange Carrier that distinguishes the entity providing dial tone to the End-User. The Company Identifier is maintained by NENA in a nationally accessible database.
- 2.5 **“Database Management System” or “DBMS”** means a system of manual procedures and computer programs used to create, store and update the data required to provide Selective Routing and/or Automatic Location Identification for 911 systems.
- 2.6 **“E911 Customer”** means a municipality or other state or local government unit, or an authorized agent of one or more municipalities or other state or local government units to whom authority has been lawfully delegated to respond to public emergency telephone calls, at a minimum, for emergency police and fire services through the use of one telephone number, 911.
- 2.7 **“E911 Universal Emergency Number Service” (also referred to as “Expanded 911 Service” or “Enhanced 911 Service”) or “E911 Service”** means a telephone exchange communications service whereby a public safety answering point (PSAP) answers telephone calls placed by dialing the number 911. E911 includes the service provided by the lines and equipment associated with the service arrangement for the answering, transferring, and dispatching of public emergency telephone calls dialed to 911. E911 provides completion of a call to 911 via dedicated trunking facilities and includes Automatic Number Identification (ANI), Automatic Location Identification (ALI), and/or Selective Routing (SR).
- 2.8 **“Emergency Services”** means police, fire, ambulance, rescue, and medical services.
- 2.9 **“Emergency Service Number” or “ESN”** means a three to five digit number representing a unique combination of emergency service agencies (Law Enforcement, Fire, and Emergency Medical Service) designated to serve a specific range of addresses within a particular geographical area. The ESN facilitates selective routing and selective transfer, if required, to the appropriate PSAP and the dispatching of the proper service agency(ies).

- 2.10 **“National Emergency Number Association” or “NENA”** means the National Emergency Number Association is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1982 to further the goal of “One Nation-One Number”. NENA is a networking source and promotes research, planning, and training. NENA strives to educate, set standards and provide certification programs, legislative representation and technical assistance for implementing and managing 911 systems.
- 2.11 **“Public Safety Answering Point” or “PSAP”** means an answering location for 911 calls originating in a given area. The E911 Customer may designate a PSAP as primary or secondary, which refers to the order in which calls are directed for answering. Primary PSAPs answer calls; secondary PSAPs receive calls on a transfer basis. PSAPs are public safety agencies such as police, fire, emergency medical, etc., or a common bureau serving a group of such entities.
- 2.12 **“Selective Routing” and “Selective Router” or “SR”** means the routing and equipment used to route a call to 911 to the proper PSAP based upon the number and location of the caller. Selective routing is controlled by an ESN, which is derived from the location of the access line from which the 911 call was placed.

3. SBC-13STATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 SBC-13STATE shall provide and maintain such equipment at the E911 SR and the DBMS as is necessary to perform the E911 services set forth herein when SBC-13STATE is the 911 Service Provider. SBC-13STATE shall provide 911 Service to CLEC as described this section in a particular Rate Center in which CLEC is authorized to provide local telephone exchange service and SBC-13STATE is the 911 Service Provider. This shall include the following:
- 3.2 Call Routing
- 3.2.1 SBC-13STATE will transport 911 calls from each CLEC point of interconnection (POI) to the SR office of the E911 system, where SBC-13STATE is the 911 Service Provider.
- 3.2.2 SBC-13STATE will switch 911 calls through the SR to the designated primary PSAP or to designated alternate locations, according to routing criteria specified by the PSAP.

SBC-13STATE will forward the calling party number (ANI) it receives from CLEC and the associated 911 Address Location Identification (ALI) to the PSAP for display. If no ANI is forwarded by CLEC, SBC-13STATE will forward an Emergency Service Central Office (ESCO) identification code for display at the PSAP. If ANI is forwarded by the CLEC, but no ANI record is found in the E911

DBMS, SBC-13-STATE will report this "No Record Found" condition to the CLEC in accordance with NENA standards.

3.3 Facilities and Trunking

- 3.3.1 SBC-13STATE shall provide and maintain sufficient dedicated E911 trunks from SBC-13STATE's SR to the PSAP of the E911 Customer, according to provisions of the appropriate state Commission-approved tariff and documented specifications of the E911 Customer.
- 3.3.2 SBC-13STATE will provide facilities to interconnect the CLEC, as specified in the local state tariff. Additionally, when diverse facilities are requested by CLEC, SBC-13STATE will provide such diversity where technically feasible, at standard local state tariff rates.
- 3.3.3 Upon written request by CLEC, SBC-13STATE shall, in a timely fashion, provide CLEC with a description of the geographic area (or Rate Center) and PSAPs served by the E911 SR based upon the standards set forth in the May 1997 NENA Recommended Standards for Local Service Provider Interconnection Information Sharing, or any subsequent revision(s) thereto.
- 3.3.4 SBC-13STATE and CLEC will cooperate to promptly test all trunks and facilities between CLEC's network and the SBC-13STATE SR(s).

3.4 Database

- 3.4.1 Where SBC-13STATE manages the E911 database, SBC-13STATE shall store the CLEC's End User 911 Records [that is, the name, address, and associated telephone number(s) for each of CLEC's End Users served by CLEC's exchange(s)] in the electronic data processing database for the E911 DBMS. CLEC or its representative(s) is responsible for electronically providing End User 911 Records and updating this information.
- 3.4.2 SBC-13STATE shall coordinate access to the SBC-13STATE E911 DBMS for the initial loading and updating of CLEC End User 911 Records.
- 3.4.3 SBC-13STATE's ALI database shall accept electronically transmitted files that are based upon NENA standards. Manual entry shall be allowed only in the event that DBMS is not functioning properly.

- 3.4.4 SBC-13STATE will update CLEC's End User 911 Records in the E911 DBMS. SBC-13STATE will then provide CLEC an error and status report. This report will be provided in a timely fashion and in accordance with the methods and procedures described in the documentation to be provided to the CLEC.
- 3.4.5 SBC-13STATE shall provide the CLEC with a file containing the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) for the CLEC's respective exchanges or communities. The MSAG will be provided on a routine basis but only for those areas where CLEC is authorized to do business as a local exchange service provider and SBC-13STATE is the 911 service provider.
- 3.4.6 Where SBC-13STATE manages the DBMS, SBC-13STATE shall establish a process for the management of NPA splits by populating the DBMS with the appropriate NPA codes.

4. CLEC RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Call Routing

- 4.1.1 CLEC will transport 911 calls from each point of interconnection (POI) to the SBC-13STATE SR office of the E911 system, where SBC-13STATE is the 911 Service Provider.
- 4.1.2 CLEC will forward the ANI information of the party calling 911 to the SBC-13STATE 911 Selective Router.

4.2 Facilities and Trunking

- 4.2.1 CLEC shall provide interconnection with each SBC-13STATE 911 Selective Router that serves the exchange areas in which CLEC is authorized to and will provide telephone exchange service.
- 4.2.2 CLEC acknowledges that its End Users in a single local calling scope may be served by different SRs and CLEC shall be responsible for providing facilities to route 911 calls from its End Users to the proper E911 SR.
- 4.2.3 CLEC shall provide a minimum of two (2) one-way outgoing E911 trunk(s) dedicated for originating 911 emergency service calls from the point of interconnection (POI) to each SBC-13STATE 911 Selective Router, where applicable. Where SS7 connectivity is available and required by the applicable 911 Customer, the Parties agree to implement Common Channel Signaling trunking rather than CAMA MF trunking.

- 4.2.4 In SBC-AMERITECH only, the CLEC is responsible for providing a separate 911 trunk group for each county or other geographic area that it serves if the 911 Customer for such county or geographic area has a specified varying default routing condition. In addition, 911 traffic originating in one (1) NPA (area code) must be transmitted over a separate 911 trunk group from 911 traffic originating in any other NPA (area code) 911.
- 4.2.5 CLEC shall maintain transport capacity sufficient to route traffic over trunks between the CLEC switch and the SBC-13STATE SR.
- 4.2.6 CLEC shall provide sufficient trunking and facilities to route CLEC's originating 911 calls to the designated SBC-13STATE 911 SR. CLEC is responsible for requesting that trunking and facilities be routed diversely for 911 connectivity.
- 4.2.7 CLEC is responsible for determining the proper quantity of trunks and facilities from its switch(es) to the SBC-13STATE 911 SR.
- 4.2.8 CLEC shall engineer its 911 trunks to attain a minimum P.01 grade of service as measured using the "busy day/busy hour" criteria or, if higher, at such other minimum grade of service as required by Applicable Law or duly authorized Governmental Authority.
- 4.2.9 CLEC shall monitor its 911 circuits for the purpose of determining originating network traffic volumes. If CLEC's traffic study indicates that additional circuits are needed to meet the current level of 911 call volumes, CLEC shall request additional circuits from SBC-13STATE.
- 4.2.10 CLEC will cooperate with SBC-13STATE to promptly test all 911 trunks and facilities between CLEC's network and the SBC-13STATE 911 Selective Router(s) to assure proper functioning of 911 service. CLEC agrees that it will not pass live 911 traffic until successful testing is completed by both parties.
- 4.2.11 CLEC is responsible for the isolation, coordination and restoration of all 911 network maintenance problems to CLEC's demarcation (for example, collocation). SBC-13STATE will be responsible for the coordination and restoration of all 911 network maintenance problems beyond the demarcation (for example, collocation). CLEC is responsible for advising SBC-13STATE of the circuit identification and the fact that the circuit is a 911 circuit when notifying SBC-13STATE of a failure or outage. The Parties agree to work cooperatively and expeditiously to resolve any 911 outage. SBC-13STATE will refer network trouble to CLEC if no defect is

found in SBC-13STATE's 911 network. The Parties agree that 911 network problem resolution will be managed expeditiously at all times.

4.3 Database

- 4.3.1 Once E911 trunking has been established and tested between CLEC's End Office and all appropriate SR, CLEC or its representatives shall be responsible for providing CLEC's End User 911 Records to SBC-13STATE for inclusion in SBC-13STATE's DBMS on a timely basis. SBC-13STATE and CLEC shall arrange for the automated input and periodic updating of CLEC's End User 911 Records.
- 4.3.2 CLEC or its agent shall provide initial and ongoing updates of CLEC's End User 911 Records that are MSAG-valid in electronic format based upon established NENA standards.
- 4.3.3 CLEC shall adopt use of a Company ID on all CLEC End User 911 Records in accordance with NENA standards. The Company ID is used to identify the carrier of record in facility configurations.
- 4.3.4 CLEC is responsible for providing SBC-13STATE updates to the ALI database; in addition, CLEC is responsible for correcting any errors that may occur during the entry of their data to the SBC-13STATE 911 DBMS.
- 4.3.5 The CLEC shall reimburse SBC-13STATE for any additional database charges incurred by SBC-13STATE for errors in ALI data updates caused by CLEC or its third-party agent.
- 4.3.6 CLEC shall be solely responsible for providing test records and conducting call-through testing on all new exchanges.

4.4 Other

- 4.4.1 CLEC is responsible for collecting from its End Users and remitting to the appropriate municipality or other governmental entity any applicable 911 surcharges assessed on the local service provider and/or End Users by any municipality or other governmental entity within whose boundaries the CLEC provides local exchange service.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH PARTIES

- 5.1 Jointly coordinate the provisioning of transport capacity sufficient to route originating 911 calls from the CLEC's POI to the designated SBC-13STATE 911 Selective Router(s).

6. METHODS AND PRACTICES

- 6.1 With respect to all matters covered by this Appendix, each Party will comply with all of the following to the extent that they apply to E911 Service: (i) all FCC and applicable state Commission rules and regulations, (ii) any requirements imposed by any Governmental Authority other than a Commission, (iii) the terms and conditions of SBC-13STATE's Commission-ordered tariff(s) and (iv) the principles expressed in the recommended standards published by NENA.
- 6.2 SBC-13STATE will adhere to the March 1997 NENA recommended Standards for Local Service Providers relating to provision of dedicated trunks from the End User's End Office Switch to SBC-13STATE's Selective Routing. SBC-13STATE will only exceed the NENA recommended Minimum Trunking Requirements for such trunks under extenuating circumstances and with the prior written approval of the public safety entity that is the E911 Customer as defined in Section 2.6.

7. CONTINGENCY

- 7.1 The terms and conditions of this Appendix represent a negotiated plan for providing E911 Service.
- 7.2 The Parties agree that the E911 Service is provided for the use of the E911 Customer, and recognize the authority of the E911 Customer to establish service specifications and grant final approval (or denial) of service configurations offered by SBC-13STATE and CLEC. These specifications shall be documented in Exhibit I, CLEC Serving Area Description and E911 Interconnection Details. CLEC shall complete its portion of Exhibit I and submit it to SBC-13STATE not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the passing of live traffic. SBC-13STATE shall complete its portion of Exhibit I and return Exhibit I to CLEC not later than thirty (30) days prior to the passing of live traffic.
- 7.3 CLEC must obtain documentation of approval of the completed Exhibit I from the appropriate E911 Customer(s) that have jurisdiction in the area(s) in which CLEC's End Users are located. CLEC shall provide documentation of all requisite approval(s) to SBC-13STATE prior to use of CLEC's E911 connection for actual emergency calls.

- 7.4 Each Party has designated a representative who has the authority to complete additional Exhibit(s) I to this Appendix when necessary to accommodate expansion of the geographic area of CLEC into the jurisdiction of additional PSAP(s) or to increase the number of CAMA trunks. CLEC must obtain approval of each additional Exhibit I, as set forth in Section 7.2, and shall furnish documentation of all requisite approval(s) of each additional Exhibit I in accordance with Section 7.2.
- 7.5 In PACIFIC, NEVADA, and SBC-AMERITECH; the state specific forms shall be submitted in lieu of the Exhibit I referenced in Sections 7.1, 7.2 and 7.4 hereof.

8. BASIS OF COMPENSATION

- 8.1 Rates for access to E911 Services are set forth in SBC-13STATE's Appendix Pricing or applicable state Commission-approved tariff.
- 8.2 Charges shall begin on the date that E911 Service is turned on for live traffic.

9. LIABILITY

- 9.1 SBC-13STATE's liability and potential damages, if any, for its gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct, is not limited by any provision of this Appendix. SBC-13STATE shall not be liable to CLEC, its End Users or its E911 calling parties or any other parties or persons for any Loss arising out of the provision of E911 Service or any errors, interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of E911 Service, including any and all equipment and data processing systems associated therewith. Damages arising out of such interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of the system after SBC-13STATE has been notified and has had reasonable time to repair, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to any charges made for the service affected for the period following notice from CLEC until service is restored.
- 9.2 CLEC's liability and potential damages, if any, for its gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct is not limited by any provision of this Appendix. In the event CLEC provides E911 Service to SBC-13STATE, CLEC shall not be liable to SBC-13STATE, its End Users or its E911 calling parties or any other parties or persons for any Loss arising out of the provision of E911 Service or any errors, interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of E911 Service, including any and all equipment and data processing systems associated therewith. Damages arising out of such interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of the system after CLEC has been notified and has had reasonable time to repair, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to any charges made

for the service affected for the period following notice from SBC-13STATE until service is restored.

- 9.3 CLEC agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless SBC-13STATE from any and all Loss arising out of SBC-13STATE's provision of E911 Service hereunder or out of CLEC's End Users' use of the E911 Service, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by CLEC, its End Users, or by any other parties or persons, for any personal injury or death of any person or persons, or for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, whether owned by CLEC, its End Users or others, unless the act or omission proximately causing the Loss constitutes gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of SBC-13STATE.
- 9.4 CLEC also agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless SBC-13STATE from any and all Loss involving an allegation of the infringement or invasion of the right of privacy or confidentiality of any person or persons, caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, occasion or use of the E911 Service features and the equipment associated therewith, including but not limited to the identification of the telephone number, address or name associated with the telephone used by the party or parties accessing E911 Service provided hereunder, unless the act or omission proximately causing the Loss constitutes the gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of SBC-13STATE.

