

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

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KANSAS, AT&T MISSOURI, AT&T OKLAHOMA AND/OR AT&T TEXAS
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between one or more of

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Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T
Indiana,

Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan,
Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada,
The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio,
Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California,
The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T
Connecticut,

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas,
AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T
Texas,

Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin

and

Access Point, Inc.

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INTERCONNECTION AND/OR RESALE AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

This Interconnection and/or Resale Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Agreement), by and between one or more of the AT&T Inc. owned ILEC Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and AT&T Texas, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, (only to the extent that the agent for each such AT&T-owned ILEC executes this Agreement for such AT&T-owned ILEC and only to the extent that such AT&T-owned ILEC provides Telephone Exchange Services as an ILEC in each of the state(s) listed below) and Access Point, Inc. ("CLEC"), (a North Carolina corporation), shall apply to the State(s) of Missouri.

WHEREAS, CLEC represents that it is, or intends to become, a provider of Telephone Exchange Service to residential and business End Users offered exclusively over its own Telephone Exchange Service facilities or predominantly over its own Telephone Exchange Service facilities in combination with the use of Lawful unbundled network elements purchased from other entity(ies) and the resale of Telecommunications Services of other carriers.

WHEREAS, the Parties want to Interconnect their networks at mutually agreed upon points of interconnection to provide Telephone Exchange Services and Exchange Access to residential and business End Users over their respective Telephone Exchange Service facilities in the state or states which are subject to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are entering into this Agreement to set forth the respective obligations of the Parties and the terms and conditions under which the Parties will Interconnect their networks and facilities and provide to each other services as required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 as specifically set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Agreement, CLEC intends to operate where one or more of Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and AT&T Texas, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin is the incumbent Local Exchange Carrier(s) and CLEC, a competitive Local Exchange Carrier, has or, prior to the provisioning of any Interconnection, access to Lawful unbundled network elements, Telecommunications Services or any other functions, facilities, products or services hereunder, will have been granted authority to provide certain local Telephone Exchange Services in the foregoing ILEC Service areas by the appropriate State Commission(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

This Agreement is composed of General Terms and Conditions, which are set forth below, together with certain Appendices, Attachments, Schedules, Exhibits and Addenda which immediately follow this Agreement, all of which are hereby incorporated in this Agreement by this reference and constitute a part of this Agreement.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. DEFINITIONS

Capitalized Terms used in this Agreement shall have the respective meanings specified below, in Section 1 of each Appendix attached hereto, and/or as defined elsewhere in this Agreement.

1.1 General Definitions

- 1.1.1 "Act" means the Communications Act of 1934 [47 U.S.C. 153], as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) codified throughout 47 U.S.C.
- 1.1.2 "Access Compensation" is the compensation paid by one Party to the other Party for the origination/termination of intraLATA toll calls to/from its End User. Access compensation is in accordance with the LEC's tariffed access rates.
- 1.1.3 "Access Service Request" (ASR) is an industry standard form used by the Parties to add, establish, change or disconnect trunks for the purposes of Interconnection.
- 1.1.4 "Accessible Letters" are correspondence used to communicate pertinent information regarding AT&T-13STATE to the client/End User community.
- 1.1.5 "Advanced Services" means intrastate or interstate wireline Telecommunications Services, such as ADSL, IDSL, xDSL, Frame Relay, Cell Relay and VPOP-Dial Access Service (an AT&T-13STATE Frame Relay-based service) that rely on packetized technology and have the capability of supporting transmissions speeds of at least 56 kilobits per second in both directions. This definition of Advanced Services does not include:
 - 1.1.5.1 Data services that are not primarily based on packetized technology, such as ISDN,
 - 1.1.5.2 x.25-based and x.75-based packet technologies, or
 - 1.1.5.3 Circuit switched services (such as circuit switched voice grade service) regardless of the technology, protocols or speeds used for the transmission of such services.
- 1.1.6 "Affiliate" is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.7 "Alternate Billing Service" (ABS) or "Alternately Billed Traffic" (ABT) means a service that allows End Users to bill calls to accounts that may not be associated with the originating line. There are three types of ABS calls: calling card, collect and third number billed calls.
- 1.1.8 "Applicable Law" means all laws, statutes, common law, regulations, ordinances, codes, rules, guidelines, orders, permits, tariffs and approvals, including those relating to the environment or health and safety, of any Governmental Authority that apply to the Parties or the subject matter of this Agreement.
- 1.1.9 "As Defined in the Act" means as specifically defined by the Act.
- 1.1.10 "As Described in the Act" means as described in or required by the Act.
- 1.1.11 "AT&T Inc." (AT&T) means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.

- 1.1.12 “AT&T-2STATE” - As used herein, AT&T-2STATE means AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA (and previously referred to as “SBC-2STATE”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.1.13 “AT&T-4STATE” - As used herein, AT&T-4STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, and AT&T Oklahoma (and previously referred to as “SBC-4STATE”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.1.14 “AT&T-7STATE” - As used herein, AT&T-7STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA (and previously referred to as “SBC-7STATE”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.1.15 “AT&T-8STATE” - As used herein, AT&T-8STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T NEVADA, and AT&T CONNECTICUT (and previously referred to as “SBC-8STATE”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.1.16 “AT&T-10STATE” - As used herein, AT&T-10STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE (and previously referred to as “SBC-10STATE”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.17 “AT&T-12STATE” - As used herein, AT&T-12STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T-2STATE (and previously referred to as “SBC-12STATE”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.18 “AT&T-13STATE” - As used herein, AT&T-13STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T-2STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT (and previously referred to as “SBC-13STATE”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.19 “AT&T ARKANSAS” - As used herein, AT&T ARKANSAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas (and previously referred to as “SBC Arkansas”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.1.20 “AT&T CALIFORNIA” - As used herein, AT&T CALIFORNIA means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California (and previously referred to as “SBC California”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.1.21 “AT&T CONNECTICUT” - As used herein, AT&T CONNECTICUT means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut (and previously referred to as “SBC Connecticut”), the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.1.22 “AT&T KANSAS” - As used herein, AT&T KANSAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas (and previously referred to as “SBC Kansas”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 1.1.23 “AT&T ILLINOIS” - As used herein, AT&T ILLINOIS means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois (and previously referred to as “SBC Illinois”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.1.24 “AT&T INDIANA” - As used herein, AT&T INDIANA means Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana (and previously referred to as “SBC Indiana”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

- 1.1.25 “AT&T MICHIGAN” - As used herein, AT&T MICHIGAN means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan (and previously referred to as “SBC Michigan”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Michigan.
- 1.1.26 “AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE” - As used herein, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin (and previously referred to as “SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.27 “AT&T MISSOURI” - As used herein, AT&T MISSOURI means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri (and previously referred to as “SBC Missouri”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.1.28 “AT&T NEVADA” - As used herein, AT&T NEVADA means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada (and previously referred to as “SBC Nevada”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.1.29 “AT&T OHIO” - As used herein, AT&T OHIO means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio (and previously referred to as “SBC Ohio”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.1.30 “AT&T OKLAHOMA” - As used herein, AT&T OKLAHOMA means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma (and previously referred to as “SBC Oklahoma”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.1.31 “AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE” - As used herein, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas (and previously referred to as “SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE”), the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.1.32 “AT&T TEXAS” - As used herein, AT&T TEXAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas (and previously referred to as “SBC Texas”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.1.33 “AT&T WISCONSIN” - As used herein, AT&T WISCONSIN means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin (and previously referred to as “SBC Wisconsin”), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.
- 1.1.34 “Automated Message Accounting” (AMA) is a structure inherent in switch technology that initially records Telecommunication message information. AMA format is contained in the Automated Message Accounting document published by Telcordia (formerly known as Bellcore) as GR-1100-CORE, which defines and amends the industry standard for message recording.
- 1.1.35 “Bona Fide Request” (BFR) is the process described in the applicable Appendix Lawful UNEs.
- 1.1.36 “Business Day” means Monday through Friday, excluding holidays on which the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC does not provision new retail services and products.
- 1.1.37 “Busy Line Verification” (BLV) means a service whereby an End User requests an operator to confirm the busy status of a line.
- 1.1.38 “CABS” means the Carrier Access Billing System.
- 1.1.39 “Calling Name Delivery Service” (CNDS) means a service that enables a terminating End User to identify the calling party by a displayed name before a call is answered. The calling party’s name is retrieved from a Calling Name Database and delivered to the End User’s premise between the first and second ring for display on compatible End User premises equipment.

- 1.1.40 “Central Automatic Message Accounting (CAMA) Trunk” means a trunk that uses Multi-Frequency (MF) signaling to transmit calls from CLEC’s switch to an AT&T-13STATE E911 Selective Router.
- 1.1.41 “Centralized Message Distribution System” (CMDS) means the transport system that LECs use to exchange outcollect and Carrier Access Billing System “CABS” access messages among each other and other Parties connected to CMDS.
- 1.1.42 “Central Office Switch” (Central Office) is a switching entity within the public switched telecommunications network, including but not limited to:
- 1.1.42.1 “End Office Switch” or “End Office” is a switching machine that directly terminates traffic to and receives traffic from purchasers of local exchange services. An End Office Switch does not include a PBX.
- 1.1.42.2 “Tandem Office Switch” or “Tandem(s)” are used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among other Central Office Switches. A Tandem Switch does not include a PBX.
- 1.1.43 “Charge Number” is a CCS signaling parameter that refers to the number transmitted through the network identifying the billing number of the calling party.
- 1.1.44 “Claim” means any pending or threatened claim, action, proceeding or suit.
- 1.1.45 “Collocation” is an arrangement where a CLEC leases space at an AT&T-13STATE premises for the placement of equipment necessary for interconnection or access to AT&T-13STATE Lawful UNEs.
- 1.1.46 “Commercial Mobile Radio Services” (CMRS) means Commercial Mobile Radio Service, As Defined in the Act and FCC rules.
- 1.1.47 “Commission” means the applicable State agency with regulatory authority over Telecommunications. Unless the context otherwise requires, use of the term “Commissions” means all of the thirteen agencies listed in this Section. The following is a list of the appropriate State agencies:
- 1.1.47.1 the Arkansas Public Service Commission (AR-PSC);
- 1.1.47.2 Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CA-PUC);
- 1.1.47.3 the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC);
- 1.1.47.4 the Illinois Commerce Commission (IL-CC);
- 1.1.47.5 the Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission (IN-URC);
- 1.1.47.6 the Kansas Corporation Commission (KS-CC);
- 1.1.47.7 the Michigan Public Service Commission (MI-PSC);
- 1.1.47.8 the Missouri Public Service Commission (MO-PSC);
- 1.1.47.9 the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (NV-PUC);
- 1.1.47.10 the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUC-OH);
- 1.1.47.11 the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OK-CC);
- 1.1.47.12 the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC-TX); and
- 1.1.47.13 the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC-WI).
- 1.1.48 “Common Channel Signaling” (CCS) means an out-of-band, packet-switched, signaling network used to transport supervision signals, control signals, and data messages. It is a special network, fully separate from the transmission path of the public switched network. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the CCS protocol used by the Parties shall be SS7.
- 1.1.49 “Common Language Location Identifier” (CLLI) codes provide a unique 11-character representation of a network interconnection point. The first 8 characters identify the city, state and building location, while the last 3 characters identify the network component.

- 1.1.50 “Consequential Damages” means Losses claimed to have resulted from any indirect, incidental, reliance, special, consequential, punitive, exemplary, multiple or any other Loss, including damages claimed to have resulted from harm to business, loss of anticipated revenues, savings, or profits, or other economic Loss claimed to have been suffered not measured by the prevailing Party’s actual damages, and regardless of whether the Parties knew or had been advised of the possibility that such damages could result in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted, or done hereunder or related hereto, including willful acts or omissions.
- 1.1.51 “Customer Usage Data” means the Telecommunications Services usage data of a CLEC End User measured in minutes, sub-minute increments, message units, or otherwise, that is recorded by AT&T-13STATE and forwarded to CLEC.
- 1.1.52 “Custom Local Area Signaling Service Features” (CLASS) means certain call-management service features that are currently available from AT&T-13STATE’s local networks. These could include: Automatic Call Back; Automatic Recall; Call Trace; Caller Identification and related blocking features; Calling Number Delivery; Customer Originated Trace; Distinctive Ringing/Call Waiting; Selective Call Forward; and Selective Call Rejection.
- 1.1.53 “Customer Name and Address Information” (CNA) means the name, service address and telephone numbers of a Party’s End Users for a particular Exchange Area. CNA includes nonpublished listings, coin telephone information and published listings.
- 1.1.54 “Data Interexchange Carrier” (DIXC) is a process designed to facilitate the reciprocal exchange of voice traffic load data between the AT&T-13STATE and CLECs interconnecting with its network. This reciprocal exchange of data enables AT&T-13STATE and each CLEC to have a complete view of traffic loads on both ends of two-way trunk groups. The knowledge of call attempt and overflow data counts on both ends of a two-way trunk group enables each company to more accurately estimate the offered, and thereby better estimate, the required quantities of trunks.
- 1.1.55 “Declassified” or “Declassification” means the situation where a network element, including a network element referred to as a Lawful UNE under this Agreement, ceases to be a Lawful UNE under this Agreement because it is no longer required by Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, as determined by lawful and effective FCC rules and associated lawful and effective FCC and judicial orders. Without limitation, a Lawful UNE that has ceased to be a Lawful UNE may also be referred to as “Declassified.”
- 1.1.56 “Delaying Event” means any failure of a Party to perform any of its obligations set forth in this Agreement, caused in whole or in part by:
- 1.1.56.1 the failure of the other Party to perform any of its obligations set forth in this Agreement, including but not limited to a Party’s failure to provide the other Party with accurate and complete Service Orders;
 - 1.1.56.2 any delay, act or failure to act by the other Party or its End User, agent or subcontractor; or
 - 1.1.56.3 any Force Majeure Event.
- 1.1.57 “Dialing Parity” is As Defined in the Act. As used in this Agreement, Dialing Parity refers to both Local Dialing Parity and Toll Dialing Parity.
- 1.1.58 “Digital Signal Level” is one of several transmission rates in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.
- 1.1.58.1 “Digital Signal Level 0” (DS-0) is the 64 Kbps zero-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.
 - 1.1.58.2 “Digital Signal Level 1” (DS-1) is the 1.544 Mbps first-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.

- 1.1.58.3 "Digital Signal Level 3" (DS-3) is the 44.736 Mbps third-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.
- 1.1.59 "Digital Subscriber Line" (DSL) is as defined in the applicable Appendix DSL and/or the applicable tariff, as appropriate.
- 1.1.60 "Electronic File Transfer" is any system or process that utilizes an electronic format and protocol to send or receive data files.
- 1.1.61 "End Users" means a third-party residence or business that subscribes to Telecommunications Services provided by any of the Parties at retail. As used herein, the term "End Users" does not include any of the Parties to this Agreement with respect to any item or service obtained under this Agreement.
- 1.1.62 "Enhanced Service Provider" (ESP) is a provider of enhanced services as those services are defined in 47 CFR Section 64.702.
- 1.1.63 "Exchange Access" is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.64 "Exchange Area" means an area, defined by the Commission, for which a distinct local rate schedule is in effect.
- 1.1.65 "Exchange Message Interface" (EMI) (formerly Exchange Message Record - EMR) is the standard used for exchange of Telecommunications message information among Telecommunications Carriers for billable, non-billable, sample, settlement and study data. EMI format is contained in Telcordia Practice BR-010-200-010, CRIS Exchange Message Record.
- 1.1.66 "Exchange Service" means Telephone Exchange Service, As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.67 "Feature Group A" (FGA) means calls either originated by, or delivered to, an End User who has purchased switched access FGA service from the interstate or intrastate tariffs of either Party. FGA also includes, but is not limited to, FGA-like services provided by either Party, where calls are originated from and/or delivered to numbers which are assigned to a Rate Center within one LATA but where the Party receiving the call is physically located in a LATA different than the LATA of the Party originating the call.
- 1.1.68 "Feature Group D" (FGD) is access available to all customers, providing trunk side access to a Party's End Office Switches with an associated uniform 101XXXX access code for customer's use in originating and terminating communications.
- 1.1.69 "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission.
- 1.1.70 "Fiber Meet" means an Interconnection architecture method whereby the Parties physically Interconnect their networks via an optical fiber interface (as opposed to an electrical interface) at a mutually agreed upon location, at which one Party's responsibility or service begins and the other Party's responsibility ends.
- 1.1.71 "Foreign Exchange" (FX) or "FX-like" service means a retail service offering which allows FX customers to obtain exchange service from a mandatory local calling area other than the mandatory local calling area where the FX customer is physically located, but within the same LATA as the number that is assigned. FX service enables particular end-user customers to avoid what might otherwise be toll calls between the FX customer's physical location and customers in the foreign exchange. "FX Telephone Numbers" are those telephone numbers with rating and routing point that are different from those of the geographic area in which the end user is physically located. FX Telephone Numbers that deliver second dial tone and the ability for the calling party to enter access codes and an additional recipient telephone number remain classified as Feature Group A (FGA) calls, and are subject to the originating and terminating carrier's tariffed Switched Exchange Access rates (also known as "Meet Point Billed" compensation).

- 1.1.72 “Fraud Monitoring System” means an off-line administration system that monitors suspected occurrences of ABT-related fraud.
- 1.1.73 “Governmental Authority” means any federal, state, local, foreign, or international court, government, department, commission, board, bureau, agency, official, or other regulatory, administrative, legislative, or judicial authority with jurisdiction over the subject matter at issue.
- 1.1.74 “Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier” (ILEC) is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.75 “Intellectual Property” means copyrights, patents, trademarks, trade secrets, mask works and all other intellectual property rights.
- 1.1.76 “Integrated Digital Loop Carrier” means a subscriber loop carrier system that is twenty-four (24) local Loop transmission paths combined into a 1.544 Mbps digital signal which integrates within the switch at a DS1 level.
- 1.1.77 “Integrated Services Digital Network” (ISDN) means a switched network service that provides end-to-end digital connectivity for the simultaneous transmission of voice and data. Basic Rate Interface-ISDN (BRI-ISDN) provides for a digital transmission of two 64 Kbps bearer channels and one 16 Kbps data channel (2B+D).
- 1.1.78 “Interconnection” is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.79 “Interconnection Activation Date” is the date that the construction of the joint facility Interconnection arrangement has been completed, trunk groups have been established, joint trunk testing is completed and trunks have been mutually accepted by the Parties.
- 1.1.80 “Interexchange Carrier” (IXC) means a carrier that provides, directly or indirectly, interLATA or intraLATA Telephone Toll Services.
- 1.1.81 “InterLATA” is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.82 “Intermediate Distribution Frame” (IDF) is a second frame that augments an existing Main Distribution Frame. Lines or outside cables do not terminate on the IDF.
- 1.1.83 “Internet Service Provider” (ISP) is an Enhanced Service Provider that provides Internet Services, and is defined in paragraph 341 of the FCC’s First Report and Order in CC Docket No. 97-158.
- 1.1.84 “ISP-Bound Traffic” shall mean telecommunications traffic, in accordance with the FCC’s Order on Remand and Report and Order, In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Compensation Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98, 99-68 (rel. April, 27, 2001) (“FCC ISP Compensation Order”), “ISP-Bound Traffic” shall mean exchanged between CLEC and AT&T-13STATE in which the originating End User of one Party and the ISP served by the other Party are:
- a. both physically located in the same ILEC Local Exchange Area as defined by the ILEC’s Local (or “General”) Exchange Tariff on file with the applicable state commission or regulatory agency; or
 - b. both physically located within neighboring ILEC Local Exchange Areas that are within the same common mandatory local calling area. This includes, but it is not limited to, mandatory Extended Area Service (EAS), mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS) or other types of mandatory expanded local calling scopes.
- 1.1.85 “IntraLATA Toll Traffic” means the IntraLATA traffic between two locations within one LATA where one of the locations lies outside of the normal local calling area as defined by the applicable Commission.
- 1.1.86 “Jurisdictional Identification Parameter” (JIP) is an existing six (6) digit (NPA-NXX) field in the SS7 message. This field designates the first point of switching.

- 1.1.87 “Lawful,” when used in relation to unbundling, unbundled network elements, network elements and/or UNEs or activities involving UNEs, means required by Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, as determined by lawful and effective FCC rules and associated lawful and effective FCC and judicial orders.
- 1.1.88 “Line Information Data Base” (LIDB) means a transaction-oriented database system that functions as a centralized repository for data storage and retrieval. LIDB is accessible through CCS networks. LIDB contains records associated with End User line numbers and special billing numbers.
- 1.1.89 “Local Access Transport Area” (LATA) is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.90 “Local Exchange Carrier” (LEC) is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.91 “Local Exchange Routing Guide” (LERG) is a Telcordia Reference document used by Telecommunications Carriers to identify NPA-NXX routing and homing information as well as Network element and equipment designations.
- 1.1.92 “Local Interconnection Trunks/Trunk Groups” are used for the termination of Local Exchange Traffic, pursuant to Telcordia Technical Reference GR-317-CORE.
- 1.1.93 “Local Loop Transmission”, “Lawful Unbundled Local Loop”, “Loop” means the transmission path which extends from the Network Interface Device or demarcation point at an End User’s premise to the Main Distribution Frame or other designated frame or panel in the AT&T-13STATE Serving Wire Center.
- 1.1.94 “Local Number Portability” (LNP) means the ability of users of Telecommunications Services to retain, at the same location, the presence of a previously existing telephone number(s).
- 1.1.95 “Location Routing Number” (LRN) is a ten (10) digit number that is assigned to the network switching elements (Central Office – Host and Remotes as required) for the routing of calls in the network. The first six (6) digits of the LRN will be one of the assigned NPA NXX of the switching element. The purpose and functionality of the last four (4) digits of the LRN have not yet been defined but are passed across the network to the terminating switch.
- 1.1.96 “Local Service Provider” (LSP) is the LEC that provides retail local Exchange Service to an End User. The LSP may or may not provide any physical network components to support the provision of that End User’s service.
- 1.1.97 “Loss” or “Losses” means any and all losses, costs (including court costs), claims, damages (including fines, penalties, and criminal or civil judgments and settlements), injuries, liabilities and expenses (including attorneys’ fees).
- 1.1.98 “MECAB” refers to the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing document prepared by the Billing Committee of the Ordering and Billing Forum “OBF”, which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee “CLC of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions “ATIS”. The MECAB document, published by ATIS as ATIS/OBF-MECAB-Issue 6, February 1998, contains the recommended guidelines for the billing of access services provided to an IXC by two or more LECs, or by one LEC in two or more states within a single LATA.
- 1.1.99 “MECOD” refers to the Multiple Exchange Carriers Ordering and Design Guidelines for Access Services - Industry Support Interface, a document developed by the Ordering/Provisioning Committee of the OBF, which functions under the auspices of the CLC of ATIS. The MECOD document, published by ATIS as ATIS/OBF-MECAB-Issue 3, February 1993, establishes methods for processing orders for access service which is to be provided to an IXC by two or more telecommunications providers.
- 1.1.100 “Meet-Point Billing” (MPB) refers to the billing associated with interconnection of facilities between two or more LECs for the routing of traffic to and from an IXC with which one of the

LECs does not have a direct connection. In a multi-bill environment, each Party bills the appropriate tariffed rate for its portion of a jointly provided Switched Exchange Access Service.

- 1.1.101 “Multiple Bill/Single Tariff” is a billing method used when Switched Exchange Access Services is jointly provided by the Parties. As described in the MECAB document, each Party will render a bill in accordance with its own tariff for that portion of the service it provides. Each Party will bill its own network access service rates.
- 1.1.102 “Network Data Mover” (NDM) is an industry standard protocol for transferring information electrically.
- 1.1.103 “Network Element” is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.104 “North American Numbering Plan” (NANP) A numbering architecture in which every station in the NANP Area is identified by a unique ten-digit address consisting of a three-digit NPA code, a three digit central office code of the form NXX, and a four-digit line number of the form XXXX.
- 1.1.105 “Numbering Plan Area” (NPA) also called area code. An NPA is the 3-digit code that occupies the A, B, C positions in the 10-digit NANP format that applies throughout the NANP Area. NPAs are of the form NXX, where N represents the digits 2-9 and X represents any digit 0-9. In the NANP, NPAs are classified as either geographic or non-geographic. a) Geographic NPAs are NPAs which correspond to discrete geographic areas within the NANP Area. b) Non-geographic NPAs are NPAs that do not correspond to discrete geographic areas, but which are instead assigned for services with attributes, functionalities, or requirements that transcend specific geographic boundaries. The common examples are NPAs in the N00 format, e.g., 800.
- 1.1.106 “Number Portability” is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.107 “NXX” or “Central Office Code” is the three-digit switch entity indicator that is defined by the fourth through sixth digits of a 10-digit telephone number within the NANP. Each NXX Code contains 10,000 station numbers.
- 1.1.108 “Ordering and Billing Forum” (OBF) is a forum comprised of local telephone companies and inter-exchange carriers whose responsibility is to create and document Telecommunication industry guidelines and standards.
- 1.1.109 “Out of Exchange LEC” (OE-LEC) means Access Point, Inc. operating within AT&T-13STATE’s incumbent local exchange area and provides telecommunications services utilizing NPA-NXXs identified to reside in a Third Party Incumbent LEC’s local exchange area.
- 1.1.110 “Out of Exchange Traffic” is defined as local, transit, or intraLATA traffic to or from a non-AT&T ILEC exchange area.
- 1.1.111 “Party” means either CLEC or the AT&T-owned ILEC; use of the term “Party” includes each of the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) that is a party to this Agreement. “Parties” means both CLEC and the AT&T-owned ILEC; use of the term “Parties” includes each of the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) that is a party to this Agreement.
- 1.1.112 “Permanent Number Portability” (PNP) is a long term method of providing LNP using LRN.
- 1.1.113 “Person” means an individual or a partnership, an association, a joint venture, a corporation, a business or a trust or other entity organized under Applicable law, an unincorporated organization or any Governmental Authority.
- 1.1.114 “Physical Collocation” is as defined in Appendix Physical Collocation.
- 1.1.115 “Plain Old Telephone Service” (POTS) means telephone service for the transmission of human speech.
- 1.1.116 “Point of Interconnection” (POI) is a point on the AT&T-13STATE network (End Office or Tandem building) where the Parties deliver Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic to each other, and also serves as a demarcation point between the facilities that each Party is responsible to provide.

1.1.117 "Port" is the point of interface/access connection to the AT&T-13STATE public switched network. This may be a switch line side interface or switch trunk side interface.

1.1.118 "Rate Center Area" means the following in each applicable area:

1.1.118.1 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE

1.1.118.1.1 "Rate Center" means the specific geographic point that has been designated by a given LEC as being associated with a particular NPA-NXX code that has been assigned to the LEC for its provision of Telephone Exchange Service. The Rate Center is the finite geographic point identified by a specific V&H coordinate, which is used by that LEC to measure, for billing purposes, distance sensitive transmission services associated with the specific Rate Center.

1.1.118.2 AT&T NEVADA

1.1.118.2.1 "Rate Center" denotes the designated points, representing exchanges, (or locations outside exchange areas), between which mileage measurements are made for the application of interexchange mileage rates. Rate Centers are defined in NV-PUC tariff A6.2.7.

1.1.118.3 AT&T CALIFORNIA

1.1.118.3.1 "Rate Center" denotes the designated points, representing exchanges or district area (or locations outside exchange areas), between which mileage measurements are made for the application of interexchange and interdistrict mileage rates, as defined by the CA-PUC.A2, 2.1.1 Definition of Terms.

1.1.118.4 AT&T CONNECTICUT

1.1.118.4.1 "Rate Center" means the specific geographic point and corresponding area that have been identified by a given LEC as being associated with a particular NPA-NXX code that has been assigned to the LEC for its provision of Exchange Services.

1.1.118.5 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE

1.1.118.5.1 "Rate Center" means an uniquely defined geographical location within an exchange area (or a location outside the exchange area) for which mileage measurements are determined for the application of interstate tariffs.

1.1.119 "Rating Point" means the V&H coordinates associated with a particular telephone number for rating purposes.

1.1.120 "Referral Announcement" refers to a process by which calls are routed to an announcement that states the new telephone number of an End User.

1.1.121 "Routing Point" is a location which a LEC has designated on its own network as the homing or routing point for traffic inbound to Exchange Service provided by the LEC which bears a certain NPA-NXX designation. The Routing Point is employed to calculate mileage measurements for the distance-sensitive transport element charges of Switched Access services. The Routing Point need not be the same as the Rating Point, nor must it be located within the Rate Center area, but must be in the same LATA as the NPA-NXX.

1.1.122 "Section 251(b)(5) Traffic" shall mean telecommunications traffic in which the originating End User of one Party and the terminating End User of the other Party are:

- a. both physically located in the same ILEC Local Exchange Area as defined by the ILEC Local (or "General") Exchange Tariff on file with the applicable state commission or regulatory agency; or
 - b. both physically located within neighboring ILEC Local Exchange Areas that are within the same common mandatory local calling area. This includes but is not limited to, mandatory Extended Area Service (EAS), mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS), or other types of mandatory expanded local calling scopes.
- 1.1.123 "Service Provider Number Portability" (SPNP) is synonymous with Permanent Number Portability "PNP".
- 1.1.124 "Service Switching Point" (SSP) is a telephone central office switch equipped with a Signaling System 7 (SS7) interface.
- 1.1.125 "Signaling System 7" (SS7) means a signaling protocol used by the CCS Network.
- 1.1.126 "Signal Transfer Point" (STP) performs a packet switching function that routes signaling messages among Service Switching Points (SSP), Service Control Points (SCP), Signaling Points (SP), and other STPs in order to set up calls and to query databases for Advanced Services.
- 1.1.127 "State Abbreviation" means the following:
- 1.1.127.1 "AR" means Arkansas
 - 1.1.127.2 "CA" means California
 - 1.1.127.3 "CT" means Connecticut
 - 1.1.127.4 "IL" means Illinois
 - 1.1.127.5 "IN" means Indiana
 - 1.1.127.6 "KS" means Kansas
 - 1.1.127.7 "MI" means Michigan
 - 1.1.127.8 "MO" means Missouri
 - 1.1.127.9 "NV" means Nevada
 - 1.1.127.10 "OH" means Ohio
 - 1.1.127.11 "OK" means Oklahoma
 - 1.1.127.12 "TX" means Texas
 - 1.1.127.13 "WI" means Wisconsin
- 1.1.128 "Switched Access Detail Usage Data" means a category 1101xx record as defined in the EMI Telecordia Practice BR 010-200-010.
- 1.1.129 "Switched Exchange Access Service" means the offering of transmission or switching services to Telecommunications Carriers for the purpose of the origination or termination of telephone toll service. Switched Exchange Access Services include: Feature Group A, Feature Group B, Feature Group D, 800/888 access, and 900 access and their successors or similar Switched Exchange Access Services.
- 1.1.130 "Synchronous Optical Network" (SONET) is an optical interface standard that allows inter-networking of transmission products from multiple vendors. The base rate is 51.84 Mbps ("OC-1/STS-1") and higher rates are direct multiples of the base rate, up to 13.22 Gbps.
- 1.1.131 "Telecommunications" is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.132 "Telecommunications Carrier" is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.133 "Telecommunications Service" is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.134 "Telephone Exchange Service" is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.135 "Telephone Toll Service" is As Defined in the Act.

- 1.1.136 "Third Party" means any Person other than a Party.
- 1.1.137 "Toll Billing Exception Service" (TBE) means a service that allows End Users to restrict third number billing or collect calls to their lines.
- 1.1.138 "Trunk" means a communication line between two switching systems.
- 1.1.139 "Trunk-Side" refers to a Central Office Switch connection that is capable of, and has been programmed to treat the circuit as connecting to another switching entity (for example another Central Office switch). Trunk-Side connections offer those transmission and signaling features appropriate for the connection of switching entities and cannot be used for the direct connection of ordinary telephone station sets.
- 1.1.140 "Lawful Unbundled Network Element" or "Lawful UNE" is as defined in Appendix Lawful UNEs (Lawful Provision of Access to Unbundled Network Elements).
- 1.1.141 "Virtual Collocation" is as defined in Appendix Virtual Collocation.
- 1.1.142 "Wire Center" is the location of one or more local switching systems. A point at which End User's loops within a defined geographic area converge. Such local loops may be served by one (1) or more Central Office Switches within such premises.
- 1.2 Definitions Applicable to AT&T-12STATE Only
- 1.2.1 "Main Distribution Frame" (MDF) is termination frame for outside facility and inter-exchange office equipment at the central office for DS-0 and DSL services.
- 1.2.2 "Serving Wire Center" (SWC) means a Wire Center that serves the area in which the other Party's or a third party's Wire Center, aggregation point, point of termination, or point of presence is located.
- 1.2.3 "Universal Digital Loop Carrier" (UDLC) describes a DLC system that has a Central Office terminal channel bank that is connected to the CO switches on the analog side.
- 1.3 Definitions Applicable to AT&T-7STATE Only
- 1.3.1 "Line Side" refers to End Office switch connections that have been programmed to treat the circuit as a local line connected to a terminating station (e.g., an ordinary subscriber's telephone station set, a PBX, answering machine, facsimile machine or computer). Line Side connections offer only those transmission and signal features appropriate for a connection between an End Office and such terminating station.
- 1.4 Definitions Applicable to AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE Only
- 1.4.1 "Line Side" refers to the switch port toward the CLEC's side of the equipment.

2. INTERPRETATION, CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

2.1 Definitions

- 2.1.1 For purposes of this Agreement, certain terms have been defined in this Agreement to encompass meanings that may differ from, or be in addition to, the normal connotation of the defined word. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, any term defined or used in the singular will include the plural. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation" and/or "but not limited to". The words "will" and "shall" are used interchangeably throughout this Agreement and the use of either connotes a mandatory requirement. The use of one or the other will not mean a different degree of right or obligation for either Party. A defined word intended to convey its special meaning is capitalized when used. Other terms that are capitalized and not defined in this Agreement will have the meaning in the Act, or in the absence of their inclusion in the Act, their customary usage in the Telecommunications industry as of the Effective Date.

2.2 Headings Not Controlling

2.2.1 The headings and numbering of Sections, Parts, Appendices Schedules and Exhibits to this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be construed to define or limit any of the terms herein or affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

2.2.2 This Agreement incorporates a number of Appendices which, together with their associated Attachments, Exhibits, Schedules and Addenda, constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties. In order to facilitate use and comprehension of the Agreement, the Appendices have been grouped under broad headings. It is understood that these groupings are for convenience of reference only, and are not intended to limit the applicability that any particular appendix, attachment, exhibit, schedule or addenda may otherwise have.

2.3 Referenced Documents

2.3.1 Unless the context shall otherwise specifically require, and subject to Section 23, whenever any provision of this Agreement refers to a technical reference, technical publication, CLEC Practice, AT&T-13STATE Practice, any publication of telecommunications industry administrative or technical standards, or any other document specifically incorporated into this Agreement (collectively, a "Referenced Instrument"), it will be deemed to be a reference to the then-current version or edition (including any amendments, supplements, addenda, or successors) of each Referenced Instrument that is in effect, and will include the then-current version or edition (including any amendments, supplements, addenda, or successors) of any other Referenced Instrument incorporated by reference therein.

2.4 References

2.4.1 References herein to Sections, Paragraphs, Exhibits, Parts, Schedules, and Appendices shall be deemed to be references to Sections, Paragraphs and Parts of, and Exhibits, Schedules and Appendices to, this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require.

2.5 Tariff References

2.5.1 To the extent a tariff provision or rate is incorporated or otherwise applies between the Parties due to the provisions of this Agreement, it is understood that said tariff provision or rate applies only in the jurisdiction in which such tariff provision or rate is filed, and applies to the CLEC and only the AT&T-13STATE ILEC(s) that operates within that jurisdiction. Further, it is understood that any changes to said tariff provision or rate are also automatically incorporated herein or otherwise hereunder, effective hereunder on the date any such change is effective.