10. MUTUALITY

- 10.1 CLEC agrees that to the extent it offers the type of services covered by this Appendix to any company, that should SBC-13STATE request such services, CLEC will provide such services to SBC-13STATE under terms and conditions comparable to the terms and conditions contained in this Appendix.

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.

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APPENDIX MERGER CONDITIONS**1. MERGER CONDITIONS**

- 1.1 For purposes of this Appendix only SBC-13STATE is defined as one of the following ILECs as appropriate to the underlying Agreement (without reference to this Appendix) in those geographic areas where the referenced SBC owned Company is the ILEC: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
- 1.1.1 As used herein, SBC-AMERITECH means the applicable listed ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin
- 1.1.2 As used herein, SBC-13STATE means an ILEC doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.3 As used herein, SBC-8STATE means an ILEC doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas.
- 1.2 SBC-13STATE will provide to CLEC certain items as set out in the Conditions for FCC Order Approving SBC/Ameritech Merger, CC Docket No. 98-141 (FCC Merger Conditions), including certain carrier-to-carrier promotions for use by CLEC to provision local service to residential end user customers on terms and conditions described in the FCC Merger Conditions, an alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") process designed to resolve carrier-to-carrier disputes before such disputes become formal complaints before the Commission and other items as specified herein.
- 1.3 The Parties agree to abide by and incorporate by reference into this Appendix the FCC Merger Conditions.
- 1.4 This Appendix terminates the earlier of (1) the date this Agreement itself terminates without reference to this Appendix or (2) the date SBC-13STATE obligations cease under the FCC Merger Conditions

2. DEFINED TERMS; DATES OF REFERENCE

- 2.1 Unless otherwise defined in this Appendix, capitalized terms shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix and in the FCC Merger Conditions.
- 2.2 For purposes of calculating the intervals set forth in the FCC Merger Conditions concerning carrier to carrier promotions:
- 2.2.1 the Merger Closing Date is October 8, 1999; and
- 2.2.2 the Offering Window begins November 7, 1999.
- 2.3 "FCC Merger Conditions" means the Conditions for FCC Order Approving SBC/Ameritech Merger, CC Docket No. 98-141.

3. DISCOUNTED SURROGATE LINE SHARING CHARGES

- 3.1 Pursuant to the terms and conditions, at the times specified, and in the geographic areas identified all as set out in section 14 of the FCC Merger Conditions, and subject to CLEC's qualification and compliance with the provisions of the FCC Merger Conditions, SBC-13STATE will provide unbundled local loops to CLEC for the purpose of providing Advanced Services (such as ADSL) where such loops are not used to also provide voice grade services and all other provisions in the FCC Merger Conditions are met at 50% of the lowest monthly recurring charge, 50% of the lowest non-recurring line or service connection charge, and 100% of the lowest non-recurring service order charges (i.e. there is no discount for service order charges) for the unbundled local loop then effective that has been established by the state commission pursuant to 252(d)(1) of the Act.
- 3.2 If CLEC does not qualify to order the unbundled local loops for the purpose of providing Advanced Services (such as ADSL) as set forth in the FCC Merger Conditions, SBC-13STATE's provision, if any, and CLEC's payment for unbundled Local Loops for the purpose of providing Advanced Services (such as ADSL) shall continue to be governed by the terms currently contained in this Agreement without reference to this Appendix. Unless SBC-13STATE receives thirty (30) days advance written notice with instructions to terminate the discounted surrogate line sharing charges or to convert such line to an available alternative arrangement provided by SBC-13STATE, then upon expiration of any discounted surrogate line sharing charges, the line shall automatically convert to an appropriate SBC-13STATE product/service offering pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement or, in the absence of terms and conditions in the Agreement, the applicable tariff. Where there are no terms for such offering in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix and there is no applicable

tariff, the Parties shall meet within 30 days of a written request to negotiate mutually acceptable rates, terms and conditions that shall apply retroactively. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement within 60 days of the written request to negotiate, any outstanding disputes shall be handled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures in the Agreement.

4. OSS: CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

- 4.1 Upon request by CLEC, within one month of the Merger Closing Date, SBC-13STATE and CLEC shall begin to negotiate along with other interested CLECs a uniform change management process for implementation in the SBC-13STATE Service-Area to the extent required by paragraph 32 of the FCC Merger Conditions. For purposes of this Paragraph, "change management process" means the documented process that SBC-13STATE and the CLECs follow to facilitate communication about OSS changes, new interfaces and retirement of old interfaces, as well as the implementation timeframes; which includes such provisions as a 12-month developmental view, release announcements, comments and reply cycles, joint testing processes and regularly scheduled change management meetings. SBC-13STATE will follow the uniform change management process agreed upon with interested CLECs.

5. OSS: ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN FLAT-RATE MONTHLY CHARGES

- 5.1 Effective with the first billing cycle that begins after the Merger Closing date, SBC-13STATE hereby eliminates in the SBC-13STATE Service Area, on a going-forward basis, all flat-rate monthly charges for access to the Remote Access Facility and the Information Services Call Center. The intent of this Paragraph is to eliminate the flat-rate monthly charges (amounting to approximately \$3600 per month per CLEC per State) that SBC-13STATE charged CLECs prior to the Merger Closing Date. Effective with the first billing cycle that begins after the Merger Closing date, SBC-13STATE also hereby eliminates in the SBC-13STATE Service Area, on a going-forward basis, any flat-rate monthly charges for access to standard, non-electronic order processing facilities that are used for orders of 30 lines or less. This Paragraph does not limit SBC-13STATE's right to charge CLEC for the cost of processing service orders received by electronic or non-electronic means, whether on an electronic or non-electronic basis; to charge CLEC for the cost of providing loop make-up information, or to recover the costs of developing and providing OSS through the pricing of UNEs or resold services, in accordance with applicable federal and state pricing requirements

6. ADVANCED SERVICES OSS DISCOUNTS

- 6.1 SBC-13STATE will, subject to CLEC's qualification and compliance with the provisions of the FCC Merger Conditions, provide CLEC a discount of 25% from

recurring and nonrecurring charges (including 25% from the Surrogate Line Sharing Charges, if applicable) that otherwise would be applicable for unbundled local loops used to provide Advanced Services in the same relevant geographic area under the conditions and for the period of time outlined in the FCC Merger Conditions.

- 6.2 If CLEC does not qualify for the promotional unbundled Local Loop discounts set forth in the FCC Merger Conditions, SBC-13STATE's provision, if any, and CLEC's payment for unbundled Local Loops shall continue to be governed by the terms currently contained in this Agreement without reference to this Appendix. Unless SBC-13STATE receives thirty (30) days advance written notice with instructions to terminate loops used to provide Advanced Services or to convert such loops to an available alternative service provided by SBC-13STATE, then upon expiration of discounts for loops used to provide Advanced Services, the loops shall automatically convert to an appropriate SBC-13STATE product/service offering pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement without reference to this Appendix or, in the absence of terms and conditions in the Agreement, the applicable tariff. Where there are no terms for such offering in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix and there is no applicable tariff, the Parties shall meet within 30 days of a written request to do so to negotiate mutually acceptable rates, terms and conditions that shall apply retroactively. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement within 60 days of the written request to negotiate, any outstanding disputes shall be handled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures in the Agreement.

7. PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNTS ON UNBUNDLED LOCAL LOOPS USED FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

- 7.1 SBC-13STATE will provide CLEC access to unbundled 2-Wire Analog Loop(s) for use by CLEC in providing local service to residential end user customers at the rates and on the terms and conditions set forth in the FCC Merger Conditions for the period specified therein. Such provision of loops is subject to CLEC's qualification and compliance with the provisions of the FCC Merger Conditions.
- 7.2 If CLEC does not qualify for the promotional unbundled Loop discounts set forth in the FCC Merger Conditions, SBC-13STATE's provision, if any, and CLEC's payment for unbundled Loops shall continue to be governed by Appendix UNE as currently contained in this Agreement without reference to this Appendix. Unless SBC-13STATE receives thirty (30) days advance written notice with instructions to terminate the unbundled Local Loop provided with the Promotional Discount or to convert such service to an available alternative service provided by SBC-13STATE, then upon expiration of the Promotional Discount for any unbundled Local Loop, the loop shall automatically convert to an appropriate SBC-13STATE product/service offering pursuant to the terms and conditions of the

Agreement without reference to this Appendix or, in the absence of terms and conditions in the Agreement, the applicable tariff. Where there are no terms for such offering in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix and there is no applicable tariff, the Parties shall meet within 30 days of a written request to do so to negotiate mutually acceptable rates, terms and conditions that shall apply retroactively. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement within 60 days of the written request to negotiate, any outstanding disputes shall be handled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures in the Agreement.

8. PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNTS ON RESALE

- 8.1 SBC-13STATE will provide CLEC promotional resale discounts on telecommunications services that SBC-13STATE provides at retail to subscribers who are not telecommunications carriers, where such services are resold to residential end user customers at the rates and on the terms and conditions set forth in the FCC Merger Conditions for the period specified therein. Such provision of promotional resale discounts is subject to CLEC's qualification and compliance with the provisions of the FCC Merger Conditions.
- 8.2 If CLEC does not qualify for the promotional resale discounts set forth in the FCC Merger Conditions, SBC-13STATE's provision, if any, and CLEC's payment for promotional resale discounts shall continue to be governed by Appendix Resale as currently contained in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix. Unless SBC receives thirty (30) days advance written notice with instructions to terminate service provided via a Promotional discount on resale or to convert such service to an available alternative service provided by SBC-13STATE, then upon expiration of any Promotional discount, the service shall automatically convert to an appropriate SBC-13STATE product/service offering pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement or, in the absence of terms and conditions in the Agreement, the applicable tariff. Where there are no terms for such offering in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix and there is no applicable tariff, the Parties shall meet within 30 days of a written request to do so to negotiate mutually acceptable rates, terms and conditions that shall apply retroactively. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement within 60 days of the written request to negotiate, any outstanding disputes shall be handled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures in the Agreement.

9. PROMOTIONAL UNE PLATFORM

- 9.1 SBC-13STATE will provide to CLEC, at the rates, terms and conditions and for the period of time contained in the FCC Merger Conditions, promotional end-to-end combinations of UNEs (the "promotional UNE platform") to enable CLEC to provide residential POTS service and residential Basic Rate Interface ISDN service. The promotional UNE platform may be used to provide exchange access

services in combination with these services. For purposes of this Paragraph, the promotional UNE platform is a combination of all network elements used to provide residential POTS service and residential Basic Rate Interface ISDN service and available under FCC Rule 51.319, as in effect on January 24, 1999. When SBC-13STATE provides the promotional UNE platform, CLEC will pay a sum equal to the total of the charges (both recurring and nonrecurring) for each individual UNE and cross connect in the existing assembly. Where a new assembly is required, CLEC will pay an additional charge to compensate SBC-13STATE for creating such new assembly. The assembly charge will be established pursuant to section 252(d)(1) of the Telecommunications Act by agreement of the parties or by the appropriate state commission. Should CLEC's order require an assembly charge prior to establishment of such charge, SBC-13STATE will bill and CLEC will pay after such charge is established. Provision of the promotional UNE platform is subject to CLEC's qualification and compliance with the provisions of the FCC Merger Conditions.

- 9.2 If CLEC does not qualify for the promotional UNE platform set forth in the FCC Merger Conditions, or if the promotional UNE platform is no longer available for any reason, SBC-13STATE's provision and CLEC's payment for the new or embedded base customers' unbundled network elements, cross connects or other items, and combining charges, if any, used in providing the promotional UNE platform shall be governed by the rates, terms, and conditions as currently contained in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix. Should such provisions not be contained in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix, SBC-13STATE's provision and CLEC's payment will be at the price level of an analogous resale service or the applicable tariff. Where there are no terms for an analogous resale service in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix and there is no applicable tariff, the Parties shall meet within 30 days of a written request to do so to negotiate mutually acceptable rates, terms and conditions that shall apply retroactively. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement within 60 days of the written request to negotiate, any outstanding disputes shall be handled in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures in the Agreement.
- 9.3 Notwithstanding 9.1 and 9.2 above, SBC-AMERITECH shall provide a Promotional UNE Platform which shall consist of a) an Unbundled Local Loop; and b) Unbundled Local Switching with Interim Shared Transport, both as defined and offered in this Agreement. The Promotional UNE Platform shall consist of the functionality provided by: 1) an Unbundled Local Loop and 2) ULS-IST purchased under the provisions of this Amendment (and not from any other source). If the unbundled Local Loop offering or the ULS-IST offering in this Amendment changes, the Promotional UNE Platform will automatically change to the same extent.

- 9.3.1 SBC-AMERITECH will provide The Promotional UNE Platform in accordance with the terms and conditions as listed on the "Combined Platform Offering" Unbundling Elements Ordering Guide document on SBC-AMERITECH's TCNet.

10. LOOP CONDITIONING CHARGES

- 10.1 In accordance with paragraph 21 of the FCC Merger Conditions SBC-13STATE will provide to CLEC at the rates, terms and conditions and for the period of time contained in the FCC Merger Conditions conditioning services for xDSL loops for purposes of CLEC providing Advanced Services (as that term is defined in the FCC Merger Conditions). Such conditioning services will be provided subject to true up as set out in paragraph 21. CLEC will identify to SBC-13STATE the rate to be charged subject to true-up not less than 30 days before ordering xDSL loop conditioning to which said rate will apply. During this interim period and subject to true-up, unbundled loops of less than 12,000 feet (based on theoretical loop length) that could be conditioned to meet the minimum requirements defined in the associated SBC-13STATE technical publications through the removal of load coils, bridged taps, and/or voice grade repeaters will be conditioned at no charge. Where SBC-13STATE identifies conditioning (with associated conditioning charges) that is necessary for an unbundled loop ordered by CLEC to provide Advanced Services, SBC-13STATE will obtain CLEC's authorization to perform, and agreement to pay for, each type of conditioning before proceeding with any conditioning work.

11. ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 11.1 In addition to the foregoing, upon CLEC's request, the Parties shall adhere to and implement, as applicable, the Alternative Dispute Resolution guidelines and procedures described in the FCC Merger Conditions including Attachment D.

12. CONFLICTING CONDITIONS

- 12.1 If any of the FCC Merger Conditions in this Appendix and conditions imposed in connection with the merger under state law grant similar rights against SBC-13STATE, CLEC shall not have a right to invoke the relevant terms of these FCC Merger Conditions in this Appendix if CLEC has invoked substantially related conditions imposed on the merger under state law in accordance the FCC Merger Conditions.

13. SUSPENSION OF CONDITIONS

- 13.1 If the FCC Merger Conditions are overturned or any of the provisions of the FCC Merger Conditions that are incorporated herein by reference are amended or

modified as a result of any order or finding by the FCC, a court of competent jurisdiction or other governmental and/or regulatory authority, any impacted promotional discounts and other provision described in this Appendix shall be automatically and without notice suspended as of the date of such termination or order or finding and shall not apply to any product or service purchased by CLEC or provisioned by SBC-13STATE after the date of such termination or order or finding. Thereafter, SBC-13STATE's continued provision and CLEC's payment for any service or item originally ordered or provided under this Appendix shall be governed by the rates, terms, and conditions as currently contained in the Agreement without reference to this Appendix. In the event that the FCC changes, modifies, adds or deletes any of the FCC Merger Conditions set forth herein, the Parties agree that the FCC's final order controls and takes precedence over the FCC Merger Conditions set forth herein.