2.5.2 Wherever any Commission ordered tariff provision or rate is incorporated, cited or quoted herein, it is understood that said incorporation or reference applies only to the entity within the state whose Commission ordered that tariff.

2.5.3 Any state or federal tariff references made within this Agreement, including all Attachments/Appendices, refer to tariffs filed by AT&T-13STATE, as such tariffs may be modified from time to time.

2.5.4 Wherever the term "customer" is used in connection with AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's retail tariffs, the term "customer" means the ultimate "consumer" or the "end user" of any tariffed service.

2.6 Conflict in Provisions

2.6.1 In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the Act, the provisions of the Act shall govern.

2.6.2 If any definitions, terms or conditions in any given Appendix, Attachment, Exhibit, Schedule or Addenda differ from those contained in the main body of this Agreement, those definitions, terms or conditions will supersede those contained in the main body of this Agreement, but only in regard to the services or activities listed in that particular Appendix, Attachment, Exhibit,

Schedule or Addenda. In particular, if an Appendix contains a Term length that differs from the Term length in the main body of this Agreement, the Term length of that Appendix will control the length of time that services or activities are to occur under that Appendix, but will not affect the Term length of the remainder of this Agreement.

- 2.6.3 In AT&T CONNECTICUT only, in the event of a conflict between any provision in this Agreement and any provision in the DPUC-ordered tariffs covering the services that are the subject of this Agreement with AT&T CONNECTICUT, such DPUC-ordered tariffs will prevail.
- 2.7 Joint Work Product
- 2.7.1 This Agreement is the joint work product of the Parties and has been negotiated by the Parties and their respective counsel and shall be fairly interpreted in accordance with its terms and, in the event of any ambiguities, no inferences shall be drawn against either Party.
- 2.8 Severability
- 2.8.1 If any provision of this Agreement is rejected or held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, each Party agrees that such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent permissible so as to effect the intent of the Parties, and the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. If necessary to effect the intent of the Parties, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to amend this Agreement to replace the unenforceable language with enforceable language that reflects such intent as closely as possible. The Parties negotiated the terms and conditions of this Agreement for Interconnection, services and Lawful Unbundled Network Elements as a total arrangement and it is intended to be nonseverable.
- 2.9 Incorporation by Reference
- 2.9.1 All of the rates, terms and conditions (“Provisions”) set forth in this Agreement (including any and all attachments, appendices and/or schedules hereto) and every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, are subject to all other Provisions contained in this Agreement (including any and all attachments, appendices and/or schedules hereto), and all such Provisions are integrally related.
- 2.10 Non-Voluntary Provisions
- 2.10.1 This Agreement incorporates certain rates, terms and conditions that were not voluntarily negotiated by AT&T-13STATE, but instead resulted from determinations made in arbitrations under Section 252 of the Act or from other requirements of regulatory agencies or state law (individually and collectively, a “Non-Voluntary Arrangement”). AT&T-13STATE has identified some, but not all, of the Non-Voluntary Arrangements contained in this Agreement, by designating such provisions with asterisks. If any Non-Voluntary Arrangement is modified as a result of any order or finding by the FCC, the appropriate Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction, any Party may, by providing written notice to the other Party, require that any affected Non-Voluntary Arrangement (and any related rates, terms and conditions) be deleted or renegotiated, as applicable, in good faith and this Agreement amended accordingly. If such modifications to this Agreement are not executed within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of such notice, a Party may pursue its rights under Section 12.
- 2.10.2 The Parties acknowledge that the Non-Voluntary Arrangements contained in this Agreement shall not be available in any state other than the state that originally imposed/required such Non-Voluntary Arrangement. By way of example only, the Parties acknowledge that the PUC-OH’s imposition in Ohio of the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (and all terms and conditions relating thereto) shall not apply in or be “portable to” any state other than Ohio.

2.11 State-Specific Rates, Terms and Conditions

- 2.11.1 For ease of administration, this multistate Agreement contains certain specified rates, terms and conditions which apply only in a designated state (“state-specific terms”). To the extent that this Agreement contains specified rates, terms and conditions which apply only in a given state, such rates, terms and conditions shall not apply and shall have no effect in any other state(s) to which this Agreement is submitted for approval under Section 252(e) of the Act.
- 2.11.2 State-specific terms, as the phrase is described in Section 2.11.1 above, have been negotiated (or in the case of 2.10.2 above, included in the agreement per state requirement) by the Parties only as to the states where this Agreement has been executed, filed and approved. When the Parties negotiate an agreement for an additional state, neither Party shall be precluded by any language in this Agreement from negotiating state-specific terms for the state in which are to apply.
- 2.11.3 **Successor Rates.** Certain of the rates, prices and charges set forth in the applicable Appendix Pricing have been established by the appropriate Commissions in cost proceedings or dockets initiated under or pursuant to the Act. If during the Term that Commission or the FCC changes a rate, price or charge in an order or docket that applies to any of the Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services available hereunder, the Parties agree to amend this Agreement to incorporate such new rates, prices and charges, with such rates, prices and charges to be effective as of the date specified in such order or docket (including giving effect to any retroactive application, if so ordered). If either Party refuses to execute an amendment to this Agreement within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of such order or docket, the other Party may pursue its rights under Section 12.

2.12 Scope of Obligations

- 2.12.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein except for the Out of Exchange Appendix, AT&T-13STATE's obligations under this Agreement shall apply only to:
- 2.12.1.1 the specific operating area(s) or portion thereof in which AT&T-13STATE is then deemed to be the ILEC under the Act (the “ILEC Territory”), and only to the extent that the CLEC is operating and offering service to End Users identified to be residing in such ILEC Territory; and
- 2.12.1.2 assets that AT&T-13STATE owns or leases and which are used in connection with AT&T-13STATE's provision to CLEC of any Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products or services provided or contemplated under this Agreement, the Act or any tariff or ancillary agreement referenced herein (individually and collectively, the “ILEC Assets”).
- 2.12.1.3 The underlying Interconnection Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which AT&T-12STATE agrees to provide CLEC with access to Lawful unbundled network elements under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, Collocation under Section 251(c)(6) of the Act, Interconnection under Section 251(c)(2) of the Act and/or Resale under Section 251(c)(4) of the Act in AT&T-12STATE's incumbent local exchange areas for the provision of CLEC's Telecommunications Services. The Parties acknowledge and agree that AT&T-12STATE is only obligated to make available Lawful UNEs and access to Lawful UNEs under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, Collocation under Section 251(c)(6) of the Act, Interconnection under Section 251(c)(2) of the Act and/or Resale under Section 251(c)(4) of the Act to CLEC in AT&T-12STATE's incumbent local exchange areas. AT&T-12STATE has no obligation to provide such Lawful UNEs, Collocation, Interconnection and/or Resale, to CLEC for the purposes of CLEC providing and/or extending service outside of AT&T-12STATE's incumbent local exchange areas. In addition, AT&T-12STATE is not obligated to provision Lawful UNEs or to provide access to Lawful UNEs under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, Collocation under Section 251(c)(6) of the Act, Interconnection under Section 251(c)(2)

of the Act and/or Resale under Section 251(c)(4) of the Act and is not otherwise bound by any 251(c) obligations in geographic areas other than AT&T-12STATE's incumbent local exchange areas. Therefore, the Parties understand and agree that the rates, terms and conditions set forth in AT&T-12STATE's current Interconnection Agreement, and any associated provisions set forth elsewhere in CLEC's current Interconnection Agreement (including but not limited to the rates set forth in this Agreement associated with Lawful UNEs under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, Collocation under Section 251(c)(6) of the Act, Interconnection under Section 251(c)(2) of the Act and/or Resale under Section 251(c)(4) of the Act), shall only apply to the Parties and be available to CLEC for provisioning telecommunication services within an AT&T-12STATE incumbent local exchange area(s) in the State in which CLEC's current Interconnection Agreement with AT&T-12STATE has been approved by the relevant state Commission and is in effect.

2.12.1.4 Throughout this Agreement, wherever there are references to unbundled network elements that are to be provided by AT&T-12STATE under this Agreement, the Parties agree and acknowledge that their intent is for the Agreement to comply with Section 2.12.1.3, above, and require only the provision of Lawful UNEs, regardless of whether the term "Lawful" is used as part of the reference to unbundled network elements.

2.13 Affiliates

2.13.1 These General Terms and Conditions and all attachments and Appendices hereto (this Agreement), including subsequent amendments, if any, shall bind AT&T-13STATE, CLEC and any entity that currently or subsequently is owned or controlled by or under common ownership or control with CLEC. CLEC further agrees that the same or substantially the same terms and conditions shall be incorporated into any separate agreement between AT&T-13STATE and any such CLEC Affiliate that continues to operate as a separate entity. This Agreement shall remain effective as to CLEC and any such CLEC Affiliate for the term of this Agreement as stated herein until either AT&T-13STATE or CLEC or any such CLEC Affiliate institutes renegotiation consistent with the provisions of this Agreement for renewal and term. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the existing Agreement will not supercede a currently effective interconnection agreement between any such CLEC Affiliate and AT&T-13STATE until the expiration of such other agreement.

2.14 This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which AT&T-13STATE agrees to provide CLEC with access to Lawful UNEs, Collocation and Resale in AT&T-13STATE's incumbent local exchange areas for the provision of CLEC's Telecommunications Services ((Act, Section 251(c)). The Parties acknowledge and agree that AT&T-13STATE is only obligated to make available Lawful UNEs, Collocation and Resale to CLEC in AT&T-13STATE's incumbent local exchange areas. AT&T-13STATE has no obligation to provide Lawful UNEs, Collocation and Resale to CLEC for the purposes of CLEC providing and/or extending service outside of AT&T-13STATE's incumbent local exchange areas. In addition, AT&T-13STATE is not obligated to provision Lawful UNEs, Collocation and Resale or provide any other rights under Section 251 (c) of the Act outside of AT&T-13STATE's incumbent local exchange areas. Therefore, the Parties understand and agree that the rates, terms and conditions set forth in this Interconnection Agreement, and any associated provisions set in the Attachments, Appendices, Schedules and/or Exhibits in the CLEC's current Interconnection Agreement (including but not limited to the associated Lawful UNE, Collocation and Resale rates set forth in this Agreement), shall only apply and be available to CLEC for provisioning services within an AT&T-13STATE incumbent local exchange area(s) in the State in which the CLEC's Interconnection Agreement has been approved by the Commission and is in effect.

3. NOTICE OF CHANGES -- SECTION 251(c)(5)

3.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall limit either Party's ability to upgrade its network through the incorporation of new equipment, new software or otherwise or to otherwise change and/or modify its

network including, without limitation, through the retirement and/or replacement of equipment, software or otherwise. Each Party agrees to comply with the Network Disclosure rules adopted by the FCC in CC Docket No. 96-98, Second Report and Order, codified at 47 C.F.R. 51.325 through 51.335, as such rules may be amended from time to time (the "Network Disclosure Rules"). AT&T-13STATE will not discontinue any Lawful UNE, Interconnection arrangement, function, facility, product or service (excluding Resale Services), that AT&T-13STATE is required to provide to CLEC under this Agreement unless and until: (i) AT&T-13STATE provides requisite notice of the planned network change and/or modification in accordance with the Network Disclosure Rules (when applicable) and no objection is made to AT&T-13STATE's proposed network modification(s) and/or change(s) or any objection(s) is denied or deemed denied under such Rules; or (ii) if and when applicable, following AT&T-13STATE's exercise of its rights under applicable law and/or this Agreement including, without limitation, the intervening law/change in law provisions in this Agreement; or (iii) to the extent otherwise permitted in this Agreement.

4. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 4.1 Upon approval by the Commission, CLEC agrees to begin providing Telephone Exchange Service within its certificated service area to business End Users within _____ calendar days and to residential End Users within _____ calendar days.
- 4.2 AT&T-12STATE and CLEC shall each use their best efforts to meet the Interconnection Activation Dates.
- 4.3 Each Party is individually responsible to provide facilities within its network that are necessary for routing, transporting, measuring, and billing traffic from the other Party's network and for delivering such traffic to the other Party's network in the standard format compatible with AT&T-13STATE's network as referenced in Telcordia BOC Notes on LEC Networks Practice No. SR-TSV-002275, and to terminate the traffic it receives in that standard format to the proper address on its network. The Parties are each solely responsible for participation in and compliance with national network plans, including the National Network Security Plan and the Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- 4.4 The Parties shall exchange technical descriptions and forecasts of their Interconnection and traffic requirements in sufficient detail necessary to establish the Interconnections required to assure traffic completion to and from all End Users in their respective designated service areas.
- 4.5 Each Party is solely responsible for all products and services it provides to its End Users and to other Telecommunications Carriers.

5. INSURANCE

- 5.1 At all times during the term of this Agreement, each Party shall keep and maintain in force at its own expense the following minimum insurance coverage and limits and any additional insurance and/or bonds required by Applicable Law:
 - 5.1.1 Workers' Compensation insurance with benefits afforded under the laws of each state covered by this Agreement and Employers Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 for Bodily Injury-each accident, \$1,000,000 for Bodily Injury by disease-policy limits and \$1,000,000 for Bodily Injury by disease-each employee.
 - 5.1.2 Commercial General Liability insurance with minimum limits of: \$2,000,000 General Aggregate limit; \$1,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for all bodily injury or property damage incurred in any one occurrence; \$1,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for Personal Injury and Advertising; \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate limit, with a \$1,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for Products/Completed Operations. Fire Legal Liability sub-limits of \$1,000,000 are also required if this Agreement involves collocation or structure access. AT&T-13STATE, its affiliates, officers, agents and employees, shall be listed as additional insured on the Commercial General Liability policy. A waiver of subrogation shall be in favor of AT&T-13STATE. The

liability policies shall be primary and non-contributory from any insurance that is maintained by AT&T-13STATE.

- 5.1.3 If use of an automobile is required, Automobile Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limits per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, which coverage shall extend to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles.
 - 5.1.4 Each Party shall require subcontractors providing services under this Agreement to maintain in force the insurance coverage and limits required in this Section.
 - 5.1.5 The Parties agree that companies affording the insurance coverage required under this Section shall have a rating of A or better and a Financial Size Category rating of VIII or better, as rated in the A.M. Best Key Rating Guide for Property and Casualty Insurance Companies. Upon request from the other Party, each Party shall provide to the other Party evidence of such insurance coverage.
 - 5.1.6 Each Party agrees to provide the other Party with at least thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice of cancellation, material reduction or non-renewal of any of the insurance policies required herein.
 - 5.1.7 Each Party agrees to accept the other Party's program of self-insurance in lieu of insurance coverage if certain requirements are met. These requirements are as follows:
 - 5.1.7.1 The Party desiring to satisfy its Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability obligations through self-insurance shall submit to the other Party a copy of its Certificate of Authority to Self-Insure its Workers' Compensation obligations issued by each state covered by this Agreement or the employer's state of hire; and
 - 5.1.7.2 The Party desiring to satisfy its automobile liability obligations through self-insurance shall submit to the other Party a copy of the state-issued letter approving self-insurance for automobile liability issued by each state covered by this Agreement; and
 - 5.1.7.3 The Party desiring to satisfy its general liability obligations through self-insurance must provide evidence acceptable to the other Party that it maintains at least an investment grade (e.g., B+ or higher) debt or credit rating as determined by a nationally recognized debt or credit rating agency such as Moody's, Standard and Poor's or Duff and Phelps.
 - 5.1.8 This Section 5.1 is a general statement of insurance requirements and shall be in addition to any specific requirement of insurance referenced elsewhere in this Agreement or a Referenced Instrument.
- 5.2 Simultaneously with CLEC's execution of this Agreement, CLEC shall insert its appropriate state-specific authorized and nationally recognized OCN/AECNs for facilities-based (Interconnection and/or Lawful Unbundled Network Elements) and a separate and distinct OCN/AECN for Resale Services.

6. ASSIGNMENT

6.1 Assignment of Contract

- 6.1.1 CLEC may not assign or transfer this Agreement or any rights or obligations hereunder, whether by operation of law or otherwise, to a non-affiliated third party without the prior written consent of AT&T-13STATE. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void *ab initio*.
- 6.1.2 CLEC may assign or transfer this Agreement and all rights and obligations hereunder, whether by operation of law or otherwise, to its Affiliate by providing sixty (60) calendar days' advance written notice of such assignment or transfer to AT&T-13STATE; provided that such assignment or transfer is not inconsistent with Applicable Law (including the Affiliate's obligation to obtain and maintain proper Commission certification and approvals) or the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CLEC may not assign or transfer this Agreement, or any rights or obligations hereunder, to its Affiliate if that Affiliate is a Party to a separate

agreement with AT&T-13STATE under Sections 251 and 252 of the Act. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void *ab initio*.

6.2 Corporate Name Change and/or change in “d/b/a” only

6.2.1 Any assignment or transfer of an Agreement wherein only the CLEC name is changing, and which does not include a change to a CLEC OCN/ACNA, constitutes a CLEC Name Change. For a CLEC Name Change, CLEC will incur a record order charge for each CLEC CABS BAN. For resale or any other products not billed in CABS, to the extent a record order is available, a record order charge will apply per end user record. Rates for record orders are contained in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices. CLEC shall also submit a new Operator Service Questionnaire (OSQ) to update any OS/DA Rate Reference information and Branding pursuant to the rates terms and conditions of Appendices Resale and UNE, as applicable, at the rates specified in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices to this Agreement.

6.3 Company Code Change

6.3.1 Any assignment or transfer of an Agreement associated with the transfer or acquisition of “assets” provisioned under that Agreement, where the OCN/ACNA formerly assigned to such “assets” is changing constitutes a CLEC Company Code Change. For the purposes of this Section, “assets” means any Interconnection, Resale Service, Lawful Unbundled Network Element, function, facility, product or service provided under that Agreement. CLEC shall provide AT&T-13STATE with ninety (90) calendar days advance written notice of any assignment associated with a CLEC Company Code Change and obtain AT&T-13STATE’s consent. AT&T-13STATE shall not unreasonably withhold consent to a CLEC Company Code Change; provided, however, AT&T-13STATE’s consent to any CLEC Company Code Change is contingent upon cure of any outstanding charges owed under this Agreement and any outstanding charges associated with the “assets” subject to the CLEC Company Code Change. In addition, CLEC acknowledges that CLEC may be required to tender additional assurance of payment if requested under the terms of this Agreement.

6.3.2 For any CLEC Company Code Change, CLEC must submit a service order changing the OCN/ACNA for each end user record and/or a service order for each circuit ID number, as applicable. CLEC shall pay the appropriate charges for each service order submitted to accomplish a CLEC Company Code Change; such charges are contained in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices. In addition, CLEC shall submit a new OSQ to update any OS/DA Rate Reference information and Branding pursuant to the rates terms and conditions of Appendices Resale and Lawful UNE, as applicable, at the rates specified in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices to this Agreement. In addition, CLEC shall pay any and all charges required for re-stenciling, re-engineering, changing locks and any other work necessary with respect to Collocation, as determined on an individual case basis.

6.4 Assignment of any Interconnection, Resale Service, Lawful Unbundled Network Element, function, facility, product or service.

6.4.1 Any assignment or transfer of any Interconnection, Resale Service, Lawful Unbundled Network Element, function, facility, product or service provisioned pursuant to this Agreement without the transfer or the assignment of this Agreement shall be deemed a CLEC to CLEC Mass Migration. The CLEC that is a Party to this Agreement shall provide AT&T-13STATE with ninety (90) calendar days advance written notice of any CLEC to CLEC Mass Migration. CLEC’s written notice shall include the anticipated effective date of the assignment or transfer. The acquiring CLEC must cure any outstanding charges associated with any Interconnection, Resale Service, Lawful Unbundled Network Element, function, facility, product or service to be transferred. In addition, the acquiring CLEC may be required to tender additional assurance of payment if requested under the terms of the acquiring CLEC’s agreement.

- 6.4.2 Both CLECs involved in any CLEC to CLEC Mass Migration shall comply with all Applicable Law relating thereto, including but not limited to all FCC and state Commission rules relating to notice(s) to end users. The acquiring CLEC shall be responsible for issuing all service orders required to migrate any Interconnection, Resale Service, Lawful Unbundled Network Element, function, facility, product or service provided hereunder. The appropriate service order charge or administration fee (for interconnection) will apply as specified in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices to the acquiring CLEC's agreement. The acquiring CLEC shall also submit a new OSQ to update any OS/DA Rate Reference information and Branding pursuant to the rates terms and conditions of Appendices Resale and Lawful UNE, as applicable, at the rates specified in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices to the acquiring CLEC's agreement. In addition, the acquiring CLEC shall pay any and all charges required for re-stenciling, re-engineering, changing locks and any other work necessary with respect to Collocation, as determined on an individual case basis.
- 6.5 Project Coordination
- 6.5.1 AT&T-13STATE will provide project management support to effectuate changes of the types identified in Section 6.5.2.
- 6.5.2 AT&T-13STATE will provide project management support to minimize any possible service outages during any CLEC to CLEC Mass Migration. Should AT&T-13STATE's most current version of LSOR or ASOR guidelines not support the required order activity, AT&T-13STATE will issue service orders at the manual rate, as specified in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices to this Agreement, based upon type of service provided, and on the condition that CLEC provides to AT&T-13STATE any and all information AT&T-13STATE reasonably requests to effectuate such changes.
- 6.6 When an End User changes its service provider from AT&T-13STATE to CLEC or from CLEC to AT&T-13STATE and does not retain its original telephone number, the Party formerly providing service to such End User shall furnish a referral announcement ("Referral Announcement") on the original telephone number that specifies the End User's new telephone number.
- 6.6.1 The following pertains to AT&T ILLINOIS, AT&T WISCONSIN and AT&T CALIFORNIA only:
- 6.6.1.1 Referral Announcements shall be provided by a Party to the other Party for the period of time and at the rates set forth in the referring Party's tariff(s); provided, however, if either Party provides Referral Announcements for a period different (either shorter or longer) than the period(s) stated in its tariff(s) when its End Users change their telephone numbers, such Party shall provide the same level of service to End Users of the other Party.
- 6.7 The following applies to AT&T INDIANA only:
- 6.7.1 Referral Announcements shall be provided by a Party to the other Party for the period specified in 170 IAC 7-1.1-11(l)(3)(a) and (b) and at the rates set forth in the referring Party's tariff(s). However, if either Party provides Referral Announcements for a period different than the above period(s) when its End Users change their telephone numbers, such Party shall provide the same level of service to End Users of the other Party.
- 6.8 The following applies to AT&T MICHIGAN only:
- 6.8.1 Referral Announcements shall be provided by a Party to the other Party for the period specified in Michigan Administrative Rule 484.134 and at the rates set forth in the referring Party's tariff(s). However, if either Party provides Referral Announcements for a period longer than the above period(s) when its End Users change their telephone numbers, such Party shall provide the same level of service to End Users of the other Party.

- 6.9 The following applies to AT&T OHIO only:
- 6.9.1 Referral Announcements shall be provided by a Party to the other Party for the period of time specified in Rule 4901:1-5-12, Ohio Administrative Code and at the rates set forth in the referring Party's tariff(s). However, if either Party provides Referral Announcements for a period longer than the above period(s) when its End Users change their telephone numbers, such Party shall provide the same level of service to End Users of the other Party.
- 6.10 Each Party shall be responsible for labor relations with its own employees. Each Party agrees to notify the other Party as soon as practicable whenever such Party has knowledge that a labor dispute concerning its employees is delaying or threatens to delay such Party's timely performance of its obligations under this Agreement and shall endeavor to minimize impairment of service to the other Party (for example, by using its management personnel to perform work or by other means) in the event of a labor dispute to the extent permitted by Applicable Law.
- 6.11 Each Party shall act in good faith in its performance under this Agreement and, in each case in which a Party's consent or agreement is required or requested hereunder, such Party shall not unreasonably withhold or delay such consent or agreement.
- 6.12 This Agreement contains comprehensive OSS terms and conditions; however, CLEC represents and covenants that it will only use OSS furnished pursuant to this Agreement for activities related to Lawful UNEs, resold services or other services covered by this Agreement, for which this Agreement contains explicit terms, conditions and rates.
- 6.13 The Parties acknowledge and agree that they do not intend to include products and services in this Agreement that do not have corresponding rates and charges. Accordingly, if this Agreement is executed and/or approved by the Commission and the Parties later discover that a product or service is included in this Agreement without an associated rate or charge, the Parties agree that they will agree upon a rate or charge to include in this Agreement before the product or service is provided or performed. If the Parties cannot agree, either Party may pursue dispute resolution under the applicable provisions of this Agreement.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM AND TERMINATION

- 7.1 In AT&T-13STATE, with the exception of AT&T OHIO, the Effective Date of this Agreement shall be ten (10) calendar days after the Commission approves this Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act or, absent such Commission approval, the date this Agreement is deemed approved under Section 252(e)(4) of the Act. In AT&T OHIO, based on the PUC-OH, the Agreement is Effective upon filing and is deemed approved by operation of law on the 91st day after filing.
- 7.2 The term of this Agreement shall commence upon the Effective Date of this Agreement and shall expire on September 21, 2009, provided; however, should CLEC implement (i.e. provided assurance of payment, ordered facilities, and submitted ASRs for trunking) this Agreement within six (6) months of the Effective Date, then this Agreement will automatically renew for one additional year and expire on September 21, 2010 (the "Term"). Absent the receipt by one Party of written notice from the other Party within 180 calendar days prior to the expiration of the Term to the effect that such Party does not intend to extend the Term, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect on and after the expiration of the Term until terminated by either Party pursuant to Section 7.3 or 7.4.
- 7.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, either Party may terminate this Agreement and the provision of any Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products or services provided pursuant to this Agreement, at the sole discretion of the terminating Party, in the event that the other Party fails to perform a material obligation or breaches a material term of this Agreement and the other Party fails to cure such nonperformance or breach within forty-five (45) calendar days after written notice thereof. Any termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 7.3 shall take effect immediately upon delivery of written notice to the other Party that it

- failed to cure such nonperformance or breach within forty-five (45) calendar days after written notice thereof.
- 7.4 If pursuant to Section 7.2, this Agreement continues in full force and effect after the expiration of the Term, either Party may terminate this Agreement after delivering written notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement, subject to Sections 7.5 and 7.6. Neither Party shall have any liability to the other Party for termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 7.4 other than its obligations under Sections 7.5 and 7.6.
- 7.5 Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement in accordance with Sections 7.2, 7.3 or 7.4:
- 7.5.1 Each Party shall continue to comply with its obligations set forth in Section 42, Scope of this Agreement; and
- 7.5.2 Each Party shall promptly pay all amounts owed under this Agreement or place any Disputed Amounts into an escrow account that complies with Section 10.4 hereof;
- 7.5.3 Each Party's confidentiality obligations shall survive; and
- 7.5.4 Each Party's indemnification obligations shall survive.
- 7.6 If either Party serves notice of expiration pursuant to Section 7.2 or Section 7.4, CLEC shall have ten (10) calendar days to provide AT&T-13STATE written confirmation if CLEC wishes to pursue a successor agreement with AT&T-13STATE or terminate its agreement. CLEC shall identify the action to be taken on each applicable (13) state(s). If CLEC wishes to pursue a successor agreement with AT&T-13STATE, CLEC shall attach to its written confirmation or notice of expiration/termination, as applicable, a written request to commence negotiations with AT&T-13STATE under Sections 251/252 of the Act and identify each of the state(s) the successor agreement will cover. Upon receipt of CLEC's Section 252(a)(1) request, the Parties shall commence good faith negotiations on a successor agreement.
- 7.7 If written notice is not issued pursuant to Section 7.2, the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the earlier of (i) the effective date of its successor agreement, whether such successor agreement is established via negotiation, arbitration or pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act; or (ii) the date that is ten (10) months after the date on which AT&T-13STATE received CLEC's Section 252(a)(1) request.
- 7.8 If at any time during the Section 252(a)(1) negotiation process (prior to or after the expiration date or termination date of this Agreement), CLEC withdraws its Section 252(a)(1) request, CLEC must include in its notice of withdrawal a request to adopt a successor agreement under Section 252(i) of the Act or affirmatively state that CLEC does not wish to pursue a successor agreement with AT&T-13STATE for a given state. The rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the later of 1) the expiration of the term of this Agreement, or 2) the expiration of ninety (90) calendar days after the date CLEC provides notice of withdrawal of its Section 252(a)(1) request. If the Term of this Agreement has expired, on the earlier of (i) the ninety-first (91st) calendar day following AT&T-13STATE's receipt of CLEC's notice of withdrawal of its Section 252(a)(1) request or (ii) the effective date of the agreement following approval by the Commission of the adoption of an agreement under 252(i), the Parties shall, have no further obligations under this Agreement except those set forth in Section 7.5 of this Agreement.
- 7.9 If CLEC does not affirmatively state that it wishes to pursue a successor agreement with AT&T-13STATE in its, as applicable, notice of expiration or termination or the written confirmation required after receipt of the AT&T-owned ILEC's notice of expiration or termination, then the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the later of 1) the expiration of the Term of this Agreement, or 2) the expiration of ninety (90) calendar days after the date CLEC provided or received notice of expiration or termination. If the Term of this Agreement has expired, on the ninety-first (91st) day following CLEC provided or received notice of expiration or termination, the

Parties shall have no further obligations under this Agreement except those set forth in Section 7.5 of this Agreement.

- 7.10 In the event of termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 7, AT&T-13STATE and CLEC shall cooperate in good faith to effect an orderly transition of service under this Agreement; provided that CLEC shall be solely responsible (from a financial, operational and administrative standpoint) to ensure that its End Users have been transitioned to a new LEC by the expiration date or termination date of this Agreement.

8. END USER FRAUD

- 8.1 AT&T-13STATE shall not be liable to CLEC for any fraud associated with CLEC's End User's account, including 1+ IntraLATA toll, ported numbers, and Alternate Billing Traffic (ABT). ABT is a service that allows End Users to bill calls to account(s) that might not be associated with the originating line. There are three types of ABT calls: calling card, collect, and third number billed calls.
- 8.2 The Parties agree to cooperate with one another to investigate, minimize, and take corrective action in cases of fraud involving 1+ IntraLATA toll calls, ABT, and ported numbers. The Parties' fraud minimization procedures are to be cost-effective and implemented so as not to unduly burden or harm one Party as compared to the other.
- 8.3 In cases of suspected fraudulent activity by an End User, at a minimum, the cooperation referenced in Section 8.2 will include providing to the other Party, upon request, information concerning Customers who terminate services to that Party without paying all outstanding charges. The Party seeking such information is responsible for securing the End User's permission to obtain such information.
- 8.4 AT&T-10STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T CONNECTICUT will provide notification messages to CLEC on suspected occurrences of ABT-related fraud on CLEC accounts stored in the applicable LIDB. AT&T CALIFORNIA will provide such alert messages by e-mail. AT&T-10STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT will provide via fax.
- 8.4.1 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE (on behalf of itself and AT&T CONNECTICUT) and AT&T CALIFORNIA will use a Fraud Monitoring System to determine suspected occurrences of ABT-related fraud for CLEC using the same criteria AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T CALIFORNIA use to monitor fraud on their respective accounts.
- 8.4.2 CLEC understands that Fraud Monitoring System alerts only identify potential occurrences of fraud. CLEC understands and agrees that it will need to perform its own investigations to determine whether a fraud situation actually exists. CLEC understands and agrees that it will also need to determine what, if any, action CLEC should take as a result of a Fraud Monitoring System alert.
- 8.4.3 The Parties will provide contact names and numbers to each other for the exchange of Fraud Monitoring System alert notification.
- 8.5 In AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T CALIFORNIA ABT-related alerts are provided to CLEC at no additional charge, except as related in 8.6 below.
- 8.6 In AT&T CALIFORNIA 1+ IntraLATA toll fraud alerts are offered for Resale only under the product name Traffic Alert Referral Service (TARS). For TARS, CLEC agrees to pay a recurring usage rate as outlined in Appendix Pricing. For terms and conditions for TARS, see Appendix Resale.

9. ASSURANCE OF PAYMENT

- 9.1 Upon request by AT&T-13STATE, CLEC will provide AT&T-13STATE with adequate assurance of payment of amounts due (or to become due) to AT&T-13STATE.

- 9.2 Assurance of payment may be requested by AT&T-12STATE if:
- 9.2.1 at the Effective Date CLEC had not already established satisfactory credit by having made at least twelve (12) consecutive months of timely payments to AT&T-13STATE for charges incurred as a CLEC; or
 - 9.2.2 in AT&T-12STATE's reasonable judgment, at the Effective Date or at any time thereafter, there has been an impairment of the established credit, financial health, or credit worthiness of CLEC. Such impairment will be determined from information available from financial sources, including but not limited to Moody's, Standard and Poor's, and the Wall Street Journal. Financial information about CLEC that may be considered includes, but is not limited to, investor warning briefs, rating downgrades, and articles discussing pending credit problems; or
 - 9.2.3 CLEC fails to timely pay a bill rendered to CLEC by AT&T-12STATE (except such portion of a bill that is subject to a good faith, bona fide dispute and as to which CLEC has complied with all requirements set forth in Section 11.3); or
 - 9.2.4 CLEC admits its inability to pay its debts as such debts become due, has commenced a voluntary case (or has had an involuntary case commenced against it) under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or any other law relating to insolvency, reorganization, winding-up, composition or adjustment of debts or the like, has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors or is subject to a receivership or similar proceeding.
- 9.3 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the assurance of payment will consist of
- 9.3.1 a cash security deposit in U.S. dollars held by AT&T-12STATE ("Cash Deposit") or
 - 9.3.2 an unconditional, irrevocable standby bank letter of credit from a financial institution acceptable to AT&T-12STATE naming the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) designated by AT&T-12STATE as the beneficiary(ies) thereof and otherwise in form and substance satisfactory to AT&T-12STATE ("Letter of Credit").
 - 9.3.3 The Cash Deposit or Letter of Credit must be in an amount equal to three (3) months anticipated charges (including, but not limited to, recurring, non-recurring and usage sensitive charges, termination charges and advance payments), as reasonably determined by AT&T-12STATE, for the Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation or any other functions, facilities, products or services to be furnished by AT&T-12STATE under this Agreement.
 - 9.3.3.1 Notwithstanding anything else set forth in this Agreement, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE will not request assurance of payment of charges reasonably anticipated by AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE to be incurred in Arkansas in an amount that would exceed one (1) month's projected bill for CLEC's initial market entry; provided, however, that after three (3) months of operation, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE may request assurance of payment of charges reasonably anticipated by AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE to be incurred in Arkansas in an amount not to exceed two times projected average monthly billing to CLEC.
 - 9.3.3.2 Notwithstanding anything else set forth in this Agreement, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE will not request assurance of payment of charges reasonably anticipated by AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE to be incurred in Oklahoma in an amount that would exceed two times projected average monthly billing to CLEC.
- 9.4 To the extent that AT&T-12STATE elects to require a Cash Deposit, the Parties intend that the provision of such Cash Deposit shall constitute the grant of a security interest in the Cash Deposit pursuant to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in any relevant jurisdiction.
- 9.5 A Cash Deposit will accrue interest, however, AT&T-12STATE will not pay interest on a Letter of Credit.