14. UNBUNDLED LOCAL SWITCHING WITH INTERIM SHARED TRANSPORT

14.1 The Interim Shared Transport Capability of ULS-IST

14.1.1 Interim Shared Transport capability of ULS-IST refers to all transmission facilities connecting SBC-AMERITECH's switches which can be shared by more than one LEC, including SBC-AMERITECH. These facilities include those between SBC-AMERITECH's End Office Switches, between SBC-AMERITECH's End Office Switch and SBC-AMERITECH's Tandem Office Switch, and between SBC-AMERITECH's Tandem Office Switches.

14.1.2 SBC-AMERITECH will not require use of dedicated transport or customized routing to complete calls using ULS-IST. SBC-AMERITECH will make available a modified version of transiting that does not require a dedicated end office integration ("EOP") transit trunk.

14.1.3 To allow Requesting Carriers, who subscribe to ULS-IST, to originate and complete traffic through SBC-AMERITECH's network to non-SBC-AMERITECH switches, SBC-AMERITECH provides a transit function ("Interim Shared Transport-Transit"). The Interim Shared Transport-Transit function provided herein will permit Requesting Carrier subscribing to SBC-AMERITECH's ULS-IST to use shared facilities and not dedicated transport between SBC-AMERITECH's Central Offices and other carrier's switches providing local, wireless, or interexchange services.

14.1.4 Therefore, all Requesting Carrier's traffic between SBC-AMERITECH switches will utilize Interim Shared Transport and all Requesting Carrier's

traffic to non-SBC-AMERITECH switches will utilize the transit function of Interim Shared Transport.

14.1.5 The Interim Shared Transport rate will be a blend of Interim Shared Transport and Interim Shared Transport-Transit. SBC-AMERITECH reserves the right to establish separate rates for interim Shared Transport and Interim Shared Transport-Transit.

14.1.6 Access to Interim Shared Transport will be provided only though ULS-IST subscribed to by the Requesting Carrier and dedicated to the Requesting Carrier's Customers.

14.1.7 To provide access to ULS-IST, SBC-AMERITECH will utilize its existing routing tables contained in SBC-AMERITECH switches when Requesting Carrier subscribes to ULS-IST in this Schedule.

14.1.8 If a Requesting Carrier elects to use ULS-IST, then custom routing will not be provided. A Requesting Carrier cannot mix the use of ULS-IST and custom routing within an SBC-AMERITECH End Office Switch for local and intraLATA toll traffic. The only exception is when a Requesting Carrier, subscribing to ULS-IST, chooses to custom route its operator services and/or directory assistance calls to dedicated transport bound for its OS/DA provider (including SBC-AMERITECH's telecommunications carrier branded OS/DA Service).

14.2 ULS-IST Rating

14.2.1 SBC-AMERITECH will charge Requesting Carrier ULS rates as set forth in the applicable Appendix Pricing.

14.2.2 SBC-AMERITECH will also charge a Requesting Carrier using SBC-AMERITECH's ULS-IST a usage-sensitive shared transport rate. The Interim Shared Transport rate is based upon a blend of direct and tandem-routed traffic and either local switch usage at the terminating SBC-AMERITECH end office or transiting and applicable termination charges for traffic to a non-SBC-AMERITECH end office. SBC-AMERITECH will not charge a Telecommunications Carrier using SBC-AMERITECH's local switching for usage at the terminating switch to which the Telecommunications Carrier's traffic is delivered by shared transport facilities. SBC-AMERITECH will not create message records for terminating usage under the FCC Conditions.

14.2.2.1 All local and intraLATA traffic is billed from the originating record.

14.2.2.2 Because the originating Telecommunications Carrier is billed for terminating switching, compensation to the terminating carrier is not necessary.

14.2.3 Rating for the Interim Shared Transport capability of ULS-IST will occur in the following manner:

14.2.3.1 The Interim Shared Transport usage rate will apply to all ULS minutes of use.

14.2.3.2 The Interim Shared Transport usage rate has been reduced to account for intraswitch traffic that does not use Interim Shared Transport.

14.2.3.3 The Interim Shared Transport usage rate will apply in addition to the ULS usage charge.

14.2.3.4 The Interim Shared Transport usage rate is based on average transport utilized and average termination costs based on a blend of the following traffic:

14.2.3.4.1 Direct routed traffic terminating to an SBC-AMERITECH end office.

14.2.3.4.2 Tandem routed traffic terminating to an SBC-AMERITECH end office.

14.2.3.4.3 Direct routed traffic terminating to a non-SBC-AMERITECH end office.

14.2.3.4.4 Tandem routed traffic terminating to a non-SBC-AMERITECH end office.

14.2.4 The Interim Shared Transport usage charge per minute of use is set forth in the applicable Appendix Pricing.

14.3 Access Charge Settlement Methodology

14.3.1 Where a Customer served by the Requesting Carrier using SBC-AMERITECH's ULS-IST makes or receives intraLATA or interLATA traffic carried by an interexchange carrier ("IXC"), SBC-AMERITECH will collect its relevant access charges from the interexchange carrier. Based upon originating and terminating usage factors, SBC-AMERITECH will then make payment to (or receive payment from)

the Requesting Carrier based on the difference between the access charges and the applicable charges for the Network Elements used by the Requesting Carrier to provide the access service.

14.3.2 A factoring approach will be used to reimburse the Requesting Carrier for access usage (originating and terminating). Factoring occurs in the following manner:

14.3.2.1 The statewide aggregate average quantity of both originating and terminating exchange access minutes of use (“MOU”) was determined for a ULS-IST Line Port.

14.3.2.2 These MOUs were then multiplied by SBC-AMERITECH’s average access rates to generate a credit for access per ULS-IST Line Port.

14.3.2.3 The average originating MOUs were then multiplied by the ULS and Interim Shared Transport usage rates and the terminating MOUs were multiplied by the Interim Shared Transport usage rate. These were totaled to create a debit for use of SBC-AMERITECH’s network.

14.3.2.4 The difference between the access credit and the ULS Interim Shared Transport debit will be applied to Requesting Carrier’s ULS-IST billing. The adjustment will be made per ULS-IST Line Port on a monthly basis.

14.4 The ULS-IST access credit is set forth in the applicable Appendix Pricing.

14.5 Retroactive True-Up

14.5.1 Upon issuance of a final and non-appealable Order by the Commission that modifies: 1) the Interim Shared Transport MOU rate set forth in ULS-IST section of the Pricing Appendix; and/or 2) the access charge settlement methodology set forth in the ULS-IST section of the Pricing Appendix, the Parties agree to substitute such modified rate or methodology on a prospective basis. In addition, the Parties shall retroactively true-up the amounts the Parties have previously paid and/or received such that each Party receives and/or pays the same level of compensation it would have received and/or paid had the Commission’s final and non-appealable order originally applied in lieu of the MOU rate and/or methodology set forth above.

14.5.2 SBC-AMERITECH will not be required to provide the retroactive true-up for any period prior to the Agreement Effective Date.

14.6 BLOCKING

14.6.1 Requesting Carrier shall comply with all federal and state requirements to block Customer access to Ancillary Services upon Customer's request. Requesting Carrier shall also block Customer access to Ancillary Services upon Ameritech's request, as set forth in Exhibit D.

15. **PROMOTIONAL PAYMENT PLAN FOR UNE AND RESALE–OHIO AND ILLINOIS ONLY**

15.1 SBC-AMERITECH will provide, in the states of Ohio and Illinois, a promotional eighteen (18) month installment payment option to CLECs for the payment of non-recurring charges associated with the purchase of unbundled Network Elements used in the provision of residential services and the resale of services used in the provision of residential services.

15.2 SBC-AMERITECH will provide, in the states of Ohio and Illinois, a promotional payment plan option to CLECs for the payment of non-recurring charges associated with the purchase of unbundled Network Elements used in the provision of residential services and the resale of services used in the provision of residential services. The promotion is available on the terms and conditions set forth in the Ameritech – Ohio and Illinois Merger Conditions for the period specified therein. Such provision of the promotional payment plan is subject to CLEC's qualification and compliance with the provisions of the Ameritech – Ohio and Illinois Merger Conditions.

EXHIBIT D**1. GENERAL INFORMATION ON BLOCKING**

- 1.1 Optional Blocking is available to consumer and business Customers that want the capability to block direct calls to Provider's services covered in this Schedule.
- 1.2 Customers attempting to reach programming from accounts where blocking has been established will reach a recording informing them that the call cannot be completed.
- 1.3 Access to 976 services is prohibited by tariff from providing Group Access Bridging (GAB) services whereby a Customer can be connected to parties other than the IP for the purpose of establishing a conference call.
- 1.4 Collect, operator assisted, calling card, and person-to-person calls to 976 are not allowed.
- 1.5 Collect and person-to-person calls to CPP/C and CPP/P are not allowed.
- 1.6 Calls from WATS, hotel/motel, SBC-AMERITECH Public/semi-public telephones and lines with Call Blocking will not be allowed to 976 service.
- 1.7 976 Call Blocking should not be added to accounts that have Consumer/Business Toll Restrictions.
- 1.8 Call Blocking will be provided only where CO facilities permit.
- 1.9 Call Blocking may not be limited to specific programs.
- 1.10 Call Blocking does not block calls to other telephone companies' numbers.
- 1.11 Call Blocking does not block long distance charges.
- 1.12 Requesting Carrier reserves the right to provide to the general public, upon request, the complete name, address, and telephone number of the Information Providers in response to inquiries and comments referring to the Information Provider's services.
- 1.13 The first time a Customer specifically disputes Pay-Per-Call charges, Customer must be informed of the availability of Call Blocking and disputed charges are adjusted accordingly on Customer's bill. Inform Customer that the Information Provider may pursue collection of charges directly with Customer.

- 1.14 After the Customer specifically disputes charges, inform Customer that mandatory blocking will be established on Customer's line and disputed amount is adjusted accordingly on Customer's bill. Inform Customer that the Information Providers may pursue collection of charges directly with Customers.
- 1.15 Adjustments granted as the result of refusal to pay, denies all knowledge, unsatisfactory payment arrangements, etc., should be classified as an uncollectible adjustment and blocking should be established after first request.
- 1.16 On the database, Adjustments granted as the result of poor transmission, call not completed or calls completed due to failure to establish blocking, such as service order issued incorrectly, should be classified as correct charges on the SBC-AMERITECH entity code (R or NBT).
- 1.17 Blocking must be imposed on those Customers who refuse to pay legitimate Per-Per-Call charges, to the extent permitted under Applicable Law.

APPENDIX FGA

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APPENDIX FGA

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions under which CLEC and the applicable SBC Communication Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) will compensate each other for the joint provision of Feature Group A (FGA) Switched Access Services and/or FGA-Like services, including the Open End (Foreign Exchange) of interLATA Foreign Exchange (FX) or interLATA FX-like service. For purposes of this Agreement the terms Feature Group A (FGA) Switched Access Services and/or FGA-like, interLATA Foreign Exchange (FX) and interLATA FX-like services may be used interchangeably, unless referenced distinctly. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Appendix, the Parties may agree to waive compensation for FGA service if they expect such service to be de minimus. In that event, the provisions of this Appendix will not apply.
- 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, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
- 1.3 SBC-13STATE - 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.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “**Subscriber Access Lines**” means a communication facility provided under a general and/or exchange service tariff extended from an End User premise to a Central Office Switch which may be used to make and receive exchange service calls, intrastate toll service or interstate toll service calls.
- 2.2 “**Feature Group A (FGA) Switched Access Service**” means FGA Switched Access Service includes all facilities and services rendered in furnishing FGA switched access service, both in local traffic area and LATA wide calling areas (interLATA FX includes only the local traffic area), in accordance with the schedule or charges, regulations, terms and conditions stated in the interstate or intrastate tariffs of the Parties.

- 2.3 **“Open End or Foreign Exchange”** means the exchange from which the FGA or foreign service is rendered. That is, the exchange from which the FGA or foreign exchange service obtains switched access to other End Users.
- 2.4 **“The Primary Company”** denotes the Party with the Primary office(s). For interLATA FX and or interLATA FX-like services, the Party with Open End will be considered the Primary Company.
- 2.5 **“The Primary Office”** means an office which: (1) directly or jointly connects to an Interexchange Carrier and/or End User; and (2) provides joint FGA switched access, or FX, service to that Interexchange Carrier and/or End User allowing calls to or from End Offices of the other Party.
- 2.6 **“The Secondary Company”** denotes the Party with the secondary office(s).
- 2.7 **“The Secondary Office”** means any office involved in providing joint FGA switched access to an Interexchange Carrier and/or End User through the switching facilities of the Primary Office.
- 2.8 **“Access Minutes or Minutes of Use (MOUs)”** means those minutes of use as described in Part 69 of the Federal Communications Commissions Rules, and are limited to those FGA and FX MOUs which originate and/or terminate in the Secondary Office(s) covered by this Appendix.
- 2.9 **“Currently Effective Tariff Rate”** means the approved FGA Switched Access tariff rate effective on the first day of the month for which compensation is being calculated.
3. **UNDERTAKING OF THE PARTIES**
- 3.1 The Primary Company will compensate the Secondary Company only to the extent that it has not already been compensated under its interstate or intrastate access service tariffs or other settlement/contract arrangements. This Appendix is subject to applicable tariffs.
- 3.2 To the extent any applicable FGA Switched Access tariff is revised, such company will notify the other of all tariff rate revisions, affecting this Appendix which the FCC or other appropriate regulatory authority allows to take effect, at least thirty (30) days in advance of their effective date. Compensation will be based on the revised rates forty-five (45) days after the effective date of the tariff revisions. However, if such company fails to notify the billing company of a new rate within thirty (30) days of its effective date, the billing company may delay implementation of the new rate until the next month's compensation cycle, and will not be required to adjust the previous bills retroactively.

- 3.3 Each Party will furnish to the other such information as may reasonably be required for the administration, computation and distribution of compensation, or otherwise to execute the provisions of this Appendix.

4. ADMINISTRATION OF INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION

- 4.1 The Primary Company will be responsible for the administration, computation and distribution of the FGA access compensation due the Secondary Company.

5. MINUTES OF USE (MOUS) DEVELOPMENT

- 5.1 The Primary Company will calculate the amount of FGA compensation due the Secondary Company, by determining the amount of FGA and FX MOUs attributable to each Secondary Company as described below. The Primary Company will then multiply the MOUs by the rates in the applicable FGA Switched Access tariff to determine the compensation amounts tentatively due the Secondary Company, subject to adjustments for uncollectibles as outlined in Section 6.3.

5.2 Terminating MOUs Development

- 5.2.1 Actual monthly premium (charged at equal access End Office) and non-premium (charged at non-equal access End Offices) terminating FGA and FX access MOUs for each office in the LATA or a FGA or FX access area will be measured by the Primary Company.

- 5.2.2 Where the Primary Company cannot measure or identify the terminating FGA or FX MOUs by End Office, terminating MOUs will be total unmeasured MOUs allocated to the LATA or FGA or FX access area. In this event, terminating FGA MOUs will be distributed based upon the ratio of the Secondary Company's subscriber access lines, as identified in Exhibits A and B, which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, to the total subscriber access lines in the FGA access area as determined by the Primary Company. Terminating FX MOUs, however, will be distributed based upon the ratio of the Secondary Company's subscriber access lines, as identified in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, to the total subscriber access lines in the FX access area as determined by the Primary Company.

5.3 Originating MOUs Development

- 5.3.1 The Primary Company will derive and distribute monthly originating FGA access MOUs to each Secondary Company's End Office in the local calling area, as identified in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made

a part hereof, based upon a ratio of each Party's subscriber access lines to the total subscriber access lines in the local traffic area of the FGA customer as determined by the Primary Company.

- 5.3.2 The Parties recognize that since originating non-local traffic calling area calls to the FGA service area are rated and billed as intraLATA toll, such usage is assumed to be minimal. Therefore, originating FGA access MOUs will not be distributed to end offices outside a local calling area.

6. CALCULATION OF REVENUE DISTRIBUTION

- 6.1 The amount of premium or non-premium compensation due each Party each month will be equal to the sum of Originating and Terminating premium or non-premium compensation for each End Office. This compensation will be calculated by the Primary Company by multiplying each of the applicable FGA switched access tariff rate elements (except the Local Transport element described below) by the appropriate MOU calculation under Sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2.
- 6.2 Local Transport compensation will be determined for each company by multiplying each of the applicable FGA switched access tariff rate elements by the appropriate MOUs (as calculated under Sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2) by the Secondary Company's percentage ownership of facilities agreed on by the Parties and set out in Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 6.3 The amount of compensation due the Secondary Company maybe reduced due to uncollectibles attributable to FGA Access billing experienced by the Primary Carrier.

7. COMPENSATION AMOUNTS, MONTHLY STATEMENTS AND PAYMENTS

- 7.1 The Primary Company, each month, will calculate and prepare a monthly compensation statement reflecting the compensation amounts for FGA access service due the Secondary Company.
- 7.2 The monthly compensation statement will show, for each Secondary Office, separately:
- 7.2.1 The total number of non-premium or premium terminating MOUs and associated compensation amounts.
- 7.2.2 The total number on non-premium or premium originating MOUs and associated compensation amounts.
- 7.2.3 The total compensation due the Secondary Company, by rate element.

- 7.2.4 The number of terminating MOUs recorded by the Primary Company.
- 7.2.5 The number of access lines used to prorate originating usage pursuant to Section 5.3 contained herein.
- 7.2.6 The percent ownership factor, if any, used to prorate Local Transport revenues.
- 7.2.7 Adjustments for uncollectibles.
- 7.3 Within sixty (60) calendar days after the end of each billing period, the Primary Company will remit the compensation amount due the Secondary Company. Where more than one compensation amount is due, they may be combined into a single payment.

8. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 8.1 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

Local Calling Area Locations for Originating and Terminating

Feature Group A Access Service

Primary Office
Company

Secondary Office Company

CLLI CODE NPA-NXX
ACCESS LINE

CLLI CODE

NPA-NXX

EXHIBIT B

Location for LATA Wide Termination
of Feature Group A Access Service in
Non-Local Calling Areas

SECONDARY OFFICE COMPANY

CLLI CODE	NPA-NXX	Access Line	Transport Facilities	% Ownership of LATA
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APPENDIX FX

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This sets forth the terms and conditions under which SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC will compensate each other for the joint provision of intraLATA Foreign Exchange (FX) Services and/or FX-Like services.
- 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, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
- 1.3 SBC-13STATE - As used herein, SBC-13STATE means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “Customer” – As used herein, the term “Customer” does not include any of the Parties to this Agreement with respect to any item or service obtained under this Appendix.
- 2.2 “Foreign Exchange (FX) Service”
 - 2.2.1 FX Service permits a customer physically located in one exchange (serving or closed end exchange) to have a telephone number associated with another exchange (open end or foreign exchange). FX allows a customer to have a telephone number presence in a community other than the one where the customer equipment is physically located.
 - 2.2.2 FX Service is generally provided in one of two ways. The “line haul” foreign exchange, where the customer is connected by an ordinary access line to its serving wire center and is then connected by a dedicated facility to the foreign exchange wire center which generates the dial tone.

- 2.2.3 Under a "dedicated prefix" arrangement, the customer's ordinary access line is assigned a prefix within its serving wire center which is dedicated to functioning as a prefix in a foreign exchange. The serving wire center routes the customer's traffic over dedicated or switched facilities to a switch or switches in the foreign exchange whereby it is connected to telephone numbers in the foreign exchange.
- 2.2.4 In either case, the total of all facilities which are used to connect the FX customer to the telephone numbers in the foreign exchange, i.e., the access line and local switch within the serving exchange, the facilities connecting the serving exchange local switch to the foreign exchange switch, and the foreign exchange switching facilities are considered as the facilities required to provide the foreign exchange service.
- 2.2.5 Foreign exchange facility arrangements, other than those described above, are possible. However, where different arrangements are used, the same principles apply. That is, the total of all facilities used in the connection of the FX customer to the telephone number in the foreign exchange are considered as the facilities used to provide the foreign exchange service.
- 2.3 **"Open End or Foreign Exchange"** means the exchange from which the foreign service is rendered. That is, the exchange from which the foreign exchange service obtains switched access to other End Users.
- 2.4 **"Primary Party"** denotes the Party that bills the FX customer for the FX service when, by mutual agreement of the Parties, only one of the Parties bills the FX customer for the facilities provided by both Parties.
- 2.5 **"Serving or Closed End Exchange"** denotes the exchange in which the FX customer is physically located.
- 2.6 **"Secondary Party"** denotes the Party that does not bill the FX customer, when, by mutual agreement of the Parties, only one of the Parties bills the FX customer for the facilities provided by both Parties.

3. UNDERTAKING OF THE PARTIES

- 3.1 If mutually agreeable by the Parties, one Party may act as the Primary Party and bill the FX customer for the entire FX Service. In this case, the Primary Party will compensate the Secondary Party for the portion of the FX Service that the Secondary Party provides based on the Secondary Party's applicable tariffed rates for the facilities that the Secondary Party

provides. If the Secondary Party does not have tariff rates applicable for the facilities that it has provided for its portion of the FX Service, the Primary Party will reimburse the Secondary Party based on rates negotiated between the Parties.

- 3.2 Otherwise, each Party will separately bill the FX customer for the portion of the FX service facilities that it provides based on its applicable tariffed rates. If either Party does not have tariff rates applicable for the facilities that it has provided for its portion of the FX Service, that Party will bill the FX customer based on its costs of providing its portion of the FX Service facilities.

4. COMPENSATION AMOUNTS, MONTHLY STATEMENTS AND PAYMENTS

- 4.1 In the event that only one Party bills the FX customer for the entire FX service, within thirty (30) calendar days after the end of each billing period, the Primary Party will remit the compensation amount due the Secondary Party. Where more than one compensation amount is due, they may be combined into a single payment.
- 4.2 The amount of compensation due the Secondary Company maybe reduced due to uncollectibles attributable to FX Service billing experienced by the Primary Party for the jointly provided FX Services.

5. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 5.1 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 ITR

(Interconnection Trunking Requirements)

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APPENDIX ITR (Interconnection Trunking Requirements)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Interconnection 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, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, 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 ILECs doing business Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.4 This Appendix provides descriptions of the trunking requirements between CLEC and SBC-13STATE. All references to incoming and outgoing trunk groups are from the perspective of CLEC. The paragraphs below describe the required and optional trunk groups for local, IntraLATA toll, InterLATA "meet point", mass calling, E911, Operator Services and Directory Assistance traffic.
- 1.5 Local trunk groups may only be used to transport traffic between the parties End Users.
- 1.6 Transit traffic is originated by or terminated to the CLEC End User from or to other networks and not to SBC-13STATE End Users.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 SBC-SWBT - As used herein, SBC-SWBT means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 2.2 SBC-AMERITECH - As used herein, SBC-AMERITECH means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 2.3 SBC-MOKA - As used herein, SBC-MOKA means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

- 2.4 **PACIFIC** - As used herein, **PACIFIC** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in California.
- 2.5 **NEVADA** - As used herein, **NEVADA** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 2.6 **SNET** - As used herein, **SNET** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 2.7 "Network Interconnection Methods" (NIM) designates facilities established between the Parties Networks.

3. ONE-WAY AND TWO-WAY TRUNK GROUPS

- 3.1 A one-way trunk group for ancillary services (e.g. OPS/DA, mass calling, 911) can be established between a CLEC Tandem or End Office switch and an **SBC-13STATE** Tandem. This trunk group will utilize Signaling System 7 (SS7) or multi-frequency (MF) signaling protocol, with SS7 signaling preferred whenever possible. CLEC will have administrative control of one-way trunk groups from CLEC to **SBC-13STATE** (CLEC originating).
- 3.2 Two-way trunk groups for local, IntraLATA and InterLATA traffic can be established between a CLEC switch and an **SBC-13STATE** Tandem or End Office switch. This trunk group will utilize Signaling System 7 (SS7) or multi-frequency (MF) signaling protocol, with SS7 signaling preferred whenever possible. Two-way trunking will be jointly provisioned and maintained. For administrative consistency CLEC will have control for the purpose of issuing Access Service Requests (ASRs) on two-way groups. **SBC-13STATE** will use the Trunk Group Service Request (TGSR), as described in section 8.0 of this Appendix, to request changes in trunking. Both Parties reserve the right to issue ASRs, if so required, in the normal course of business.
- 3.3 The Parties agree that two-way trunking shall be established when possible and appropriate for a given trunk group. However, in the **SBC-AMERITECH** and **SNET**, certain technical and billing issues may necessitate the use of one-way trunking for an interim period. The Parties will negotiate the appropriate trunk configuration, whether one-way or two-way to accommodate the present billing and technical limitations.
- 3.4 The Parties agree to exchange traffic data on two-way trunks and to implement such an exchange within three (3) months of the date that two-way trunking is established and the trunk groups begin passing live traffic, or another date as agreed to by the Parties. Exchange of traffic data will permit each company to have knowledge of the offered and overflow load at each end of the two-way

trunk group, and thereby enable accurate and independent determination of performance levels and trunk requirements. The parties agree to the electronic exchange of data.

- 3.5 The Parties recognize that embedded one-way trunks may exist for Local/IntraLATA toll traffic via end-point meet Interconnection architecture. The parties agree to negotiate a transition plan to migrate the embedded one-way trunks to two-way trunks via any Interconnection method as described in Appendix NIM. The Parties will coordinate any such migration, trunk group prioritization, and implementation schedule. SBC-13STATE agrees to develop a cutover plan and project manage the cutovers with CLEC participation and agreement.

4. TANDEM TRUNKING AND DIRECT END OFFICE TRUNKING

- 4.1 SBC-13STATE deploys in its network Tandems that switch local only traffic (local Tandem SBC-SWBT only), Tandems that switch IntraLATA and InterLATA traffic (Access Tandem) and Tandems that switch both local and IntraLATA/InterLATA traffic (local/Access Tandem). In addition SBC-13STATE deploys Tandems that switch ancillary traffic such as 911 (911 Tandem), Operator Services/ Directory Assistance (OPS/DA Tandem), and mass calling (choke Tandem). Traffic on Tandem trunks does not terminate at the Tandem but is switched to other trunks that terminate the traffic in End Offices and ultimately to End Users.
- 4.2 When Tandem trunks are deployed, CLEC shall route appropriate traffic (i.e. only traffic to End Offices that subtend that Tandem) to the respective SBC-13STATE Tandems on the trunk groups defined below. SBC-13STATE shall route appropriate traffic to CLEC switches on the trunk groups defined below.
- 4.2.1 When transit traffic through the SBC-13STATE Tandem from CLEC to another Local Exchange Carrier, CLEC or wireless carrier requires 24 or more trunks, CLEC shall establish a direct End Office trunk group between itself and the other Local Exchange Carrier, CLEC or wireless carrier CLEC shall route Transit Traffic via SBC-13STATE's Tandem switches, and not at or through any SBC-13STATE End Offices. This trunk group will be serviced in accordance with the Trunk Design Blocking Criteria in Section 7.0.
- 4.3 While the Parties agree that it is the responsibility of the CLEC to enter into arrangements with each third party carrier (ILECs or other CLECs) to deliver or receive transit traffic, SBC-13STATE acknowledges that such arrangements may not currently be in place and an interim arrangement will facilitate traffic completion on an interim basis. Accordingly, until the earlier of (i) the date on

which either Party has entered into an arrangement with third-party carrier to exchange transit traffic to CLEC and (ii) the date transit traffic volumes exchanged by the CLEC and third-party carrier exceed the volumes specified in Section 4.21, SBC-13STATE will provide CLEC with transit service. CLEC agrees to use reasonable efforts to enter into agreements with third-party carriers as soon as possible after the Effective Date.

4.4 Direct End Office trunks terminate traffic from a CLEC switch to an SBC-13STATE End Office and are not switched at a Tandem location. The Parties shall establish a two-way direct End Office trunk group when End Office traffic requires twenty-four (24) or more trunks or when no local or local/Access Tandem is present in the local exchange area. Overflow from either end of the direct End Office trunk group will be alternate routed to the appropriate Tandem.

4.5 All traffic received by SBC-13STATE on the direct End Office trunk group from CLEC must terminate in the End Office, i.e. no Tandem switching will be performed in the End Office. Where End Office functionality is provided in a remote End Office of a host/remote configuration, the Interconnection for that remote End Office is only available at the host switch. The number of digits to be received by the SBC-13STATE End Office shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties. This trunk group shall be two-way.

4.6 Trunk Configuration

4.6.1 Trunk Configuration – SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH and SNET

4.6.1.1 Where available and upon the request of the other Party, each Party shall cooperate to ensure that its trunk groups are configured utilizing the B8ZS ESF protocol for 64 kbps Clear Channel Capability (64CCC) transmission to allow for ISDN interoperability between the Parties' respective networks. Trunk groups configured for 64CCC and carrying Circuit Switched Data (CSD) ISDN calls shall carry the appropriate Trunk Type Modifier in the CLCI-Message code. Trunk groups configured for 64CCC and not used to carry CSD ISDN calls shall carry a different appropriate Trunk Type Modifier in the CLCI-Message code.

4.6.2 Trunk Configuration – PACIFIC and NEVADA

4.6.2.1 When Interconnecting at PACIFIC/NEVADA's digital End Offices, the Parties have a preference for use of Bipolar 8 Zero Substitution Extended Super Frame (B8ZS ESF) two-way trunks for all traffic between their networks. Where available, such

trunk equipment will be used for LI trunk groups. Where AMI trunks are used, either Party may request upgrade to B8ZS ESF when such equipment is available.

- 4.6.2.2 When Interconnecting at PACIFIC's DMS Tandem(s), 64K CCC data and voice traffic may be combined on the same B8ZF ESF facilities and 2-way trunk group. 64 CCC data and voice traffic must be separate and not combined at PACIFIC's 4E Tandems. A CLEC establishing new trunk groups to carry combined voice and data traffic from PACIFIC's DMS Tandems may do so where facilities and equipment exist. Where separate voice and data Interconnection trunking already exists CLEC may transition to combined voice and data trunking as a major project, subject to rules, timelines and guidelines set forth in the CLEC handbook, which is not incorporated herein refer to the appropriate ILEC's website. In all cases, CLEC will be required to disconnect existing voice-only trunk groups as existing 64K CCC trunk groups are augmented to carry both voice and data traffic. For both the combined and the segregated voice and data trunk groups, where additional equipment is required, such equipment will be obtained, engineered, and installed on the same basis and with the same intervals as any similar growth job which PACIFIC does for IXC's, CLEC's, or itself for 64K CCC trunks.

5. TRUNK GROUPS

- 5.1 The following trunk groups shall used to exchange various types of traffic between CLEC and SBC-13STATE.
- 5.2 Local & IntraLATA Interconnection Trunk Group(s) in Each Local Exchange Area: SBC-SWBT and SNET.
- 5.2.1 A two-way local trunk group shall be established between CLEC switch and each SBC-SWBT and SNET local Tandem in the local exchange area. Inter-Tandem switching is not provided.
- 5.2.2 Where traffic from CLEC switch to SBC-SWBT and SNET End Office is sufficient, 24 or more trunks, a local trunk group shall also be established to the SBC-SWBT End Office as described in Sections 4.4 and 4.5.
- 5.2.3 A local trunk group shall be established from CLEC switch to each SBC-SWBT and SNET End Office in a local exchange area that has no local Tandem.