- 9.6 AT&T-12STATE may, but is not obligated to, draw on the Letter of Credit or the Cash Deposit, as applicable, upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:
- 9.6.1 CLEC owes AT&T-12STATE undisputed charges under this Agreement that are more than thirty (30) calendar days past due; or
- 9.6.2 CLEC admits its inability to pay its debts as such debts become due, has commenced a voluntary case (or has had an involuntary case commenced against it) under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or any other law relating to insolvency, reorganization, winding-up, composition or adjustment of debts or the like, has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors or is subject to a receivership or similar proceeding; or
- 9.6.3 The expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 9.7 If AT&T-12STATE draws on the Letter of Credit or Cash Deposit, upon request by AT&T-12STATE, CLEC will provide a replacement or supplemental letter of credit or cash deposit conforming to the requirements of Section 9.3.
- 9.8 Notwithstanding anything else set forth in this Agreement, if AT&T-12STATE makes a request for assurance of payment in accordance with the terms of this Section, then AT&T-12STATE shall have no obligation thereafter to perform under this Agreement until such time as CLEC has furnished AT&T-12STATE with the assurance of payment requested; provided, however, that AT&T-12STATE will permit CLEC a minimum of ten (10) Business Days to respond to a request for assurance of payment before invoking this Section.
- 9.8.1 If CLEC fails to furnish the requested adequate assurance of payment on or before the date set forth in the request, AT&T-12STATE may also invoke the provisions set forth in Section 11.5 through Section 11.7.
- 9.9 A cash deposit held by AT&T-12STATE shall be returned to CLEC at the expiration of twelve months from the date the CLEC receives its first bill under this Agreement after paying the cash deposit, so long as CLEC made satisfactory payment of all charges billed under this Agreement during that twelve month period. For purposes of the preceding sentence, "satisfactory payment" shall mean that payment was made after the date the bill is due no more than one time during the twelve month period and that no payment was made by a check that was subsequently dishonored. If the CLEC does not meet these refund criteria, the deposit may be retained for an additional six months, at the end of which another review will be made to determine whether CLEC has made satisfactory payment (as defined in the preceding sentence) of all charges within the twelve months immediately preceding that review.
- 9.10 The fact that a Cash Deposit or Letter of Credit is requested by AT&T-12STATE shall in no way relieve CLEC from timely compliance with all payment obligations under this Agreement (including, but not limited to, recurring, non-recurring and usage sensitive charges, termination charges and advance payments), nor does it constitute a waiver or modification of the terms of this Agreement pertaining to disconnection or re-entry for non-payment of any amounts required to be paid hereunder.
- 9.11 For adequate assurance of payment of amounts due (or to become due) to AT&T CONNECTICUT, see the applicable DPUC ordered tariff.

10. BILLING AND PAYMENT OF CHARGES

- 10.1 Unless otherwise stated, each Party will render monthly bill(s) to the other for Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services provided hereunder at the rates set forth in the applicable Appendix Pricing, as set forth in applicable tariffs or other documents specifically referenced herein and, as applicable, as agreed upon by the Parties or authorized by a Party.
- 10.1.1 Remittance in full of all bills rendered by AT&T-10STATE and AT&T CALIFORNIA is due within thirty (30) calendar days of each bill date (the "Bill Due Date"). Payment must be made in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 10.3 of this Agreement.

- 10.1.2 Remittance in full of all bills rendered by AT&T NEVADA is due in accordance with the terms set forth in the Commission C2-A Tariff, with the date on which amounts are due referred to herein as the "Bill Due Date".
- 10.1.3 Remittance in full of all bills rendered by AT&T CONNECTICUT is due in accordance with the terms set forth in the Connecticut Access Service Tariff approved by the DPUC, with the date on which amounts are due referred to herein as the "Bill Due Date".
- 10.1.4 Remittance in full of all bills rendered by CLEC is due within thirty (30) calendar days of each bill date (the "Bill Due Date").
- 10.1.5 If CLEC fails to remit payment for any charges by the Bill Due Date, or if payment for any portion of the charges is received from CLEC after the Bill Due Date, or if payment for any portion of the charges is received in funds which are not immediately available to AT&T-12STATE as of the Bill Due Date (individually and collectively, "Past Due"), then a late payment charge will be assessed as provided below, as applicable.
- 10.1.5.1 If any charge incurred under this Agreement that is billed out of any AT&T-8STATE billing system other than the AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Customer Records Information System (CRIS) is Past Due, the unpaid amounts will accrue interest from the day following the Bill Due Date until paid at the lesser of (i) the rate used to compute the Late Payment Charge in the applicable AT&T-8STATE intrastate access services tariff for that state and (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law. The method and timing for application of interest to any charge incurred under this Agreement that is billed out of any AT&T-8STATE billing system other than AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's CRIS will comply with the process set forth in the applicable AT&T-8STATE intrastate access services tariff for that state.
- 10.1.5.2 If any charge incurred under this Agreement that is billed out of AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's CRIS is Past Due, the unpaid amounts will accrue interest from the day following the Bill Due Date until paid. The interest rate applied to AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE CRIS-billed Past Due unpaid amounts will be the lesser of (i) the rate used to compute the Late Payment Charge contained in the applicable AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE intrastate retail tariff governing Late Payment Charges to AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's retail End Users that are business End Users in that state and (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law. The method and timing for application of interest to any charge incurred under this Agreement that is billed out of AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's CRIS will be governed by the AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE intrastate retail tariff governing Late Payment Charges to AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's retail End Users that are business End Users in that state.
- 10.1.5.3 If any charge incurred under this Agreement that is billed out of any AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE billing system is Past Due, the unpaid amounts will accrue interest from the Bill Due Date at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month and (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law, compounded daily from the day following the Bill Due Date to and including the date that the payment is actually made and available.
- 10.2 If any charge incurred by AT&T-13STATE under this Agreement is Past Due, the unpaid amounts will accrue interest from the day following the Bill Due Date until paid. The interest rate applied will be the lesser of (i) the rate used to compute the Late Payment Charge contained in the applicable AT&T-13STATE intrastate access services tariff for that state and (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law, compounded daily from the Bill Due Date to and including the date that the payment is actually made and available.

- 10.3 CLEC shall make all payments to AT&T-12STATE via electronic funds credit transfers through the Automated Clearing House Association (ACH) network to the financial institution designated by AT&T-12STATE. Remittance information will be communicated together with the funds transfer via the ACH network. CLEC must use the CCD+ or the CTX transaction set. CLEC and AT&T-12STATE will abide by the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) Rules and Regulations. Each ACH credit transfer must be received by AT&T-12STATE no later than the Bill Due Date of each bill or Late Payment Charges will apply. AT&T-12STATE is not liable for any delays in receipt of funds or errors in entries caused by CLEC or Third Parties, including CLEC's financial institution. CLEC is responsible for its own banking fees.
- 10.3.1 Processing of payments not made via electronic funds credit transfers through the ACH network may be delayed. CLEC is responsible for any Late Payment Charges resulting from CLEC's failure to use electronic funds credit transfers through the ACH network.
- 10.3.2 CLEC must make all payments to AT&T CONNECTICUT in "immediately available funds." All payments to AT&T CONNECTICUT must be made using one of the methods set forth in the Connecticut Access Service Tariff approved by the DPUC or via electronic funds credit transfers through the Automated Clearing House Association (ACH) network to the financial institution designated by AT&T CONNECTICUT. If CLEC makes payment through funds transfer via the ACH network, remittance information will be communicated together with the funds transfer via the ACH network. If CLEC makes payment through funds transfer via the ACH network, CLEC must use the CCD+ or the CTX transaction set. CLEC and AT&T CONNECTICUT will abide by the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) Rules and Regulations. Each payment must be received by AT&T CONNECTICUT no later than the Bill Due Date of each bill or Late Payment Charges will apply. AT&T CONNECTICUT is not liable for any delays in receipt of funds or errors in entries caused by CLEC or Third Parties, including CLEC's financial institution. CLEC is responsible for its own banking fees.
- 10.4 If any portion of an amount due to a Party (the "Billing Party") under this Agreement is subject to a bona fide dispute between the Parties, the Party billed (the "Non-Paying Party") must, prior to the Bill Due Date, give written notice to the Billing Party of the amounts it disputes ("Disputed Amounts") and include in such written notice the specific details and reasons for disputing each item listed in Section 12.4.1. The Disputing Party should utilize any existing and preferred form provided by the Billing Party to communicate disputes to the Billing Party. On or before the Bill Due Date, the Non-Paying Party must pay (i) all undisputed amounts to the Billing Party, and (ii) all Disputed Amounts [other than disputed charges arising from Appendix Intercarrier Compensation] into an interest bearing escrow account with a Third Party escrow agent mutually agreed upon by the Parties.
- 10.5 Disputed Amounts in escrow will be subject to Late Payment Charges as set forth in Section 10.1.5.
- 10.6 Requirements to Establish Escrow Accounts.
- 10.6.1 To be acceptable, the Third Party escrow agent must meet all of the following criteria:
- 10.6.1.1 The financial institution proposed as the Third Party escrow agent must be located within the continental United States;
- 10.6.1.2 The financial institution proposed as the Third Party escrow agent may not be an Affiliate of either Party; and
- 10.6.1.3 The financial institution proposed as the Third Party escrow agent must be authorized to handle ACH (credit transactions) (electronic funds) transfers.
- 10.6.2 In addition to the foregoing requirements for the Third Party escrow agent, the disputing Party and the financial institution proposed as the Third Party escrow agent must agree in writing furnished to the Billing Party that the escrow account will meet all of the following criteria:
- 10.6.2.1 The escrow account must be an interest bearing account;

- 10.6.2.2 all charges associated with opening and maintaining the escrow account will be borne by the disputing Party;
- 10.6.2.3 that none of the funds deposited into the escrow account or the interest earned thereon may be used to pay the financial institution's charges for serving as the Third Party escrow agent;
- 10.6.2.4 all interest earned on deposits to the escrow account will be disbursed to the Parties in the same proportion as the principal; and
- 10.6.2.5 disbursements from the escrow account will be limited to those:
 - 10.6.2.5.1 authorized in writing by both the disputing Party and the Billing Party (that is, signature(s) from representative(s) of the disputing Party only are not sufficient to properly authorize any disbursement); or
 - 10.6.2.5.2 made in accordance with the final, non-appealable order of the arbitrator appointed pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.7; or
 - 10.6.2.5.3 made in accordance with the final, non-appealable order of the court that had jurisdiction to enter the arbitrator's award pursuant to Section 12.7.
- 10.6.3 Disputed Amounts in escrow will be subject to Late Payment Charges as set forth in Section 10.1.5.
- 10.6.4 Issues related to Disputed Amounts shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures identified in the Dispute Resolution provisions set forth in Section 12.
- 10.7 If the Non-Paying Party disputes any charges and any portion of the dispute is resolved in favor of such Non-Paying Party, the Parties will cooperate to ensure that all of the following actions are completed:
 - 10.7.1 the Billing Party will credit the invoice of the Non-Paying Party for that portion of the Disputed Amounts resolved in favor of the Non-Paying Party, together with any Late Payment Charges assessed with respect thereto no later than the second Bill Due Date after resolution of the dispute;
 - 10.7.1.1 within ten (10) Business Days after resolution of the dispute, the portion of the escrowed Disputed Amounts resolved in favor of the Non-Paying Party will be released to the Non-Paying Party, together with any interest accrued thereon;
 - 10.7.1.2 within ten (10) Business Days after resolution of the dispute, the portion of the escrowed Disputed Amounts resolved in favor of the Billing Party will be released to the Billing Party, together with any interest accrued thereon; and
 - 10.7.1.3 no later than the third Bill Due Date after the resolution of the dispute, the Non-Paying Party will pay the Billing Party the difference between the amount of accrued interest the Billing Party received from the escrow disbursement and the amount of Late Payment Charges the Billing Party is entitled to receive pursuant to Section 10.1.5.
- 10.8 If the Non-Paying Party disputes any charges and the entire dispute is resolved in favor of the Billing Party, the Parties will cooperate to ensure that all of the actions required by Section 10.7.1.1 and Section 10.7.1.3 are completed within the times specified therein.
 - 10.8.1 Failure by the Non-Paying Party to pay any charges determined to be owed to the Billing Party within the time specified in Section 10.7 shall be grounds for termination of the Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services provided under this Agreement.
- 10.9 If either Party requests one or more additional copies of a bill, the requesting Party will pay the Billing Party a reasonable fee for each additional copy, unless such copy was requested due to failure in delivery of the original bill or correction(s) to the original bill.

10.9.1 Each additional copy of any bill provided for billing from AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's CABS billing system will incur charges as specified in Access Service Tariff FCC No. 73 Section 13 Alternate Bill Media.

10.9.2 Bills provided to CLEC from AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's CRIS system through Bill Plus will incur charges as specified in Appendix Pricing.

10.10 Exchange of Billing Message Information

10.10.1 AT&T-13STATE will provide CLEC a specific Daily Usage File ("DUF" or "Usage Extract") for Resale Services provided hereunder ("Customer Usage Data"). Such Customer Usage Data will be provided by AT&T-13STATE in accordance with Exchange Message Interface (EMI) guidelines supported by OBF. Any exceptions to the supported formats will be noted in the DUF implementation requirements documentation for each AT&T-owned ILEC. The DUF will include (i) specific daily usage, including both Local Traffic (if and where applicable) and LEC-carried IntraLATA Toll Traffic, in EMI format for usage sensitive services furnished in connection with each Resale Service to the extent that similar usage sensitive information is provided to retail End Users of AT&T-13STATE within that state, (ii) with sufficient detail to enable CLEC to bill its End Users for usage sensitive services furnished by AT&T-13STATE in connection with Resale Service provided by AT&T-13STATE. Procedures and processes for implementing the interfaces with AT&T-13STATE will be included in implementation requirements documentation.

10.10.2 To establish file transmission for the Daily Usage File, CLEC must provide to AT&T-13STATE a separate written request for each state no less than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the desired first transmission date for each file.

10.10.3 Call detail for LEC-carried calls that are alternately billed to CLEC End Users' lines provided by AT&T-13STATE through Resale will be forwarded to CLEC as rated call detail on the DUF.

10.10.4 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE will bill CLEC for Usage Extract furnished by AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE in accordance with the price(s) provided in the applicable Appendix Pricing under "Electronic Billing Information Data (Daily Usage) per message" or "Provision of Message Detail a.k.a. Daily Usage File (DUF)".

10.10.5 Interexchange call detail on Resale Services that is forwarded to AT&T-13STATE for billing, which would otherwise be processed by AT&T-13STATE for its retail End Users, will be returned to the IXC and will not be passed through to CLEC. This call detail will be returned to the IXC with a transaction code indicating that the returned call originated from a resold account. Billing for Information Services and other ancillary services traffic on Resale Services will be passed through when AT&T-13STATE records the message.

10.11 When CLEC serves its end user via switch-based service, both Parties will settle tariffed ABT charges for calls accepted by each Party's end users, except in AT&T Connecticut. The originating Party will pay the Party that has the billable end user a Billing and Collection (B&C) fee per billed message as set forth in the pricing schedule.

11. **NONPAYMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR DISCONNECTION**

11.1 If a Party is furnished Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services under the terms of this Agreement in more than one (1) state, Sections 11.1 through 11.7, inclusive, shall be applied separately for each such state.

11.2 Failure to pay charges shall be grounds for disconnection of Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services furnished under this Agreement. If a Party fails to pay any charges billed to it under this Agreement, including but not limited to any Late Payment Charges or miscellaneous charges ("Unpaid Charges"), and any portion of such Unpaid Charges remain unpaid after the Bill Due Date, the Billing Party will notify the Non-Paying Party in writing that in order to avoid disruption or disconnection of the Interconnection, Resale

- Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services furnished under this Agreement, the Non-Paying Party must remit all Unpaid Charges to the Billing Party within ten (10) Business Days following receipt of the Billing Party's notice of Unpaid Charges.
- 11.2.1 AT&T INDIANA will also provide any written notification to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission as required by rule 170 IAC 7-6.
- 11.2.2 AT&T KANSAS will also provide any written notification to the Kansas Corporation Commission as required by Order Number 5 (dated March 25, 2002) in Docket 01-GIMT-649-GIT.
- 11.2.3 AT&T MISSOURI will also provide any written notification to the Missouri Public Service Commission as required by Rule 4 CSR 240-32.120.
- 11.3 If the Non-Paying Party desires to dispute any portion of the Unpaid Charges, the Non-Paying Party must complete all of the following actions not later than ten (10) Business Days following receipt of the Billing Party's notice of Unpaid Charges:
- 11.3.1 notify the Billing Party in writing which portion(s) of the Unpaid Charges it disputes, including the total amount disputed ("Disputed Amounts") and the specific details listed in Section 12.4.1 of this Agreement, together with the reasons for its dispute; and
- 11.3.2 pay all undisputed Unpaid Charges to the Billing Party; and
- 11.3.3 pay all Disputed Amounts [other than disputed charges arising from Appendix Inter-carrier Compensation] into an interest bearing escrow account that complies with the requirements set forth in Section 10.6; and
- 11.3.4 furnish written evidence to the Billing Party that the Non-Paying Party has established an interest bearing escrow account that complies with all of the terms set forth in Section 10.6 and deposited a sum equal to the Disputed Amounts [other than disputed charges arising from Appendix Inter-carrier Compensation] into that account. Until evidence that the full amount of the Disputed Charges [other than disputed charges arising from Appendix Inter-carrier Compensation] has been deposited into an escrow account that complies with Section 10.6 is furnished to the Billing Party, such Unpaid Charges will not be deemed to be "disputed" under Section 12.
- 11.4 Issues related to Disputed Amounts shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures identified in the Dispute Resolution provision set forth in Section 12.
- 11.5 AT&T-12STATE
- 11.5.1 If the Non-Paying Party fails to (a) pay any undisputed Unpaid Charges in response to the Billing Party's Section 11.2 notice, (b) deposit the disputed portion of any Unpaid Charges into an interest bearing escrow account that complies with all of the terms set forth in Section 10.6 within the time specified in Section 11.3, (c) timely furnish any assurance of payment requested in accordance with Section 9 or (d) make a payment in accordance with the terms of any mutually agreed payment arrangement, the Billing Party may, in addition to exercising any other rights or remedies it may have under Applicable Law, provide written demand to the Non-Paying Party for payment of any of the obligations set forth in (a) through (d) of this Section within ten (10) Business Days. On the day that the Billing Party provides such written demand to the Non-Paying Party, the Billing Party may also exercise any or all of the following options:
- 11.5.1.1 suspend acceptance of any application, request or order from the Non-Paying Party for new or additional Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services under this Agreement; and/or
- 11.5.1.2 suspend completion of any pending application, request or order from the Non-Paying Party for new or additional Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled

Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services under this Agreement.

11.5.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Billing Party's exercise of any of its options under Section 11.5.1, Section 11.5.1.1 and Section 11.5.1.2:

11.5.2.1 will not delay or relieve the Non-Paying Party's obligation to pay all charges on each and every invoice on or before the applicable Bill Due Date, and

11.5.2.2 will exclude any affected application, request, order or service from any otherwise applicable performance interval, Performance Benchmark or Performance Measure.

11.6 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE only

11.6.1 If the Non-Paying Party fails to pay the Billing Party on or before the date specified in the demand provided under Section 11.5.1 of this Agreement, the Billing Party may, in addition to exercising any other rights or remedies it may have under Applicable Law,

11.6.1.1 cancel any pending application, request or order from the Non-Paying Party for new or additional Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services under this Agreement; and

11.6.1.2 discontinue providing any Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services furnished under this Agreement.

11.6.1.2.1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in this Agreement, discontinuance of service by AT&T INDIANA will comply with Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission rule 170 IAC 7-6.

11.6.1.2.2 The Billing Party has no liability to the Non-Paying Party or its End Users in the event of discontinuance of service.

11.6.1.2.3 Additional charges may become applicable under the terms of this Agreement following discontinuance of service.

11.7 AT&T-7STATE only

11.7.1 Any demand provided by AT&T-7STATE to CLEC under Section 11.5.1 will further specify that upon disconnection of CLEC, AT&T-7STATE will cause CLEC's End Users that are provisioned through Resale Services to be transferred to AT&T-7STATE local service.

11.7.1.1 A copy of the demand provided to CLEC under Section 11.7.1 will be provided to the Commission.

11.7.2 If the Non-Paying Party fails to pay the Billing Party on or before the date specified in the demand provided under Section 11.5.1 of this Agreement, the Billing Party may, in addition to exercising any other rights or remedies it may have under Applicable Law,

11.7.2.1 cancel any pending application, request or order for new or additional Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services under this Agreement; and

11.7.2.2 disconnect any Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services furnished under this Agreement.

11.7.2.2.1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in this Agreement, disconnection of service by AT&T KANSAS will comply with Kansas Corporation Commission Order Number 5 (dated March 25, 2002) in Docket 01-GIMT-649-GIT.

11.7.3 On the same date that Resale Services to CLEC are disconnected, AT&T-7STATE will transfer CLEC's End Users provisioned through Resale Services to AT&T-7STATE's local service. To the extent available at retail from AT&T-7STATE, the Resale End Users transferred to AT&T-

7STATE's local service will receive the same services that were provided through CLEC immediately prior to the time of transfer; provided, however, AT&T-7STATE reserves the right to toll restrict (both interLATA and intraLATA) such transferred End Users.

11.7.3.1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in this Agreement, the transfer of Resale End Users to AT&T MISSOURI will comply with Missouri Public Service Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-32.120.

11.7.3.2 AT&T-7STATE will inform the Commission of the names of all Resale End Users transferred through this process.

11.7.3.3 Conversion charges and service establishment charges for transferring Resale End Users to AT&T-7STATE as specified in Section 11.7.3 will be billed to CLEC.

11.7.3.4 The Billing Party has no liability to the Non-Paying Party or its End Users in the event of disconnection of service in compliance with Section 11.7.2. AT&T-7STATE has no liability to CLEC or CLEC's End Users in the event of disconnection of service to CLEC and the transfer of any Resale End Users to AT&T-7STATE local service in connection with such disconnection.

11.7.4 Within five (5) calendar days following the transfer, AT&T-7STATE will notify each transferred Resale End User that because of CLEC's failure to pay AT&T-7STATE, the End User's local service is now being provided by AT&T-7STATE. This notice will also advise each transferred Resale End User that the End User has thirty (30) calendar days from the date of transfer to select a new Local Service Provider.

11.7.4.1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in this Agreement, notice of transfer to Missouri Resale End Users will comply with Missouri Public Service Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-32.120.

11.7.4.1.1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in this Agreement, notice of transfer to Kansas Resale End Users will comply with Kansas Corporation Commission Order No. 5 (dated March 25, 2002) in Docket 01-GIMT-649-GIT.

11.7.5 The transferred Resale End User shall be responsible for any and all charges incurred during the selection period other than those billed to CLEC under Section 11.7.3.3.

11.7.6 If any Resale End User transferred to AT&T-7STATE's local service under Section 11.7.3 of this Agreement fails to select a new Local Service Provider within thirty (30) calendar days of the transfer, AT&T-7STATE may terminate the transferred Resale End User's service.

11.7.6.1 AT&T-7STATE will notify the Commission of the names of all transferred Resale End Users whose local service was terminated pursuant to Section 11.7.5.

11.7.6.2 Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to obligate AT&T-7STATE to continue to provide local service to any transferred Resale End User beyond the thirty (30) calendar day selection period. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to limit any and all disconnection rights AT&T-7STATE has with regard to such transferred Resale End Users under Applicable Law; provided, however,

11.7.6.2.1 in AT&T CALIFORNIA only, following expiration of the selection period and disconnection of such transferred Resale End Users, where facilities permit, AT&T CALIFORNIA will furnish transferred and subsequently disconnected local residential End Users with "quick dial tone".

11.8 AT&T CONNECTICUT only

11.8.1 For nonpayment and procedures for disconnection for AT&T CONNECTICUT, see the applicable DPUC ordered tariff.

11.9 Limitation on Back-billing and Credit Claims:

11.9.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, a Party shall be entitled to

11.9.1.1 Back-bill for or claim credit for any charges for services provided pursuant to this Agreement that are found to be unbilled, under-billed or over-billed, but only when such charges appeared or should have appeared on a bill dated within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date on which the Billing Party provided written notice to the Billed Party of the amount of the back-billing or the Billed Party provided written notice to the Billing Party of the claimed credit amount. The Parties agree that the twelve (12) month limitation on back-billing and credit claims set forth in the preceding sentence shall be applied prospectively only after the Effective Date of this Agreement, meaning that the twelve month period for any back-billing or credit claims may only include billing periods that fall entirely after the Effective Date of this Agreement and will not include any portion of any billing period that began prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement.

11.9.1.2 Back-billing and credit claims, as limited above, will apply to all Interconnection, Resale Services, Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, facilities, functions, product and services purchased under this Agreement. Intercarrier Compensation is specifically excluded from this Section and is addressed separately in the Intercarrier Compensation Attachment.

12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

12.1 Finality of Disputes

12.1.1 Except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement, no claim may be brought for any dispute arising from this Agreement more than twenty-four (24) months from the date the occurrence which gives rise to the dispute is discovered or reasonably should have been discovered with the exercise of due care and attention.

12.1.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, a Party shall be entitled to dispute only those charges which appeared on a bill dated within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date on which the Billing Party received notice of such Disputed Amounts.

12.2 Alternative to Litigation

12.2.1 The Parties desire to resolve disputes arising out of this Agreement without litigation. Accordingly, the Parties agree to use the following Dispute Resolution procedures with respect to any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach.

12.3 Commencing Dispute Resolution

12.3.1 Dispute Resolution shall commence upon one Party's receipt of written notice of a controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach. No Party may pursue any claim unless such written notice has first been given to the other Party. There are three (3) separate Dispute Resolution methods:

12.3.1.1 Service Center (AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE), LSC (AT&T-7STATE) or LEC-C (AT&T CONNECTICUT) or Collocation Service Center (CSC);

12.3.1.2 Informal Dispute Resolution; and

12.3.1.3 Formal Dispute Resolution, each of which is described below.

12.4 LSC/Service Center/LEC-C or CSC Dispute Resolution - the following Dispute Resolution procedures will apply with respect to any billing dispute arising out of or relating to the Agreement. Written notice sent to AT&T-13STATE for Disputed Amounts must be made on the "13 Billing Claims Dispute Form".

- 12.4.1 If the written notice given pursuant to Section 12.3 discloses that a CLEC dispute relates to billing, then the procedures set forth in this Section 12.4 shall be used and the dispute shall first be referred to the appropriate service center AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE Service Center; AT&T-7STATE Local Service Center (LSC); AT&T CONNECTICUT Local Exchange Carrier Center (LEC-C)] for resolution. In order to resolve a billing dispute, CLEC shall furnish AT&T-13STATE written notice of (i) the date of the bill in question, (ii) CBA/ESBA/ASBS or BAN number of the bill in question, (iii) telephone number, circuit ID number or trunk number in question, (iv) any USOC information relating to the item questioned, (v) amount billed and (vi) amount in question and (vii) the reason that CLEC disputes the billed amount. To be deemed a "dispute" under this Section 12.4, CLEC must provide evidence that it has either paid the disputed amount or established an interest bearing escrow account that complies with the requirements set forth in Section 10.6 of this Agreement and deposited all Unpaid Charges relating to Resale Services and Lawful Unbundled Network Elements into that escrow account. Failure to provide the information and evidence required by this Section 12.4.1 not later than twenty-nine (29) calendar days following the Bill Due Date shall constitute CLEC's irrevocable and full waiver of its right to dispute the subject charges.
- 12.4.2 The Parties shall attempt to resolve Disputed Amounts appearing on AT&T-13STATE's current billing statements thirty (30) to sixty (60) calendar days from the Bill Due Date (provided the CLEC furnishes all requisite information and evidence under Section 12.4.1 by the Bill Due Date). If not resolved within thirty (30) calendar days, upon request, AT&T-13STATE will notify CLEC of the status of the dispute and the expected resolution date.
- 12.4.3 The Parties shall attempt to resolve Disputed Amounts appearing on statements prior to the current billing statement within thirty (30) to ninety (90) calendar days, but resolution may take longer depending on the complexity of the dispute. If not resolved within thirty (30) calendar days from the date notice of the Disputed Amounts was received (provided that CLEC furnishes all requisite information and evidence under Section 12.4.1), AT&T-13STATE will notify CLEC of the status of the dispute and the expected resolution date.
- 12.4.4 Any notice of Disputed Amounts given by AT&T-13STATE to CLEC pursuant to Section 12.3 shall furnish CLEC written notice of: (i) the date of the bill in question, (ii) the account number or other identification of the bill in question, (iii) any telephone number, circuit ID number or trunk number in question, (iv) any USOC (or other descriptive information) questioned, (v) the amount billed, (vi) the amount in question, and (vii) the reason that AT&T-13STATE disputes the billed amount. The Parties shall attempt to resolve Disputed Amounts appearing on current billing statement(s) thirty (30) to sixty (60) calendar days from the Bill Due Date (provided AT&T-13STATE, furnishes all requisite information by the Bill Due Date) and Disputed Amounts appearing on statements prior to the current billing statement within thirty (30) to ninety (90) calendar days, but resolution may take longer depending on the complexity of the dispute. If not resolved within thirty (30) calendar days, CLEC will notify AT&T-13STATE of the status of the dispute and the expected resolution date.
- 12.4.5 If the Non-Paying Party is not satisfied by the resolution of the billing dispute under this Section 12.4, the Non-Paying Party may notify the Billing Party in writing that it wishes to invoke the Informal Resolution of Disputes afforded pursuant to Section 12.5 of this Agreement.

12.5 Informal Resolution of Disputes

- 12.5.1 Upon receipt by one Party of notice of a dispute by the other Party pursuant to Section 12.3 or Section 12.4.5, each Party will appoint a knowledgeable, responsible representative to meet and negotiate in good faith to resolve any dispute arising under this Agreement. The location, form, frequency, duration, and conclusion of these discussions will be left to the discretion of the representatives. Upon agreement, the representatives may utilize other alternative Dispute Resolution procedures such as mediation to assist in the negotiations. Discussions and the correspondence among the representatives for purposes of settlement are exempt from

discovery and production and will not be admissible in the arbitration described below or in any lawsuit without the concurrence of both Parties. Documents identified in or provided with such communications that were not prepared for purposes of the negotiations are not so exempted, and, if otherwise admissible, may be admitted in evidence in the arbitration or lawsuit.

12.6 Formal Dispute Resolution

12.6.1 If the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute through the informal procedure described in Section 12.5, then either Party may invoke the formal Dispute Resolution procedures described in this Section 12.6. Unless agreed among all Parties, formal Dispute Resolution procedures, including arbitration or other procedures as appropriate, may be invoked not earlier than sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of the letter initiating Dispute Resolution under Section 12.3.

12.6.2 Claims Subject to Mandatory Arbitration. The following claims, if not settled through informal Dispute Resolution, will be subject to mandatory arbitration pursuant to Section 12.7 below:

12.6.2.1 Each unresolved billing dispute involving one percent (1%) or less of the amounts charged to the Disputing Party under this Agreement in the state in which the dispute arises during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding receipt of the letter initiating Dispute Resolution under Section 12.3. If the disputing Party has not been billed for a minimum of twelve (12) months immediately preceding receipt of the letter initiating Dispute Resolution under Section 12.3, the Parties will annualize the actual number of months billed.

12.6.3 Claims Subject to Elective Arbitration. Claims will be subject to elective arbitration pursuant to Section 12.7 if, and only if, the claim is not settled through informal Dispute Resolution and both Parties agree to arbitration. If both Parties do not agree to arbitration, then either Party may proceed with any remedy available to it pursuant to law, equity or agency mechanism.

12.6.4 Claims Not Subject to Arbitration. If the following claims are not resolved through informal Dispute Resolution, they will not be subject to arbitration and must be resolved through any remedy available to a Party pursuant to law, equity or agency mechanism.

12.6.4.1 Actions seeking a temporary restraining order or an injunction related to the purposes of this Agreement.

12.6.4.2 Actions to compel compliance with the Dispute Resolution process.

12.6.4.3 All claims arising under federal or state statute(s), including antitrust claims.

12.7 Arbitration

12.7.1 Disputes subject to mandatory or elective arbitration under the provisions of this Agreement will be submitted to a single arbitrator pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association or pursuant to such other provider of arbitration services or rules as the Parties may agree. The arbitrator shall be knowledgeable of telecommunications issues. Each arbitration will be held in Dallas, Texas (AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE); Chicago, Illinois (AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE), San Francisco, California (AT&T CALIFORNIA); Reno, Nevada (AT&T NEVADA); or New Haven, Connecticut (AT&T CONNECTICUT), as appropriate, unless the Parties agree otherwise. The arbitration hearing will be requested to commence within sixty (60) calendar days of the demand for arbitration. The arbitrator will control the scheduling so as to process the matter expeditiously. The Parties may submit written briefs upon a schedule determined by the arbitrator. The Parties will request that the arbitrator rule on the dispute by issuing a written opinion within thirty (30) calendar days after the close of hearings. The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Secs. 1-16, not state law, shall govern the arbitrability of all disputes. Notwithstanding any rule of the AAA Commercial Arbitration Rules to the contrary, the Parties agree that the arbitrator will have no authority to award punitive damages, exemplary damages, Consequential Damages, multiple damages, or any other damages not measured by the prevailing Party's actual damages, and may not, in any

event, make any ruling, finding or award that does not conform to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The times specified in this Section may be extended or shortened upon mutual agreement of the Parties or by the arbitrator upon a showing of good cause. Each Party will bear its own costs of these procedures, including attorneys' fees. The Parties will equally split the fees of the arbitration and the arbitrator. The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding and may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

13. AUDITS – APPLICABLE IN AT&T-12STATE ONLY

- 13.1 Subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 22 "Confidentiality" and except as may be otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, a Party (the "Auditing Party") may audit the other Party's (the "Audited Party") books, records, data and other documents, as provided herein, once annually, with the audit period commencing not earlier than the date on which services were first supplied under this Agreement ("service start date") for the purpose of evaluating (i) the accuracy of Audited Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided hereunder and (ii) verification of compliance with any provision of this Agreement that affects the accuracy of Auditing Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided to Audited Party hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Auditing Party may audit the Audited Party's books, records and documents more than once annually if the previous audit found (i) previously uncorrected net variances or errors in invoices in Audited Party's favor with an aggregate value of at least five percent (5%) of the amounts payable by Auditing Party for audited services provided during the period covered by the audit or (ii) non-compliance by Audited Party with any provision of this Agreement affecting Auditing Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided to Audited Party with an aggregate value of at least five percent (5%) of the amounts payable by Audited Party for audited services provided during the period covered by the audit.
- 13.1.1 The scope of the audit shall be limited to the period which is the shorter of (i) the period subsequent to the last day of the period covered by the audit which was last performed (or if no audit has been performed, the service start date and (ii) the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date the Audited Party received notice of such requested audit, but in any event not prior to the service start date. Such audit shall begin no fewer than thirty (30) calendar days after Audited Party receives a written notice requesting an audit and shall be completed no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the start of such audit.
- 13.1.2 Such audit shall be conducted either by the Auditing Party's employee(s) or an independent auditor acceptable to both Parties; provided, however, if the Audited Party requests that an independent auditor be engaged and the Auditing Party agrees, the Audited Party shall pay one-quarter (1/4) of the independent auditor's fees and expenses. If an independent auditor is to be engaged, the Parties shall select an auditor by the thirtieth day following Audited Party's receipt of a written audit notice. Auditing Party shall cause the independent auditor to execute a nondisclosure agreement in a form agreed upon by the Parties.
- 13.1.3 Each audit shall be conducted on the premises of the Audited Party during normal business hours. Audited Party shall cooperate fully in any such audit and shall provide the auditor reasonable access to any and all appropriate Audited Party employees and any books, records and other documents reasonably necessary to assess (i) the accuracy of Audited Party's bills and (ii) Audited Party's compliance with the provisions of this Agreement that affect the accuracy of Auditing Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided to Audited Party hereunder. Audited Party may redact from the books, records and other documents provided to the auditor any Audited Party information that reveals the identity of End Users of Audited Party.
- 13.1.4 Each Party shall maintain reports, records and data relevant to the billing of any services that are the subject matter of this Agreement for a period of not less than twenty-four (24) months after creation thereof, unless a longer period is required by Applicable Law.
- 13.1.5 If any audit confirms any undercharge or overcharge, then Audited Party shall (i) promptly correct any billing error, including making refund of any overpayment by Auditing Party in the

form of a credit on the invoice for the first full billing cycle after the Parties have agreed upon the accuracy of the audit results and (ii) for any undercharge caused by the actions of the Audited Party, immediately compensate Auditing Party for such undercharge, and (iii) in each case, calculate and pay interest as provided in Section 10.1 (depending on the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) involved), for the number of calendar days from the date on which such undercharge or overcharge originated until the date on which such credit is issued or payment is made and available.

- 13.1.6 Except as may be otherwise provided in this Agreement, audits shall be performed at Auditing Party's expense, subject to reimbursement by Audited Party of one-quarter (1/4) of any independent auditor's fees and expenses in the event that an audit finds, and the Parties subsequently verify, a net adjustment in the charges paid or payable by Auditing Party hereunder by an amount that is, on an annualized basis, greater than five percent (5%) of the aggregate charges for the audited services during the period covered by the audit.
- 13.1.7 Any disputes concerning audit results shall be referred to the Parties' respective personnel responsible for informal resolution. If these individuals cannot resolve the dispute within thirty (30) calendar days of the referral, either Party may request in writing that an additional audit shall be conducted by an independent auditor acceptable to both Parties, subject to the requirements set out in Section 13.1. Any additional audit shall be at the requesting Party's expense.

13.2 Audits - AT&T CONNECTICUT only

- 13.2.1 Except as provided in Appendix Compensation, AT&T CONNECTICUT shall arrange for one (1) annual independent audit to be conducted by a "Big Six" independent public accounting firm or an accounting firm mutually agreed to by AT&T CONNECTICUT, CLEC and all other CLECs doing business with AT&T CONNECTICUT under the terms of an agreement adopted pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Act for the purpose of evaluating the accuracy of AT&T CONNECTICUT's billing and invoicing.
- 13.2.2 AT&T CONNECTICUT will cooperate fully with the independent auditor in such audit and provide reasonable access to any and all appropriate AT&T CONNECTICUT employees, books, records and other documents reasonably necessary to perform the audit.
- 13.2.3 AT&T CONNECTICUT shall promptly correct any billing error that is revealed in the audit, including making refund of any overpayment to CLEC in the form of a credit on the invoice for the first full billing cycle after the audit report is issued; such refund shall include interest on the overpayment at the rate of eight percent (8%) per year. In the event that the audit reveals any underbilling and resulting underpayment to AT&T CONNECTICUT by CLEC, the underpayment shall be reflected in CLEC's invoice for the first full billing cycle after the audit report is issued. AT&T CONNECTICUT will not be entitled to recover interest on any underbilling to CLEC revealed by the audit for the time preceding the amount appearing on CLEC's bill from AT&T CONNECTICUT, however, AT&T CONNECTICUT shall be entitled to recover interest at the interest rate referenced in Section 10.1.5.1 on such underbilling and CLEC shall pay interest for the number of calendar days from the Bill Due Date of the bill on which such underbilling was rectified until the date on which payment is made and available to AT&T CONNECTICUT.

14. DISCLAIMER OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- 14.1 EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, NO PARTY MAKES OR RECEIVES ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE INTERCONNECTION, RESALE SERVICES, LAWFUL UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS, FUNCTIONS, FACILITIES, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IT PROVIDES UNDER OR IS CONTEMPLATED TO PROVIDE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND EACH PARTY DISCLAIMS THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND/OR OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. ADDITIONALLY, NO PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO THE CORRECTNESS OF DATA OR INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY ANY OTHER

PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT WHEN SUCH DATA OR INFORMATION IS ACCESSED AND USED BY A THIRD PARTY.

15. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Except for indemnity obligations expressly set forth herein or as otherwise expressly provided in specific appendices, each Party's liability to the other Party for any Loss relating to or arising out of such Party's performance under this Agreement, including any negligent act or omission (whether willful or inadvertent), whether in contract, tort or otherwise, including alleged breaches of this Agreement and causes of action alleged to arise from allegations that breach of this Agreement also constitute a violation of a statute, including the Act, shall not exceed in total the amount AT&T-13STATE or CLEC has charged or would have charged to the other Party for the affected Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, or functions, facilities, products and service(s) that were not performed or provided or were improperly performed or provided.
- 15.2 Except as otherwise expressly provided in specific appendices, in the case of any Loss alleged or claimed by a Third Party to have arisen out of the negligence or willful misconduct of any Party, each Party shall bear, and its obligation shall be limited to, that portion (as mutually agreed to by the Parties or as otherwise established) of the resulting expense caused by its own negligence or willful misconduct or that of its agents, servants, contractors, or others acting in aid or concert with it.
- 15.3 A Party may, in its sole discretion, provide in its tariffs and contracts with its End Users or Third Parties that relate to any Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services provided or contemplated under this Agreement that, to the maximum extent permitted by Applicable Law, such Party shall not be liable to such End User or Third Party for (i) any Loss relating to or arising out of this Agreement, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, that exceeds the amount such Party would have charged the End User or Third Party for the Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services that gave rise to such Loss and (ii) any Consequential Damages. If a Party elects not to place in its tariffs or contracts such limitation(s) of liability, and the other Party incurs a Loss as a result thereof, the first Party shall indemnify and reimburse the other Party for that portion of the Loss that would have been limited had the first Party included in its tariffs and contracts the limitation(s) of liability described in this Section.
- 15.4 Neither CLEC nor AT&T-13STATE shall be liable to the other Party for any Consequential Damages suffered by the other Party, regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, tort or otherwise, including negligence of any kind, whether active or passive (and including alleged breaches of this Agreement and causes of action alleged to arise from allegations that breach of this Agreement constitutes a violation of the Act or other statute), and regardless of whether the Parties knew or had been advised of the possibility that such damages could result in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted, or done hereunder or related hereto, including willful acts or omissions; provided that the foregoing shall not limit a Party's obligation under Section 16 to indemnify, defend, and hold the other Party harmless against any amounts payable to a Third Party, including any Losses, and Consequential Damages of such Third Party; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 15.4 shall impose indemnity obligations on a Party for any Loss or Consequential Damages suffered by that Party's End User in connection with any affected Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services. Except as provided in the prior sentence, each Party ("Indemnifying Party") hereby releases and holds harmless the other Party ("Indemnitee") (and Indemnitee's Affiliates, and its respective officers, directors, employees and agents) against any Loss or Claim made by the Indemnifying Party's End User.
- 15.5 AT&T-13STATE shall not be liable for damages to an End User's premises resulting from the furnishing of any Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products or services, including, if applicable, the installation and removal of equipment and associated wiring, and Collocation Equipment unless the damage is caused by AT&T-13STATE's gross negligence or willful misconduct. AT&T-13STATE does not guarantee or make any warranty with

- respect to Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services when used in an explosive atmosphere.
- 15.6 CLEC hereby releases AT&T-13STATE from any and all liability for damages due to errors or omissions in CLEC's End User listing information as provided by CLEC to AT&T-13STATE under this Agreement, including any errors or omissions occurring in CLEC's End User listing information as it appears in the White Pages directory, including, but not limited to, special, indirect, Consequential, punitive or incidental damages.
- 15.7 AT&T-13STATE shall not be liable to CLEC, its End User or any other Person for any Loss alleged to arise out of the provision of access to 911 service or any errors, interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of 911 service.
- 15.8 This Section 15 is not intended to exempt any Party from all liability under this Agreement, but only to set forth the scope of liability agreed to and the type of damages that are recoverable. Both Parties acknowledge that they negotiated regarding alternate limitation of liability provisions but that such provisions would have altered the cost, and thus the price, of providing the Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services available hereunder, and no different pricing reflecting different costs and different limits of liability was agreed to.

16. INDEMNITY

- 16.1 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein or in specific appendices, each Party shall be responsible only for the Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services which are provided by that Party, its authorized agents, subcontractors, or others retained by such Parties, and neither Party shall bear any responsibility for the Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services provided by the other Party, its agents, subcontractors, or others retained by such Parties.
- 16.2 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein or in specific appendices, and to the extent not prohibited by Applicable Law and not otherwise controlled by tariff, each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall release, defend and indemnify the other Party (the "Indemnified Party") and hold such Indemnified Party harmless against any Loss to a Third Party arising out of the negligence or willful misconduct ("Fault") of such Indemnifying Party, its agents, its End Users, contractors, or others retained by such Parties, in connection with the Indemnifying Party's provision of Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement; provided, however, that (i) with respect to employees or agents of the Indemnifying Party, such Fault occurs while performing within the scope of their employment, (ii) with respect to subcontractors of the Indemnifying Party, such Fault occurs in the course of performing duties of the subcontractor under its subcontract with the Indemnifying Party, and (iii) with respect to the Fault of employees or agents of such subcontractor, such Fault occurs while performing within the scope of their employment by the subcontractor with respect to such duties of the subcontractor under the subcontract.
- 16.3 In the case of any Loss alleged or claimed by a End User of either Party, the Party whose End User alleged or claimed such Loss (the "Indemnifying Party") shall defend and indemnify the other Party (the "Indemnified Party") against any and all such Claims or Losses by its End User regardless of whether the underlying Interconnection, Resale Service, Lawful Unbundled Network Element, Collocation, function, facility, product or service giving rise to such Claim or Loss was provided or provisioned by the Indemnified Party, unless the Claim or Loss was caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnified Party.
- 16.4 A Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other Party ("Indemnified Party") against any Claim or Loss arising from the Indemnifying Party's use of Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services provided under this Agreement involving:

- 16.4.1 Any Claim or Loss arising from such Indemnifying Party's use of Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products and services offered under this Agreement, involving any Claim for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of Intellectual Property rights arising from the Indemnifying Party's or its End User's use.
- 16.4.1.1 The foregoing includes any Claims or Losses arising from disclosure of any End User-specific information associated with either the originating or terminating numbers used to provision Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services provided hereunder and all other Claims arising out of any act or omission of the End User in the course of using any Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products or services provided pursuant to this Agreement.
- 16.4.1.2 The foregoing includes any Losses arising from Claims for actual or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property right of a Third Party to the extent that such Loss arises from an Indemnifying Party's or an Indemnifying Party's End User's use of Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services provided under this Agreement; provided, however, that an Indemnifying Party's obligation to defend and indemnify the Indemnified Party shall not apply:
- 16.4.1.2.1 where an Indemnified Party or its End User modifies Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, products or services; provided under this Agreement; and
- 16.4.1.2.2 no infringement would have occurred without such modification.
- 16.4.2 Any and all penalties imposed on either Party because of the Indemnifying Party's failure to comply with the Communications Assistance to Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (CALEA); provided that the Indemnifying Party shall also, at its sole cost and expense, pay any amounts necessary to modify or replace any equipment, facilities or services provided to the Indemnified Party under this Agreement to ensure that such equipment, facilities and services fully comply with CALEA.
- 16.5 CLEC acknowledges that its right under this Agreement to Interconnect with AT&T-13STATE's network and to unbundle and/or combine AT&T-13STATE's Lawful Unbundled Network Elements (including combining with CLEC's Network Elements) may be subject to or limited by Intellectual Property rights (including without limitation, patent, copyright, trade secret, trade mark, service mark, trade name and trade dress rights) and contract rights of Third Parties.
- 16.5.1 The Parties acknowledge that on April 27, 2000, the FCC released its Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket No. 96-98 (File No. CCBPol. 97-4), In the Matter of Petition of MCI *for* Declaratory *Ruling*. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that by executing this Agreement, neither Party waives any of its rights, remedies, or arguments with respect to such decision and any remand thereof, including its right to seek legal review or a stay pending appeal of such decision.
- 16.5.1.1 AT&T-13STATE agrees to use its best efforts to obtain for CLEC, under commercially reasonable terms, Intellectual Property rights to each Lawful UNE necessary for CLEC to use such Lawful UNE in the same manner as AT&T-13STATE.
- 16.5.1.2 AT&T-13STATE shall have no obligation to attempt to obtain for CLEC any Intellectual Property right(s) that would permit CLEC to use any Lawful UNE in a different manner than used by AT&T-13STATE.
- 16.5.1.3 To the extent not prohibited by a contract with the vendor of the network element sought by CLEC that contains Intellectual Property licenses, AT&T-13STATE shall reveal to CLEC the name of the vendor, the Intellectual Property rights licensed to

AT&T-13STATE under the vendor contract and the terms of the contract (excluding cost terms). AT&T-13STATE shall, at CLEC's request, contact the vendor to attempt to obtain permission to reveal additional contract details to CLEC.

16.5.1.4 All costs associated with the extension of Intellectual Property rights to CLEC pursuant to Section 18.1, including the cost of the license extension itself and the costs associated with the effort to obtain the license, shall be a part of the cost of providing the Lawful UNE to which the Intellectual Property rights relate and apportioned to all requesting carriers using that Lawful UNE including AT&T-13STATE.

16.5.2 AT&T-13STATE hereby conveys no licenses to use such Intellectual Property rights and makes no warranties, express or implied, concerning CLEC's (or any Third Parties') rights with respect to such Intellectual Property rights and contract rights, including whether such rights will be violated by such Interconnection or unbundling and/or combining of Lawful Unbundled Network Elements (including combining with CLEC's Network Elements) in AT&T-13STATE's network or CLEC's use of other functions, facilities, products or services furnished under this Agreement. Any licenses or warranties for Intellectual Property rights associated with Lawful UNEs are vendor licenses and warranties and are a part of the Intellectual Property rights AT&T-13STATE agrees in Section 16.5.1.1 to use its best efforts to obtain.

16.5.3 AT&T-13STATE does not and shall not indemnify, defend or hold CLEC harmless, nor be responsible for indemnifying or defending, or holding CLEC harmless, for any Claims or Losses for actual or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property right or interference with or violation of any contract right that arises out of, is caused by, or relates to CLEC's Interconnection with AT&T-13STATE's network and unbundling and/or combining AT&T-13STATE's Lawful Unbundled Network Elements (including combining with CLEC's Network Elements) or CLEC's use of other functions, facilities, products or services furnished under this Agreement. Any indemnities for Intellectual Property rights associated with Lawful UNEs shall be vendor's indemnities and are a part of the Intellectual Property rights AT&T-13STATE agrees in Section 16.5.1.1 to use its best efforts to obtain.

16.6 CLEC shall reimburse AT&T-13STATE for damages to AT&T-13STATE's facilities utilized to provide Collocation, Interconnection or Lawful UNEs hereunder caused by the negligence or willful act of CLEC, its agents or subcontractors or CLEC's End User or resulting from CLEC's improper use of AT&T-13STATE's facilities, or due to malfunction of any facilities, functions, products, services or equipment provided by any person or entity other than AT&T-13STATE. Upon reimbursement for damages, AT&T-13STATE will cooperate with CLEC in prosecuting a claim against the person causing such damage. CLEC shall be subrogated to the right of recovery by AT&T-13STATE for the damages to the extent of such payment.

16.7 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, each Party agrees that should it cause any non-standard digital subscriber line ("xDSL") technologies (as that term is defined in the applicable Appendix DSL and/or the applicable commission-ordered tariff, as appropriate) to be deployed or used in connection with or on AT&T-13STATE facilities, that Party ("Indemnifying Party") will pay all costs associated with any damage, service interruption or other Telecommunications Service degradation, or damage to the other Party's ("Indemnitee's") facilities.

16.8 Indemnification Procedures

16.8.1 Whenever a claim shall arise for indemnification under this Section 16, the relevant Indemnified Party, as appropriate, shall promptly notify the Indemnifying Party and request in writing the Indemnifying Party to defend the same. Failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of any liability that the Indemnifying Party might have, except to the extent that such failure prejudices the Indemnifying Party's ability to defend such claim.

- 16.8.2 The Indemnifying Party shall have the right to defend against such liability or assertion, in which event the Indemnifying Party shall give written notice to the Indemnified Party of acceptance of the defense of such claim and the identity of counsel selected by the Indemnifying Party.
- 16.8.3 Until such time as Indemnifying Party provides written notice of acceptance of the defense of such claim, the Indemnified Party shall defend such claim, at the expense of the Indemnifying Party, subject to any right of the Indemnifying Party to seek reimbursement for the costs of such defense in the event that it is determined that Indemnifying Party had no obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Party for such claim.
- 16.8.4 Upon accepting the defense, the Indemnifying Party shall have exclusive right to control and conduct the defense and settlement of any such claims, subject to consultation with the Indemnified Party. So long as the Indemnifying Party is controlling and conducting the defense, the Indemnifying Party shall not be liable for any settlement by the Indemnified Party unless such Indemnifying Party has approved such settlement in advance and agrees to be bound by the agreement incorporating such settlement.
- 16.8.5 At any time, an Indemnified Party shall have the right to refuse a compromise or settlement, and, at such refusing Party's cost, to take over such defense; provided that, in such event the Indemnifying Party shall not be responsible for, nor shall it be obligated to indemnify the refusing Party against, any cost or liability in excess of such refused compromise or settlement.
- 16.8.6 With respect to any defense accepted by the Indemnifying Party, the Indemnified Party will be entitled to participate with the Indemnifying Party in such defense if the claim requests equitable relief or other relief that could affect the rights of the Indemnified Party, and shall also be entitled to employ separate counsel for such defense at such Indemnified Party's expense.
- 16.8.7 If the Indemnifying Party does not accept the defense of any indemnified claim as provided above, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ counsel for such defense at the expense of the Indemnifying Party.
- 16.8.8 In the event of a failure to assume the defense, the Indemnified Party may negotiate a settlement, which shall be presented to the Indemnifying Party. If the Indemnifying Party refuses to agree to the presented settlement, the Indemnifying Party may take over the defense. If the Indemnifying Party refuses to agree to the presented settlement and refuses to take over the defense, the Indemnifying Party shall be liable for any reasonable cash settlement not involving any admission of liability by the Indemnifying Party, though such settlement may have been made by the Indemnified Party without approval of the Indemnifying Party, it being the Parties' intent that no settlement involving a non-monetary concession by the Indemnifying Party, including an admission of liability by such Party, shall take effect without the written approval of the Indemnifying Party.
- 16.8.9 Each Party agrees to cooperate and to cause its employees and agents to cooperate with the other Party in the defense of any such claim and the relevant records of each Party shall be available to the other Party with respect to any such defense, subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth in Section 22.

17. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- 17.1 Attachment Performance Measures provides monetary payments for failure to meet specified performance standards. The provisions of that Attachment constitute the sole obligation of AT&T-13STATE to pay damages or financial penalties for failure to meet specified performance standards identified in such Attachment and all other Attachments to this Agreement.

18. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 18.1 Any Intellectual Property originating from or developed by a Party shall remain in the exclusive ownership of that Party.

19. NOTICES

19.1 Subject to Section 19.2, notices given by one Party to the other Party under this Agreement shall be in writing (unless specifically provided otherwise herein), and unless otherwise expressly required by this Agreement to be delivered to another representative or point of contact, shall be

19.1.1 delivered personally;

19.1.2 delivered by express overnight delivery service;

19.1.3 mailed, via certified mail or first class U.S. Postal Service, with postage prepaid, and a return receipt requested; or

19.1.4 delivered by facsimile; provided that a paper copy is also sent by a method described in sections 19.1.1, 19.1.2, or 19.1.3.

19.1.5 Notices will be deemed given as of the earliest of:

19.1.5.1 the date of actual receipt,

19.1.5.2 the next Business Day when sent via express overnight delivery service,

19.1.5.3 five (5) calendar days after mailing in the case of first class or certified U.S. Postal Service, or

19.1.5.4 on the date set forth on the confirmation produced by the sending facsimile machine when delivered by facsimile prior to 5:00 p.m. in the recipient's time zone, but the next Business Day when delivered by facsimile at 5:00 p.m. or later in the recipient's time zone.

19.1.6 Notices will be addressed to the Parties as follows:

NOTICE CONTACT	CLEC CONTACT	<u>AT&T-13STATE</u> CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Jared Welch Director of Product Development	Contract Management ATTN: Notices Manager
STREET ADDRESS	1100 Crescent Green Dr	311 S. Akard, 9 th Floor Four AT&T Plaza
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Cary , NC 27518	Dallas, TX 75202-5398
FACSIMILE NUMBER	919-851-5422	(214) 464-2006

19.1.7 Either Party may unilaterally change its designated contact, address, telephone number and/or facsimile number for the receipt of notices by giving written notice to the other Party in compliance with this Section. Any notice to change the designated contact, address, telephone and/or facsimile number for the receipt of notices shall be deemed effective ten (10) calendar days following receipt by the other Party.

19.2 AT&T-13STATE communicates official information to CLECs via its Accessible Letter notification process. This process covers a variety of subjects, including updates on products/services promotions; deployment of new products/services; modifications and price changes to existing products/services; cancellation or retirement of existing products/services; and operational issues. Changes to this process will be developed through the CLEC User Forum process and will be implemented only with the concurrence of the CLEC User Forum Global Issues group.

19.3 In the AT&T-13STATE's Accessible Letter notification will be via electronic mail ("e-mail") distribution. Accessible Letter notification via e-mail will be deemed given as of the date set forth on the e-mail message.

19.4 In AT&T-13STATE CLEC may designate up to a maximum of ten (10) recipients for Accessible Letter notification via e-mail.

19.5 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE only:

19.5.1 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE shall provide a toll free facsimile number to CLEC for the submission of requests for Resale Services and Lawful Unbundled Network Elements under this Agreement; CLEC shall provide AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE with a toll free facsimile number for notices from AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE relating to requests for Resale Services and Lawful Unbundled Network Elements under this Agreement.

20. PUBLICITY AND USE OF TRADEMARKS OR SERVICE MARKS

20.1 Neither Party nor its subcontractors or agents shall use in any advertising or sales promotion, press releases, or other publicity matters any endorsements, direct or indirect quotes, or pictures that imply endorsement by the other Party or any of its employees without such first Party's prior written approval. The Parties will submit to each other for written approval, prior to publication, all publicity matters that mention or display one another's name and/or marks or contain language from which a connection to said name and/or marks may be inferred or implied; the Party to whom a request is directed shall respond promptly. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed as preventing either Party from publicly stating the fact that it has executed this Agreement with the other Party.

20.2 Nothing in this Agreement shall grant, suggest, or imply any authority for one Party to use the name, trademarks, service marks, logos, proprietary trade dress or trade names of the other Party in any advertising, press releases, publicity matters, marketing and/or promotional materials or for any other commercial purpose without prior written approval from such other Party.

21. NO LICENSE

21.1 Except at otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no license under patents, copyrights or any other Intellectual Property right (other than the limited license to use consistent with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Agreement) is granted by either Party or shall be implied or arise by estoppel with respect to any transactions contemplated under this Agreement.

22. CONFIDENTIALITY

22.1 Each Party anticipates and recognizes that it will come into possession of technical or business information or data about the other Party and/or its customers (including without limitation its end user customers) as a result of this Agreement which will be considered confidential by such other Party. The Parties agree (1) to treat all such information and data as strictly confidential; and (2) to use such information only for purposes of performance under this Agreement. Each Party agrees not to disclose confidential information and/or data of or pertaining to the other Party or its customers (including without limitation its end user customers) to any third party without first securing the written consent of such Party. The foregoing shall not apply to information which is in the public domain. Nothing in this Agreement prevents either Party from disclosing operations results or other data that might reflect the results of this Agreement as a part of that Party's aggregate operating data as long as the disclosed data is at a level of aggregation sufficient to avoid disclosing with specificity information obtained in the operation of this Agreement.

22.2 If a court or governmental agency orders or a third-party requests a Party to disclose or to provide any data or information covered by this section, that Party will immediately inform the other Party of the order or request before such data or information is provided and will inform the other Party both by telephone and certified mail. Notification and consent requirements described above are not applicable in cases where a court order requires the production of billing and/or usage records of or pertaining to an individual customer (including without limitation an end user customer).

22.3 This section will not preclude the disclosure by a Party of information or data subject to this Section to consultants, agents, or attorneys representing that Party, or the Office of the Public Counsel for a State, or appropriate State Commissions or staffs, or FCC Staff, provided that such representatives are informed of the confidential nature of the information and/or data prior to disclosure and are bound by

confidentiality requirements that are at least as restrictive as applicable to the Parties to this Agreement.

- 22.4 The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration and/or termination of this Agreement, unless agreed to in writing by the Parties.

23. INTERVENING LAW

- 23.1 This Agreement is the result of negotiations between the Parties and may incorporate certain provisions that resulted from arbitration by the appropriate state Commission(s). In entering into this Agreement and any Amendments to such Agreement and carrying out the provisions herein, neither Party waives, but instead expressly reserves, all of its rights, remedies and arguments with respect to any orders, decisions, legislation or proceedings and any remands thereof and any other federal or state regulatory, legislative or judicial action(s) which the Parties have not yet fully incorporated into this Agreement or which may be the subject of further review. If any action by any state or federal regulatory or legislative body or court of competent jurisdiction invalidates, modifies, or stays the enforcement of laws or regulations that were the basis or rationale for any rate(s), term(s) and/or condition(s) ("Provisions") of the Agreement and/or otherwise affects the rights or obligations of either Party that are addressed by this Agreement, the affected Provision(s) shall be immediately invalidated, modified or stayed consistent with the action of the regulatory or legislative body or court of competent jurisdiction upon the written request of either Party ("Written Notice"). With respect to any Written Notices hereunder, the Parties shall have sixty (60) days from the Written Notice to attempt to reach agreement on appropriate conforming modifications to the Agreement. If the Parties are unable to agree upon the conforming modifications within sixty (60) days from the Written Notice, any disputes between the Parties concerning such actions shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution process provided for in this Agreement.

24. GOVERNING LAW

- 24.1 Unless otherwise provided by Applicable Law, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Act, the FCC Rules and Regulations interpreting the Act and other applicable federal law. To the extent that federal law would apply state law in interpreting this Agreement, the domestic laws of the state in which the Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services at issue are furnished or sought shall apply, without regard to that state's conflict of laws principles. The Parties submit to personal jurisdiction in Little Rock, Arkansas; San Francisco, California; New Haven, Connecticut; Chicago, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; Topeka, Kansas; Detroit, Michigan; St. Louis, Missouri; Reno, Nevada; Columbus, Ohio; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Dallas, Texas and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and waive any and all objection to any such venue.

25. REGULATORY APPROVAL

- 25.1 The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement and any amendment or modification hereto will be filed with the Commission for approval in accordance with Section 252 of the Act and may thereafter be filed with the FCC. The Parties believe in good faith and agree that the services to be provided under this Agreement are in the public interest. Each Party covenants and agrees to fully support approval of this Agreement by the Commission or the FCC under Section 252 of the Act without modification.

26. CHANGES IN END USER LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE PROVIDER SELECTION

- 26.1 Applies to AT&T-12STATE only

26.1.1 Each Party will abide by applicable federal and state laws and regulations in obtaining End User authorization prior to changing an End User's Local Exchange Carrier to itself and in assuming responsibility for any applicable charges as specified in the FCC's rules regarding Subscriber Carrier Selection Changes (47 CFR 64.1100 through 64.1170) and any applicable state

regulation. Each Party shall deliver to the other Party a representation of authorization that applies to all orders submitted by a Party under this Agreement requiring a LEC change. A Party's representation of authorization shall be delivered to the other Party prior to the first order submitted to the other Party. Each Party shall retain on file all applicable letters and other documentation of authorization relating to its End User's selection of such Party as its LEC, which documentation shall be available for inspection by the other Party at its request during normal business hours and at no charge.

26.1.2 Only an End User can initiate a challenge to a change in its LEC. If an End User notifies one Party that the End User requests local exchange service, and the other Party is such End User's LEC, then the Party receiving such request shall be free to immediately access such End User's CPNI subject to the requirements of the applicable Appendix OSS restricting access to CPNI in order to immediately provide service to such End User.

26.1.3 When an End User changes or withdraws authorization from its LEC, each Party shall release End User-specific facilities belonging to the ILEC in accordance with the End User's direction or that of the End User's authorized agent. Further, when an End User abandons its premise (that is, its place of business or domicile), AT&T-12STATE is free to reclaim the Lawful UNE facilities for use by another End User and is free to issue service orders required to reclaim such facilities.

26.1.4 Neither Party shall be obligated by this Agreement to investigate any allegations of unauthorized changes in local exchange service (slamming) at the request of the other Party; provided, however, that each Party shall cooperate with any investigation of a complaint alleging an unauthorized change in local exchange service at the request of the FCC or the applicable state Commission.

26.2 Applies to AT&T CONNECTICUT only

26.2.1 The Parties agree that CLEC will not submit a Local Exchange Carrier order for an End User to the Local Service Provider currently serving that End User without proper authorization from that End User, as required by the FCC in Subpart K, Part 64 rules and regulations and by the DPUC in its applicable rules and regulations. AT&T CONNECTICUT's wholesale tariff, further documents requirements for Local Exchange Carrier changes and required End User authorizations.

26.2.2 The Parties agree to the re-use of existing network facilities when an End User changes its provider of local exchange service and the network facilities are provided by the same network provider.

27. COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATION

27.1 Each Party shall comply at its own expense with all Applicable Laws that relate to that Party's obligations to the other Party under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring or permitting either Party to contravene any mandatory requirement of Applicable Law.

27.2 Each Party warrants that it has obtained all necessary state certification required in each state covered by this Agreement prior to ordering any Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services from the other Party pursuant to this Agreement. Upon request, each Party shall provide proof of certification.

27.3 Each Party shall be responsible for obtaining and keeping in effect all approvals from, and rights granted by, Governmental Authorities, building and property owners, other carriers, and any other Third Parties that may be required in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

27.4 Each Party represents and warrants that any equipment, facilities or services provided to the other Party under this Agreement comply with the CALEA.

28. LAW ENFORCEMENT

28.1 AT&T-12STATE and CLEC shall reasonably cooperate with the other Party in handling law enforcement requests as follows:

28.1.1 Intercept Devices:

28.1.1.1 Local and federal law enforcement agencies periodically request information or assistance from local telephone service providers. When either Party receives a request associated with an End User of the other Party, it shall refer such request to the Party that serves such End User, unless the request directs the receiving Party to attach a pen register, trap-and-trace or form of intercept on the Party's facilities, in which case that Party shall comply with any valid request.

28.1.2 Subpoenas:

28.1.2.1 If a Party receives a subpoena for information concerning an End User the Party knows to be an End User of the other Party, it shall refer the subpoena to the Requesting Party with an indication that the other Party is the responsible company, unless the subpoena requests records for a period of time during which the receiving Party was the End User's service provider, in which case that Party will respond to any valid request.

28.1.3 Emergencies:

28.1.3.1 If a Party receives a request from a law enforcement agency for a temporary number change, temporary disconnect, or one-way denial of outbound calls by the receiving Party's switch for an End User of the other Party, that Receiving Party will comply with a valid emergency request. However, neither Party shall be held liable for any claims or Losses arising from compliance with such requests on behalf of the other Party's End User and the Party serving such End User agrees to indemnify and hold the other Party harmless against any and all such claims or Losses.

28.2 AT&T CONNECTICUT and CLEC shall reasonably cooperate with the other Party in handling law enforcement requests as follows:

28.2.1 Each of the Parties agree to comply with the applicable state and federal law enforcement authorities, laws, and requirements, including but not limited to, the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) and to report to applicable State and Federal law enforcement authorities as required by law, the Telecommunications Services and related information provided by each of the Parties in Connecticut.

29. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES/INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

29.1 Each Party is an independent contractor, and has and hereby retains the right to exercise full control of and supervision over its own performance of its obligations under this Agreement and retains full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of its employees assisting in the performance of such obligations. Each Party and each Party's contractor(s) shall be solely responsible for all matters relating to payment of such employees, including the withholding or payment of all applicable federal, state and local income taxes, social security taxes and other payroll taxes with respect to its employees, as well as any taxes, contributions or other obligations imposed by applicable state unemployment or workers' compensation acts and all other regulations governing such matters. Each Party has sole authority and responsibility to hire, fire and otherwise control its employees.

29.2 Nothing contained herein shall constitute the Parties as joint venturers, partners, employees or agents of one another, and neither Party shall have the right or power to bind or obligate the other. Nothing herein will be construed as making either Party responsible or liable for the obligations and undertakings of the other Party. Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a Party as a legal representative or agent of the other Party, nor shall a Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any

obligation of any kind, express or implied, against or in the name or on behalf of the other Party unless otherwise expressly permitted by such other Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no Party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party, whether regulatory or contractual, or to assume any responsibility for the management of the other Party's business.

30. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES; DISCLAIMER OF AGENCY

30.1 This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their permitted assigns, and nothing herein expressed or implied shall create or be construed to create any Third Party beneficiary rights hereunder. This Agreement shall not provide any Person not a party hereto with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action, or other right in excess of those existing without reference hereto.

31. SUBCONTRACTING

31.1 If either Party retains or engages any subcontractor to perform any of that Party's obligations under this Agreement, each Party will remain fully responsible for the performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, including any obligations either Party performs through subcontractors.

31.2 Each Party will be solely responsible for payments due that Party's subcontractors.

31.3 No subcontractor will be deemed a Third Party beneficiary for any purposes under this Agreement.

31.4 No contract, subcontract or other agreement entered into by either Party with any Third Party in connection with the provision of Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services hereunder will provide for any indemnity, guarantee or assumption of liability by the other Party to this Agreement with respect to such arrangement, except as consented to in writing by the other Party.

31.5 Any subcontractor that gains access to Customer Proprietary Network Information ("CPNI") or Proprietary Information covered by this Agreement shall be required by the subcontracting Party to protect such CPNI or Proprietary Information to the same extent the subcontracting Party is required to protect such CPNI or Proprietary Information under the terms of this Agreement.

32. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION

32.1 Each Party shall be solely responsible at its own expense for the proper handling, use, removal, excavation, storage, treatment, transport, disposal, or any other management by such Party or any person acting on its behalf of all Hazardous Substances and Environmental Hazards introduced to the affected work location and will perform such activities in accordance with Applicable Law.

32.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement and to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, AT&T-13STATE shall, at CLEC's request, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CLEC, each of its officers, directors and employees from and against any losses, damages, costs, fines, penalties and expenses (including reasonable attorneys and consultant's fees) of every kind and nature to the extent they are incurred by any of those parties in connection with a claim, demand, suit, or proceeding for damages, penalties, contribution, injunction, or any other kind of relief that is based upon, arises out of, is caused by, or results from: (i) the removal or disposal from the work location of a Hazardous Substance by AT&T-13STATE or any person acting on behalf of AT&T-13STATE, or the subsequent storage, processing, or other handling of such Hazardous Substances after they have been removed from the work location, (ii) the Release of a Hazardous Substance, regardless of its source, by AT&T-13STATE or any person acting on behalf of AT&T-13STATE, or (iii) the presence at the work location of an Environmental Hazard for which AT&T-13STATE is responsible under Applicable Law or a Hazardous Substance introduced into the work location by AT&T-13STATE or any person acting on behalf of AT&T-13STATE.

32.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement and to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, CLEC shall, at AT&T-13STATE's request, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless

- AT&T-13STATE, each of its officers, directors and employees from and against any losses, damages, costs, fines, penalties and expenses (including reasonable attorney's and consultant's fees) of every kind and nature to the extent they are incurred by any of those parties in connection with a claim, demand, suit, or proceeding for damages, penalties, contribution, injunction, or any other kind of relief that is based upon, arises out of, is caused by, or results from: (i) the removal or disposal of a Hazardous Substance from the work location by CLEC or any person acting on behalf of CLEC, or the subsequent storage, processing, or other handling of such Hazardous Substances after they have been removed from the work location, (ii) the Release of a Hazardous Substance, regardless of its source, by CLEC or any person acting on behalf of CLEC, or (iii) the presence at the work location of an Environmental Hazard for which CLEC is responsible under Applicable Law or a Hazardous Substance introduced into the work location by CLEC or any person acting on behalf of CLEC.
- 32.4 For the purposes of this agreement, "Hazardous Substances" means (i) any material or substance that is defined or classified as a hazardous substance, hazardous waste, hazardous material, hazardous chemical, pollutant, or contaminant under any federal, state, or local environmental statute, rule, regulation, ordinance or other Applicable Law dealing with the protection of human health or the environment, (ii) petroleum, oil, gasoline, natural gas, fuel oil, motor oil, waste oil, diesel fuel, jet fuel, and other petroleum hydrocarbons, or (iii) asbestos and asbestos containing material in any form, and (iv) any soil, groundwater, air, or other media contaminated with any of the materials or substances described above.
- 32.5 For the purposes of this agreement, "Environmental Hazard" means (i) the presence of petroleum vapors or other gases in hazardous concentrations in a manhole or other confined space, or conditions reasonably likely to give rise to such concentrations, (ii) asbestos containing materials, or (iii) any potential hazard that would not be obvious to an individual entering the work location or detectable using work practices standard in the industry.
- 32.6 For the purposes of this agreement, "Release" means any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, disposal, or other movement into (i) the work location, or (ii) other environmental media, including but not limited to, the air, ground or surface water, or soil.