- 5.2.4 Each Party shall deliver to the other Party over the Local Trunk Group(s) only such traffic that originates and terminates in the local exchange area.
 - 5.2.5 When SBC-SWBT and SNET has a separate local Tandem and Access Tandem in the local exchange area, a two-way IntraLATA toll trunk group in addition to a two-way local trunk group shall be established from CLEC switch to the SBC-SWBT and SNET Access Tandem(s).
 - 5.2.6 When SBC-SWBT and SNET has a combined local/Access Tandem in a local exchange area, local and IntraLATA toll traffic shall be combined on a combined local/IntraLATA trunk group.
 - 5.2.7 When SBC-SWBT and SNET has more than one combined local/Access Tandem in a local exchange area, local and IntraLATA toll traffic shall be combined on a combined local/IntraLATA trunk group to each SBC-SWBT and SNET Tandem.
- 5.3 Local and IntraLATA Interconnection Trunk Group(s) in Each LATA: SBC-AMERITECH, PACIFIC, and NEVADA
- 5.3.1 Tandem Trunking - Single Tandem LATAs
 - 5.3.1.1 Where PACIFIC, NEVADA or SBC-AMERITECH has a single Access Tandem in a LATA, IntraLATA Toll and Local traffic shall be combined on a single Local Interconnection Trunk group for calls destined to or from all End Offices that subtend the) Tandem. This trunk group shall be two-way and will utilize Signaling System 7 (SS7) signaling.
 - 5.3.2 Tandem Trunking – Multiple Tandem LATAs
 - 5.3.2.1 Where PACIFIC, NEVADA or SBC-SWBT has more than one Access Tandem in a LATA, IntraLATA Toll and Local traffic shall be combined on a single Local Interconnection Trunk Group at every PACIFIC, NEVADA or SBC-AMERITECH Tandem for calls destined to or from all End Offices that subtend each Tandem. These trunk groups shall be two-way and will utilize Signaling System 7 (SS7) signaling.
 - 5.3.3 Direct End Office Trunking
 - 5.3.3.1 The Parties shall establish direct End Office primary high usage LI trunk groups for the exchange of IntraLATA Toll and Local traffic where actual or projected traffic demand is or will be

twenty four (24) or more trunks, as described in Sections 4.4 and 4.5.

5.4 InterLATA (Meet Point) Trunk Group: SBC-13STATE

- 5.4.1 InterLATA traffic shall be transported between CLEC switch and the SBC-13STATE Access or combined local/Access Tandem over a "meet point" trunk group separate from local and IntraLATA toll traffic. The InterLATA trunk group will be established for the transmission and routing of exchange access traffic between CLEC's End Users and inter exchange carriers via a SBC-13STATE Access Tandem.
- 5.4.2 InterLATA trunk groups shall be set up as two-way and will utilize SS7 signaling, except multifrequency ("MF") signaling will be used on a separate "Meet Point" trunk group to complete originating calls to switched access customers that use MF FGD signaling protocol.
- 5.4.3 When SBC-13STATE has more than one Access Tandem in a local exchange area or LATA, CLEC shall establish an InterLATA trunk group to each SBC-13STATE Access Tandem where the CLEC has homed its NXX code(s). If the Access Tandems are in two different states, CLEC shall establish an InterLATA trunk group with one Access Tandem in each state.
- 5.4.4 CLEC will home its NPA-NXXs to the Access Tandem that serves the geographic area for the V&H coordinate assigned to the NXX.
- 5.4.5 FOR PACIFIC ONLY: CLEC will home new codes serving a particular community on the Tandem serving that community, as defined in SCHEDULE CAL.P.U.C. NO. 175—T, Section 6.7.3, Tandem Access Sectorization (TAS). CLEC is not required, however, to home codes by the sector designations. CLEC also agrees to locate at least one Local Routing Number (LRN) per home Tandem if CLEC ports any telephone numbers to its network from a community currently homing on that Tandem.
- 5.4.6 SBC-13STATE: For each NXX code used by either Party, the Party that owns the NXX must maintain network facilities (whether owned or leased) used to actively provide, in part, local Telecommunications Service in the geographic area assigned to such NXX code. If either Party uses its NXX Code to provide foreign exchange service to its customers outside of the geographic area assigned to such code, that Party shall be solely responsible to transport traffic between its foreign exchange service customer and such code's geographic area.

5.4.7 SBC-13STATE will not block switched access customer traffic delivered to any SBC-13STATE Tandem for completion on CLEC's network. The Parties understand and agree that InterLATA trunking arrangements are available and functional only to/from switched access customers who directly connect with any SBC-13STATE Access Tandem that CLEC switch subtends in each LATA. In no event will SBC-13STATE be required to route such traffic through more than one Tandem for connection to/from switched access customers. SBC-13STATE shall have no responsibility to ensure that any switched access customer will accept traffic that CLEC directs to the switched access customer. SBC-13STATE also agrees to furnish CLEC, upon request, a list of those IXCs which also Interconnect with SBC-13STATE's Access Tandem(s).

5.4.8 CLEC shall provide all SS7 signaling information including, without limitation, charge number and originating line information ("OLI"). For terminating FGD, SBC-13STATE will pass all SS7 signaling information including, without limitation, CPN if it receives CPN from FGD carriers. All privacy indicators will be honored. Where available, network signaling information such as transit network selection ("TNS") parameter, carrier identification codes ("CIC") (CCS platform) and CIC/OZZ information (non-SS7 environment) will be provided by CLEC wherever such information is needed for call routing or billing. The Parties will follow all OBF adopted standards pertaining to TNS and CIC/OZZ codes.

5.5 800/(8YY) Traffic: SBC-13STATE

5.5.1 If CLEC chooses SBC-13STATE to handle 800/(8YY) database queries from its switches, all CLEC originating 800/(8YY) traffic will be routed over the InterLATA meet point trunk group. This traffic will include a combination of both Interexchange Carrier (IXC), 800/(8YY) service and CLEC 800/(8YY) service that will be identified and segregated by carrier through the database query handled through the SBC-13STATE Tandem switch.

5.5.2 All originating Toll Free Service (800/8YY) calls for which CLEC requests that SBC-13STATE perform the Service Switching Point ("SSP") function (e.g., perform the database query) shall be delivered using GR-394 format over the Meet Point Trunk Group. Carrier Code "0110" and Circuit Code (to be determined for each LATA) shall be used for all such calls.

5.5.3 CLEC may handle its own 800/8YY database queries from its switch. If so, CLEC will determine the nature (local/intra-LATA/inter-LATA) of the 800/8YY call based on the response from the database. If the query

determines that the call is an local or IntraLATA 800/8YY number, CLEC will route the post-query local or IntraLATA converted ten-digit local number to SBC-13STATE over the local or intra-LATA trunk group. In such case, the CLEC is to provide an 800/8YY billing record when appropriate. If the query reveals the call is an InterLATA 800/8YY number, CLEC will route the post-query inter-LATA call (800/8YY number) directly from its switch for carriers Interconnected with its network or over the meet point group to carriers not directly connected to its network but are connected to SBC-13STATE's Access Tandem. Calls will be routed to SBC-13 STATE over the local/IntraLATA and inter-LATA trunk groups within the LATA in which the calls originate.

- 5.5.4 All post-query Toll Free Service (800/8YY) calls for which CLEC performs the SSP function, if delivered to SBC-13STATE, shall be delivered using GR-394 format over the Meet Point Trunk Group for calls destined to IXCs, or shall be delivered by CLEC using GR-317 format over the local Interconnection trunk group for calls destined to End Offices that directly subtend the Tandem.

5.6 E911 Trunk Group

- 5.6.1 A segregated trunk group for each NPA shall be established to each appropriate E911 Tandem within the local exchange area in which CLEC offers exchange service. This trunk group shall be set up as a one-way outgoing only and shall utilize MF CAMA signaling or SS7 signaling if available. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group.
- 5.6.2 CLEC shall provide a minimum of two (2) one-way outgoing channels on 9-1-1 trunks dedicated for originating 9-1-1 emergency service calls from the point of Interconnection (POI) to the SBC-13STATE 9-1-1 Tandem. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, the 9-1-1 trunk groups will be initially established as two (2) one-way CAMA MF trunk groups or SS7 connectivity where applicable.
- 5.6.3 CLEC will cooperate with SBC-13STATE to promptly test all 9-1-1 trunks and facilities between CLEC network and the SBC-13STATE 9-1-1 Tandem to assure proper functioning of 9-1-1 service. CLEC will not turn-up live traffic until successful testing is completed by both Parties.

5.7 High Volume Call In (HVCI) / Mass Calling (Choke) Trunk Group: SBC-13STATE

5.7.1 A dedicated trunk group shall be required to the designated Public Response HVCI/Mass Calling Network Access Tandem in each serving area. This trunk group shall be one-way outgoing only and shall utilize MF signaling (except SBC-AMERITECH – which uses SS7). As the HVCI/Mass Calling trunk group is designed to block all excessive attempts toward HVCI/Mass Calling NXXs, it is necessarily exempt from the one percent blocking standard described elsewhere for other final local Interconnection trunk groups. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group.

5.7.2 This group shall be sized as follows:

<i>Number of Access Lines Served</i>	<i>Number of Mass Calling Trunks</i>
0 – 10,000	2
10,001 – 20,000	3
20,001 – 30,000	4
30,001 – 40,000	5
40,001 – 50,000	6
50,001 – 60,000	7
60,001 – 75,000	8
75,000 +	9 maximum

5.7.3 If CLEC should acquire a HVCI/Mass Calling customer, i.e. a radio station, CLEC shall notify SBC-13STATE of the need to establish a one-way outgoing SS7 or MF trunk group from the SBC-13STATE HVCI/Mass Calling Serving Office to the CLEC customer's serving office and SBC-13STATE shall establish this trunk group.

5.7.4 If CLEC finds it necessary to issue a new choke telephone number to a new or existing HVCI/Mass Calling customer, the CLEC may request a meeting to coordinate with SBC-13STATE the assignment of HVCI/Mass Calling telephone number from the existing choke NXX. In the event that the CLEC establishes a new choke NXX, CLEC must notify SBC-13STATE a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to deployment of the new HVCI/Mass Calling NXX. SBC-13STATE will perform the necessary translations in its End Offices and Tandem(s) and issue ASR's to establish a one-way outgoing SS7 or MF trunk group from the SBC-13STATE Public Response HVCI/Mass Calling Network Access Tandem to the CLEC's choke serving office.

- 5.7.5 Where SBC-13STATE and CLEC both provide HVCI/Mass Calling trunking, both parties' trunks may ride the same DS-1. MF and SS7 trunk groups shall not be provided within a DS-1 facility; a separate DS-1 per signaling type must be used.

5.8 Operator Services/Directory Assistance Trunk Group(s)

- 5.8.1 If SBC-13STATE agrees through a separate appendix or contract to provide Inward Assistance Operator Services for CLEC, CLEC will initiate an ASR for a one-way trunk group from its designated operator services switch to the SBC-13STATE OPERATOR SERVICES Tandem utilizing MF signaling. Reciprocally, SBC-13STATE will initiate an ASR for a one-way MF signaling trunk groups from its OPERATOR SERVICES Tandem to the CLECs designated operator services switch.

- 5.8.2 If SBC-13STATE agrees through a separate appendix or contract to provide Directory Assistance and/or Operator Services for CLEC the following trunk groups are required:

5.8.2.1 Directory Assistance (DA):

- 5.8.2.1.1 CLEC may contract for DA services only. A segregated trunk group for these services will be required to the appropriate SBC-13STATE OPERATOR SERVICES Tandem in the LATA for the NPA the CLEC wishes to serve. This trunk group is set up as one-way outgoing only and utilizes Modified Operator Services Signaling (2 Digit Automatic Number Identification (ANI)). CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on this one-way trunk group.

5.8.2.2 Directory Assistance Call Completion (DACC):

- 5.8.2.2.1 CLEC contracting for DA services may also contract for DACC. This requires a segregated one-way trunk group to each SBC-13STATE OPERATOR SERVICES Tandem within the LATA for the combined DA and DACC traffic. This trunk group is set up as one-way outgoing only and utilizes Modified Operator Services Signaling (2 Digit ANI). The CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on this one-way trunk group.

5.8.2.3 Busy Line Verification/Emergency Interrupt (BLV/EI):

5.8.2.3.1 When SBC-13STATE's operator is under contract to verify the busy status of the CLEC End Users, SBC-13STATE will utilize a segregated one-way with MF signaling trunk group from SBC-13STATE's Operator Services Tandem to CLEC switch. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on this one-way trunk group.

5.8.2.4 Operator Assistance (0+, 0-):

5.8.2.4.1 This service requires a one-way trunk group from CLEC switch to SBC-13STATE's OPERATOR SERVICES Tandem. Two types of trunk groups may be utilized. If the trunk group transports DA/DACC, the trunk group will be designated with the appropriate traffic use code and modifier. If DA is not required or is transported on a segregated trunk group, then the group will be designated with a different appropriate traffic use code and modifier. Modified Operator Services Signaling (2 Digit ANI) will be required on the trunk group. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on this one-way trunk group.

5.8.2.5 Digit-Exchange Access Operator Services Signaling:

5.8.2.5.1 CLEC will employ Exchange Access Operator Services Signaling (EAOSS) from the equal access End Offices (EAEO) to the OPERATOR SERVICES switch that are equipped to accept 10 Digit Signaling for Automatic Number Identification (ANI).

5.8.2.6 OS QUESTIONNAIRE

5.8.2.6.1 If CLEC chooses SBC-13STATE to provide either OS and/or DA, then CLEC agrees to accurately complete the OS Questionnaire prior to submitting ASRs for OS and DA trunks.

6. **FORECASTING RESPONSIBILITIES: SBC-13STATE**

- 6.1 CLEC agrees to provide an initial forecast for establishing the initial Interconnection facilities. SBC-13STATE shall review this forecast and if it has any additional information that will change the forecast shall provide this information to CLEC. Subsequent forecasts shall be provided on a semi-annual basis, not later than January 1 and July 1 in order to be considered in the semi-annual publication of the SBC-13STATE General Trunk Forecast. This forecast should include yearly forecasted trunk quantities for all appropriate trunk groups described in this Appendix for a minimum of three years. Parties agree to the use of Common Language Location Identification (CLLI) coding and Common Language Circuit Identification for Message Trunk coding (CLCI-MSG) which is described in TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES documents BR795-100-100 and BR795-400-100 respectively. Inquiries pertaining to use of TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES Common Language Standards and document availability should be directed to TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES at 1-800-521-2673. Analysis of trunk group performance, and ordering of relief if required, will be performed on a monthly basis at a minimum (trunk servicing).
- 6.2 The semi-annual forecasts shall include:
- 6.2.1 Yearly forecasted trunk quantities (which include measurements that reflect actual Tandem local Interconnection and InterLATA trunks, End Office Local Interconnection trunks, and Tandem subtending Local Interconnection End Office equivalent trunk requirements) for a minimum of three (current and plus 1 and plus 2) years; and
- 6.2.2 A description of major network projects anticipated for the following six months. Major network projects include trunking or network rearrangements, shifts in anticipated traffic patterns, orders greater than four (4) DS1's, or other activities that are reflected by a significant increase or decrease in trunking demand for the following forecasting period.
- 6.2.3 The Parties shall agree on a forecast provided above to ensure efficient utilization of trunks. Orders for trunks that exceed forecasted quantities for forecasted locations will be accommodated as facilities and/or equipment becomes available. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts and cooperate in good faith to develop alternative solutions to accommodate orders when facilities are not available.
- 6.3 CLEC shall be responsible for forecasting two-way trunk groups. SBC-13STATE shall be responsible for forecasting and servicing the one way trunk groups terminating to the CLEC and the CLEC shall be responsible for

forecasting and servicing the one way trunk groups terminating to SBC-13STATE, unless otherwise specified in this Appendix. Standard trunk traffic engineering methods will be used by the parties as described in Bell Communications Research, Inc. (TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES) document SR TAP 000191, Trunk Traffic Engineering Concepts and Applications.