33. FORCE MAJEURE

- 33.1 No Party shall be responsible for delays or failures in performance of any part of this Agreement (other than an obligation to make money payments) resulting from acts or occurrences beyond the reasonable control of such Party, including acts of nature, acts of civil or military authority, any law, order, regulation, ordinance of any Governmental Authority, embargoes, epidemics, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, hurricanes, floods, work stoppages, equipment failures, cable cuts, power blackouts, volcanic action, other major environmental disturbances, unusually severe weather conditions, inability to secure products or services of other persons or transportation facilities or acts or omissions of transportation carriers (individually or collectively, a "Force Majeure Event") or any Delaying Event caused by the other Party or any other circumstances beyond the Party's reasonable control. If a Force Majeure Event shall occur, the Party affected shall give prompt notice to the other Party of such Force Majeure Event specifying the nature, date of inception and expected duration of such Force Majeure Event, whereupon such obligation or performance shall be suspended to the extent such Party is affected by such Force Majeure Event during the continuance thereof or be excused from such performance depending on the nature, severity and duration of such Force Majeure Event (and the other Party shall likewise be excused from performance of its obligations to the extent such Party's obligations relate to the performance so interfered with). The affected Party shall use its reasonable efforts to avoid or remove the cause of nonperformance and the Parties shall give like notice and proceed to perform with dispatch once the causes are removed or cease.

34. TAXES

- 34.1 Each Party purchasing Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement shall pay or otherwise be responsible for all federal, state, or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts, municipal fees, transfer, transaction or similar taxes, fees, or surcharges (hereinafter "Tax") imposed on, or with respect to, the Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement provided by or to such Party, except for (a) any Tax on either party's corporate existence, status, or income or (b) any corporate franchise Taxes. Whenever possible, Taxes shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice.
- 34.2 CLEC acknowledges and agrees that it is required to comply with Chapter 283 of the Texas Local Government Code, as it may be amended from time to time, and the reporting and compensation requirements of Subchapter R of the P.U.C. Substantive Rules – Chapter 26, Applicable to Telecommunications Service Providers, as they may be amended from time to time. With respect to municipal fees charged pursuant to Chapter 283, Tex. Loc. Gov't Code, CLEC agrees that it will directly report its access lines to the Texas Public Utility Commission, will remit the related payments to municipalities, and will otherwise comply with Chapter 283 and applicable P.U.C rules, as they may be amended from time to time.
- 34.3 With respect to any purchase of Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement if any Tax is required or permitted by Applicable Law to be collected from the purchasing Party by the providing Party, then: (i) the providing Party shall bill the purchasing Party for such Tax; (ii) the purchasing Party shall remit such Tax to the providing Party; and (iii) the providing Party shall remit such collected Tax to the applicable taxing authority. Failure to include Taxes on an invoice or to state a Tax separately shall not impair the obligation of the purchasing Party to pay any Tax. Nothing shall prevent the providing Party from paying any Tax to the appropriate taxing authority prior to the time: (i) it bills the purchasing Party for such Tax, or (ii) it collects the Tax from the purchasing Party. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the purchasing Party shall be liable for and the providing Party may collect Taxes which were assessed by or paid to an appropriate taxing authority within the statute of limitations period but not included on an invoice within four (4) years after the Tax otherwise was owed or due.
- 34.4 With respect to any purchase hereunder of Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement that are resold to a third party, if any Tax is imposed by Applicable Law on the End User in connection with any such purchase, then: (i) the purchasing Party shall be required to impose and/or collect such Tax from the End User; and (ii) the purchasing Party shall remit such Tax to the applicable taxing authority. The purchasing Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the providing Party for any costs incurred by the providing Party as a result of actions taken by the applicable taxing authority to collect the Tax from the providing Party due to the failure of the purchasing Party to pay or collect and remit such tax to such authority.
- 34.5 If the providing Party fails to bill or to collect any Tax as required herein, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party: (i) the purchasing Party shall remain liable for such uncollected Tax; and (ii) the providing Party shall be liable for any penalty and interest assessed with respect to such uncollected Tax by such authority. However, if the purchasing Party fails to pay any Taxes properly billed, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, the purchasing Party will be solely responsible for payment of the Taxes, penalty and interest.
- 34.6 If the purchasing Party fails to impose and/or collect any Tax from End Users as required herein, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, the purchasing Party shall remain liable for such uncollected Tax and any interest and penalty assessed thereon with respect to the uncollected Tax by the applicable taxing authority. With respect to any Tax that the purchasing Party has agreed to pay or impose on and/or collect from End Users, the purchasing Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the providing Party for any costs incurred by the providing Party as a result of actions taken

by the applicable taxing authority to collect the Tax from the providing Party due to the failure of the purchasing Party to pay or collect and remit such Tax to such authority.

- 34.7 If either Party is audited by a taxing authority or other Governmental Authority, the other Party agrees to reasonably cooperate with the Party being audited in order to respond to any audit inquiries in a proper and timely manner so that the audit and/or any resulting controversy may be resolved expeditiously.
- 34.8 To the extent a sale is claimed to be for resale and thus subject to tax exemption, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation of the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. Failure to timely provide said resale tax exemption certificate will result in no exemption being available to the purchasing Party for any period prior to the date that the purchasing Party presents a valid certificate. If Applicable Law excludes or exempts a purchase of Interconnection, Resale Services, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement from a Tax, but does not also provide an exemption procedure, then the providing Party will not collect such Tax if the purchasing Party (a) furnishes the providing Party with a letter signed by an officer of the purchasing Party claiming an exemption and identifying the Applicable Law that both allows such exemption and does not require an exemption certificate; and (b) supplies the providing Party with an indemnification agreement, reasonably acceptable to the providing Party, which holds the providing Party harmless from any tax, interest, penalties, loss, cost or expense with respect to forbearing to collect such Tax.
- 34.9 With respect to any Tax or Tax controversy covered by this Section 34, the purchasing Party is entitled to contest with the imposing jurisdiction, pursuant to Applicable Law and at its own expense, any Tax that it is ultimately obligated to pay or collect. The purchasing Party will ensure that no lien is attached to any asset of the providing Party as a result of any contest. The purchasing Party shall be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery of amounts that it had previously paid resulting from such a contest. Amounts previously paid by the providing Party shall be refunded to the providing Party. The providing Party will cooperate in any such contest.
- 34.10 All notices, affidavits, exemption certificates or other communications required or permitted to be given by either Party to the other under this Section 34 shall be sent in accordance with Section 19 hereof.

35. NON-WAIVER

- 35.1 Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, no waiver of any provision of this Agreement and no consent to any default under this Agreement shall be effective unless the same is in writing and properly executed by or on behalf of the Party against whom such waiver or consent is claimed. Waiver by either Party of any default by the other Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other default. Failure of either Party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege hereunder shall not be construed as a continuing or future waiver of such term, condition, right or privilege. No course of dealing or failure of any Party to strictly enforce any term, right, or condition of this Agreement in any instance shall be construed as a general waiver or relinquishment of such term, right or condition.

36. NETWORK MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT

- 36.1 The Parties will work cooperatively to implement this Agreement. The Parties will exchange appropriate information (for example, maintenance contact numbers, network information, information required to comply with law enforcement and other security agencies of the Government, escalation processes, etc.) to achieve this desired result.
- 36.2 Each Party will administer its network to ensure acceptable service levels to all users of its network services. Service levels are generally considered acceptable only when End Users are able to establish connections with little or no delay encountered in the network. Each Party will provide a 24-hour contact number for Network Traffic Management issues to the other's surveillance management center.

- 36.3 Each Party maintains the right to implement protective network traffic management controls, such as "cancel to", "call gapping" or 7-digit and 10-digit code gaps, to selectively cancel the completion of traffic over its network, including traffic destined for the other Party's network, when required to protect the public-switched network from congestion as a result of occurrences such as facility failures, switch congestion or failure or focused overload. Each Party shall immediately notify the other Party of any protective control action planned or executed.
- 36.4 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 shall not be used to circumvent normal trunk servicing. Expansive controls shall be used only when mutually agreed to by the Parties.
- 36.5 The Parties shall cooperate and share pre-planning information regarding cross-network call-ins expected to generate large or focused temporary increases in call volumes to prevent or mitigate the impact of these events on the public-switched network, including any disruption or loss of service to the other Party's End Users. Facsimile (FAX) numbers must be exchanged by the Parties to facilitate event notifications for planned mass calling events.
- 36.6 Neither Party shall use any Interconnection, Resale Service, Lawful Unbundled Network Element, function, facility, product or service provided under this Agreement or any other service related thereto or used in combination therewith in any manner that interferes with or impairs service over any facilities of AT&T-13STATE, its affiliated companies or other connecting telecommunications carriers, prevents any carrier from using its Telecommunications Service, impairs the quality or the privacy of Telecommunications Service to other carriers or to either Party's End Users, causes hazards to either Party's personnel or the public, damage to either Party's or any connecting carrier's facilities or equipment, including any malfunction of ordering or billing systems or equipment. Upon such occurrence either Party may discontinue or refuse service, but only for so long as the other Party is violating this provision. Upon any such violation, either Party shall provide the other Party notice of the violation at the earliest practicable time.

37. SIGNALING

- 37.1 AT&T-13STATE will provide SS7 signaling pursuant to applicable access tariff.

38. CUSTOMER INQUIRIES

- 38.1 Except as otherwise required by Section 26.1, each Party will refer all questions regarding the other Party's services or products directly to the other Party at a telephone number specified by that Party.
- 38.2 Except as otherwise required by Section 26.1, each Party will ensure that all of its representatives who receive inquiries regarding the other Party's services:
- 38.2.1 Provide the number described in Section 42 to callers who inquire about the other Party's services or products; and
- 38.2.2 Do not in any way disparage or discriminate against the other Party or its products or services.
- 38.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, CLEC shall be the primary point of contact for CLEC's End Users with respect to the services CLEC provides such End Users.
- 38.4 CLEC acknowledges that AT&T-13STATE may, upon End User request, provide services directly to such End User similar to those offered to CLEC under this Agreement.

39. EXPENSES

- 39.1 Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, each Party will be solely responsible for its own expenses involved in all activities related to the matters covered by this Agreement.
- 39.2 AT&T-12STATE and CLEC shall each be responsible for one-half (1/2) of expenses payable to a Third Party for Commission fees or other charges (including regulatory fees, reproduction and delivery

expense and any costs of notice or publication, but not including attorney's fees) associated with the filing of this Agreement or any amendment to this Agreement. Prior to the filing of this Agreement in the State of Nevada, CLEC will submit a check in the amount of \$200.00, payable to Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, to cover its portion of the expenses incurred with filing this Agreement. Prior to the filing of each and every Amendment filed in connection with this Agreement in the State of Nevada, CLEC will submit a check in the amount of \$200.00, payable to Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, to cover its portion of the expenses incurred with filing of each amendment filed in connection with this Agreement. Upon receipt of CLEC's check, the Agreement will be processed for filing with the Commission.

40. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

40.1 The Parties represent that no employee or agent of either Party has been or will be employed, retained, paid a fee, or otherwise received or will receive any personal compensation or consideration from the other Party, or any of the other Party's employees or agents in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement or any associated documents.

41. SURVIVAL

41.1 The Parties' obligations under this Agreement which by their nature are intended to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement. 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 continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement: Section 7.5; Section 7.6, Section 9.3; Section 10.1; Section 10.4; Section 10.5; Section 10.6; Section 10.7; Section 10.8; Section 12, Section 13; Section 15; Section 16; Section 17; Section 18.1; Section 20; Section 21; Section 22; Section 24; Section 27.4; Section 28.1.3; Section 34; Section 35 and Section 43.

42. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

42.1 This Agreement is intended to describe and enable specific Interconnection and compensation arrangements between the Parties. This Agreement is the arrangement under which the Parties may purchase from each other the products and services described in Section 251 of the Act and obtain approval of such arrangement under Section 252 of the Act. Except as agreed upon in writing, neither Party shall be required to provide the other Party a function, facility, product, service or arrangement described in the Act that is not expressly provided herein.

42.2 Except as specifically contained herein or provided by the FCC or any Commission within its lawful jurisdiction, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to affect any access charge arrangement.

43. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

43.1 Except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, no provision of this Agreement shall be deemed amended or modified by either Party unless such an amendment or modification is in writing, dated, and signed by an authorized representative of both Parties. The rates, terms and conditions contained in the amendment shall become effective upon approval of such amendment by the appropriate Commissions; and such amendment will not require refunds, true-up or retroactive crediting or debiting prior to the approval of the Amendment. AT&T-12STATE and CLEC shall each be responsible for its share of the publication expense (i.e. filing fees, delivery and reproduction expense, and newspaper notification fees), to the extent publication is required for filing of an amendment by a specific state.

43.2 Neither Party shall be bound by any preprinted terms additional to or different from those in this Agreement that may appear subsequently in the other Party's form documents, purchase orders, quotations, acknowledgments, invoices or other communications.

44. APPENDICES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

44.1 ACCESS TO RIGHTS-OF-WAY - SECTION 251(b)(4)

44.1.1 AT&T-13STATE shall provide to CLEC access to Poles, Conduits and Rights of Ways pursuant to the applicable Appendix ROW, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.2 COLLOCATION - SECTION 251(c)(6)

44.2.1 Collocation will be provided pursuant to the applicable Appendix Collocation, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.3 DIALING PARITY - SECTION 251(b)(3)

44.3.1 The Parties shall provide Local Dialing Parity to each other as required under Section 251(b)(3) of the Act.

44.3.2 AT&T-12STATE shall provide IntraLATA Dialing Parity in accordance with Section 271(e)(2) of the Act.

44.4 INTERCONNECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(c)(2)(A),(B),(C); 47 CFR § 51.305(a)(1)

44.4.1 AT&T-13STATE shall provide to CLEC Interconnection of the Parties' facilities and equipment for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic and Exchange Access traffic pursuant to the applicable Appendix ITR, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Methods for Interconnection and Physical Architecture shall be as defined in the applicable Appendix NIM, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.5 NUMBER PORTABILITY - SECTIONS 251(b)(2)

44.5.1 The Parties shall provide to each other Permanent Number Portability (PNP) on a reciprocal basis as outlined in the applicable Appendix Number Portability, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6 OTHER SERVICES

44.6.1 911 and E911 Services

44.6.1.1 AT&T-13STATE will make nondiscriminatory access to 911 and E911 services available under the terms and conditions of the applicable Appendix 911, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6.1.2 The Parties agree that for "data only" providers the following rules concerning 911 requirements apply:

44.6.1.2.1 The Parties agree that CLEC will have to establish 911 trunking or interconnection to AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE's 911 Selective Routers, and therefore AT&T-13STATE shall not provide 911 services for those information service applications in which CLEC does not offer its end users the ability to place outgoing voice calls provided that; and

44.6.1.2.2 CLEC understands and agrees that, should it decide to provide voice service, it is required to meet all applicable Commission 911 service requirements; and

44.6.1.2.3 CLEC agrees to begin implementing access to 911 sufficiently in advance of the planned implementation of voice service to meet its 911 requirements. CLEC understands that the steps it must take to fulfill its 911 obligation include, but are not limited to, obtaining NXX(s) from NECA for the exchange area(s) CLEC plans to serve, submission of the appropriate form(s) to AT&T-13STATE, and, following AT&T-13STATE's processing of

such form(s), obtaining approval from the appropriate PSAP(s) for the CLEC's 911 service architecture. CLEC further understands that PSAP approval may include testing 911 trunks with appropriate PSAP(s). CLEC understands that, based on AT&T-13STATE's prior experience with CLEC implementation of 911, these steps require a minimum of sixty (60) days.

44.6.1.2.4 CLEC agrees to indemnify and hold AT&T-13STATE harmless from the consequences of CLEC's decision to not interconnect with AT&T-13STATE's 911 Selective Routers. The provisions of General Terms and Conditions Section 16 shall apply to such indemnification.

44.6.2 Directory Assistance (DA)

44.6.2.1 AT&T-13STATE will provide nondiscriminatory access to Directory Assistance services under the terms and conditions identified in the applicable Appendix DA, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6.3 Hosting

44.6.3.1 At CLEC's request, AT&T-10STATE shall perform hosting responsibilities for the provision of billable message data and/or access usage data received from CLEC for distribution to the appropriate billing and/or processing location or for delivery to CLEC of such data via AT&T-10STATE's internal network or the nationwide CMDS network pursuant to the applicable Appendix HOST, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6.4 Operator Services (OS)

44.6.4.1 AT&T-13STATE shall provide nondiscriminatory access to Operator Services under the terms and conditions identified in the applicable Appendix OS, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6.5 Publishing and Directory

43.6.5.1 AT&T-13STATE will make nondiscriminatory access to Publishing and Directory service available under the terms and conditions of the applicable Appendix White Pages, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6.6 Resale - Sections 251(b)(1)

43.6.6.1 AT&T-13STATE shall provide to CLEC Telecommunications Services for resale at wholesale rates pursuant to the applicable Appendix Resale, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6.7 Transmission and Routing of Switched Access Traffic Pursuant to 251(c)(2)

44.6.7.1 AT&T-13STATE shall provide to CLEC certain trunk groups (Meet Point Trunks) under certain parameters pursuant to the applicable Appendix ITR, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6.8 Transmission and Routing of Telephone Exchange Service Traffic Pursuant to Section 251(c)(2)(D); 252(d)(1) and (2); 47 CFR § 51.305(a)(5).

44.6.8.1 The applicable Appendix Compensation, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, prescribe traffic routing parameters for Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s) the Parties shall establish over the Interconnections specified in the applicable Appendix ITR, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6.9 Lawful Unbundled Network Elements - Sections 251(c)(3)

44.6.9.1 Pursuant to the applicable Appendix Lawful UNEs, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, AT&T-13STATE will provide CLEC access to Lawful

UNEs for the provision of Telecommunications Service as required by Sections 251 and 252 of the Act and in the Appendices hereto. CLEC agrees to provide access to its Network Elements to AT&T-13STATE under the same terms, conditions and prices contained herein and in the applicable Appendices hereto.

45. AUTHORITY

- 45.1 Each of the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that it is a corporation or limited partnership duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of incorporation or formation. Each of the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that AT&T Operations, Inc. has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement as agent for that AT&T-owned ILEC. Each of the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that it has full power and authority to perform its obligations hereunder.
- 45.2 CLEC represents and warrants that it is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of North Carolina and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder. CLEC represents and warrants that it has been or will be certified as a LEC by the Commission(s) prior to submitting any orders hereunder and is or will be authorized to provide the Telecommunications Services contemplated hereunder in the territory contemplated hereunder prior to submission of orders for such Service.
- 45.3 Each Person whose signature appears below represents and warrants that he or she has authority to bind the Party on whose behalf he or she has executed this Agreement.

46. COUNTERPARTS

- 46.1 This Agreement may be executed in counterparts. Each counterpart shall be considered an original and such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

47. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

47.1 AT&T-12STATE

- 47.1.1 The terms contained in this Agreement and any Appendices, Attachments, Exhibits, Schedules, and Addenda constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, superseding all prior understandings, proposals and other communications, oral or written between the Parties during the negotiations of this Agreement and through the execution and/or Effective Date of this Agreement. This Agreement shall not operate as or constitute a novation of any agreement or contract between the Parties that predates the execution and/or Effective Date of this Agreement.

47.2 AT&T CONNECTICUT

- 47.2.1 The rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement and any Appendices, Attachments, Exhibits, Schedules, Addenda, Commission approved tariffs and other documents or instruments referred to herein and incorporated into this Agreement by reference constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, superseding all prior understandings, proposals and other communications, oral or written between the Parties predating the execution of this Agreement; provided, however, that none of the rates, terms or conditions of this Agreement shall be construed to apply in any manner to any period prior to the termination and/or expiration date of any agreement that this Agreement replaces. This Agreement shall not operate as or constitute a novation of any agreement or contract between the Parties that predates the execution and/or Effective Date of this Agreement.

Signatures

THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS A BINDING ARBITRATION PROVISION WHICH MAY BE ENFORCED BY THE PARTIES.

Access Point, Inc.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri by AT&T Operations, Inc., its authorized agent

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APPENDIX COORDINATED HOT CUT (CHC)

1. INTRODUCTION

This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Coordinated Hot Cut (CHC) provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

- 1.1 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.2 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-13STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T-2STATE** and **AT&T CONNECTICUT** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.4 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, **AT&T CONNECTICUT** means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.5 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.6 **AT&T NEVADA** - As used herein, **AT&T NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.7 **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.8 "Conversion of Service" is defined as the matching of the disconnect of one telecommunications product or service with the installation of another telecommunications product or service.
- 1.9 "Designated Installation" is defined as an installation of service occurring at a specific time of day as specified by CLEC.

2. CHC SERVICE DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 Coordinated Hot Cut (CHC) Service is an optional manual service offering that permits CLEC to request a designated installation and/or conversion of service during, or after, normal business hours.
- 2.2 CLEC will initiate the beginning of a CHC by contacting the appropriate coordination center. This special request enables CLEC to schedule and coordinate particular provisioning requirements with the **AT&T-13STATE**.
- 2.3 **AT&T-13STATE** may limit the number of service orders that can be coordinated based on workload and resources available. AT&T shall approve CHC requests on a non-discriminatory basis, by requesting carrier, and on a first come, first served basis.

2.4 The AT&T-13STATE reserves the right to suspend the availability of CHC Service during unanticipated heavy workload/activity periods. Heavy workload includes any unanticipated volume of work that impacts the AT&T-13STATE's ability to provide its baseline service. Where time permits, the AT&T-13STATE will make every effort to notify CLEC when such unanticipated activities occur.

3. CHC PRICING

3.1 CHC is a time sensitive labor operation. Total charges are determined by a number of factors including the volume of lines, day of the week, and the time of day requested for the cut over.

3.2 When CLEC orders CHC service, AT&T-13STATE shall charge and CLEC agrees to pay for CHC service at the "additional labor" or "Time and Material" rates set forth in the following applicable Tariffs or Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices:

3.2.1 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE - FCC No. 2 Access Services Tariff, Section 13.2.6 (c)¹

3.2.2 AT&T NEVADA - PUCN, Section C13A, 13.2.6(c)

3.2.3 AT&T CALIFORNIA - Access Tariff 175-T, Section 13.2.6(c)

3.2.4 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE - Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices, "Time and Materials Charges"

3.2.5 AT&T CONNECTICUT - Connecticut Access Service Tariff, Section 18.1(3)

3.3 In the event the AT&T-13STATE fails to meet a CHC Service commitment for reasons within the control of AT&T-13STATE, AT&T will not charge CLEC a CHC Service charge. However, in the event AT&T misses a CHC Service commitment due to CLEC, its agent or end user reasons, the Coordinated Hot Cut (CHC) Service charge will still apply. For example, if CLEC requests any change to an order with CHC Service including, but not limited to, AT&T-13STATE's inability to gain access to CLEC's end user's premises, or CLEC/end user is not ready to proceed with the order, the CHC charge will apply and AT&T-13STATE is no longer obligated to ensure a CHC is on that order.

¹ AT&T-13STATE will not charge the additional labor rate in a particular state in the AT&T MIDWEST 5-STATE region until the effective non-recurring dockets: IL - 98-0396, IN - Cause 40611-S1, MI - U-11831, OH - 96-922-TP-UNC, and WI - 6720-TI-120, are superseded by that state's commission order approving new non-recurring Lawful UNE rates.

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APPENDIX PHYSICAL COLLOCATION

1. INTRODUCTION

AT&T-13STATE will provide Physical Collocation arrangements at the rates, terms and conditions set forth below.

1.1 Process

1.1.1 This Appendix provides for the placing of Collocator telecommunications equipment and facilities on AT&T-13STATE property for the purposes set forth in Section 1.3, following.

1.2 Scope

1.2.1 Physical Collocation provides actual space via AT&T-13STATE approved vendor (hereinafter referred to as Dedicated Space) within AT&T-13STATE Eligible Structure as defined in Section 2, Definitions, following. The Collocator will lease the Dedicated Space from AT&T-13STATE and install certain of its own telecommunications equipment within the Dedicated Space that is necessary for the purposes set forth in Section 1.3 following. AT&T-13STATE will provide caged, cageless, and other Physical Collocation arrangements within its Eligible Structures. When space is Legitimately Exhausted inside an Eligible Structure, AT&T-13STATE will permit collocation in Adjacent Structures located on AT&T-13STATE's property in accordance with this Appendix.

1.3 Purpose

1.3.1 Physical Collocation is available to telecommunications carriers for the placement of telecommunications equipment as provided for in this Appendix solely for the purposes of (i) transmitting and routing Telephone Exchange service or Exchange Access pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(2) of the Act and applicable effective FCC regulations and judicial rulings, or (ii) obtaining access to AT&T-13STATE's Lawful Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3) of the Act including lawful and effective FCC rules and associated lawful and effective FCC and judicial orders. The terms "Telephone Exchange Service", "Exchange Access" and "Network Element" are used as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(47), 47 U.S.C. § 153(16), and 47 U.S.C. § 153(29) of the Act, respectively.

1.4 The Parties intend that this Appendix contain the sole and exclusive terms and conditions by which telecommunications carrier will obtain Physical Collocation from AT&T-13STATE pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(6). For the term of the Agreement, AT&T-13STATE will process any order for any 251(c)(6) Physical Collocation submitted by Collocator, as being submitted under this Appendix and, further, will convert any 251(c)(6) Physical Collocation provided under tariff ("Billing Conversions") prior to the effective date of the Agreement, to this Appendix, effective as of the Effective Date of the Agreement. The Billing Conversions shall only involve changes in the applicable pricing, and AT&T-13STATE will not impose any charge(s) to perform such Billing Conversion(s).

1.4.1 Prospective Effect

1.4.1.1 Except as may otherwise be provided within this Appendix, any Billing Conversion made pursuant to Section 1.4 shall be effective on a prospective basis only, including for non-recurring and recurring charges. The rates implemented via this interconnection agreement shall apply to all existing collocation arrangements that were established under the terms and conditions established pursuant to 47 USC 251(c)(6) without the need for a specific request by the CLEC that such new rates be implemented for each such collocation arrangement. Adoption of a new rate structure shall not by itself require purchaser to incur any new non-recurring collocation area modification or application charges.

1.4.1.2 In the event that any order for any 251(c)(6) Physical Collocation submitted by Collocator is pending as of the Effective Date of the Agreement, any non-recurring charges then due and owing or otherwise then contemplated by such pending order shall be assessed in

accordance with the rates set forth in the arrangement (e.g., tariff or prior interconnection agreement) under which the order was originally submitted; provided, however, that any recurring charges arising out of such order shall be subject to the rates set forth in this Agreement from the Effective Date forward.

- 1.4.2 The terms and conditions expressly set forth in this Appendix shall control in the event of an irreconcilable conflict with the Collocation Services Handbook, AT&T-13STATE's standards and requirements for equipment and facility installations, CLEC Online website, or AT&T-13STATE's TP76300MP.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Act - "Act" means the Communications Act of 1934 [47 U.S.C. 153(R)], as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) codified throughout 47 U.S.C.
- 2.2 Active Collocation Space - Denotes the space within an Eligible Structure that has sufficient telecommunications infrastructure systems, including power that can be designated for Physical Collocation. Space within CEVs, huts and cabinets and similar Eligible Structures that can be designated for Physical Collocation is considered to be Active Collocation Space.
- 2.3 Adjacent Off-site Arrangement - Where Physical Collocation space within AT&T-13STATE Eligible Structure is Legitimately Exhausted, and the Collocator's Adjacent On-site space is not within 50 ft. of the Eligible Structure's outside perimeter wall, the Collocator has the option and AT&T-13STATE shall permit an Adjacent Structure Off-site Arrangement, to the extent technically feasible. The Adjacent Off-site Arrangement is available if the Collocator's site is located on a property that is contiguous to or within one standard city block of AT&T-13STATE's Central Office or Eligible Structure.
- 2.4 Adjacent Structure - A Collocator-provided structure placed on AT&T-13STATE property (Adjacent On-site) or non-AT&T-13STATE property (Adjacent Off-site) adjacent to an Eligible Structure. This arrangement is only permitted when space is legitimately exhausted inside the Eligible Structure and to the extent technically feasible.
- 2.5 Augment - A request from a Collocator to add or modify space, equipment, and/or cable to an existing Physical Collocation arrangement.
- 2.6 Cross Connect - A service order-generated connection of one or more Collocator's equipment cables using patch cords or jumpers that attach to connecting equipment hardware at the Main Distribution Frame (MDF), Intermediate Distribution Frame (IDF) or Fiber Distribution Frame (FDF).
- 2.7 Direct Connection - Sometimes inappropriately called a cross-connect, this is a cable connection between a Collocator's collocated equipment in a Physical or Virtual Collocation arrangement and its own or another Collocator's physically or virtually collocated equipment, located within the Eligible Structure (see Cross Connect, 2.6).
- 2.8 Custom Work Charge - Denotes the charge(s) developed solely to meet the construction requirements of the Collocator, (e.g., brighter lighting above the Collocator's cage, circular cage, different style tile within the cage).
- 2.9 Day - For purposes of application and/or installation intervals, "day" denotes calendar days unless otherwise specified. However, any time period equal to or less than five (5) days, day denotes business day.
- 2.10 Delivery Date - The date on which AT&T-13STATE provides the requested collocation space constructed in accordance with the requesting Carrier's application, and turns the functional space over to the requesting carrier. The space is functional when AT&T-13STATE has completed all it has to do and is not dependent on when or whether the Collocator has completed its work.
- 2.11 Dedicated Space - Denotes the space assigned for the Collocator's Physical Collocation arrangement located in AT&T-13STATE Eligible Structure.

- 2.12 **Effective Billing Date** - The date AT&T-13STATE completed its work as required by the Collocator's accurate and complete application and made the Physical Collocation space available to the Collocator, regardless of any failure by the Collocator to complete its work.
- 2.13 **Eligible Structure** - Eligible Structure refers to AT&T-13STATE's Central Offices and serving wire centers, as well as all buildings or similar structures owned or leased by AT&T-13STATE that house its network facilities, and all structures that house AT&T-13STATE's facilities on public rights-of-way.
- 2.14 **Extraordinary Charges** - Those costs for requests for construction or maintenance that are beyond what is ordinary, average, usual or normal in degree or measure based upon the terms, conditions, and rates established in this Appendix. Extraordinary costs are one-time expenses AT&T-13STATE incurs to meet the specific request of an individual Collocator and will not typically benefit either other CLECs or AT&T-13STATE as defined in Section 17.
- 2.15 **Inactive Space** - Denotes the space within the central office that can be designated for physical collocation where infrastructure systems do not currently exist and must be constructed. The designation of Other (Inactive) Collocation Space is applicable to space within central offices only; other Eligible Structures such as CEVs, Huts, and Vaults are considered Active Collocation Space.
- 2.16 **Individual Case Basis (ICB)** - AT&T-13STATE may seek to impose Individual Case Basis (ICB) charges for requirements based on requests from a Collocator that are beyond the terms, conditions, and rates established in this Appendix.
- 2.17 **Infrastructure Systems** - Denotes the structural components, such as floors capable of supporting equipment loads, heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, electrical systems, power, high efficiency filtration, humidity controls, remote alarms, and smoke purge.
- 2.18 **Installation Supplier** - Suppliers/vendors that are approved to perform central office installation work for AT&T-13STATE and for Collocator in AT&T-13STATE eligible structures in all collocation footprint areas and/or AT&T-13STATE common areas in the technologies and geographical locations for which they are approved by AT&T-13STATE.
- 2.18.1 **AT&T Approved CO Installation Suppliers (Tier 1 Approved Suppliers)** - These suppliers are approved to perform CO installation work for AT&T-13STATE and for Collocators in AT&T-13STATE central offices in all collocation areas and common areas in the technologies and geographical locations for which they are approved by the AT&T-13STATE per the letter codes listed in a table on the Tier 1 list on <https://clec.att.com/clec>.
- 2.18.2 **AT&T Collocation Approved Installation Suppliers (Tier 2 Approved Suppliers)** - These suppliers have been approved to perform collocation installation work for Collocators in all 13 states of the AT&T-13STATE central offices in the Caged Collocation area and in the "footprint of the bay" in the Cageless (Physical) Collocation area. This category of approval does not include access to common areas, installation of cabling outside of the cage or footprint, virtual collocation areas, the MDF or the BDFB power distribution areas.
- 2.19 **Interconnector's Guide for Collocation (Collocation Handbook)** - or like document is a publication provided to Collocators that provides information on how to order collocation arrangements and the processes and requirements for collocation in the AT&T-13STATE's, which is located on the AT&T-13STATE CLEC ONLINE Web-Site (<https://clec.att.com/clec>), as amended from time to time.
- 2.20 **Legitimately Exhausted** - Denotes when all space in a Central Office (CO) or other Eligible Structure that can be used to locate telecommunications equipment via physical collocation is completely occupied.
- 2.21 **Main Distribution Frame** - The termination point in the Eligible Structure between cables from the outside, tied down on one side of the frame, and internal lines, tied down on the other side of the frame.
- 2.22 **Non-Standard Collocation Request (NSCR)** - AT&T-13STATE may seek to impose non-standard charges for requirements based on requests from a Collocator that are beyond the terms, conditions, and rates established in this Appendix.

- 2.23 Preparation Charges - Denotes those charges associated with the initial preparation of the Collocator's Dedicated Space.
- 2.24 Remote Terminals - Controlled Environmental Vaults (CEV), Huts, Remote Terminals and Cabinets and other AT&T owned or controlled premises where collocation is practical and technically feasible, e.g. where heat dissipation is not severely limited or there is sufficient space for Collocator's equipment.
- 2.25 Technical Publications - documents for installation requirements, can include network equipment, power, grounding, environmental, and physical design requirements. These documents can be referenced via <https://clec.att.com/clec>.
- 2.26 Technically Feasible - A collocation arrangement is technically feasible if, in accordance with either national standards or industry practice, there is no significant technical impediment to its establishment. Technical impediment shall be determined consistent with the definition of technically feasible in 47 CFR Section 51.5 to the extent that definition may be effective at the time of such determination. A rebuttable presumption that a collocation arrangement is technically feasible shall arise if the arrangement has been deployed by any incumbent local exchange carrier in the country.
- 2.27 Telecommunications Infrastructure Space - Denotes the square footage or linear footage of space, including common areas, used to house telecommunications infrastructure equipment necessary to support collocation space used for interconnection with or access to UNEs of AT&T-13STATE's network.
- 2.28 Unused Space - Any space (i) existing in AT&T-13STATE's Eligible Structures at the time of a collocation request, (ii) that is not subject to a valid space reservation by AT&T-13STATE's or any third party, (iii) that is not occupied by AT&T-13STATE's, its affiliates', or third party's equipment, and is not needed for access to, or egress from, work areas (iv) that is not being used by AT&T-13STATE's or its affiliates for administrative or other functions and (v) on or in which the placement of any equipment or network facilities (AT&T-13STATE's or Requesting Collocator's) would not violate any local or state law, rule or ordinance (e.g., fire, OSHA, or zoning) or technical standards (performance or safety) or would void AT&T-13STATE's warranty on proximate.