- 6.4 If forecast quantities are in dispute, the Parties shall meet to reconcile the differences.
- 6.5 Each Party shall provide a specified point of contact for planning, forecasting and trunk servicing purposes.

7. TRUNK DESIGN BLOCKING CRITERIA: SBC-13STATE

- 7.1 Trunk requirements for forecasting and servicing shall be based on the blocking objectives shown in Table 1. Trunk requirements shall be based upon time consistent average busy season busy hour twenty (20) day averaged loads applied to industry standard Neal-Wilkinson Trunk Group Capacity algorithms (use Medium day-to-day Variation and 1.0 Peakedness factor until actual traffic data is available).

TABLE 1

<u>Trunk Group Type</u>	<u>Design Blocking Objective</u>
Local Tandem	1%
Local Direct End Office (Primary High)	ECCS*
Local Direct End Office (Final)	2%
IntraLATA	1%
Local/IntraLATA	1%
InterLATA (Meet Point) Tandem	0.5%
911	1%
Operator Services (DA/DACC)	1%
Operator Services (0+, 0-)	1%
Busy Line Verification-Inward Only	1%

*During implementation the Parties will mutually agree on an ECCS or some other means for the sizing of this trunk group.

8. **TRUNK SERVICING: SBC-13STATE**

- 8.1 Orders between the Parties to establish, add, change or disconnect trunks shall be processed by using an Access Service Request (ASR). CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on two-way trunk groups. In SBC-AMERITECH and SNET where one-way trunks are used (as discussed in section 3.3), SBC-AMERITECH and SNET will issue ASRs for trunk groups for traffic that originates in SBC-13STATE and terminates to CLEC. The Parties agree that neither Party shall alter trunk sizing without first conferring the other party.
- 8.2 Both Parties will jointly manage the capacity of Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. Both Parties may send a Trunk Group Service Request (TGSR) to the other Party to trigger changes to the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups based on capacity assessment. The TGSR is a standard industry support interface developed by the Ordering and Billing Forum of the Carrier liaison Committee of the Alliance for Telecommunications Solutions (ATIS) organization. TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES Special Report STS000316 describes the format and use of the TGSR. Contact TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES at 1-800-521-2673 regarding the documentation availability and use of this form.
- 8.3 In A Blocking Situation:
- 8.3.1 In a blocking final situation, a TGSR will be issued by SBC-13STATE when additional capacity is required to reduce measured blocking to objective design blocking levels based upon analysis of trunk group data. Either Party upon receipt of a TGSR in a blocking situation will issue an ASR to the other Party within three (3) business days after receipt of the TGSR, and upon review and in response to the TGSR received. The CLEC will note "Service Affecting" on the ASR.
- 8.4 Underutilization:
- 8.4.1 Underutilization of Interconnection trunks and facilities exists when provisioned capacity is greater than the current need. This over provisioning is an inefficient deployment and use of network resources and results in unnecessary costs. Those situations where more capacity exists than actual usage requires will be handled in the following manner:
- 8.4.1.1 If a trunk group is under 75 percent (75%) of CCS capacity on a monthly average basis, for each month of any three (3) consecutive months period, either Party may request the issuance of an order to resize the trunk group, which shall be left with not

less than 25 percent (25%) excess capacity. In all cases grade of service objectives shall be maintained.

- 8.4.1.2 Either party may send a TGSR to the other Party to trigger changes to the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups based on capacity assessment. Upon receipt of a TGSR, the receiving Party will issue an ASR to the other Party within twenty (20) business days after receipt of the TGSR. (20 business days for PACIFIC/NEVADA, 10 business days for SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, and SNET)
 - 8.4.1.3 Upon review of the TGSR, if a Party does not agree with the resizing, the Parties will schedule a joint planning discussion within the twenty (20) business days. The Parties will meet to resolve and mutually agree to the disposition of the TGSR.
 - 8.4.1.4 If SBC-13STATE does not receive an ASR, or if the CLEC does not respond to the TGSR by scheduling a joint discussion within the twenty (20) business day period, SBC-13STATE will attempt to contact the CLEC to schedule a joint planning discussion. If the CLEC will not agree to meet within an additional five (5) business days and present adequate reason for keeping trunks operational, SBC-13STATE will issue an ASR to resize the Interconnection trunks and facilities.
- 8.5 In all cases except a blocking situation, either Party upon receipt of a TGSR will issue an ASR to the other Party:
- 8.5.1 Within twenty (20) business days after receipt of the TGSR, upon review of and in response to the TGSR received; or (20 business days for PACIFIC/NEVADA, 10 business days for SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, and SNET)
 - 8.5.2 At any time as a result of either Party's own capacity management assessment, in order to begin the provisioning process. The intervals used for the provisioning process will be the same as those used for SBC-13STATE's Switched Access service.
- 8.6 Projects require the coordination and execution of multiple orders or related activities between and among SBC-13STATE and CLEC work groups, including but not limited to the initial establishment of Local Interconnection or Meet Point Trunk Groups and service in an area, NXX code moves, re-homes, facility grooming, or network rearrangements.

- 8.6.1 Orders that comprise a project, i.e., greater than four (4) DS-1's, shall be submitted at the same time, and their implementation shall be jointly planned and coordinated.
- 8.7 CLEC will be responsible for engineering its network on its side of the Point of Interconnection (POI). **SBC-13STATE** will be responsible for engineering its network on its side of the POI.
- 8.8 Due dates for the installation of Local Interconnection and Meet Point Trunks covered by this Appendix shall be based on each of the **SBC-13STATE**'s intrastate Switched Access intervals. If CLEC is unable to or not ready to perform Acceptance Tests, or is unable to accept the Local Interconnection Service Arrangement trunk(s) by the due date, the CLEC will provide with a requested revised service due date that is no more than thirty (30) calendar days beyond the original service due date. If the CLEC requests a service due date change which exceeds the allowable service due date change period, the ASR must be canceled by the CLEC. Should the CLEC fail to cancel such an ASR, **SBC-13STATE** shall treat that ASR as though it had been canceled.
- 8.9 Trunk servicing responsibilities for OPERATOR SERVICES trunks used for stand-alone Operator Service or Directory Assistance are the sole responsibility of CLEC.
- 8.10 **TRUNK SERVICING – SBC-SWBT** Exceptions:
- 8.10.1 The Parties will process trunk service requests submitted via a properly completed ASR within ten (10) business days of receipt of such ASR unless defined as a major project, as stated in 8.6. Incoming orders will be screened by SWBT trunk engineering personnel for reasonableness based upon current utilization and/or consistency with forecasts. If the nature and necessity of an order requires determination, the ASR will be placed in Held Status, and a Joint Planning discussion conducted. Parties agree to expedite this discussion in order to minimally delay order processing. Extension of this review and discussion process beyond two days from ASR receipt will require the ordering Party to Supplement the order with proportionally adjusted Customer Desired Due Dates. Facilities must also be in place before trunk orders can be completed.
- 8.11 Utilization shall be defined as Trunks Required as a percentage of Trunks In Service. Trunks Required shall be determined using methods described in section 6.0 using Design Blocking Objectives stated in section 7.1.

9. **TRUNK DATA EXCHANGE: SBC-13STATE**

- 9.1 Each Party agrees to service trunk groups to the foregoing blocking criteria in a timely manner when trunk groups exceed measured blocking thresholds on an average time consistent busy hour for a twenty (20) business day study period. The Parties agree that twenty (20) business days is the study period duration objective. However, a study period on occasion may be less than twenty (20) business days but at minimum must be at least three (3) business days to be utilized for engineering purposes, although with less statistical confidence.
- 9.2 Exchange of traffic data enables each Party to make accurate and independent assessments of trunk group service levels and requirements. Parties agree to establish a timeline for implementing an exchange of traffic data utilizing the DIXC process via a Network Data Mover (NDM) or FTP computer to computer file transfer process. Implementation shall be within three (3) months of the date, or such date as agreed upon, that the trunk groups begin passing live traffic. The traffic data to be exchanged will be the Originating Attempt Peg Count, Usage (measured in Hundred Call Seconds), Overflow Peg Count, and Maintenance Usage (measured in Hundred Call Seconds on a seven (7) day per week, twenty-four (24) hour per day, fifty-two (52) weeks per year basis. These reports shall be made available at a minimum on a semi-annual basis upon request. Exchange of data on one-way groups is optional.

10. **NETWORK MANAGEMENT: SBC-13STATE**

10.1 Restrictive Controls

- 10.1.1 Either Party may use protective network traffic management controls such as 7-digit and 10-digit code gaps set at appropriate levels on traffic toward each other's network, when required, to protect the public switched network from congestion due to facility failures, switch congestion, or failure or focused overload. CLEC and SBC-13 STATE will immediately notify each other of any protective control action planned or executed.

10.2 Expansive Controls

- 10.2.1 Where the capability exists, originating or terminating traffic reroutes may be implemented by either Party to temporarily relieve network congestion due to facility failures or abnormal calling patterns. Reroutes will not be used to circumvent normal trunk servicing. Expansive controls will only be used when mutually agreed to by the Parties.

10.3 Mass Calling

10.3.1 CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** shall cooperate and share pre-planning information regarding cross-network call-ins expected to generate large or focused temporary increases in call volumes.

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.

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APPENDIX INW
(Inward Assistance Operator Services)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Inward Assistance Operator Services 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, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
- 1.3 As used herein, SBC-13STATE means the above listed ILEC's doing business in Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, California, Nevada, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.4 As used herein, SBC-12STATE means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.5 As used herein, SNET means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.6 The prices at which SBC-13STATE agrees to provide CLEC Inward Assistance Operator Services are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

2. SERVICES

- 2.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, SBC-13STATE Inward Assistance Operator will provide the following assistance or services when reached by an operator dialing the appropriate Toll Center Code in addition to the inward code.
 - 2.1.1 General Assistance on calls where an attempt to connect the call is required by a local operator.
 - 2.1.2 Busy Line Verification (BLV) service and Busy Line Verification/Interrupt (BLV/I) service.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 **"General Assistance"** - A service in which an operator calls the Inward Assistance operator seeking assistance in dialing a number. The assistance could be required, for example, for attempting to dial a number where a 'no ring' condition has been encountered.
- 3.2 **"Busy Line Verification"** - A service in which an operator asks the Inward Assistance operator to verify a conversation in progress.
- 3.3 **"Busy Line Verification/ Interrupt"** - A service in which an operator asks the Inward Assistance operator to interrupt a conversation in progress, to determine if one of the parties is willing to speak to the caller requesting the interrupt.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 4.1 It is the responsibility of the CLEC to order the necessary facilities to interconnect with SBC-13STATE's Operator assistance switches in the various locations throughout SBC-13STATE territory.
- 4.2 Interconnection trunking requirements are described in Appendix ITR.
- 4.2 CLEC will furnish request for service in writing to SBC-13STATE, thirty calendar (30) days in advance of the date when the Inward Assistance Operator Services are to be undertaken, unless otherwise agreed to by SBC-13STATE. CLEC or its designated operator services providers shall submit Access Service Requests (ASRs) to SBC-13STATE to establish any new interconnection trunking arrangements.
- 4.5 The requester of this Inward Assistance Operator Services service agreement must provide one Carrier Identification Code (CIC) for its CLEC or Independent Exchange Carrier business operation and one for its InterExchange Carrier (IXC) business operation if the requesting company wishes to receive billing data in a format that separates the service provided to the two business operations.
- 4.6 SBC-12STATE - When utilizing the services of CLEC Inward Assistance, SBC-12STATE and CLEC agree that SBC-12STATE will pay CLEC at the same rate CLEC compensate SBC-12State pursuant to the terms of this Appendix.
- 4.7 SNET - When utilizing the services of CLEC Inward Assistance, SNET and CLEC agree that compensation will be handled on a separate and unshared basis.

5. TOLL CENTER CODES

- 5.1 Toll Center Codes will be used by the CLEC Operators for routing and connecting to the SBC-13STATE Operator assistance switches. These codes are specific to the various SBC-13STATE LATA's where SBC-13STATE Operator assistance switches are located.
- 5.2 SBC-13STATE Operator Services will require a Toll Center Code for the CLEC Operator Services assistance switch. This code will be the routing code used for connecting the SBC-13STATE Operator to the CLEC Operator on an Inward basis.
- 5.3 If the CLEC requires establishment of a new Toll Center Code. CLEC shall do so by referencing the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG).

6. PRICING

- 6.1 SBC-12STATE - Pricing for Inward Assistance Operator Services shall be based on the rates specified in Appendix Pricing. The price set forth in Appendix Pricing is reciprocal and shall be the price SBC-12STATE will pay CLEC when the SBC-12STATE Operator utilizes the Inward Assistance of CLEC operator.
- 6.2 SNET - Pricing for Inward Assistance Operator Services is non-reciprocal and is based on the rate specified in Appendix Pricing.

7. MONTHLY BILLING

- 7.1 SBC-13STATE will render monthly billing statements to CLEC, and remittance in full will be due within thirty (30) days of receipt. CLEC will render monthly billing to SBC-13STATE and remittance in full will be due within thirty (30) days of receipt. .

8. LIABILITY

- 8.1 The CLEC agrees to defend and hold harmless SBC-13STATE from any and all losses, damages, or other liability including attorneys fees that the carrier may incur as a result of claims, demands, wrongful death actions, or other suits brought by any party that arise out of the carrier's operator use of Inward Assistance Operator Services on the behalf of the carrier's End Users. The CLEC shall defend against all end user claims just as if the carrier operator had provided such service to its end user directly and shall assert its tariff limitation of liability for benefit of both SBC-13STATE and carrier.

- 8.2 The CLEC also agrees to release, defend and hold harmless SBC-13STATE from any claim, demand or suit that asserts any infringement or invasion of privacy or confidentiality of any person or persons caused or claimed to be caused, directly, or indirectly, by SBC-13STATE employees and equipment associated with provision of the Inward Assistance Operator Services. This provision includes but is not limited to suits, claims, and demands arising from disclosure of the telephone number, address, or name associated with the telephone called.

9. TERMS OF APPENDIX

- 9.1 This Appendix will continue in force for the length of the Interconnection Agreement, but no less than twelve (12) months. At the expiration of the term of the Interconnection Agreement to which this Appendix is attached or twelve (12) months, whichever occurs later, either Party may terminate this Appendix upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days written notice to the other Party.
- 9.2 If the CLEC terminates this Appendix prior to the expiration of the term of this Appendix, CLEC shall pay SBC-13STATE, within thirty (30) days of the issuance of any bills by SBC-13STATE, all amounts due for actual services provided under this Appendix, plus estimated monthly charges for the remainder of the term. Estimated charges will be based on an average of the actual monthly amounts billed by SBC-13STATE pursuant to this Appendix prior to its termination.
- 9.3 The rates applicable for determining the amount(s) under the terms outlined in this Section are those specified in Appendix Pricing.

10. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 10.1 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 INW

EXHIBIT I

SERVING AREA

OPERATOR SERVICES PROVIDER LOCATION:

CLEC SWITCH SERVING LOCATIONS:

<u>CITY</u>	<u>NPA-NXX</u>	<u>LATA</u>

ADDITIONAL SHEETS SHOULD BE ADDED AS REQUIRED.

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**MESSAGE EXCHANGE AND SETTLEMENT OF RATED MESSAGE DETAIL
AND/OR THE SETTLEMENT OF MESSAGE REVENUE FOR RESALE AND
UNBUNDLED SERVICE**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for the exchange record detail and settlement of revenues for call detail messages provided to CLEC as a result of the CLEC's purchase of Resale Services or appropriate Unbundled Network Elements from an SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
- 1.2 As used herein, SBC-13STATE means the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.3 As used herein, SBC-AMERITECH means the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.4 As used herein, SBC-SWBT means the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.5 As used herein, PACIFIC means the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.6 As used herein, NEVADA means the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.7 As used herein, SNET means the applicable SBC owned ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

2. DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 "555" is an SBC-AMERITECH service by which Providers offer information services for a fee to a CLEC End-User who dials a number using the "555" prefix.
- 2.2 "900" is a PACIFIC and NEVADA service by which Providers offer audio services for a fee to a CLEC End-User who dials a number using the "900" prefix.
- 2.3 "976" is an SBC-AMERITECH, PACIFIC and NEVADA service by which Providers offer audio services for a fee to a CLEC End-User who dials a number using the "976" prefix.

- 2.4 **"Abbreviated Dialing"** is an **SBC-AMERITECH** service by which Providers offer information services for a fee to a CLEC End-User who dials a telephone number with less than seven digits.
- 2.5 **"Adjustments"** are dollar amounts that are credited to an End-User account. The primary reason for an adjustment is typically an End-User denying that the call was made from their telephone.
- 2.6 **"Ancillary Message Services"** available in **SBC-AMERITECH**, **PACIFIC**, and **NEVADA**. Included in **SBC-AMERITECH** offerings are Abbreviated Dialing, 555 services, 976 services, CPP Cellular services and CPP Paging services. **PACIFIC** and **NEVADA** provide 900/976.
- 2.7 **"Calling Party Pays Cellular"** or **"CPP Cellular"** is an **SBC-AMERITECH** service where an End-User placing a call to a cellular telephone agrees to pay the charges for the call. Typically, an announcement is played to the End-User giving the End-User the option to accept the charges or to end the call without incurring charges.
- 2.8 **"Calling Party Pays Paging"** or **"CPP Paging"** is an **SBC-AMERITECH** service where an End-User placing a call to a pager agrees to pay the charges for the call. Typically, an announcement is played to the End-User giving the End-User the option to accept the charges or to end the call without incurring charges.
- 2.9 **"CLEC CATS Messages"** means intraLATA Calling Card and third number billed messages billed to a CLEC End-User telephone where the LEC carrying the call is Pacific or any other LEC, and the originating and billed telephone numbers are located in different Telcordia Client Company territories.
- 2.10 **"Provider"** is the entity that offers an **SBC-AMERITECH**, **PACIFIC**, or **NEVADA** Ancillary Message Service to an End-User.
- 2.11 **"Uncollectibles"** are amounts billed to CLEC's End-Users, which after standard intervals and application of standard collection procedures, are determined by CLEC to be impracticable of collection and are written off as bad debt on final accounts. Uncollectibles are recouped back to the Provider.
- 2.12 **"CLEC Non-CATS Messages"** are IntraLATA collect, calling card, or third number-billed messages where the charges are billed to the CLEC's End-User and the originating Party is an End-User of SBC or that of another LEC and both End-Users are located in the same Telcordia Client Company territory.

3. DESCRIPTION OF BILLING SERVICES

- 3.1 SBC-13STATE will receive LEC carried ABS messages being billed to CLEC End-User lines as detailed in the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached. SBC-13STATE shall forward rated messages to CLEC on the Daily Usage File (DUF).
- 3.2 PACIFIC and NEVADA shall provide revenue settlement for all messages supplied to CLEC on DUF; provided, however, that revenue settlement for CLEC Non-CATS Messages shall only be provided by PACIFIC with those LECs with whom PACIFIC has executed an Agreement covering the Settlement of Non-CATS Messages. Pacific shall provide CLEC with a list of all such LECs upon request.
- 3.3 SBC-SWBT, SNET, and SBC-AMERITECH shall bill charges to the CLEC Resale or UNE port account to recover revenue that it has paid to another carrier for ABS messages billing to a CLEC Resale or UNE port End-User account.
- 3.4 As a part of provisioning local service for CLEC, SBC-13STATE will block End-User access to 900/976 numbers upon specific written request by CLEC for each separate End User line
- 3.5 CLEC shall block End-User access to Ancillary Message Services upon SBC-13STATE's written request.
- 3.6 If blocking is not requested, SBC-13STATE shall record all Ancillary Message Service calls transported by SBC that originate from a CLEC's End-User's telephone number. SBC shall provide the CLEC with formatted records for each Ancillary Message Service billable call in accordance with each Provider's requested rates. In the case where CLEC's switch generates call information, CLEC will provide SBC-AMERITECH, PACIFIC or NEVADA with call information for each call on a daily basis. SBC-AMERITECH, PACIFIC or NEVADA will rate the call with each Provider's requested rates and return a formatted record to the CLEC. CLEC shall confirm receipt of such formatted records within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt.

4. COLLECTION SERVICES

- 4.1 CLEC shall exercise good faith efforts to bill and collect all amounts due from its End-Users for messages distributed under this Appendix. CLEC warrants that the billing and collection for messages distributed under this Appendix shall be at a performance level no less than CLEC uses for the billing of its own local Telecommunication Services, which in no event shall be inconsistent with

generally accepted industry standards of operation for the provision of billing and collection services.

- 4.2 All messages should be billed within 30 days of receipt. CLEC further agrees that the billing and collection process for messages distributed under this Appendix shall comply with all Applicable Laws.

5. **CHANGES TO PROVIDER'S SERVICES AND RATES**

- 5.1 CLEC acknowledges and understands that the amount which a Provider elects to charge those who place calls to an Ancillary Message Service is at Provider's sole discretion.

6. **SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENT AND PAYMENT—PACIFIC AND NEVADA**

- 6.1 For messages billed to CLEC End-Users that **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA** forward to CLEC as set forth in Section 3 above, **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA** shall calculate the amount due based on the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & \text{Rated Value of 900/976 Messages (if applicable)} & \\ + & \text{Rated Value of CLEC CATS and Non-CATS Messages} & \\ - & \text{Rejected/Unbillable/Uncollectible Messages} & \\ - & \text{CLEC Billing Charge} & \\ + & \text{PACIFIC or NEVADA Settlement Charge} & \\ \hline = & \text{Amount Due PACIFIC or NEVADA} & \end{array}$$

- 6.1.1 As used in Subsection 6.1 above the following terms are defined as set forth below:

6.1.1.1 Rated Value of CLEC CATS Messages and Non-CATS Messages means the total computed charges for CLEC CATS and Non-CATS Messages based on the schedule of rates for the LEC which carried the call. Settlement of Non-CATS Messages is contingent on the conditions set forth in Section 3.2 hereof being satisfied.

6.1.1.2 Rejected Messages means the rated value of CLEC CATS Messages and Non-CATS Messages that failed to pass the edits within CLEC's system and were returned to **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA** via the daily feed within 10 days of originally being received from **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA**.

6.1.1.3 Unbillable Messages means the rated value of CLEC CATS Messages and Non-CATS Messages that were not billable to a

CLEC End-User because of missing information in the billing record or other billing error, not the result of an error by CLEC, that are returned to PACIFIC or NEVADA via the daily feed within 30 days of originally being received from PACIFIC or NEVADA.

6.1.1.4 Uncollectible Messages means the rated value of CLEC CATS Messages and Non-CATS Messages billed by CLEC to subscribers that are unpaid, have been debited to final write-off by CLEC and have been returned to PACIFIC or NEVADA via the daily feed within 20 days of final write-off.

6.1.1.5 CLEC Billing Charge means the CLEC per message billing rate, as set forth in Appendix Pricing under CLEC Billing Rate, times the number of CLEC CATS and Non-CATS Messages forwarded by PACIFIC or NEVADA to CLEC.

6.1.1.6 PACIFIC or NEVADA Settlement Charge means the PACIFIC or NEVADA per message settlement charge, set forth in Appendix Pricing, times the number of CLEC CATS and Non-CATS Messages forwarded by PACIFIC or NEVADA to CLEC. Only CLEC CATS and Non-CATS Messages for which the Transporting LEC is other than PACIFIC or NEVADA shall be included in the calculation of the PACIFIC or NEVADA Settlement Charge.

6.2 Within 30 business days following the end of each calendar month, PACIFIC or NEVADA shall provide CLEC with:

6.2.1 The Non-CMDS Outcollects Report that calculates the Amount Due PACIFIC or NEVADA as set forth in Section 6.1 and

6.2.2 An Invoice setting forth the Amount Due PACIFIC or NEVADA.

6.3 The CLEC shall have 22 calendar days from receipt of the Invoice to pay the Amount Due ("Invoice Due Date"). Any payment received by PACIFIC or NEVADA after the Invoice Due Date shall be subject to a Late Payment Charge as detailed in Section 8.1 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached.

6.4 Disputes over any billed amount shall be handled as set forth in Section 10 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached.

- 6.5 That portion of the Amount Due PACIFIC or NEVADA, calculated as set forth in Section 6.1 attributable to LECs for which PACIFIC or NEVADA is the CMDS Host or LECs with whom PACIFIC or NEVADA has an Agreement covering the Settlement of Non-CATS messages shall be settled between PACIFIC or NEVADA and the LECs as set forth in the Appendix PACIFIC or NEVADA shall provide CLEC with an updated list in writing of all LECs with which PACIFIC or NEVADA has such Agreements.
- 6.6 To the extent, but only to the extent, necessary to accurately bill, record, report, and Invoice as required by this Appendix, the Parties grant each other a limited exception to the prohibitions set forth in Section 20 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached.

7. SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENT AND PAYMENT – SBC-AMERITECH

- 7.1 Ameritech shall pay for the Billing and Collection Services for Ancillary Message Services described herein at the rates set forth in Appendix Pricing as "Ancillary Billing Message Compensation."
- 7.2 The amount due to SBC-AMERITECH under this Appendix shall be the total of all billable charges submitted to CLEC under this Appendix, less:
- 7.2.1 All charges due CLEC under subsection 7.1;
 - 7.2.2 Amounts declared Uncollectible as provided in subsection 7.5;
 - 7.2.3 Adjustments as provided in subsection 7.4;
 - 7.2.4 Taxes collected from CLEC End-Users.
- 7.3 CLEC shall provide SBC-AMERITECH with a monthly statement of amounts billed, amounts collected, amounts adjusted, uncollectible amounts and End-User taxes by taxing authority and by Provider including the program number and the amount of taxes applied to the services, as described in the Guidelines. The monthly statement should be received by SBC-AMERITECH on or before the fifth Business Day of every month. Payment of the amount owed to SBC-AMERITECH by CLEC as calculated in Section 7.2 hereof is due and shall be paid to SBC-AMERITECH on or before thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the monthly statement. Past due amounts shall accrue late charges at the rate set forth in Section 8.1 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached.

7.4 Adjustments

- 7.4.1 CLEC may remove a disputed charge from an End-User's account within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the message; provided that notice of the adjustment is received by **SBC-AMERITECH** within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the message.

7.5 Uncollectibles

- 7.5.1 CLEC may recourse to **SBC-AMERITECH** an actual uncollectible amount from an End-User's account, provided that notice of the recourse of the uncollectible amount is given by CLEC to **SBC-AMERITECH** within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the message.

7.6 Taxes

- 7.6.1 Taxes Imposed on Services Performed or Provided by CLEC. CLEC shall be responsible for payment of all sales, use or other taxes of a similar nature, including interest and penalties on all services performed or provided by CLEC.
- 7.6.2 Taxes on Ancillary Message Services. CLEC shall be responsible for applying taxes as determined by Provider for all Ancillary messages billed hereunder as specified in the Guidelines. Each Provider shall be responsible for determining what taxes apply to the service it provides and for notifying **SBC-AMERITECH** of those taxes. **SBC-AMERITECH** shall notify CLEC of this information and pursuant to this Agreement CLEC shall bill and collect such taxes based on information supplied by Provider and shall remit such taxes to **SBC-AMERITECH**. CLEC shall identify the amount of taxes and type of taxes, by Provider. **SBC-AMERITECH** shall then remit such collected taxes to the Provider. Provider shall remit any taxes it owes to the taxing authority.

8. **APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 8.1 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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(NETWORK INTERCONNECTION METHODS)**

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**APPENDIX NIM
(NETWORK INTERCONNECTION METHODS)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions that Network Interconnection Methods (NIM) is provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC. This Appendix describes the physical architecture for Interconnection of the Parties' facilities and equipment for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic and Exchange Access traffic between the respective Customers of the Parties pursuant to Section 251(c)(2) of the Act; provided, however, Interconnection may not be used solely for the purpose of originating a Party's own interexchange traffic.
- 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, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
- 1.3 SBC-13 STATE - As used herein, SBC-13 STATE means the above listed ILECs doing business in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, California, Connecticut, Nevada, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.4 SBC-SWBT - As used herein, SBC-SWBT means the above listed ILEC doing business in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.5 PACIFIC - As used herein, PACIFIC means the above listed ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.6 NEVADA - As used herein, NEVADA means the above listed ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.7 SNET - As used herein, SNET means the above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.8 SBC-AMERITECH - As used herein, SBC-AMERITECH means the above listed ILECS doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 Network Interconnection Methods (NIMs) include, but are not limited to, Physical Collocation Interconnection; Virtual Collocation Interconnection; Leased Facilities Interconnection; Fiber Meet Interconnection; and other methods as mutually agreed to by the Parties. One or more of these methods may be used to

effect the Interconnection in each local exchange area (in SBC-SWBT) and each LATA (in SNET, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SBC-AMERITECH).

- 1.9.1 Trunking requirements associated with Interconnection (including local exchange and LATA trunking requirements) are contained in Appendix ITR.
- 1.9.2 Interconnection associated with Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) is contained in Appendix UNE. For SNET Interconnection associated with Unbundled Network Elements is offered from the Connecticut Access Tariff.
- 1.10 SBC-13STATE shall provide Interconnection for CLEC's facilities and equipment for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service and exchange access, at a level of quality that is equal to that which SBC-13STATE provides itself, a subsidiary, an affiliate, or any other party to which SBC-13STATE provides Interconnection and on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable and non-discriminatory.
- 1.11 The Parties shall effect an Interconnection that is efficient, fair and equitable with each party being financially responsible for approximately half of the Interconnection facilities or in any other manner that is mutually agreeable to the Parties.

2. PHYSICAL ARCHITECTURE

- 2.1 SBC-13STATE's network is partly comprised of End Office switches, Tandem switches that serve local only traffic (SBC-SWBT), Tandem switches that serve IntraLATA and InterLATA traffic, and Tandem switches that serve a combination of local, IntraLATA and InterLATA traffic. SBC-13STATE's network architecture in any given local exchange area and/or LATA can vary markedly from another local exchange area/LATA. Using one or more of the NIMs herein, the Parties will agree to a physical architecture plan for a specific Interconnection area. Due to differing state regulatory calling scope requirements, SBC-SWBT requires Interconnection in each local exchange area, while SNET, PACIFIC, NEVADA and SBC-AMERITECH require Interconnection at all Tandems in a LATA. CLEC and SBC-13STATE agree to Interconnect their networks through existing and/or new Interconnection facilities between CLEC switch(es) and SBC-13STATE End Office(s) and/or Tandem switch(es). The physical architecture plan will, at a minimum, include the location of CLEC's switch (es) and SBC-13STATE's End Office switch(es) and/or Tandem switch(es) to be interconnected, the facilities that will connect the two networks and which Party will provide (be financially responsible for) the Interconnection facilities. At the time of implementation in a given local exchange area the plan will be

documented and signed by appropriate representatives of the Parties, indicating their mutual agreement to the physical architecture plan.