3. GENERAL

3.1 Certification

- 3.1.1 The Collocator requesting Physical Collocation is responsible for obtaining any necessary certifications or approvals from the state utility commission prior to provisioning of telecommunications service by using the Physical Collocation space. AT&T-13STATE shall not refuse to process an application for collocation space and shall not refuse to provision the collocation space submitted by a telecommunications carrier while that telecommunications carrier's state certification is pending or prior to a final approved interconnection agreement.

- 3.2 The rates and charges in this Appendix are applicable only for Physical Collocation arrangements in Eligible Structures as defined in Section 2 of this Appendix. AT&T-13STATE allocates the charges for space preparation and security charges on a prorated basis so the first Collocator in a premises will not be responsible for the entire cost of site preparation. However, ancillary charges for unique Collocator requests for collocation options directly attributable to the requesting Collocator will not be prorated. Examples include power arrangements and POT bay-related options.

3.3 Hazardous Waste and Materials

- 3.3.1 The Collocator and its vendors shall adhere to all federal, state and local regulations regarding hazardous material/waste. In addition, the telecommunications carrier's Installation Supplier shall adhere to all AT&T-13STATE requirements. The Installation Supplier shall coordinate with the AT&T-13STATE representative before any activity relating to hazardous material/waste is started. Refer to the Interconnector's Guide for Collocation Products and Services Handbook Appendix B, may be accessed via <https://clec.att.com/clec>.

3.4 Safety

3.4.1 The Collocator shall be entirely responsible for the safety and instruction of its employees or representatives. The Collocator shall take precautions to avoid harm to personnel, equipment, and building (e.g., cutting installed threaded rod) of AT&T-13STATE or other telecommunications carriers. The Collocator shall immediately report to the AT&T-13STATE representative any accident, outside agency inspection or hazardous condition, such as any accident or injury that occurs to employees or subcontractors of the Collocator while on AT&T-13STATE premises or any OSHA inspection or citations issued to the Collocator while on AT&T-13STATE premises. (Refer to Interconnector's Guide for Collocation for further details).

3.5 Parking at Eligible Structures will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis if there is no commercial parking or curbside parking available within a reasonable radius of the Eligible Structure. AT&T-13STATE will rent parking spaces to Collocator on a first-come, first-served basis if such space is available. Collocator may not park in spaces that are reserved for AT&T-13STATE vehicles and which are designated as reserved. AT&T-13STATE shall not unreasonably reserve for its own use all parking at the Eligible Structure.

3.6 Collocator shall be allowed to have reasonable use of and access to loading docks. Collocator and AT&T-13STATE are required to follow all posted traffic and AT&T-13STATE signs and follow all applicable parking and traffic laws and ordinances.

3.7 Collocator's Equipment and Facilities

3.7.1 The Collocator is solely responsible for the design, engineering, testing, performance and maintenance of the telecommunications equipment and facilities used in the Dedicated Space. The Collocator will be responsible for servicing, supplying, repairing, installing and maintaining the following within the Dedicated Space or optional Point of Termination (POT) frame located in the common area:

3.7.1.1 its fiber optic cable(s) or other permitted transmission media as specified in Section 9.1;

3.7.1.2 its equipment;

3.7.1.3 required point of termination cross connects in the Dedicated Space or the optional POT Frame/Cabinet located in the Common Area;

3.7.1.4 POT frame maintenance, including replacement power fuses and circuit breaker restoration, to the extent that such fuses and circuit breakers are within the Dedicated Space or in the optional POT Frame/Cabinet located in the Common Area and accessible by the Collocator and only if and as required; and

3.7.1.5 the connection cable and associated equipment which may be required within the Dedicated Space(s) or in the optional POT Frame/Cabinet located in the Common Area to the point(s) of termination.

3.7.2 AT&T-13STATE neither accepts nor assumes any responsibility whatsoever in any of the areas so designated in this Section.

3.8 Americans with Disability Act (ADA)

3.8.1 The rates and charges in this Appendix do not include costs for any Americans with Disability Act (ADA) construction generated or caused by the Physical Collocation space request. If required, ADA construction will be provided on an ICB.

3.8.2 If AT&T-13STATE is required to upgrade an Eligible Structure, or portion of the structure to comply with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) which arises as a direct result of Collocator's collocation arrangement, AT&T-13STATE will prorate the total forward-looking economic cost of the upgrade, and allocate the charge to each Collocator located within the Eligible Structure, based on the total space utilized by each Collocator.

- 3.8.3 Should AT&T-13STATE benefit in any way from the ADA upgrades, it shall absorb half of the cost when there is one benefiting Collocator, one-third when there are two (2), and so on.
- 3.8.4 Should AT&T-13STATE be the sole beneficiary of an upgrade (e.g., an upgrade would have had to be made regardless of whether or not a Collocator was collocated in the CO), AT&T-13STATE shall absorb all of the costs related to such an upgrade.
- 3.9 The rates and charges set forth herein are for Physical Collocation arrangements, while charges for interconnection and access to UNEs are as set forth in the respective sections of this Appendix.

4. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 4.1 Limitation of Liability - Except as otherwise provided herein, Limitation of Liability will be governed by the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- 4.1.1 With respect to any claim or suit for damages arising in connection with the mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays or errors, or defects in transmission occurring either in the course of furnishing service pursuant to the Agreement, the liability of either AT&T-13STATE or the Collocator, if any, shall not exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate monthly charge to the Collocator for the period during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error, or defect in transmission or service occurs and continues.
- 4.1.2 Both AT&T-13STATE and the Collocator shall be indemnified and held harmless by the other against claims and damages by any Third Party arising from provision of the other ones' services or equipment, except those claims and damages directly associated with the provision of services to each other which are governed by the provisioning Party's applicable agreements.
- 4.2 Third Parties
- 4.2.1 AT&T-13STATE is required by law to provide space in and access to its Eligible Structures to certain other persons or entities ("Others"), which may include competitors of the Collocator; that such space may be close to the Dedicated Space, possibly including space adjacent to the Dedicated Space and with access to the outside of the Dedicated Space within the collocation area; and that if caged, the cage around the Dedicated Space is a permeable boundary that will not prevent the Others from observing or even damaging the Collocator's equipment and facilities.
- 4.2.2 In addition to any other applicable limitation, neither AT&T-13STATE nor the Collocator shall have any liability with respect to any act or omission by any Other, regardless of the degree of culpability of any Other, except in instances involving gross negligence or willful actions by either AT&T-13STATE or the Collocator or its agents or employees.
- 4.3 Force Majeure Events shall be governed by the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- 4.4 Insurance - Except as otherwise provided herein, Insurance will be governed by the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- 4.4.1 A certificate of insurance stating the types of insurance and policy limits provided the Collocator must be received prior to commencement of any work. The insurance provisions and requirements are reciprocal to AT&T-13STATE as well. If a certificate is not received, AT&T-13STATE will notify the Collocator, and the Collocator will have five (5) business days to cure the deficiency. If the Collocator does not cure the deficiency within five (5) business days, Collocator hereby authorizes AT&T-13STATE, and AT&T-13STATE may, but is not required to, obtain insurance on behalf of the Collocator as specified herein. AT&T-13STATE will invoice Collocator for the costs incurred to so acquire insurance.
- 4.4.2 The Collocator shall also require all contractors who may enter the Eligible Structure to maintain the same insurance requirements listed above.

4.5 Self-Insured

4.5.1 Self-insurance in lieu of the insurance requirements listed preceding shall be permitted if the Collocator 1) has a tangible net worth of fifty (50) million dollars or greater, and 2) files a financial statement annually with the Securities and Exchange Commission and/or having a financial strength rating of 4A or 5A assigned by Dun & Bradstreet. The ability to self-insure shall continue so long as the Collocator meets all of the requirements of this Section. If the Collocator subsequently no longer satisfies this Section 4.5.1, Coverage Requirements, shall immediately apply.

5. INDEMNIFICATION OF AT&T-13STATE

5.1 Except as otherwise provided herein, Indemnification is governed by the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

5.2 Casualty Loss

5.2.1 Damage to Dedicated Space

5.2.1.1 If the Dedicated Space is damaged by fire or other casualty that is not the result of the Collocator's actions or those of a Third Party as hereinafter described, and (1) the Dedicated Space is not rendered untenable in whole or in part, AT&T-13STATE shall repair the same at its expense (as hereafter limited) and the monthly charge shall not be abated, or (2) the Dedicated Space is rendered untenable in whole or in part and such damage or destruction can be repaired within ninety (90) business days, AT&T-13STATE has the option to repair the Dedicated Space at its expense (as hereafter limited) and the monthly charges shall be proportionately abated while the Collocator was deprived of the use. If the Dedicated Space cannot be repaired within ninety (90) business days, or AT&T-13STATE opts not to rebuild, then AT&T-13STATE shall notify the Collocator within thirty (30) business days following such occurrence that the Collocator's use of the Dedicated Space will terminate as of the date of such damage. Upon the Collocator's election, AT&T-13STATE must provide to the Collocator, a comparable substitute collocation arrangement at another mutually agreeable location at the applicable non-recurring charges for that arrangement and location.

5.2.1.2 Any obligation on the part of AT&T-13STATE to repair the Dedicated Space shall be limited to repairing, restoring and rebuilding the Dedicated Space as prepared for the Collocator by AT&T-13STATE.

5.2.2 Damage to Eligible Structure

5.2.2.1 In the event that the Eligible Structure in which the Dedicated Space is located shall be so damaged by fire or other casualty that closing, demolition or substantial alteration or reconstruction thereof shall, in AT&T-13STATE's opinion be advisable, then, notwithstanding that the Dedicated Space may be unaffected thereby, AT&T-13STATE, at its option, may terminate services provided via this Appendix by giving the Collocator ten (10) business days prior written notice within thirty (30) business days following the date of such occurrence, if at all possible.

6. SECURITY

6.1 AT&T-13STATE may impose the following reasonable security measures on Collocator to assist in protecting its network and equipment from harm. AT&T-13STATE may impose security arrangements as stringent as the security arrangements AT&T-13STATE maintains at its own Eligible Structures either for its own employees or for authorized contractors. To the extent security arrangements are more stringent for one group than the other, AT&T-13STATE may impose the more stringent requirements. Stated differently, the incumbent will not impose discriminatory security requirements that result in increased collocation costs without the concomitant benefit of providing necessary protection of the incumbent's

equipment. AT&T-13STATE will not use any information collected in the course of implementing or operating security arrangements for any marketing or other purpose in aid of competing with Collocator.

6.1.1 Collocator will conduct background checks of its personnel and technicians who will have access to the collocation space. Such background checks will include but are not to be limited to criminal background checks for offenses involving theft or damage to property, and a check of FBI listings of known or suspected terrorists.

6.1.1.1 Collocator technicians will be security-qualified by the Collocator and will be required to be knowledgeable of AT&T-13STATE security standards. Collocator personnel and technicians will undergo the same level of security training or its equivalent that AT&T-13STATE's own employees and authorized contractors must undergo. AT&T-13STATE will not, however, require Collocator to receive security training from AT&T-13STATE, but will provide information to Collocator on the specific type of training required.

6.1.1.2 Collocator can then provide its employees with its own security training. Qualification program and security training details shall be included in AT&T-13STATE's Technical Publications via <https://clec.att.com/clec>.

6.1.1.3 Collocator and AT&T-13STATE will each establish disciplinary procedures up to and including dismissal or denial of access to the Eligible Structure and other property of AT&T-13STATE for certain specified actions that damage, or place the equipment, facilities, or the network or personnel of the Collocator or AT&T-13STATE in jeopardy. The following are actions that could damage or place the Eligible Structure, or the network or the personnel of the Collocator or AT&T-13STATE in jeopardy and may justify disciplinary action up to and including dismissal or the denial of access to the Eligible Structure and other AT&T-13STATE property:

6.1.1.3.1 Theft or destruction of AT&T-13STATE's or Collocator's property;

6.1.1.3.2 Use/sale or attempted use/sale of alcohol or illegal drugs on AT&T-13STATE property;

6.1.1.3.3 Threats or violent acts against other persons on AT&T-13STATE property;

6.1.1.3.4 Knowing violations of any local, state or federal law on AT&T-13STATE property;

6.1.1.3.5 Permitting unauthorized persons access to AT&T-13STATE or Collocator's equipment on AT&T-13STATE property; and

6.1.1.3.6 Carrying a weapon on AT&T-13STATE property.

In addition, Collocator and AT&T-13STATE will take appropriate disciplinary steps as determined by each Party to address any violations reported by AT&T-13STATE or the Collocator of AT&T-13STATE's policies and practices on security, safety, network reliability, and business conduct as defined in AT&T-13STATE's Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook <https://clec.att.com/clec> for Physical Collocation in AT&T-13STATE, provided the Handbook and any and all updates to it are timely provided to Collocator at no charge.

6.1.1.4 Collocator will provide indemnification as set forth in Section 5 of this Appendix and insurance as set forth in Section 4.4 of this Appendix to cover any damages caused by the Collocator's technicians at a level commensurate with the indemnification and insurance provided by AT&T-13STATE-authorized contractors with equivalent access. The indemnification provisions and requirements are reciprocal to AT&T-13STATE as well.

6.1.1.5 AT&T-13STATE may use reasonable security measures to protect its equipment. In the event AT&T-13STATE elects to erect an interior security partition in a given Eligible Structure to separate its equipment, AT&T-13STATE may recover the costs of the partition in lieu of the costs of other reasonable security measures if the partition costs are lower than the costs of any other reasonable security measure for such Eligible Structure. In no event shall a Collocator be required to pay for both an interior security partition to separate

AT&T-13STATE's equipment in an Eligible Structure and any other reasonable security measure for such Eligible Structure.

6.1.1.5.1 AT&T-13STATE's construction of an interior security partition around its own equipment shall not interfere with a telecommunications carrier's access to its equipment, including equipment collocated directly adjacent to AT&T-13STATE's equipment. AT&T-13STATE's construction of an interior security partition around its own equipment shall not impede a telecommunications carrier's ability to collocate within AT&T-13STATE's space. To the extent that AT&T-13STATE is required to install additional security measures within its interior security partition because a telecommunications carrier has access to its own equipment within the area, such security measures shall be constructed and maintained at AT&T-13STATE's expense.

6.1.1.5.2 AT&T-13STATE's enclosure of its own equipment will not be a basis for a claim that space is Legitimately Exhausted, nor will it be a basis for a claim that Active Collocation Space is exhausted.

6.1.1.5.3 AT&T-13STATE's enclosure of its own equipment will not unreasonably increase a telecommunications carrier's cost nor shall it result in duplicative security costs. The cost of an interior security partition around AT&T-13STATE's equipment cannot include any embedded costs of any other security measures for the Eligible Structure.

6.1.1.5.4 If AT&T-13STATE chooses to enclose its own equipment, AT&T-13STATE will be entitled to recover the cost of the cage only to the extent that the price of such construction is lower than that of other reasonable security measures.

6.1.1.5.5 AT&T-13STATE has the burden to demonstrate that the cost of security measures alternative to its partitioning of its own equipment is higher than the cost of enclosing its own equipment. If AT&T-13STATE cannot prove that other reasonable security methods cost more than an interior security partition around AT&T-13STATE's equipment, AT&T-13STATE cannot elect to erect an interior security partition in a given Eligible Structure to separate its equipment and then recover the cost from Collocators.

6.1.1.5.6 If AT&T-13STATE elects to erect an interior security partition and recover the cost, it must demonstrate to the Collocator that other reasonable security methods cost more than an interior security partition around AT&T-13STATE's equipment at the time the price quote is given.

6.1.1.6 Collocator will have access to its physically collocated equipment twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, without a security escort. AT&T-13STATE will not delay a Collocator's entry into an Eligible Structure or access to its collocated equipment. AT&T-13STATE will provide Collocator with reasonable access to restroom facilities and parking. Collocator will also have reasonable access to Collocator's assigned space during construction.

7. DEDICATED SPACE

7.1 Contact Numbers

7.1.1 AT&T-13STATE is responsible for providing the Collocator personnel a contact number for AT&T-13STATE technical personnel who are readily accessible twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. In addition, for all activities requiring verbal and written notification per this Appendix, the Parties will provide the contact numbers included in the application process. Notwithstanding the requirements for contact numbers, the Collocator will have access to its collocated equipment in the Eligible Structure twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week and AT&T-13STATE will not delay a Collocator's entry into an Eligible Structure.

- 7.1.2 The Collocator is responsible for providing to AT&T-13STATE personnel a contact number for Collocator technical personnel who are readily accessible twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week AT&T-13STATE. In addition, for all activities requiring verbal and written notification per this Appendix, the Parties will provide the contact numbers included in the application process.
- 7.2 Right-to-Use; Multiple Dedicated Spaces
- 7.2.1 In accordance with this Appendix, AT&T-13STATE grants to the Collocator the right to use a Dedicated Space. Each Dedicated Space within an Eligible Structure will be considered a single Dedicated Space for the application of rates according to this Appendix.
- 7.3 Trouble Status Reports
- 7.3.1 AT&T-13STATE and the Collocator are responsible for making best efforts to provide prompt verbal notification to each other of significant outages or operations problems which could impact or degrade AT&T-13STATE or the Collocator's network, switches or services, with an estimated clearing time to restore service. In addition, AT&T-13STATE and the Collocator will provide written notification within twenty-four (24) hours to each other. When trouble has been identified, AT&T-13STATE or the Collocator is responsible for providing trouble status reports, consistent with this Appendix, when requested by AT&T-13STATE or the Collocator.
- 7.4 Service Coordination
- 7.4.1 AT&T-13STATE is responsible for coordinating with the Collocator to ensure that services are installed in accordance with the service request.
- 7.5 Active/Inactive Space Determination
- 7.5.1 In its notification regarding whether its request for collocation has been granted or denied AT&T-13STATE shall inform the Collocator if the space available for the requested collocation space will be Active Collocation or Inactive Space, as those terms are defined in Section 2 of this Appendix. If the Collocator's space is placed in Inactive Space, then the notification shall also include rationale for placing the requested space in such category, including all power, switching, and other factors used in making the determination.
- 7.5.2 In the event that the Collocator disputes the AT&T-13STATE placement of the space into Inactive Space, then the Collocator may request a tour of the Eligible Structure to verify the Active/Inactive space availability. AT&T-13STATE will provide all relevant documentation to the Collocator agent supporting its placement of Collocator's requested collocation arrangement in Inactive Space, subject to executing a non-disclosure agreement at the time of the inspection tour. The request shall be submitted to the AT&T-13STATE-designated representative in writing within five (5) business days of notification to Collocator. If the Collocator fails to submit the written request within the eligible time frame, the option for an inspection tour is forfeited. The inspection tour will be scheduled within three (3) business days of receipt of the request for a tour. Any requested tour shall be scheduled to take place no later than seven (7) business days following the request for the inspection tour. At the Collocator's request, the request for inspection tour for determination of Active/Inactive space may be conducted concurrently with a tour involving space availability disputes, as provided in this Appendix, thereby modifying the time frame requirements in this paragraph.
- 7.5.3 The AT&T-13STATE representative will escort one (1) Collocator agent on the inspection tour. If the Collocator agent believes, based on the inspection tour of the Eligible Structure that the placement of the collocation space in Inactive Space is unsupportable, the Collocator agent shall promptly advise AT&T-13STATE orally and in writing within five (5) business days of the completion of the inspection tour. The Collocator may dispute the AT&T-13STATE findings through the Dispute Resolution Process outlined herein, and the burden of proof shall be on AT&T-13STATE to justify the basis for placement of the Collocator's space in Inactive Space. If the Collocator fails to submit the written request within the eligible time frame, it will be assumed that no dispute exists.

7.6 Types of Available Physical Collocation Arrangements

7.6.1 AT&T-13STATE will make each of the arrangements outlined below available within its Eligible Structures in accordance with this Appendix so that Collocator will have a variety of collocation options from which to choose:

7.6.1.1 Caged Physical Collocation - The Caged Collocation option provides the Collocator with an individual enclosure (not including a top). This enclosure is an area designated by AT&T-13STATE within an Eligible Structure to be used by the Collocator for the sole purpose of installing, maintaining and operating the Collocator-provided equipment for the purpose of interconnection and access to UNEs. Accordingly, AT&T-13STATE will not provide Collocator's personnel or agents with direct access to AT&T-13STATE's Main Distribution Frame (MDF), with the exception of the AT&T-13STATE's Approved Vendor.

7.6.1.2 AT&T-13STATE will provide floor space, floor space site conditioning, cage common systems materials, cage preparation, and safety and security charges in increments of one (1) square foot. For this reason, Collocator will be able to order space and a cage enclosure in amounts as small as that sufficient to house and maintain a single rack or bay of equipment, (i.e., fifty (50) square feet of caged space) and will ensure that the first Collocator in a AT&T-13STATE premises will not be responsible for the entire cost of site preparation and security.

7.6.1.2.1 The Collocator must comply with all methods, procedures and guidelines followed by AT&T-13STATE in constructing such an arrangement. The Collocator may provide a cage enclosure (which shall not include a top), cable rack and support structure inside the cage, lighting, receptacles, cage grounding, cage sign and door key set. In addition, terms and conditions for contractors performing cage construction activities as set forth in Section 21 following will apply. If the Collocator elects to install or requests that AT&T-13STATE provide and install a point of termination (POT) frame in the dedicated collocation area rather than inside its cage.

7.6.1.3 Caged Shared Collocation - AT&T-13STATE will provide Caged Shared Collocation as set forth in Section 11 following, "Use by Other Local Service Providers". Two (2) or more Collocators may initially apply at the same time to share a Caged Collocation space as set forth in Section 11.1 following. Charges to each Collocator will be based upon the percentage of total space utilized by each Collocator. Accordingly, AT&T-13STATE will not provide Collocator's personnel or agents with direct access to AT&T-13STATE's Main Distribution Frame (MDF), with the exception of the AT&T-13STATE's Approved Vendor.

7.6.1.4 Cageless Collocation - AT&T-13STATE will provide Cageless Collocation in any collocation space that is supported by the existing telecommunications infrastructure (Active Collocation Space), or in the event that all such space is exhausted or completely occupied, will provide in any collocation space that requires additional telecommunications infrastructure (Inactive Space), as further defined in Section 2 of this Appendix. Under this arrangement, AT&T-13STATE will provide space in single bay increments, including available space adjacent to or next to AT&T-13STATE's equipment. Collocator will have direct access to its equipment twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week without need for a security escort AT&T-13STATE. AT&T-13STATE will not require Collocator to use an intermediate interconnection arrangement (i.e., POT frame). AT&T-13STATE may take reasonable steps to protect its own equipment as provided in Section 6 of this Appendix. Accordingly, AT&T-13STATE will not provide Collocator's personnel or agents with direct access to AT&T-13STATE's Main Distribution Frame (MDF), with the exception of the AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Vendor.

7.6.1.5 Adjacent On-Site Space Collocation – Where Physical Collocation space within AT&T-13STATE Eligible Structure is Legitimately Exhausted, as that term is defined in Section 2

of this Appendix, AT&T-13STATE will permit Collocator to physically collocate on AT&T-13STATE's property in adjacent Controlled Environmental Vaults (CEV), Huts, Cabinets, or similar structures that AT&T-13STATE uses to house telecommunication equipment, to the extent technically feasible. AT&T-13STATE and telecommunications carrier will mutually agree on the location of the designated space on AT&T-13STATE premises where the Adjacent Structure will be placed. AT&T-13STATE will not unreasonably withhold agreement as to the site desired by Collocator. Safety and maintenance requirements, zoning and other state and local regulations are all reasonable grounds to withhold agreement as to the site desired by the Collocator. AT&T-13STATE will offer the following increments of power to the Adjacent Structure: AT&T-13STATE will provide a standard offering of one-hundred (100) amps of AC power to the Adjacent Structure when Central Office Switchboard AC capacity exists. AT&T-13STATE will provide DC power within two (2) cable options that allow increments of 2-100 (100A feed and 100B feed) Amp Power Feeds, 2-200 (200A feed and 200B feed) Amp Power Feeds, 2-300 (300A feed and 300B feed) Amp Power Feeds, and 2-400 (400A feed and 400B feed) Amp Power Feeds to the Adjacent Structure from the Central Office Power source. At its option, the Collocator may choose to provide its own AC and DC power to the Adjacent Structure. AT&T-13STATE will provide Physical Collocation services to such Adjacent Structures, subject to the same requirements as other collocation arrangements in this Appendix. AT&T-13STATE shall permit Collocator to place its own equipment, including, but not limited to, copper cables, coaxial cables, fiber cables and telecommunications equipment, in adjacent facilities constructed by either AT&T-13STATE or the Collocator. Accordingly, AT&T-13STATE will not provide Collocator's personnel or agents with direct access to AT&T-13STATE's Main Distribution Frame (MDF), with the exception of the AT&T-13STATE's Approved Tier 1 Vendor.

7.6.1.5.1 Collocator shall be responsible for securing all required licenses and permits, the required site preparations and shall further retain responsibility for securing and/or constructing the Adjacent Structure and any building and site maintenance associated with the placement of such Adjacent Structure.

7.6.1.5.2 Regeneration is required for collocation in an Adjacent Structure if the cabling distance between the Collocator's POT bay or termination point located in an adjacent structure and AT&T-13STATE's cross-connect bay exceeds American National Standards Institute, Inc. (ANSI) limitations. Regeneration is not required in any other circumstances except where the Collocator specifically requests regeneration. Required regeneration and Collocator-requested regeneration will be provided at the Collocator's expense.

7.6.1.6 Adjacent Off-Site Arrangement - Where Physical Collocation space within AT&T-13STATE Eligible Structure is Legitimately Exhausted, and Collocator's Adjacent On-site space is not within fifty feet (50 ft.) of the Eligible Structure's outside perimeter wall, the Collocator has the option and AT&T-13STATE shall permit an Adjacent Structure Off-site Arrangement, to the extent technically feasible.

7.6.1.6.1 The Adjacent Off-site Arrangement is available if the Collocator's site is located on a property that is contiguous to or within one (1) standard city block of the AT&T-13STATE Central Office or Eligible Structure.

7.6.1.6.2 Such arrangement shall be used for interconnection and access to UNEs.

7.6.1.6.3 When the Collocator elects to utilize an Adjacent Off-site Arrangement, the Collocator shall provide both the AC and DC power required to operate such facility. The Collocator may provide its own facilities to AT&T-13STATE's premises or to a mutually agreeable meet point from its Adjacent Off-site location for interconnection purposes. The Collocator may subscribe to facilities available in the UNE rate schedule of the Collocator's Agreement.

7.6.1.6.4 At the time the Collocator requests this arrangement, the Collocator must provide information as to the location of the Adjacent Off-site facility, the proposed method of interconnection, and the time frame needed to complete provisioning of the arrangement. AT&T-13STATE shall provide a response to Collocator within ten (10) days of receipt of the application, including a price quote, provisioning interval, and confirmation of the manner in which the Adjacent Off-site Facility will be interconnected with AT&T-13STATE's facilities. AT&T-13STATE shall make best efforts to meet the time intervals requested by Collocator and, if it cannot meet the Collocator's proposed deadline, shall provide detailed reasons, as well as proposed provisioning intervals.

7.6.1.7 In the event that interior space in an Eligible Structure becomes available, AT&T-13STATE will provide the option to the Collocator to relocate its equipment from an Adjacent On-site or an Adjacent Off-site Facility into the interior space. In the event the Collocator chooses to relocate its equipment into the interior space, appropriate charges applicable for collocation within the Eligible Structure will apply.

7.6.1.8 AT&T-13STATE will provide other collocation arrangements that have been demonstrated to be technically feasible. Deployment by any Incumbent LEC of a collocation arrangement gives rise to a rebuttable presumption in favor of a telecommunications carrier seeking collocation in AT&T-13STATE's Eligible Structures that such an arrangement is technically feasible.

7.7 Construction Inspections

7.7.1 During the construction of all forms of Physical Collocation space required under this Appendix, Collocator shall be permitted up to four (4) inspections during the construction in an Eligible Structure during normal business hours with a minimum of two (2) hours advance notification. If the construction interval is extended beyond the agreed upon interval, Collocator will be granted two (2) additional visits per thirty (30) day extension. Requests for construction inspections shall be given to the contact number as specified in this Appendix.

7.7.2 Collocator may request that one (1) of its four (4) construction visits take place as an initial walk through and inspection. Within twenty (20) calendar days or mutually agreed upon time, from AT&T-13STATE's receipt of the confirmatory response in writing for an initial collocation arrangement to continue construction on the Physical Collocation job requested along with the fifty percent (50%) payment of non-recurring charges (unless payment was received with application), Network Sales Support and/or appropriate departments will schedule a walk through visit with the telecommunications carrier and/or vendor to provide floor plans of space and the preliminary route design for the interconnection and power cabling.

7.8 Construction Notification

7.8.1 AT&T-13STATE will notify the Collocator prior to the scheduled start dates of all major construction activities (including power additions or modifications) in the general area of the Collocator's Dedicated Space with potential to disrupt the Collocator's services. AT&T-13STATE will provide such notification to the Collocator at least twenty (20) business days before the scheduled start date of such major construction activity. AT&T-13STATE will inform the Collocator as soon as practicable by telephone of all emergency-related activities that AT&T-13STATE or its subcontractors are performing in the general area of the Collocator's Dedicated Space, or in the general area of the AC and DC power plants which support the Collocator's equipment. If possible, notification of any emergency-related activity will be made immediately prior to the start of the activity so that the Collocator may take reasonable actions necessary to protect the Collocator's Dedicated Space.

8. ORDERING, PROVISIONING AND BILLING

8.1 Space Availability Report

- 8.1.1 So that it may make informed decisions regarding in which AT&T-13STATE eligible structures it wishes to collocate, a Telecommunications Carrier may request a Space Availability report prior to its application for Collocation Space within AT&T-13STATE's eligible structures. The report is available on CLEC Online. Fees for such report are as shown in Collocation Rate Summary.
- 8.1.2 AT&T-13STATE will submit to a requesting Telecommunications Carrier a report indicating AT&T-13STATE's available collocation space in a particular AT&T-13STATE Eligible Structure upon request AT&T-13STATE. This report will specify the amount of collocation space available at each requested Eligible Structure, the number of Collocators, and any modifications in the use of the space since the last report. The report will also include measures that AT&T-13STATE is taking to make additional space available for collocation. The intervals for delivering the reports are as follows:

Number of Report Requests By One Collocator	Report Delivery Interval
1 - 5	10 Calendar Days
6 - 10	15 Calendar Days
11 - 15	20 Calendar Days
16 - 20	25 Calendar Days

- 8.1.3 Should the Collocator submit twenty-one (21) or more report requests within five (5) business days, the report delivery interval will be increased by five (5) business days for every five (5) additional report requests or fraction thereof.
- 8.1.4 Space Unavailability Determination and Resolution
- 8.1.4.1 AT&T-13STATE shall notify the Collocator in writing as to whether its request for Physical Collocation has been granted or denied within ten (10) calendar days of submission of the completed application. If AT&T needs more time to continue analyzing certain aspects of the request, AT&T-13STATE's 10 calendar day notice shall be limited to addressing whether or not AT&T has the requested, or designated alternative, amount of appropriate collocation space.
- 8.1.4.2 In responding to an application request if space is not available, AT&T-13STATE will notify the Collocator that its application for Dedicated Space is denied due to the lack of space within ten (10) calendar days of AT&T-13STATE's receipt of a completed application.
- 8.1.4.3 The notification will include a possible future space relief date, if applicable. At that time, any non-recurring charges collected with the application, including the Planning Fee, will be returned to the Collocator.
- 8.1.4.4 AT&T-13STATE will file a notice that the Collocator's request was denied with the state Commission as appropriate. In the event of a denial, AT&T-13STATE will concurrently submit to both the appropriate Commission and the Collocator, in support of its denial, provided under seal and subject to proprietary protections: Central Office common language identifier, where applicable, the identity of the requesting Collocator, including amount of space requested by the Collocator, the total amount of space at the premises, floor plan documentation as provided for in the Space Availability Determination section of the Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook <https://clec.att.com/clec>, identification of switch turnaround plans and other equipment removal plans and timelines, if any, Central Office rearrangement/expansion plans, if any, and description of other plans, if any, that may relieve space exhaustion.
- 8.1.4.5 In the event AT&T-13STATE denies a Collocator's request and the Collocator disputes the denial, the Collocator may request a tour of the Eligible Structure to verify space availability or the lack thereof. The request shall be submitted to AT&T-13STATE's designated

representative in writing. The inspection tour shall be scheduled within five (5) business days of receipt of the written request for a tour and the tour shall be conducted within ten (10) calendar days of the request or some other mutually agreed on date.

- 8.1.4.6 Prior to the inspection tour, a “Reciprocal Non-disclosure Agreement” shall be signed by the designated AT&T-13STATE representative and the designated agent for the Collocator, who will participate in the tour.
- 8.1.4.7 AT&T-13STATE will provide all relevant documentation to the Collocator agent including blueprints and plans for future facility expansions or enhancements, subject to executing the non-disclosure agreement. AT&T-13STATE's representative will accompany and supervise the Collocator agent on the inspection tour.
- 8.1.4.8 If the Collocator agent believes, based on the inspection tour of the Eligible Structure facilities, that the denial of Physical Collocation space is insupportable, the Collocator agent shall promptly so advise AT&T-13STATE. The Collocator and AT&T-13STATE shall then each concurrently prepare a report detailing its own findings of the inspection tour. The Collocator and AT&T-13STATE reports shall be concurrently served on each other and submitted to the appropriate Commission no later than forty-five (45) calendar days following the filing of the request for space. The burden of proof shall be on AT&T-13STATE to justify the basis for any denial of collocation requests.
- 8.1.4.9 Legitimately Exhausted. Before AT&T-13STATE may make a determination that space in an Eligible Structure is legitimately exhausted, AT&T-13STATE must have removed all unused obsolete equipment from the Eligible Structure and made such space available for collocation; however, removal of the equipment shall not cause a delay in AT&T-13STATE's response to a Collocator's application or in provisioning collocation arrangements. The determination of exhaustion is subject to dispute resolution as provided in Section 8.7 of this Appendix. In making this determination, AT&T-13STATE may reserve space for transport equipment for current year plus two (2) years. Additionally, AT&T-13STATE may not reserve space for equipment for itself, or advanced or interLATA services affiliates or other affiliates of AT&T-13STATE or for future use by AT&T-13STATE or its affiliates under conditions that are more favorable than those that apply to other telecommunications carriers seeking to reserve collocation space for their own use. AT&T-13STATE may reserve space for Switching, Power, Main Distribution Frame (MDF), and Digital Cross Connect System (DCS) up to anticipated customer growth over a ten (10)-year life expectancy of the ultimate footprint of the equipment.

8.1.5 Application Quotation Interval for Physical Collocation

- 8.1.5.1 AT&T-13STATE will provide Physical Collocation arrangements in Eligible Structures on a “first-come, first-served” basis. To apply for a Dedicated Space in a particular Eligible Structure, the Collocator will provide a completed Physical Collocation application through the Collocation Application Web Portal or via a paper application form found in AT&T-13STATE's Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook (<https://clec.att.com/clec>) for Physical Collocation in AT&T-13STATE and will pay an initial Planning Fee (see Collocation Rate Summary.) Dedicated Space is not reserved until the quotation is accepted by the Collocator and appropriate fees paid to AT&T-13STATE.
- 8.1.5.1.1 A Collocator wishing AT&T-13STATE to consider multiple methods for collocation in an Eligible Structure on a single application will need to include in each application a prioritized list of its preferred methods of collocating, e.g., caged, shared, cageless, or other, as well as adequate information, (e.g., specific layout requirements, cage size, number of bays, requirements relative to adjacent bays, etc.) for AT&T-13STATE to process the application for each of the preferred methods. If a Collocator provides adequate information and its preferences with its application, AT&T-13STATE would not require an additional application, nor

would the Collocator be required to restart the quotation interval should its first choice not be available in an Eligible Structure. If Collocator only wishes AT&T-13STATE to consider one collocation method, it need not provide preferences and associated specific information for multiple methods. However, if AT&T-13STATE is unable to provide the Collocator's requested collocation method due to space constraints the application will be denied and the initial Planning Fee will be returned. If the Collocator determines the alternative method of collocation meets their needs, the Collocator will be required to submit a new collocation application and pay the initial Planning Fee. Upon receipt of the Collocator's application and initial Planning Fee payment, AT&T-13STATE will begin development of the quotation. AT&T-13STATE will advise the Collocator in writing of any known deficiencies in its collocation application within ten (10) calendar days (unless multiple applications are received; Section 8.1.5.3 will apply where multiple applications are received). AT&T-13STATE will allow the Collocator to retain its place in the collocation queue so long as the Collocator cures the deficiencies and resubmits the application within ten (10) calendar days after being advised of the deficiencies.

8.1.5.2 In responding to an application request, if space is available and all other collocation requirements are met, AT&T-13STATE shall advise the Collocator that its request for Physical Collocation is granted, and confirm the applicable non-recurring and recurring rates, and the estimated provisioning interval. AT&T-13STATE will not select for Collocator the type of Physical Collocation to be ordered.

8.1.5.2.1 The Collocator has sixty-five (65) calendar days after request for physical collocation is granted to remit a signed confirmation form along with a check for the Planning Fee and fifty percent (50%) of all the applicable non-recurring charges. After sixty-five (65) calendar days, a new application and Planning Fee are required. Space is allocated on a "first come-first served" basis.

8.1.5.3 Should multiple applications be submitted by a Collocator within a ten (10) calendar day period, the following quotation intervals will apply:

Number of Applications by one Collocator	Quotation Interval
1 - 5	10 calendar days
6 - 10	15 calendar days
11 - 15	20 calendar days
16 - 20	25 calendar days

8.1.5.4 Should the Collocator submit twenty-one (21) or more applications within ten (10) calendar days, the response interval will be increased by five (5) business days for every five (5) additional applications or fraction thereof.

8.1.6 Revisions

8.1.6.1 All revisions to an initial request for a Physical Collocation arrangement submitted by the Collocator must be in writing via a new application form.

8.1.6.2 Any major revision to an application will be treated as a new application. A new interval for the Physical Collocation arrangement will be established. A major revision includes, but is not limited to: adding telecommunications equipment that requires additional electrical power; changes in the configuration of the cage; an addition of interconnection cabling; an increase of ten percent (10%) or more of the square footage of the cage area requested; and adding design and engineering requirements above those which AT&T-13STATE normally deploys and practices (i.e., redundancy of certain mechanical and electrical systems). The Collocator will be required to pay an additional Planning Fee and applicable non-recurring fees before construction resumes under new intervals.

8.1.6.3 Minor revisions will not require that a new interval be established. Examples of minor revisions include: adding bays of equipment that do not significantly impact the existing/proposed electrical systems; adding light fixtures and outlets which do not exceed the capacity of the existing/proposed electrical system; changes in the configuration of the cage which do not significantly impact the overall design of the space; and adjustments to the heat release projection which do not cause a change in the proposed/existing mechanical system. This list is not all-inclusive. No additional Planning Fees shall be applicable if the revision is minor. All engineering design work that is determined not to be major is deemed to be minor.

8.2 Installation Intervals

8.2.1 Caged Collocation Installation Intervals

8.2.1.1 Dedicated Space for Caged Physical Collocation and Shared Caged Collocation is not reserved until the quotation is accepted by the Collocator. If the available space is not suitable for Central Office equipment (Inactive Space) and must be converted to Active Collocation Space, thirty (30) calendar days will be added to the provisioning interval to allow for the conversion process to be completed. If there are additional problems with the space, AT&T-13STATE shall meet the provisioning interval requirements in the waiver granted by the FCC unless the state has different provisions.

8.2.1.2 Dedicated Space is not reserved until AT&T-13STATE's receipt of the confirmatory response in writing from the Collocator with applicable fees. Where space suitable for Central Office equipment (Active Collocation Space) is available, AT&T-13STATE will deliver Caged Physical or Shared Caged Physical Collocation within ninety (90) calendar days from the completion of the application process.

8.2.1.3 Any material revision to a completed application will be treated as a new application following revision guidelines set forth in Section 8.1.6.

8.2.2 Cageless Physical Collocation Installation Intervals

8.2.2.1 Dedicated space for Cageless Physical Collocation is not reserved until the quotation is accepted by the Collocator.

8.2.2.2 Where space suitable for Central Office equipment (Active Central Office Space) is available and the request includes DC power capacity greater than fifty (50) amps (2-50 amp feeds), AT&T-13STATE will deliver Cageless Physical Collocation within ninety (90) calendar days from the completion of the application process (when the Collocator has remitted a signed confirmation form along with a check for fifty-percent (50%) of all applicable non-recurring charges).

8.2.2.2.1A shorter interval may apply where Collocator installs all of its own bays (See Section 21 below). If the available space is not suitable for Central Office equipment (Inactive Space) and must be converted to Active Collocation Space, thirty (30) calendar days will be added to the provisioning interval to allow for the conversion process to be completed. If there are additional problems with the space, AT&T-13STATE shall meet the provisioning interval requirements in the waiver granted by the FCC unless the state has different provisions.

8.2.2.2.2The cageless collocation construction interval ends when roughed in, unterminated DC power and interconnection cabling is provided to the Collocator's collocation area.

8.2.2.3 Any material revision to a completed application will be treated as a new application following revision guidelines set forth in Section 8.1.6.

8.2.3 Adjacent Space and Other Physical Collocation Arrangement Installation Intervals

8.2.3.1 Installation Intervals for Adjacent Space Collocation and Other Physical Collocation Arrangements as defined in Sections 7.6.1.5 above will be reasonably related to the complexity of accommodating the requested arrangement.

8.2.3.2 AT&T-13STATE will complete construction of Cageless Collocation in Eligible Structures such as CEVs, Huts and Vaults in ninety (90) days from the receipt of the Collocator's acceptance of the quotation along with a check for fifty percent (50%) of all applicable non-recurring charges where AT&T-13STATE will be installing all or some of the bays, and the Collocator is requesting DC power greater than fifty (50) amps per feed. These construction intervals for Cageless Collocation in Active Collocation Space in a CEV, Hut, or Cabinet Eligible Structure apply where the Collocator is requesting maximum DC power of fifty (50) amps (2-50 amp feeds). For Cageless Collocation in Active Collocation Space in a CEV, Hut, or Cabinet Eligible Structure where a Collocator is requesting DC power greater than fifty (50) amps per feed, AT&T-13STATE will add thirty (30) calendar days to the provisioning interval.

8.2.4 Reduced Interval Augments

8.2.4.1 The intervals set forth in this Section 8.2.4 apply only when AT&T-13STATE installs interconnection and power cabling. AT&T-13STATE will provide a reduced interval for Collocator with existing Physical Collocation space when it requests the following interconnection augments for that existing space. The Collocator must submit to AT&T-13STATE's Collocation Service Center (CSC) a complete and accurate application, along with a copy of the payment invoice for a subsequent job. For a reduced build-out interval to apply, this application must include an up-front payment of the non-recurring Planning Fee from the Collocation Rate Summary and fifty percent (50%) of non-recurring charges. In addition, the application must include an accurate front equipment view (a.k.a. rack elevation drawing) specifying bay(s) for the Collocator's point of termination. Applications received with the up-front payment and meeting the criteria below will not require a quote.

8.2.4.1.1A sixty (60) calendar day interval will apply only when the Collocator requests any of the following augments; 1) AT&T-13STATE will perform a cage expansion of three hundred (300) square feet or less immediately adjacent to Collocator's existing cage within the collocation area (where Overhead Iron/Racking exists) and as long as the collocation area does not have to be reconfigured and does not involve HVAC work, 2) power cable additions to accommodate greater DC amperage requests within existing power panels, 3) direct cable pull within the same collocation area on the same floor between one Collocator and another Collocator provided the Collocator is interconnected with AT&T-13STATE's network, 4) interconnection cable arrangements (where Overhead Iron/Racking are existing) limited up to and not more than the following quantities; four-hundred (400) shielded copper cable pairs up to four-hundred (400) feet, one hundred sixty-eight (168) DS1s, 48 DS3s, and fiber interconnections up to twelve (12) fiber pairs up to four hundred (400) feet.

8.2.5 Other Augments

8.2.5.1 Other augments such as power requests that exceed current capacity ratings, additional bay spaces, AT&T-13STATE bays, AT&T-13STATE cable racks and/or cage expansions within Active Collocation Space different than described above will require the Collocator to submit an inquiry for quote. The price quote will contain the charges and the construction interval for that application.

8.2.5.1.1 The construction interval for these other augments will not exceed ninety (90) days. AT&T-13STATE will work cooperatively with Collocator to negotiate a

mutually agreeable construction interval for other augments not specifically provided for above.

8.2.5.1.2 The second fifty percent (50%) payment must be received by AT&T-13STATE no later than one (1) week prior to the scheduled augment completion date. If all money has been received on the scheduled completion date, the Actual Point of Termination (APOT) Connections will be provided to the Collocator by AT&T-13STATE.

8.2.5.1.3 During AT&T-13STATE delivery interval, if engineering design work is complete, which includes asbestos removal, HVAC installation, filtration, floor loading, floor preparation, overhead racking placement, and one hundred percent (100%) of the non-recurring charges have been received by AT&T-13STATE, Collocator and/or their AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Vendor (s) may request AT&T-13STATE to do work in parallel with AT&T-13STATE throughout the remaining delivery interval. The Collocator must obtain an approved Method of Procedures (MOP) from AT&T-13STATE and follow AT&T-13STATE's Technical Publications for installation of equipment and facilities. Security Card requirements in Section 18.3.6 of this Appendix will apply.

8.3 Cancellation Prior to Due Date

8.3.1 In the event that the Collocator cancels its collocation application after AT&T-13STATE has begun preparation of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Space and Dedicated Space, but before AT&T-13STATE has been paid the entire amounts due under this Appendix, then in addition to other remedies that AT&T-13STATE might have, the Collocator shall be liable in the amount equal to the non-recoverable costs less estimated net salvage, the total of which is not to exceed the Preparation Charges. Non-recoverable costs include the non-recoverable cost of equipment and material ordered, provided or used; the non-recoverable cost of installation and removal, including the costs of equipment and material ordered, provided or used; labor; transportation and any other associated costs. Upon Collocator's request, AT&T-13STATE will provide the Collocator with a detailed invoice showing the costs it incurred associated with preparation.

8.4 Occupancy

8.4.1 Unless there are unusual circumstances, AT&T-13STATE will notify the Collocator that the Dedicated Space is ready for occupancy within five (5) business days of AT&T-13STATE completion of preparation of the Dedicated Space.

8.4.1.1 Upon Collocator's receipt of such notice, AT&T-13STATE and the requesting Collocator shall, upon Collocator's request, conduct an acceptance walk-through of such space. The Collocator shall schedule the acceptance walk-through on a mutually agreed upon date within ten (10) Calendar Days of the scheduled Completion date. Any material deviations from mutually agreed application specifications may be noted by Collocator as exceptions, which shall be mutually agreed to as exceptions by AT&T-13STATE. These exceptions shall be corrected by AT&T-13STATE as soon as commercially reasonable after those exceptions are provided in writing, which exceptions shall be provided no more than five (5) calendar days after the walk-through. The correction of these exceptions shall be at AT&T-13STATE's expense.

8.4.1.2 Upon completion of such corrections, AT&T-13STATE will again notify the Collocator that the Dedicated Space is ready for occupancy and the Parties will, upon Collocator's request, conduct another walk-through as set forth in this Section. If an acceptance walk-through is not timely requested by Collocator, the completion date for the space shall be deemed to be the Delivery Date. If an acceptance walk-through is requested, but no material exceptions are provided at the walk-through, the Delivery Date will be deemed to be the date of the acceptance walk-through. If an acceptance walk-through is requested, and material exceptions are noted at the walk-through, the Delivery Date will be deemed to

be the date upon which Collocator accepts all corrections to such exceptions, which acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- 8.4.1.3 All charges will begin to accrue on the Effective Billing Date, regardless of any failure by Collocator to complete its work or occupy the space.
- 8.4.2 Collocator will, whenever possible, place its telecommunications equipment in the Physical Collocation Space within thirty (30) calendar days of space turnover. Operational telecommunications equipment must be placed in the Dedicated Space and interconnect to AT&T-13STATE's network or obtain access to AT&T-13STATE UNEs within one hundred eighty (180) days after receipt of such notice, that AT&T-13STATE has completed its work as required by the complete and accurate Collocation application.
- 8.4.2.1 In the event that AT&T-13STATE has refused to interconnect with the Collocator, the one hundred eighty (180) day deadline shall be extended until AT&T-13STATE allows the Collocator to interconnect. AT&T-13STATE, however, may extend beyond the one hundred eighty (180) days provided the Collocator demonstrates a best effort to meet that deadline and shows that circumstances beyond its reasonable control prevented the Collocator from meeting that deadline.
- 8.4.2.2 Orders for additional space will not be accepted until the Collocator's existing Physical Collocation Space in the requested Eligible Structure is "efficiently used" except to the extent the Collocator establishes to AT&T's satisfaction that the Collocator's apparent inefficient use of space is caused by the CLEC holding unused space for future use on the same basis that AT&T holds unused space for future use. Orders for additional Connecting Facility Assignments (CFAs) will not be accepted until the specific CFA type requested (i.e. DS0, DS1, fiber, etc.) in the requested Eligible Structure is "efficiently used".
- 8.4.2.2.1 For purposes of this Appendix, "efficiently used" space means the Collocator is using between sixty (60) and one hundred percent (100%) of the Collocator's existing collocation space arrangement, caged or cageless, in a particular Eligible Structure. The determination as to whether this criterion is met or necessary is solely within the reasonable judgment of AT&T-13STATE.
- 8.4.2.2.2 For purposes of this Appendix, "efficiently used" CFA means that at least sixty percent (60%) of the Collocator's specific type of CFA (cable pairs, coaxial or fiber facilities) requested is currently being used for the purpose of interconnecting to AT&T-13STATE's network for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service or exchange access. The determination as to whether this criterion is met or the use is necessary is solely within the reasonable judgment of AT&T-13STATE.
- 8.4.3 If the Collocator fails to place its equipment in the Dedicated Space per Section 8.4.2 and the unused collocation space is needed to meet customer demand (filed application for space, accompanied by all fees) for another Collocator or to avoid construction of a building addition, collocation in the prepared Dedicated Space is terminated on the tenth (10th) business day after AT&T-13STATE provides the Collocator with written notice of such failure and the Collocator does not place operational telecommunications equipment in the Dedicated Space and interconnect with AT&T-13STATE or obtain access to AT&T-13STATE UNEs by that tenth (10th) business day. In any event, the Collocator shall be liable in an amount equal to the unpaid balance of the applicable charges.
- 8.4.4 For purposes of this Section, the Collocator's telecommunications equipment is considered to be operational and interconnected when connected to either AT&T-13STATE's network or interconnected to another Collocator's equipment that resides within the same structure, provided the Collocator's equipment is used for interconnection with AT&T-13STATE's network or to obtain access to AT&T-13STATE's UNEs, for the purpose of providing this service.

8.4.5 If the Collocator causes AT&T-13STATE to prepare the Dedicated Space and then the Collocator does not use the Dedicated Space (or all the Dedicated Space), the Collocator will pay AT&T-13STATE the monthly recurring and other applicable charges as if the Collocator were using the Dedicated Space, until such time as the Collocator submits a complete and accurate decommissioning application, and the decommissioning process is completed as required.

8.5 Relocation

8.5.1 When AT&T-13STATE determines because of zoning changes, condemnation, or government order or regulation that it is necessary for the Dedicated Space to be moved within an Eligible Structure to another Eligible Structure, from an adjacent space collocation structure to a different adjacent space collocation structure, or from an adjacent space collocation structure to an Eligible Structure, the Collocator is required to move its Dedicated Space or adjacent space collocation structure. AT&T-13STATE will notify the resident Collocator(s) in writing within five (5) days of the determination to move the location. If the relocation occurs for reasons other than an emergency, AT&T-13STATE will provide the resident Collocator(s) with at least one hundred eighty (180) days advance written notice prior to the relocation. If the Collocator is required to relocate under this Section, the Collocator will not be required to pay any application fees associated with the application required for arranging for new space. The Collocator shall be responsible for the costs for the preparation of the new telecommunications equipment space and Dedicated Space at the new location or an adjacent space collocation structure if such relocation arises from circumstances beyond the reasonable control of AT&T-13STATE, including zoning changes, condemnation or government order or regulation that makes the continued occupancy or use of the Dedicated Space or the Eligible Structure in which the Dedicated Space is located or the adjacent space collocation structure for the purpose then used, uneconomical in AT&T-13STATE's reasonable discretion. In addition, a Collocator's presence in AT&T-13STATE Central Offices or adjacent space collocation structures should not prevent AT&T-13STATE from making a reasonable business decision regarding building expansions or additions the number of Central Offices required to conduct its business or its locations.

8.5.2 If AT&T-13STATE determines that a Collocator must relocate due to any of the above reasons, AT&T-13STATE will make all reasonable efforts to minimize disruption of the Collocator's services. In addition, the costs of the move will be shared equally by AT&T-13STATE and the Collocator, unless the Parties agree to a different financial arrangement.

8.5.3 If the Collocator requests that the Dedicated Space be moved within the Eligible Structure in which the Dedicated Space is located, to another Eligible Structure, from an adjacent space collocation structure to a different adjacent space collocation structure or to an Eligible Structure, AT&T-13STATE shall permit the Collocator to relocate the Dedicated Space or adjacent space collocation structure, subject to availability of space and technical feasibility. The Collocator shall be responsible for all applicable charges associated with the move, including the reinstallation of its equipment and facilities and the preparation of the new telecommunications equipment space, and Dedicated Space, or adjacent space collocation structure as applicable. In any such event, the new Dedicated Space shall be deemed the Dedicated Space and the new Eligible Structure (where applicable) shall be deemed the Eligible Structure in which the Dedicated Space is located and the new adjacent space collocation structure shall be deemed the adjacent space collocation structure.

8.5.3.1 AT&T-13STATE shall maintain a publicly available document for viewing on the Internet at <https://clec.att.com/clec> indicating its Eligible Structures, if any, that have no space available for Physical Collocation. AT&T-13STATE will update this document within ten (10) calendar days of the date at which an Eligible Structure runs out of Physical Collocation space.

8.5.3.2 AT&T-13STATE will remove obsolete unused equipment from its Eligible Structures that have no space available for Physical Collocation upon reasonable request by a Collocator or upon order of the appropriate Commission. AT&T-13STATE shall reserve space for switching, MDF and DCS to accommodate access line growth.

8.6 Early Termination

8.6.1 Payment Upon Expiration or Termination

In the case of the expiration or termination of this Appendix prior to term, or the early termination of any collocation services or arrangement(s), pursuant to Section 8.6.2 of this Appendix AT&T-13STATE shall be entitled to full payment within thirty (30) days of such expiration or termination for all services performed and expenses accrued or incurred that AT&T-13STATE is entitled to recover under the provisions of this Appendix for establishing such Collocation arrangement prior to such expiration or termination.

8.6.2 If Collocator cancels or abandons its collocation space in any of AT&T-13STATE's central offices before AT&T-13STATE has recovered the full cost associated with providing that space to the Collocator, the amount of any such remaining costs shall become immediately due and payable within thirty (30) days after the Collocator abandons that space.

8.7 Dispute Resolution – Except as otherwise provided herein, Dispute Resolution will be governed by the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

8.8 Non-billing Dispute

8.8.1 In the event of a bona fide dispute between a Collocator and AT&T-13STATE, Collocator shall include in written notice the following information: (a) the Central Office involved in the controversy, (b) the date controversy occurred, (c) detailed description of the controversy, (d) along with any and all documentation from both Parties. Failure to provide the information required by this Section not later than twenty-nine (29) days following the initial submission of the controversy, shall constitute Collocator's irrevocable and full waiver of its right to file a dispute.

8.9 Billing – Except as otherwise provided herein, Billing will be governed by the General Terms and Conditions of this Appendix.

8.10 Allowances for Interruptions

8.10.1 An interruption period begins when an inoperative condition of a Physical Collocation arrangement is reported to AT&T-13STATE's designated contact point and ends when the Physical Collocation arrangement is operative and reported to the Collocator's designated contact. A credit allowance will be made to the Collocator where the interruption is due to the actions or negligence of AT&T-13STATE.

8.10.2 When a credit allowance does apply, such credit will be determined based on the monthly recurring rates applicable to the specific item(s) causing the interruption; however, the credit allowance for an interruption or for a series of interruptions shall not exceed the applicable monthly recurring rate for the item(s) involved.

8.10.3 For calculating credit allowances, every month is considered to have thirty (30) days. No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than thirty (30) minutes. The Collocator shall be credited for an interruption of thirty (30) minutes or more at the rate of 1/1440 of the monthly recurring rate.

8.10.4 A credit allowance will not apply to any interruption of the items maintained and repaired by the Collocator or the Collocator's third Party vendor.

9. FIBER OPTIC CABLE AND DEMARCATION POINT

9.1 Fiber Optic Cable Entrances

9.1.1 The Collocator shall use a dielectric fire retardant fiber cable as the transmission medium to the Dedicated Space or, where technically and structurally feasible, may use microwave. Collocation requests utilizing facilities other than fiber will be provided as an Individual Case Basis (ICB). AT&T-13STATE will only permit copper or coaxial cable as the transmission medium where the Collocator can demonstrate to AT&T-13STATE that use of such cable will not impair AT&T-13STATE's ability to service its own customers or subsequent Collocators.

- 9.1.2 AT&T-13STATE shall provide a minimum of two separate points of entry into the Eligible Structure, where applicable, in which the Dedicated Space is located wherever there are at least two entry points for AT&T-13STATE cable. AT&T-13STATE will also provide nondiscriminatory access to any entry point into Eligible Structures in excess of two (2) points in those locations where AT&T-13STATE also has access to more than two such entry points. Where such dual points of entry are not immediately available, AT&T-13STATE shall perform work as is necessary to make available such separate points of entry for the Collocator at the same time that it makes such separate points of entry available for itself. In each instance where AT&T-13STATE performs such work in order to accommodate its own needs and those specified by the Collocator in the Collocator's written request, the Collocator and AT&T-13STATE shall share the costs incurred by prorating those costs using the number of cables to be placed in the entry point by both AT&T-13STATE and the Collocator(s).
- 9.1.3 The Collocator is responsible for bringing its facilities to the entrance manhole(s) designated by AT&T-13STATE, and leaving sufficient length of the cable in the manhole for AT&T-13STATE to fully extend the Collocator-provided facilities through the cable vault to the Dedicated Space. If Collocator has not left the cable in the manhole within one hundred twenty (120) calendar of the request for entrance fiber, the Collocator's request for entrance fiber will expire and a new request must be submitted along with applicable fees. The Collocator must notify AT&T-13STATE no later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the end of the 120 day period, for an additional thirty (30) day extension to place cable at the manhole.

9.2 Demarcation Point

- 9.2.1 The demarcation point is the end of the AT&T-13STATE provided interconnection cable at the Collocation arrangement (CDOW- AT&T owned frame location as assigned to the Collocator).

10. USE OF DEDICATED SPACE

10.1 Nature of Use - Collocatable Equipment

- 10.1.1 In accordance with Section 251(c)(6) of the Act, the Collocator may collocate equipment for Physical Collocation if such equipment is necessary for interconnection to AT&T-13STATE under 47.U.S.C. § 251(C) (2) or accessing AT&T-13STATE's UNEs under 47.U.S.C. § 251(C) (3) of the Act. Such uses are limited to interconnection to AT&T-13STATE's network "for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange service or Exchange Access," or for access to AT&T-13STATE's UNEs "for the provision of a telecommunications service".
- 10.1.2 Equipment is necessary for interconnection if an inability to deploy that equipment would, as a practical, economic, or operations matter, preclude the Collocator from obtaining interconnection with AT&T-13STATE at a level equal in quality to that which AT&T-13STATE obtains within its own network or AT&T-13STATE provides to an affiliate, subsidiary, or other party. Equipment is necessary for access to an unbundled network element if an inability to deploy that equipment would, as a practical, economic, or operational matter, preclude the Collocator from obtaining non-discriminatory access to that unbundled network element, including any of its features, functions, or capabilities.
- 10.1.3 Multi-functional equipment shall be deemed necessary for interconnection or access to an unbundled network element if and only if the primary purpose and function of the equipment, as the Collocator seeks to deploy it, meets either or both of the standards set forth above in this Section. For a piece of equipment to be utilized primarily to obtain equal in quality interconnection or non-discriminatory access to one or more unbundled network elements, there also must be a logical nexus between the additional functions the equipment would perform and the telecommunication services the Collocator seeks to provide to its customers by means of the interconnection or unbundled network element. The collocation of those functions of the equipment that, as stand-alone functions, do not meet either of the standards set forth above in this Section must not cause the equipment to significantly increase the burden of AT&T-13STATE's property.

- 10.1.4 AT&T-13STATE voluntarily allows Collocator to place ancillary equipment and facilities, including cross-connect and other simple frames, routers, portable test equipment, equipment racks and bays, and other ancillary equipment and facilities on a non-discriminatory basis only if AT&T-13STATE and Collocator mutually agree to such placement, in AT&T-13STATE's premises solely to support and be used with equipment that the Collocator has legitimately collocated in the same premises.
- 10.1.5 AT&T-13STATE does not assume any responsibility for the installation, furnishing, designing, engineering, or performance of the Collocator's equipment and facilities.
- 10.1.6 When the Collocator's Physical Collocation arrangement is within the Eligible Structure, the Collocator may not provide its own DC power plant equipment (with rectifiers or chargers and batteries) or AC power backup equipment (e.g., Uninterruptable Power System with batteries, or standby engine). AT&T-13STATE will provide the necessary backup power to ensure against power outages.
- 10.1.7 Consistent with the environment of the Dedicated Space, the Collocator shall not use the Dedicated Space for office, retail, or sales purposes. No signage or marking of any kind by the Collocator shall be permitted on the Eligible Structure in which the Dedicated Space is located or on AT&T-13STATE grounds surrounding the Eligible Structure in which the Dedicated Space is located. The Collocator may place signage and markings on the inside of its dedicated space.

10.2 Equipment List

- 10.2.1 A list of all the equipment and facilities that the Collocator will place within its Dedicated Space must be included on the application for which the Dedicated Space is prepared including the associated power requirements, floor loading, and heat release of each piece. The Collocator's equipment and facilities shall be compliant with the standards set out in Section 12.1, Minimum Standards, following. The Collocator warrants and represents that the list is complete and accurate, and acknowledges that any incompleteness or inaccuracy would be a violation of the rules and regulations governing this Appendix. The Collocator shall not place or leave any equipment or facilities within the Dedicated Space not included on the list without the express written consent of AT&T-13STATE, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

10.2.2 Subsequent Requests to Place Equipment

- 10.2.2.1 The Collocator shall furnish AT&T-13STATE a written list in the form of an attachment to the original equipment list for the subsequent placement of equipment in its Dedicated Space. When the Collocator's equipment is not listed in the approved All Equipment List (AEL) the equipment will be reviewed by AT&T-13STATE and written approval or denial of the equipment will be forwarded to the Collocator.

10.2.3 Limitations

- 10.2.3.1 AT&T-13STATE's obligation to purchase additional plant or equipment, relinquish occupied space or facilities, to undertake the construction of new building quarters or to construct building additions or substantial improvements to the central office infrastructure of existing quarters in order to satisfy a request for space or the placement of additional equipment or facilities by a Collocator, is limited to the extent that AT&T-13STATE would undertake such additions, modifications or construction on its own behalf, on behalf of any subsidiary or affiliate, or for any other Party to which it provides interconnection. AT&T-13STATE will ensure that the Collocator is provided collocation space at least equal in quality to that provided to AT&T-13STATE, its affiliates or other Parties to which it provides interconnection.

10.3 Dedicated Space Use and Access

- 10.3.1 The Collocator's employees, agents and contractors shall be permitted access to its collocated equipment seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day without a security escort. Collocator shall provide AT&T-13STATE with notice at the time of dispatch of its own employee or

contractor, to an Eligible Structure and, if possible, no less than thirty (30) minutes notice for a manned structure and sixty (60) minutes notice for an unmanned structure.

10.3.2 AT&T-13STATE will not delay a Collocator employee's entry into an Eligible Structure containing its collocated equipment or its access to its collocated equipment. AT&T-13STATE will provide Collocator with reasonable access to restroom facilities and parking. All access is provided subject to compliance by the Collocator's employees, agents and contractors with AT&T-13STATE's policies and practices pertaining to fire, safety and security (i.e., the Collocator must comply with Section 6 of this Appendix).

10.3.3 The Collocator agrees to comply promptly with all laws, ordinances and regulations affecting the use of the Dedicated Space. Upon the discontinuance of service, the Collocator shall surrender the Dedicated Space or land for an adjacent structure to AT&T-13STATE, in the same condition as when first occupied by the Collocator, except for ordinary wear and tear.

10.3.4 AT&T-13STATE will not accept delivery of nor responsibility for any correspondence and/or equipment delivered to the Collocator at the Eligible Structure. However, through agreement between AT&T-13STATE and the Collocator, a Collocator may make arrangements for receipt and/or securing of its equipment at the Eligible Structure by Collocator's or AT&T-13STATE's personnel.

10.4 Threat to Personnel, Network or Facilities

10.4.1 Regarding safety, Collocator equipment or operating practices representing a significant demonstrable technical or physical threat to AT&T-13STATE's personnel, network or facilities, including the Eligible Structure, or those of others are strictly prohibited.

10.5 Interference or Impairment

10.5.1 Regarding safety and notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the characteristics and methods of operation of any equipment or facilities placed in the Dedicated Space shall not create hazards for or cause damage to those facilities, the Dedicated Space, or the Eligible Structure in which the Dedicated Space is located; impair the privacy of any communications carried in, from, or through the Eligible Structure in which the Dedicated Space is located; or create hazards or cause physical harm to any individual or the public. Any of the foregoing would be in violation of this Appendix.

10.6 Personal Property and Its Removal

10.6.1 In accordance with and subject to the conditions of this Appendix, the Collocator may place or install in or on the Dedicated Space such personal property or fixtures (Property) as it shall deem desirable for the conduct of business. Property placed by the Collocator in the Dedicated Space shall not become a part of the Dedicated Space even if nailed, screwed or otherwise fastened to the Dedicated Space. Such Property must meet AT&T-13STATE standards for flame and smoke ratings, e.g., no combustibles. Such Property shall retain its status as personal and may be removed by the Collocator at any time. Any damage caused to the Dedicated Space or land occupied by an adjacent structure by the removal of such Property shall be promptly repaired by the Collocator at its expense pursuant to Section 10.7 following.

10.7 Alterations

10.7.1 In no case shall the Collocator or any person acting through or on behalf of the Collocator make any rearrangement, modification, improvement, addition, repair, or other alteration to the Dedicated Space or the Eligible Structure in which the Dedicated Space is located without the advance written permission and direction of AT&T-13STATE. AT&T-13STATE shall consider a modification, improvement, addition, repair or other alteration requested by the Collocator, provided that AT&T-13STATE has the right to reject or modify any such request except as required by state or federal regulators. The cost of any AT&T-13STATE provided construction shall be paid by the Collocator in accordance with AT&T-13STATE's custom work order process.

11. USE BY OTHER LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

- 11.1 Shared Caged Collocation is the sharing of a Caged Physical Collocation space among two (2) or more Collocators within an Eligible Structure pursuant to the terms and conditions agreed to between the Collocators. The AT&T-13STATE will make Shared Collocation cages available to all Collocators. In making shared caged arrangements available AT&T-13STATE will not increase the cost of site preparation for non-recurring charges above the cost of provisioning such a cage of similar dimensions and material to a single collocating party ordering the same arrangement.
- 11.1.1 All Collocators, including those who are subleasing the caged space, are bound by the terms and conditions of this Appendix. Subject to the terms in paragraph 10.4, the Collocator shall not assign or otherwise transfer, either in whole or in part, or permit the use of any part of the Dedicated Space by any other person or entity, without the prior written consent of AT&T-13STATE, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any purported assignment or transfer made without such consent shall be voidable at the sole discretion of AT&T-13STATE.
- 11.2 A Collocator may request that AT&T-13STATE provide Shared Caged Collocation via:
- (i) a new request for Physical Collocation whereby the Collocator requesting such space allocates the requested space among the number of Collocators initially requesting such space ("New Shared Collocation"), or
 - (ii) a request by Collocator to enter into a sublease arrangement with another Resident Collocators(s) in Collocator's existing Physical Collocation ("Subleased Shared Collocation").
- 11.2.1 Should two (2) or more Collocators have interconnection agreements with AT&T-13STATE use a shared collocation cage, AT&T-13STATE will permit each Collocator to order UNEs to and provision service from that shared collocation space, regardless of which Collocator was the original Collocator.
- 11.2.2 The Primary Collocator shall submit a request and any subsequent order for New Shared Collocation. The Collocator must use a contractor/vendor to perform the necessary preparation activities within the Collocator's Physical Collocation Space including the construction of the cage and any physical security arrangements, if applicable; provided, however, any such contractor/vendor shall be subject to the prior written approval of AT&T-13STATE, such Physical Collocation Space preparation activities shall be in accordance with all approved plans and specifications and coordinated with AT&T-13STATE, and the Collocator shall be solely responsible for all charges of any such contractor/vendor. The Collocator must provide a cage enclosure (not including a top), cable rack and support structure inside the cage, lighting, receptacles, cage grounding, cage sign and door key set.
- 11.2.3 In each Shared Caged Collocation arrangement, AT&T-13STATE's single point of contact (SPOC) with respect to such arrangement shall be referred to as the "Primary Collocator". For New Shared Collocation, the Primary Collocator shall be the single Collocator that submits the request for New Shared Collocation on behalf of the other Resident Collocators (as defined below). For Subleased Shared Collocation, the Primary Collocator shall be the Collocator that originally requested and occupied such space and is the sublessor in such arrangement.
- 11.2.3.1 For purposes of this Section, each Collocator (including Resident Collocator(s) and the Primary Collocator) to a Shared Caged Collocation arrangement is sometimes referred to as a "Resident Collocator".
- 11.2.4 An order for Shared Caged Collocation shall include blanket letters of authorization signed by the Primary Collocator that authorize each other Resident Collocator to utilize the Connecting Facility Assignments associated with the Primary Collocator and signed by each Resident Collocator that authorize the Primary Collocator to request and place firm orders for Shared Caged Collocation and facilities on behalf of such Resident Collocators.