- 2.2 Points of Interconnection (POIs): A Point of Interconnection (POI) is a point in the network where the Parties deliver Interconnection traffic to each other, and also serves as a demarcation point between the facilities that each Party is responsible to provide. In many cases, multiple POI(s) will be necessary to balance the facilities investment and provide the best technical implementation of Interconnection requirements to each Tandem within and exchange area and/or LATA. Both parties shall negotiate the architecture in each location that will seek to mutually minimize and equalize investment.
- 2.3 The Parties agree to meet as often as necessary to negotiate the selection of new POIs. The overall goal of POI selection will be to achieve a balance in the provision of facilities that is fair to both Parties. Criteria to be used in determining POIs for each geography (LATA, tandem area, etc.) include existing facility capacity, location of existing POIs, traffic volumes, relative costs, future capacity needs, etc. Agreement to the location of POIs is based on the network architecture existing at the time the POI(s) is/are negotiated. In the event either Party makes subsequent changes to its network architecture, including but not limited to trunking changes or adding new switches, then the Parties will negotiate new POIs. The mutually agreed to POIs will be documented and distributed to both Parties.
- 2.4 Each Party is responsible for the facilities to its side of the POI(s) and may utilize any method of Interconnection described in this Appendix. Each Party is responsible for the appropriate sizing, operation, and maintenance of the transport facility to the POI(s). At least one POI must be established within the geographic area where SBC-13STATE operates as an incumbent LEC and CLEC has a switch and End Users in that area.
- 2.5 Either Party, must provide thirty (30) days written notice of any changes to the physical architecture plan.
- 2.6 In each LATA the Parties agree to provide, at a minimum, sufficient facilities so that a local Interconnection trunk group can be established from the CLEC switch to each SNET, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SBC-AMERITECH Access Tandem where CLEC originates or terminates local and/or toll traffic with SBC-13STATE.
- 2.7 CLEC is solely responsible for the facilities that carry OS/DA, 911 or mass calling. SBC-13STATE may allow, solely at its discretion, CLEC to use jointly provided Interconnection facilities to carry service traffic of this type.

2.8 If CLEC has established Collocation in a SBC-13STATE End Office, direct End Office trunks to that End Office shall be provisioned over CLEC Collocation facility. If CLEC has not established Collocation in a SBC-13STATE End Office, SBC-13STATE shall provision the facilities for the direct End Office trunks from the POI to the SBC-13STATE End Office.

2.9 Technical Interfaces

2.9.1 The Interconnection facilities provided by each Party shall be formatted using either Alternative Mark Inversion (AMI) line code with Superframe format framing or B8ZS with Extended Superframe format framing.

2.9.2 Electrical handoffs at the POI(s) will be DS1 or DS3 as mutually agreed to by the parties. When a DS3 handoff is agreed to by the Parties, SBC-13STATE will provide any multiplexing required for DS1 facilities or trunking at their end and CLEC will provide any DS1 multiplexing required for facilities or trunking at their end.

3. **METHODS OF INTERCONNECTION**

3.1 Physical Collocation Interconnection

3.1.1 When CLEC provides their own facilities or uses the facilities of a 3rd party to a SBC-13STATE Tandem or End Office and wishes to place their own transport terminating equipment at that location, CLEC may Interconnect using the provisions of Physical Collocation as set forth in Appendix Collocation or applicable state tariff.

3.2 Virtual Collocation Interconnection

3.2.1 When CLEC provides their own facilities or uses the facilities of a 3rd party to a SBC-13STATE Tandem or End Office and wishes for SBC-13STATE to place transport terminating equipment at that location on the CLEC's behalf, they may Interconnect using the provisions of Virtual Collocation as set forth in Appendix Collocation or applicable tariff. Virtual Collocation allows CLEC to choose the equipment vendor and does not require that CLEC be Physically Collocated.

3.3 Leased Facility Interconnection ("LFI")

3.3.1 Where facilities exist, either Party may lease facilities from the other Party as defined in Section 6 of this Appendix.

3.4 Fiber Meet Interconnection

- 3.4.1 Fiber Meet Interconnection between SBC-13STATE and CLEC can occur at any mutually agreeable, economically and technically feasible point between CLEC's premises and a SBC-13STATE Tandem or End Office within each local exchange (SBC-SWBT) or LATA (SBC-AMERITECH, SNET, PACIFIC, and NEVADA).
- 3.4.2 Where the Parties interconnect their networks pursuant to a Fiber Meet, the Parties shall jointly engineer and operate this Interconnection as a single point-to-point linear chain system. Only Interconnection trunks shall be provisioned over this facility.
- 3.4.3 Neither Party will be allowed to access the Data Communications Channel ("DCC") of the other Party's Fiber Optic Terminal (FOT). The Fiber Meet will be designed so that each Party may, as far as is technically feasible, independently select the transmission, multiplexing, and fiber terminating equipment to be used on its side of the POI(s). The Parties will work cooperatively to achieve equipment and vendor compatibility of the FOT equipment. Requirements for such Interconnection specifications will be defined in joint engineering planning sessions between the Parties. The Parties may share the investment of the fiber as mutually agreed. The Parties will use good faith efforts to develop and agree on these facility arrangements within ninety (90) days of the determination by the Parties that such specifications shall be implemented, and in any case, prior to the establishment of any Fiber Meet arrangements between them.
- 3.4.4 There are four basic Fiber Meet design options. The option selected must be mutually agreeable to both Parties. Additional arrangements may be mutually developed and agreed to by the Parties pursuant to the requirements of this section.
- 3.4.4.1 Design One: CLEC's fiber cable (four fibers) and SBC-13STATE's fiber cable (four fibers) are connected at an economically and technically feasible point between the CLEC and SBC-13STATE locations. This Interconnection point would be at a mutually agreeable location approximately midway between the two. The Parties fiber cables would be terminated and then cross connected on a fiber termination panel as discussed below under the Fiber Termination Point options section. Each Party would supply a fiber optic terminal at their respective end. The POI would be at the fiber termination panel at the mid-point meet.

- 3.4.4.2 Design Two: CLEC will provide fiber cable to the last entrance (or SBC-13STATE designated) manhole at the SBC-13STATE Tandem or End Office switch. SBC-13STATE shall make all necessary preparations to receive and to allow and enable CLEC to deliver fiber optic facilities into that manhole. CLEC will provide a sufficient length of Optical Fire Resistant (OFR) cable for SBC-13STATE to pull the fiber cable through the SBC-13STATE cable vault and terminate on the SBC-13STATE fiber distribution frame (FDF) in SBC-13STATE's office. CLEC shall deliver and maintain such strands wholly at its own expense up to the POI. SBC-13STATE shall take the fiber from the manhole and terminate it inside SBC-13STATE's office on the FDF at SBC-13STATE's expense. In this case the POI shall be at the SBC-13STATE designated manhole location.
- 3.4.4.3 Design Three: SBC-13STATE will provide fiber cable to the last entrance (or CLEC designated) manhole at the CLEC location. CLEC shall make all necessary preparations to receive and to allow and enable SBC-13STATE to deliver fiber optic facilities into that manhole. SBC-13STATE will provide a sufficient length of Optical Fire Resistant (OFR) cable for CLEC to run the fiber cable from the manhole and terminate on the CLEC fiber distribution frame (FDF) in CLEC's location. SBC-13STATE shall deliver and maintain such strands wholly at its own expense up to the POI. CLEC shall take the fiber from the manhole and terminate it inside CLEC's office on the FDF at CLEC's expense. In this case the POI shall be at the CLEC designated manhole location.
- 3.4.4.4 Design Four: Both CLEC and SBC-13STATE each provide two fibers between their locations. This design may only be considered where existing fibers are available and there is a mutual benefit to both Parties. SBC-13STATE will provide the fibers associated with the "working" side of the system. CLEC will provide the fibers associated with the "protection" side of the system. The Parties will work cooperatively to terminate each other's fiber in order to provision this joint point-to-point linear chain SONET system. Both Parties will work cooperatively to determine the appropriate technical handoff for purposes of demarcation and fault isolation. The POI will be defined as being at the SBC-13STATE location.
- 3.4.5 CLEC location includes FOTs, multiplexing and fiber required to terminate the optical signal provided from SBC-13STATE. This location is CLEC's responsibility to provision and maintain.

- 3.4.6 The SBC-13STATE location includes all SBC-13STATE FOT, multiplexing and fiber required to terminate the optical signal provided from CLEC. This location is SBC-13STATE's responsibility to provision and maintain.
- 3.4.7 SBC-13STATE and CLEC shall, solely at their own expense, procure, install, and maintain the agreed-upon FOT equipment in each of their locations where the Parties established a Fiber Meet in capacity sufficient to provision and maintain all trunk groups prescribed by Appendix ITR for the purposes of Interconnection.
- 3.4.8 Each Party shall provide its own, unique source for the synchronized timing of its FOT equipment. Each timing source must be Stratum-1 traceable and cannot be provided over DS0/DS1 facilities, via Line Timing; or via a Derived DS1 off of FOT equipment. Both Parties agree to establish separate and distinct timing sources which are not derived from the other, and meet the criteria identified above.
- 3.4.9 CLEC and SBC-13STATE will mutually agree on the capacity of the FOT(s) to be utilized based on equivalent DS1s or DS3s. Each Party will also agree upon the optical frequency and wavelength necessary to implement the Interconnection. The Parties will develop and agree upon methods for the capacity planning and management for these facilities, terms and conditions for over provisioning facilities, and the necessary processes to implement facilities as indicated below. These methods will meet quality standards as mutually agreed to by CLEC and SBC-13STATE.

3.5 Other Interconnection Methods

- 3.5.1 Other Interconnection methods that are technically feasible may be mutually agreed to by the Parties.

4. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

- 4.1 If CLEC determines to offer local Interconnection within an SBC-13STATE area, CLEC shall provide written notice to SBC-13STATE of the need to establish Interconnection in each local exchange area (SBC-SWBT) or LATA (PACIFIC, NEVADA, SNET, and SBC-AMERITECH). Such request shall include (i) CLEC's Switch address, type of Switch and CLLI code; (ii) CLEC's requested Interconnection activation date; and (iii) a non-binding forecast of CLEC's trunking and facilities requirements.
- 4.2 Upon receipt of CLEC's notice to interconnect, the Parties shall schedule a meeting to negotiate and mutually agree on the network architecture (including

trunking) to be documented as discussed in Section 2.1. The Interconnection activation date for an Interconnect shall be established based on then-existing force and load, the scope and complexity of the requested Interconnection and other relevant factors.

- 4.3 If CLEC deploys additional switches in a LATA after the Effective Date or otherwise wishes to establish Interconnection with additional SBC-13STATE Central Offices, CLEC shall provide written notice to SBC-13STATE, to establish such Interconnection. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to such Interconnection. If SBC-13STATE deploys additional Tandems and/or End Office switches in a local exchange/LATA after the effective date or otherwise wishes to establish Interconnection with additional CLEC Central Offices in such local exchange/LATA, SBC-13STATE shall be entitled, upon written notice to CLEC, to establish such Interconnection and the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to such Interconnection.
- 4.4 CLEC and SBC-13STATE shall work cooperatively to install and maintain a reliable network. CLEC and SBC-13STATE shall exchange appropriate information (e.g., maintenance contact numbers, network information, information required to comply with law enforcement and other security agencies of the Government and such other information as the Parties shall mutually agree) to achieve this desired reliability.
- 4.5 CLEC and SBC-13STATE will review engineering requirements on a semi-annual basis and establish forecasts for facilities utilization provided under this Appendix.
- 4.6 CLEC and SBC-13STATE shall:
- 4.6.1 Provide trained personnel with adequate and compatible test equipment to work with each other's technicians.
 - 4.6.2 Notify each other when there is any change affecting the service requested, including the due date.
 - 4.6.3 Recognize that a facility handoff point must be agreed to that establishes the demarcation for maintenance and provisioning responsibilities for each party on their side of the POI.

5. JOINT FACILITY GROWTH PLANNING

- 5.1 The initial fiber optic system deployed for each Interconnection shall be agreed to by the Parties. The following lists the criteria and processes needed to satisfy additional capacity requirements beyond the initial system.

5.2 Criteria:

- 5.2.1 Investment is to be minimized.
- 5.2.2 Facilities will be planned for in accordance with the trunk forecasts exchanged between the Parties as described in Appendix ITR and are to be deployed in accordance with the Processes described below.

5.3 Processes:

- 5.3.1 In addition to the semi-annual forecast process, discussions to provide relief to existing facilities can be initiated by either party. Actual system augmentations will be initiated upon mutual agreement.
- 5.3.2 Both Parties will perform a joint validation to ensure current Interconnection facilities and associated trunks have not been over-provisioned. If any facilities and/or associated trunks are over-provisioned, they will be turned down where appropriate. Trunk design blocking criteria described in Appendix ITR will be used in determining trunk group sizing requirements and forecasts.
- 5.3.3 If based on the forecasted equivalent DS-1 growth where the existing fiber optic system is not projected to exhaust within one year, the Parties will suspend further relief planning on this Interconnection until a date one year prior to the projected exhaust date. If growth patterns change during the suspension period, either Party may re-initiate the joint planning process.
- 5.3.4 If the placement of a minimum size system will not provide adequate augmentation capacity for the joint forecast over a two-year period and the forecast appears reasonable, the next larger system may be deployed. If the forecast does not justify a move to the next larger system, another appropriately sized system could be placed. This criteria assumes both Parties have adequate fibers for either scenario. If adequate fibers do not exist, both Parties would negotiate placement of additional fibers.
- 5.3.5 Both Parties will negotiate a project service date and corresponding work schedule to construct relief facilities prior to facilities exhaust.
- 5.3.6 The joint planning process/negotiations should be completed within two months of the initiation of such discussion.

6. LEASING OF FACILITIES

- 6.1 The purpose of this section is to cover both CLEC's and SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC and NEVADA leasing of facilities from each other for purposes of Interconnection. SBC-AMERITECH and SNET offers leased facilities from the applicable Access Tariff.
- 6.2 The Parties leasing of facilities from each other for purposes of this Appendix will be subject to mutual agreement of the Parties.
- 6.3 Leasing of facilities from either party for the above purposes and any future augmentations are subject to facility availability at the time of the written request.
- 6.4 The requesting Party will provide a written leased facility request that will specify the A- and Z-ends (CLLI codes, where known), equipment and multiplexing required and provide quantities requested. Requests for leasing of facilities for the purposes of Interconnection and any future augmentations are subject to facility availability at the time of the request. Applicable rates, terms and conditions will be determined at the time of the request.
- 6.5 Any request by either Party for leased facilities where facilities, equipment, or riser cable do not exist will be considered and the requested Party may agree to provide under a Bona Fide Request (BFR) Process as defined below, unless otherwise provided out of a tariff, at the providing Party's sole discretion:
- 6.5.1 A BFR will be submitted by the requesting Party in writing and will include a description of the facilities needed including the quantity, size (DS1 or DS3), A- and Z-end of the facilities, equipment and multiplexing requirements, and date needed.
- 6.5.2 The requesting Party may cancel a BFR at any time, but will pay the requested Party any reasonable and demonstrable costs of processing and/or implementing the BFR up to the date of cancellation.
- 6.5.3 Within ten (10) business days of its receipt, the requested Party will acknowledge receipt of the BFR.
- 6.5.4 Except under extraordinary circumstances, within thirty (30) business days of its receipt of a BFR, the requested Party will provide to the requesting Party a written response to the request. The response will confirm whether the leased facilities will be offered or not. If the leased facilities will be offered, the requested Party will provide the requesting Party a BFR quote which will include the applicable recurring rates and installation intervals.

- 6.5.5 Within 65 calendar days of its receipt of the BFR quote, the requesting Party must confirm its order. If not confirmed within 65 calendar days, the requested Party reserves the right to modify or withdraw its BFR quote.

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.