- 11.3 New Shared Collocation is available in minimum increments of fifty (50) square feet (per caged space dimensions, not per Collocator). Space totaling less than fifty (50) square feet will be provided where technically feasible. Resident Collocators shall request New Shared Collocation from AT&T-13STATE in a single application. AT&T-13STATE will prorate the Preparation Charges incurred by AT&T-13STATE to condition the space for Collocation use among the Resident Collocators utilizing the New Shared Collocation space, by determining the total preparation charges to make that space available and allocating that charge to each Resident Collocator based on the percentage attributable to each Resident Collocator as provided on the Collocation order by the Primary Collocator, provided that the percentage attributable to the Resident Collocators in a New Shared Collocation space equals in the aggregate one hundred percent (100%). AT&T-13STATE will prorate the charge for site conditioning and preparation undertaken to condition the collocation space so the first Collocator in an AT&T-13STATE Premise will not be responsible for the entire cost of site preparation. Allocation of Preparation Charges shall occur only upon the initial delivery of New Shared Collocation and AT&T-13STATE shall not be required to adjust such allocation if another Resident Collocator subsequently shares such space. Except with respect to prorated Preparation Charges, AT&T-13STATE shall bill only the Primary Collocator for, and the Primary Collocator shall be the primary obligor with respect to the payment of, all charges other than Preparation Charges billed on New Shared Collocation. It is the Primary Collocator's responsibility to recover from each other Resident Collocator such Collocator's proportionate share of such other charges billed to the Primary Collocator for the New Shared Cage Collocation. If Collocator is a Resident Collocator but not the Primary Collocator in a New Shared Collocation arrangement, Collocator agrees that the Primary Collocator's rates, terms and conditions relating to New Shared Collocation set forth in the Primary Collocator's Section 251/252 agreement under which the Primary Collocator purchases collocation shall apply to its New Shared Collocation arrangement in lieu of those set forth herein. Further, if Collocator is the Primary Collocator in a New Shared Collocation arrangement, as a condition of ordering New Shared Allocation, Collocator shall require its Resident Collocator(s) to execute an agreement prior to the Delivery Date that, inter alia, requires such Resident Collocator(s)' compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions relating to Collocation contained in this Agreement and designates AT&T-13STATE as a third party beneficiary of such agreement. Collocator, acting in its capacity as Primary Collocator, shall notify its Resident Collocator(s) of the obligation to comply with this Agreement with respect to the New Shared Collocation arrangement and shall be responsible for any breach of such provisions by the Resident Collocator(s).
- 11.4 For Subleased Shared Collocation, if the Collocator is the Primary Collocator, then that (Primary) Collocator shall be responsible for its and its Resident Collocator's compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Appendix. As a condition to permitting another Collocator to sublease space from Collocator, Collocator shall require such other Collocator(s) to execute a sublease agreement prior to the Delivery Date that, inter alia, requires such Collocator's compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions relating to Collocation contained in this Appendix and designates AT&T-13STATE as a third party beneficiary of such agreement. Collocator, acting in its capacity as Primary Collocator, shall notify its Resident Collocator(s) of the obligation to comply with this Appendix relating to Physical Collocation and shall be responsible for any breach of such provisions by the Resident Collocator(s). If Collocator is the sublessee (i.e., not the Primary Collocator) in a Subleased Shared Collocation arrangement, Collocator agrees that Primary Collocator's rates, terms and conditions relating to Subleased Shared Collocations set forth in the Primary Collocator's Section 251/252 agreement shall apply to its Subleased Shared Collocation arrangement in lieu of those set forth herein.
- 11.5 Collocator with which it shares Shared Caged Collocation space shall collocate equipment only as permitted by Section 8.4.2 of this Appendix and which is necessary to Interconnect with AT&T-13STATE or for access to AT&T-13STATE's Unbundled Network Elements. AT&T-13STATE shall provide Collocator access to AT&T-13STATE's Unbundled Network Elements and permit Collocator to interconnect its network with AT&T-13STATE from Shared Caged Collocation, regardless if Collocator was the original Collocator. Collocator, however, shall have no right to request and AT&T-13STATE shall have no obligation to provide Collocator's Resident Collocators access to AT&T-13STATE's Unbundled Network Elements or AT&T-13STATE's network. Instead, a Resident Collocator's rights shall be as

determined by such Resident Collocator's contractual arrangement (Section 251/252 agreement) with AT&T-13STATE.

11.6 As a condition of entering into Shared Caged Collocation, Collocator agrees that if it is not the Primary Collocator in a New Shared Collocation, or if it is the sublessee in a Subleased Shared Collocation arrangement, it unconditionally and irrevocably undertakes and guarantees AT&T-13STATE the prompt and full payment of any charges assessed on the Shared Caged Collocation. If the Primary Collocator in a Shared Caged Collocation arrangement no longer occupies the space, the other Resident Collocators must immediately identify a new Primary Collocator. If only one Collocator remains in the Shared Cage Collocation, that Collocator shall become the Primary Collocator. AT&T-13STATE shall bill the new Primary Collocator any applicable charges to change AT&T-13STATE's records and databases to reflect such new Primary Collocator.

11.7 Interconnection to Others

11.7.1 Within a contiguous area within the eligible structure, the AT&T-13STATE will permit Collocators to construct their own direct connection (cross-connect) facilities to other physical Collocators using copper or optical facilities between collocated equipment located within the same Eligible Structure, subject only to the same reasonable safety requirements that AT&T-13STATE imposes on its own equipment. AT&T-13STATE shall not require physical-to-physical Collocators to purchase any equipment or cross-connect capabilities solely from AT&T-13STATE. If requested by the Collocator, AT&T-13STATE will provide only the installation of physical structure(s) and the associated labor necessary for the Collocator(s) to pull its facilities from its equipment space to the equipment space of another Collocator. However if the Collocators cannot physically pull the cable themselves (i.e. located on different floors), AT&T-13STATE will perform the necessary construction on a standard Custom Work Order basis and perform the cable pull. AT&T-13STATE (1) will not make any physical connection within the Collocator's dedicated space; (2) will not have any liability for the cable or the connections, or the traffic carried thereon; and (3) will not maintain any records concerning these connections.

11.7.2 If a physical Collocator and a virtual Collocator both have purchased dedicated appearances not then in use on a DSX-1 panel, DSX-3 panel, or FDF located within contiguous areas within the eligible structure, then AT&T-13STATE will permit the interconnection of physically and virtually collocated equipment by connection of copper or optical facilities to the Collocators' dedicated appearances on the DSX-1 panel, DSX-3 panel, or FDF, subject only to the same reasonable safety requirements that AT&T-13STATE imposes on its own equipment. The connections shall be made within ten (10) days of a joint request by the Collocators. At AT&T-13STATE's option, the connection may be made either by AT&T-13STATE or by the Collocators' installers, who shall be on the list of approved installation vendors.

12. STANDARDS

12.1 Minimum Standards

12.1.1 All types of network equipment placed in AT&T-13STATE network equipment areas of Eligible Structures by AT&T-13STATE or Collocator must meet AT&T-13STATE minimum safety standards. The minimum safety standards are as follows: (1) Collocator's equipment must meet Telcordia Level 1 safety requirements as set forth in Technical Publication 76200, Network Equipment Building Systems (NEBS); or, (2) Collocator must demonstrate that its equipment has a history of safe operation defined by installation in an ILEC (including AT&T-13STATE) prior to January 1, 1998 with no known history of safety problems. The Collocator will be expected to conform to the same accepted procedures and standards utilized by including AT&T-13STATE and its contractors when engineering and installing equipment.

12.1.2 In the event that AT&T-13STATE denied Collocation of Collocator's equipment, citing safety standards, AT&T-13STATE will provide within five (5) business days of Collocator's written request to AT&T-13STATE representative(s), a list of AT&T-13STATE equipment which AT&T-13STATE

locates within the premises of the Eligible Structure for which Collocation was denied together with an affidavit attesting that all of such AT&T-13STATE equipment met or exceeded the same safety standards for which Collocator's equipment was denied.

12.1.3 In the event AT&T-13STATE believes that collocated equipment is not necessary for interconnection or access to UNEs or determines that the Collocator's equipment does not meet the minimum safety standards, the Collocator must not collocate the equipment unless and until the dispute is resolved in its favor. The Collocator will be given ten (10) business days to comply with the requirements and/or remove the equipment from the collocation space if the equipment was already improperly collocated. Dispute resolution procedures are covered in the Agreement. If the Parties do not resolve the dispute under those dispute resolution procedures, AT&T-13STATE or Collocator may file a complaint at the Commission seeking a formal resolution of the dispute. If it is determined that the Collocator's equipment does not meet the minimum safety standards above, the Collocator must not collocate the equipment and will be responsible for removal of the equipment and all resulting damages if the equipment already was collocated improperly.

12.1.4 Collocation equipment or operating practices representing a significant demonstrable technical or physical threat to AT&T-13STATE personnel, network or facilities, including the Eligible Structure or those of others is strictly prohibited. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the characteristics and methods of operation of any equipment or facilities placed in the Physical Collocation space shall not create hazards for or cause damage to those facilities, the Physical Collocation space, or the Eligible Structure in which the Physical Collocation space is located; impair the privacy of any communications carried in, from, or through the Eligible Structure in which the Physical Collocation space is located; or create hazards or cause physical harm to any individual or the public. Any of the foregoing would be in violation of this Appendix. Disputes regarding proper implementation of operating practices or technical standards may be resolved under the standards of Sections 8.7.2 above.

12.2 Compliance Certification

12.2.1 The Collocator also warrants and represents that any equipment or facilities that may be placed in the Dedicated Space pursuant to Section 10.2, Equipment List; Section 10.2.1, Subsequent Requests to Place Equipment, Section 10.2.2; or otherwise, shall be compliant with minimum safety standards set forth in Section 3.4.

13. RE-ENTRY

13.1 If the Collocator shall default in performance of any provision herein, and the default shall continue for sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of AT&T-13STATE's written notice, or if the Collocator is declared bankrupt or insolvent or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, AT&T-13STATE may, immediately or at any time thereafter, without notice or demand, enter and repossess the Dedicated Space, expel the Collocator and any claiming under the Collocator, remove the Collocator's property, forcibly if necessary, and services provided pursuant to this Appendix will be terminated without prejudice to any other remedies AT&T-13STATE might have.

13.2 AT&T-13STATE may also refuse additional applications for service and/or refuse to complete any pending orders for additional space or service for the Collocator at any time after sending the notice required by the preceding Section.

13.3 In the case of any dispute and at the written request of a Party, each Party will appoint a knowledgeable, responsible representative to meet and negotiate in good faith to resolve any dispute arising under this Appendix. The location, form, frequency, duration, and conclusion of these discussions will be left to the discretion of the representatives. Upon agreement, the representatives may utilize other alternative informal dispute resolution procedures such as mediation to assist in the negotiations. Discussions and the correspondence among the representatives for purposes of settlement are exempt from discovery and production and will not be admissible in the arbitration described below or in any lawsuit without the

concurrence of both Parties. Documents identified in or provided with such communications, which are not prepared for purposes of the negotiations, are not so exempted and, if otherwise admissible, may be admitted in evidence in the arbitration or lawsuit. To the extent negotiations do not resolve the dispute, and thirty (30) days have passed since the date of the request for resolution under this Section, Parties may seek more formal dispute resolution procedures.

14. SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE

14.1 Operating Services

14.1.1 AT&T-13STATE shall maintain for the Eligible Structure customary building services, utilities (excluding telephone facilities), including janitorial and elevator services, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Any business telephone services ordered by the Collocator for its administrative use within its Dedicated Space will be provided in accordance with applicable AT&T-13STATE tariffs.

14.2 Maintenance

14.2.1 AT&T-13STATE shall maintain the exterior of the Eligible Structure and grounds, and all entrances, stairways, passageways, and exits used by the Collocator to access the Dedicated Space.

14.3 Equipment Staging and Storage

14.3.1 No storage or staging area will be provided outside of the licensed space. Collocation areas may not be used for office administrative space (i.e., filing cabinet, desk, etc.). Fire standards and regulations prohibit the storage of flammable material, e.g., cardboard boxes, paper, packing material, etc. Safety standards prohibit the storage of chemicals of any kind. (Refer to Interconnector's Guide for Collocation via <https://clec.att.com/clec/>.)

14.4 Legal Requirements

14.4.1 Except for Section 17, AT&T-13STATE agrees to make, at its expense, all changes and additions to the Dedicated Space required by laws, ordinances, orders or regulations of any municipality, county, state or other public authority including the furnishing of required sanitary facilities and fire protection facilities, except fire protection facilities specially required because of the installation of telephone or electronic equipment and fixtures in the Dedicated Space.

15. AT&T-13STATE'S RIGHT OF ACCESS

15.1 AT&T-13STATE, its agents, employees, and other AT&T-13STATE-authorized persons shall have the right to enter Dedicated Space at any reasonable time on three (3) days advance notice of the time and purpose of the entry to examine its condition, make repairs required to be made by AT&T-13STATE hereunder, and for any other purpose deemed reasonable by AT&T-13STATE. AT&T-13STATE may access the Dedicated Space for purpose of averting any threat of harm imposed by the Collocator or its equipment or facilities upon the operation of AT&T-13STATE equipment, facilities and/or personnel located outside of the Dedicated Space without such advance notice; in such case, AT&T-13STATE will notify the Collocator by telephone of that entry and will leave written notice of entry in the Dedicated Space. If routine inspections are required, they shall be conducted at a mutually agreeable time.

16. PREPARATION CHARGES

16.1 Preparation charges apply for preparing the Dedicated Space for use by the Collocator as outlined in this Section. These rates and charges are found in the Collocation Rate Summary.

16.2 AT&T-13STATE will contract for and perform the construction and other activities underlying the preparation of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Area and Dedicated Space, and any Custom Work Charges using the same or consistent practices that are used by AT&T-13STATE for other construction and preparation work performed in the Eligible Structure in which the Dedicated Space is located.

- 16.3 The Collocator will be permitted to contract its own work for the preparation activities within the Collocator's cage including the construction of physical security arrangements. However, any such contractor shall be subject to the approval of AT&T-13STATE, such Dedicated Space preparation activities shall be in accordance with all approved plans and specifications and coordinated with AT&T-13STATE, and the Collocator shall be solely responsible for all charges of any such contractor. Use of any such contractor shall not nullify the construction interval with respect to the preparation of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Area and Custom Work.

17. CHARGES

17.1 Monthly Charges

- 17.1.1 The flat-rate monthly recurring charges shall begin the earlier of when the first circuit is turned up or five (5) days after the Collocator has been notified that the preparation of the Dedicated Space is complete, and shall apply each month or fraction thereof that Physical Collocation is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have thirty (30) days. The applicable recurring charges are set forth in the Collocation Rate Summary for use of the Dedicated Space.

17.2 Non-recurring Charges

- 17.2.1 Non-recurring charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activity associated with providing Physical Collocation, per request, per Eligible Structure.
- 17.2.2 With respect to any preparation of the Dedicated Space, the Collocator shall pay AT&T-13STATE fifty percent (50%) of the estimated non-recurring charges as specified for in Section 17 and fifty percent (50%) of any Custom Work Charges preceding the commencement of work.
- 17.2.3 The remaining portion of any Custom Work Charge is due upon completion. The remaining portion of the Preparation Charge shall be paid by the Collocator when the Dedicated Space is complete and prior to occupancy.

17.3 Application of Rates and Charges

- 17.3.1 Beginning on and after the Effective Date of this agreement, the Parties agree that the rates and charges for Collocation shall be as set forth in this Appendix and in the Pricing Schedule applicable to collocation ("Collocation Rates"). The Parties agree that the Collocation Rates shall apply, on a prospective basis only, beginning on the Effective Date of this agreement, to all existing CLEC collocation arrangements, including those established before the Effective Date of this agreement. Because the Collocation Rates will apply on a prospective basis only, neither Party shall have a right to retroactive application of the Collocation Rates to any time period before the Effective Date, and there shall be no retroactive right of true-up for any time period before the Effective Date.

17.4 Determination of Charges Not Established in Collocation Rate Summary

- 17.4.1 Rate Elements - In the event that AT&T-13STATE seeks to impose a rate element or charge to a Collocator that is not specifically provided for in this Appendix or in the Pricing Schedule, AT&T-13STATE shall be required to provide the quote for the rate element within the same time frames provided for in this Appendix.
- 17.4.2 In the event the Collocator disputes the rate element or charge proposed by AT&T-13STATE that is not specifically provided for in this Appendix or in the Pricing Schedule, the Collocator shall notify AT&T-13STATE of its dispute with the proposed charge in writing.

- 17.5 Custom Work Charges - Custom work may not be charged to Collocator for any work performed which will benefit or be used by AT&T-13STATE or other Collocators. AT&T-13STATE also may not impose a Custom Work Charge without the Collocator's approval and agreement that the custom work is not included in the provision of collocation as provided for in the rate elements contained in this Appendix. In the event an agreement between the Collocator and AT&T-13STATE is not reached regarding the Custom Work Charge, AT&T-13STATE shall complete construction of the Collocator's space pending resolution of the issue by the appropriate Commission and the Collocator may withhold payment for the

disputed charges while the issue remains unresolved; however, any disputed Custom Work Charges paid by the Collocator or owed to AT&T-13STATE shall accrue interest at the rate established by the appropriate Commission. All Custom Work Charges that are approved by the appropriate Commission will be the basis for calculating a refund to a Collocator that has overpaid or the amount due to AT&T-13STATE that was not paid or underpaid. These overpaid or underpaid amounts will accrue at the above-stated interest rate on a monthly basis from the date of completion of the work or the date of payment of the disputed amount, as appropriate. In the event that the requested work will benefit all or most Collocators, such work shall not be considered custom work; instead, AT&T-13STATE shall file the appropriate interconnection agreement amendment. However, AT&T-13STATE shall not delay completion of such work during the agreement approval process. AT&T-13STATE shall perform such work based upon provisional rates, subject to true up.

- 17.6 Extraordinary Charges - Collocator will be responsible for all extraordinary construction costs, incurred by AT&T-13STATE to prepare the Collocation space for the installation of Collocator's equipment and for extraordinary costs to maintain the Collocation space for Collocator's equipment on a going-forward basis. Extraordinary costs may include costs for such items as asbestos removal, fire suppression system or containment, modifications or expansion of cable entry facility, increasing the DC power system infrastructure capacity, increasing the capacity of the AC system (if available), or of the existing commercial power facility, installation, maintenance, repair, monitoring of securing measures, conversion of non-Collocation space, or other modifications required by local ordinances. Ordinary costs may become extraordinary by their unusual nature (e.g. volume that is substantially beyond the average or typical Collocation arrangement or request) or its infrequency of occurrence (e.g. construction that will benefit only the requesting Collocator).

17.6.1 AT&T-13STATE will charge a one-time, non-recurring fee for extraordinary costs on a time-sensitive or time-and-materials basis.

17.6.2 AT&T-13STATE will allocate the costs fairly among itself, CLEC and other Collocators, as appropriate.

17.6.3 An estimate of such costs plus contribution will be provided to the Collocator prior to AT&T-13STATE commencing such work. In no case will actual charges exceed those estimated by more than ten (10) percent.

17.6.4 AT&T-13STATE must advise Collocator if extraordinary costs will be incurred within twenty (20) business days of the Collocator's request for space.

17.6.5 Extraordinary costs will only be billed upon receipt of the signed acceptance and construction will not begin until receipt of the Collocator's signed acceptance and payment.

18. RATE REGULATIONS (AT&T-13STATE DOES ALL WORK)

- 18.1 The Collocator may elect to have AT&T-13STATE provision the collocation site or the Collocator may elect to hire an AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Vendor to provision the collocation site per Section 21, CDOW (Collocator Does Own Work).

18.2 Rate Elements

All rates and charges for the following rate elements can be found in the Collocation Rate Summary.

18.2.1 Planning Fees

18.2.1.1 The Planning Fee, as specified in AT&T-13STATE's Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook for Physical Collocation in AT&T-13STATE, recovers AT&T-13STATE's costs incurred to estimate the quotation of charges, project management costs, engineering costs, and other related planning activities for the Collocator's request for the Physical Collocation arrangements. The initial Planning Fee will apply to the Collocator's Physical Collocation request. In addition, a non-standard Planning Fee will apply when a request includes DC power requirements other than 2-10, 2-20, 2-30, 2-40, 2-50, or 2-100 Amp power feeds for Caged, Cageless, or Caged Common Collocation, or 2-100, 2-200, 2-300, or 2-400 Amp power feeds for Adjacent On-Site Collocation, or other than integrated

ground plane, or when floor space requirements are greater than four hundred (400) square feet. Requests for additions to the initial request, such as the addition of Collocator provided equipment that requires AT&T-13STATE to engineer and purchase additional equipment will result in a Subsequent Planning Fee. A major revision to the initial request for Physical Collocation that changes floor space requirements, cable entrance facilities requirements, or changes DC Power Distribution will be considered a total revision and result in the reapplication of an initial Planning Fee. Rates and charges are as found in the Collocation Rate Summary.

18.2.2 Billing for Caged Shared and Caged Common Collocation Arrangements

18.2.2.1 Except for certain charges identified as related to Caged Shared Collocation, each Collocator shall be billed separately and shall be able to order and provision separately. In the case of Caged Shared Collocation, AT&T-13STATE shall bill the original Collocator for space. However, AT&T-13STATE shall bill the other Collocators in the shared cage for use of Network Elements and interconnection separately as required. Collocators located in a Caged Common Collocation area shall have direct billing arrangements with AT&T-13STATE for floor space and all other applicable interconnection arrangements.

18.2.3 Floor Space Charges

18.2.3.1 Caged Collocation

18.2.3.1.1 The Caged Collocation option provides the Collocator with an individual enclosure (not including a top). This enclosure is an area designated by AT&T-13STATE within an Eligible Structure to be used by the Collocator for the sole purpose of installing, maintaining and operating the Collocator-provided equipment.

18.2.3.1.2 AT&T-13STATE will provide Floor Space, floor space site conditioning, Cage Common Systems Materials, Cage Preparation and Safety and Security charges in increments of one (1) square foot. For this reason, Collocator will be able to order space and a cage enclosure in amounts as small as that sufficient to house and maintain a single rack or bay of equipment (i.e., fifty (50) square feet of cage space), and will ensure that the first Collocator in AT&T-13STATE premises will not be responsible for the entire cost of site preparation and security. In the case of Caged Shared Collocation, AT&T-13STATE shall bill the original Collocator for space. Collocators located in a Caged Common Collocation area shall have direct billing arrangements with AT&T-13STATE for floor space and all other applicable interconnection arrangements. When a Collocator constructs its own cage and related equipment, the Collocator will not be subject to the Cage Preparation Charge as set forth in Section 18.2.3.1.4.5 following. See Section 21, CDOW for applicable charges.

18.2.3.1.3 In addition, terms and conditions for contractors performing cage construction activities as set forth in Section 16 preceding will apply.

18.2.3.1.4 If the Collocator elects to install, or requests that AT&T-13STATE provide and install a point of termination (POT) frame in the dedicated collocation area rather than inside its cage, the floor space rate for Cageless Collocation found in the Collocation Rate Summary applies.

18.2.3.1.4.1 Eligible Structure Floor Space Charges

Consists of the following elements which are based on the average cost for AT&T-13STATE within AT&T-13STATE:

- Construction costs
- Operating costs

18.2.3.1.4.2 Site Conditioning Charge, per square foot

Consists of the following and represents costs necessary to condition basic floor space to accommodate telecommunications equipment:

- New floor tile
- General lighting
- House service receptacles
- Exit lights
- Emergency lighting
- Pullbox for fiber optic cable
- Electrical panel for lights and receptacles
- 4" conduit (initial placement) for fiber optic cable from vault to the common pullbox
- Cable slots for routing of power and transmission cables
- Fire-rated partitions where required
- HVAC where not existing
- Demolition work where required

18.2.3.1.4.3 Common Systems Materials Charge

Consists of the following elements per square foot and represents the following charges:

- Installation and maintenance of iron work, racking, and lighting above the cage

18.2.3.1.4.4 Safety and Security, per square foot

This charge represents reasonable costs incurred by AT&T-13STATE to secure its equipment contained within Eligible Structure. This charge is expressed as a recurring rate on a per square foot basis and was developed based on implementation of varying combinations of the following security measures and devices. This rate may include only the costs associated with the most cost-effective reasonable method of security, which may consist of a sub set of the following:

- Interior Security Partition separating AT&T-13STATE equipment
- Provisioning of door locks and keying of existing doors
- Door access controller and network controller necessary for a card reader system
- Security camera systems
- Locking cabinets for network equipment
- Combination door locks
- Cable locks for computer terminals and test equipment
- Secure ID/password protection for computer systems
- Emergency exit door alarms

18.2.3.1.4.5 Cage Preparation

Consists of the following elements and represents charges unique to the Collocator making the request. Rates and charges are as found in the Collocation Rate Summary.

- Grounded wire partition
- Door key Set
- Lights
- AC Outlet
- Cable rack and support structure inside the cage

18.2.3.2 Cageless Collocation

18.2.3.2.1 The Cageless Collocation charges consists of floor space, bay and aisle lighting and the design and placement of common systems materials in an area designated by AT&T-13STATE within an Eligible Structure to be used by the Collocator for the sole purpose of installing, maintaining and operating the Collocator-provided equipment.

18.2.3.2.2 AT&T-13STATE will provide Floor Space, floor space site conditioning, Safety and Security, and Common Systems Materials charges per relay rack, bay, or frame. Collocator shall be able to order space in amounts as small as that sufficient to house and maintain a single rack or bay of equipment, (i.e., ten (10) square feet). The first Collocator in AT&T-13STATE premises will be responsible only for it's pro rata share of the common systems materials, cost of site preparation and security charges. Charges to each Collocator will be based upon the number of frames used by each Collocator.

18.2.3.2.2.1 Floor Space Charges

Consists of the following elements which are based on the average cost for AT&T-13STATE within AT&T-13STATE:

- Construction costs
- Operating costs

18.2.3.2.2.2 Site Conditioning Charge

Consists of the following and represents costs necessary to condition basic floor space to accommodate telecommunications equipment per rack, bay or frame:

- New floor tile
- General lighting
- House service receptacles
- Exit lights
- Emergency lighting
- Pullbox for fiber optic cable
- Electrical panel for lights and receptacles
- 4" conduit (initial placement) for fiber optic cable from vault to the common pullbox
- Cable slots for routing of power and transmission cables
- Fire-rated partitions where required
- HVAC where not existing
- Demolition work where required

18.2.3.2.2.3 Cageless Common Systems Materials Charge

Consists of the following elements per rack, bay, or frame and represents the following charges:

- Support materials for overhead lighting
- Aisle lighting

- AC electrical access for bay framework
- Central Office ground bar assembly and termination materials
- Extension of Central Office ground cables
- Auxiliary framing for support of cable racking materials
- Horizontal fiber protection duct system
- All associated mounting hardware and fabrication materials

18.2.3.2.2.4 Safety and Security

This charge represents reasonable costs incurred by AT&T-13STATE to secure its equipment contained within the used space of the Eligible Structure. This charge is expressed as a recurring rate on a rack, bay, or frame basis and was developed based on implementation of varying combinations of the following security measures and devices:

- Interior Security Partition separating AT&T-13STATE equipment
- Provisioning of door locks and keying of existing doors
- Door access controller and network controller necessary for a card reader system
- Security camera systems
- Locking cabinets for network equipment
- Combination door locks
- Cable locks for computer terminals and test equipment
- Secure ID/password protection for computer systems
- Emergency exit door alarm

18.3 DC Power Amperage Charge

18.3.1 This is a monthly recurring charge which is determined by multiplying the per DC amp rate by the total amount of DC amps provided over one of the two power feeds ordered by the Collocator for its power arrangement. By way of example, where Collocator orders DC Power in a 20-amp increment, it will be considered to have ordered two (2) twenty (20)-amp power feeds and AT&T will provision two (2) twenty (20) amp DC power feeds (for a combined total of forty (40) amps), but AT&T shall only bill Collocator the monthly recurring charge applicable to DC Power for a total of twenty (20) amps. The DC power charge per amp consists of the use of: DC power plant, backup generator, batteries & rectifiers, BDFB, associated hardware and cabling, and AC energy to convert to DC power.

18.3.2 Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

18.3.2.1 This monthly recurring charge consists of the elements necessary to provide HVAC within the Eligible Structure to the collocation arrangement and is based on the heat dissipation required for each ten (10) amps of DC Power. This is a monthly recurring charge which is determined by dividing the per each ten (10) amps of DC Power rate by the total amount of DC amps provided over one of the two power feeds ordered by the Collocator for its power arrangement. By way of example, where Collocator orders DC Power in a twenty (20)-amp increment, it will be considered to have ordered two (2) twenty (20)-amp power feeds and AT&T-13STATE will provision two (2) twenty (20) amp DC power feeds (for a combined total of forty (40) amps), but AT&T-13STATE shall only bill Collocator the monthly recurring charge applicable to HVAC on a total of twenty (20) amps. Charges for this element are specified in the attached pricing schedule.

18.3.3 DC Power Arrangement Provisioning

18.3.3.1 The DC Power Arrangement is the installation of the power cable and the cable rack including support and fabrication material expressed as a combination of a non-recurring and monthly rate for either 2-10 amp, 2-20 amp, 2-30 amp, 2-40 amp, 2-50 amp, or 2-100 amp feeds.

18.3.4 DC Power Panel (Maximum 200 amp) (Optional)

18.3.4.1 At least one (1) DC power panel is required with each application requiring DC Power when designed to provide between 50 and 200 amps per feed of DC current however the Collocator may substitute the required power panel with an equivalent power panel subject to meeting NEBS Level 1 Safety and review by AT&T-13STATE technical support. This rate element may be provided by AT&T-13STATE.

18.3.5 Eligible Structure Ground Cable Arrangement, Each

18.3.5.1 The ground cable arrangement is the cabling arrangement designed to provide grounding for equipment within the Collocator's Dedicated Space. Separate Ground Cable Arrangements are required for Integrated and Isolated Ground Planes. Isolated Ground Planes require a Ground Cable Arrangement in the Collocator's Dedicated Space.

18.3.6 Security Cards

18.3.6.1 The Security Cards Charge consists of a charge per five (5) new cards or replacement cards, for access cards, and ID cards. Rates and charges are as found in the Collocation Rate Summary. AT&T-13STATE will issue access cards and/or ID cards within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of a complete and accurate AT&T Photo ID Card and Electronic Access for Collocators and Associated Contractors form, which is located on the telecommunications carrier online website <https://clec.att.com/clec>. In emergency or other extenuating circumstances (but not in the normal course of business), Collocator may request that the twenty-one (21) day interval be expedited, and AT&T-13STATE will issue the access and/or ID cards as soon as reasonably practical. There is an additional charge for expedited requests.

18.3.7 Entrance Facility Conduit to Vault, Per Cable Sheath

18.3.7.1 This rate element describes any reinforced passage or opening placed for the Collocator-provided facility between AT&T-13STATE designated manhole and the cable vault of the Eligible Structure.

18.3.8 Entrance Fiber Charge, Per Cable Sheath

18.3.8.1 The Entrance Fiber Charge reflects the time spent by AT&T-13STATE in pulling the Collocator's cable facilities from AT&T-13STATE designated manhole, through AT&T-13STATE cable vault and through AT&T-13STATE cable support structure to the Collocator's equipment.

18.3.9 AT&T-13STATE to Collocation Interconnection Arrangement Options

18.3.9.1 Collocator will select one or more of the interconnection arrangements listed below.

18.3.9.1.1 DS1 Interconnection Cable Arrangement (DSX or DCS), Each

18.3.9.1.1.1 This sub-element is an AT&T-13STATE-provided cable arrangement of twenty-eight (28) DS1 connections per cable arrangement between the Collocator's equipment bay and AT&T-13STATE network. This rate element may not be provided by the Collocator. The Collocator will not be permitted access to AT&T-13STATE Main Distribution Frame. If regeneration is required because the cabling distance between the Collocator's termination point located in an Adjacent Structure and AT&T-

13STATE's cross-connect bay exceeds ANSI limitations or where the Collocator specifically requests regeneration, it will be at the Collocator's expense. Regeneration is not required in any other circumstance. Rates and charges are as found in the Collocation Rate Summary.

18.3.9.1.2 DS3 Interconnection Cable Arrangement (DSX or DCS), Each

18.3.9.1.2.1 This sub-element is an AT&T-13STATE-provided cable arrangement of one (1) DS3 connection per cable arrangement between the Collocator's equipment bay and AT&T-13STATE network. This rate element may not be provided by the Collocator. The Collocator will not be permitted access to AT&T-13STATE Main Distribution Frame. If regeneration is required because the cabling distance between the Collocator's termination point located in an Adjacent Structure and AT&T-13STATE's cross-connect bay exceeds ANSI limitations or where the Collocator specifically requests regeneration, it will be at the Collocator's expense. Regeneration is not required in any other circumstance. Rates and charges are as found in the Collocation Rate Summary.

18.3.9.1.3 DS0 Voice Grade Interconnection Cable Arrangement, Each

18.3.9.1.3.1 This sub-element is an AT&T-13STATE-provided cable arrangement that provides one hundred (100) DS0 copper shielded connections between the Collocator's equipment bay and AT&T-13STATE network. These rate elements may not be provided by the Collocator. The Collocator will not be permitted access to AT&T-13STATE Main Distribution Frame.

18.3.10 Optical Circuit Arrangement

18.3.10.1 This sub-element provides for the cost associated with providing twelve (12) fiber connection arrangements to AT&T-13STATE network. This rate element may not be provided by the Collocator. The Collocator will not be permitted access to AT&T-13STATE Main Distribution Frame.

18.3.11 Bits Timing (per circuit) (Optional)

18.3.11.1 An AT&T-13STATE provided single signal from AT&T-13STATE timing source to provide synchronization between a Collocator's single Network Element and AT&T-13STATE's equipment.

18.3.12 Timing Interconnection Arrangement (Optional)

18.3.12.1 Timing leads (1 pair of wires) provided by AT&T-13STATE to the Collocator's dedicated Physical Collocation space.

18.3.13 Collocation Availability Space Report Fee

18.3.13.1 This rate element provides for costs associated with providing a reporting system and associated reports indicating the amount of collocation space available, the number of Collocators, any modifications in the use of space since the generation of the last available report, and measures that AT&T-13STATE is undertaking to make additional space available for collocation.

18.3.14 Pre-visits

18.3.14.1 General Applications

18.3.14.1.1 Prior to submitting an application, the prospective Collocator may elect to arrange with AT&T-13STATE to visit an Eligible Structure for the purpose of permitting the Collocator to determine if the structure meets its business needs and if space is available in the structure for the potential Collocator's Physical Collocation arrangement. If the prospective Collocator elects to pre-visit AT&T-13STATE's Eligible Structures, the Collocator must submit its request in writing ten (10) business days in advance to the Collocation Account Manager. Pre-visits will be scheduled for a date that is mutually agreeable to both Parties. Prospective Collocator will not be allowed to take photographs, make copies of AT&T-13STATE site-specific drawings or make any notations.

18.3.14.1.2 For pre-visits, AT&T-13STATE will provide an employee of AT&T-13STATE to conduct the pre-visit, unless a different number of AT&T-13STATE employees are mutually agreed upon. The Collocator will be billed for the time of the assigned AT&T-13STATE employee and not for additional employees not mutually agreed upon to attend the pre-visit. If any travel expenses are incurred, the Collocator will be charged for the time AT&T-13STATE employees spend traveling and will be based on fifteen (15)-minute increments.

18.3.15 Construction Inspections

18.3.15.1 The Collocator will be charged for the time AT&T-13STATE employees spend during the construction inspection with the Collocator, based on fifteen (15)-minute increments. If any travel expenses are incurred, the Collocator will be charged for the time AT&T-13STATE employees spend traveling and will be based on fifteen (15)-minute increments.

18.3.16 Adjacent On-site Structure Arrangements

18.3.16.1 Adjacent On-site Structure Arrangements

18.3.16.1.1 If a Collocator elects to provide an Adjacent On-Site Space Collocation as described in Section 7.6.1.5 preceding, when all available space is Legitimately Exhausted inside AT&T-13STATE Eligible Structure, AT&T-13STATE will charge Planning Fees to recover the costs incurred to estimate the quotation of charges for the Collocator's Adjacent Space Collocation arrangement request. Rates and charges are found in the Collocation Rate Summary. In addition, should the Collocator elect to have AT&T-13STATE provision an extension of DC Power Service from the Eligible Structure to the Adjacent Structure, a DC Power Panel will be required.

18.3.16.2 Adjacent On-site Planning Fee

18.3.16.2.1 An initial Planning Fee will apply when a Collocator is requesting any Interconnection Terminations between the Collocator's Adjacent On-site structure and AT&T-13STATE on an initial or subsequent Adjacent On-site collocation application. This fee recovers the design route of the Interconnection Terminations as well as the design route of the power arrangement to the Collocator's Adjacent On-site structure.

18.3.17 Adjacent Off-site Arrangement

18.3.17.1 Adjacent Off-site Structure Arrangements

18.3.17.1.1 If the Collocator elects to provide an Adjacent Off-site Arrangements structure as defined in Section 2 of this Appendix and as described in Section 7.6.1.6 preceding, when all available space is Legitimately Exhausted inside AT&T-13STATE Eligible Structure and Collocator's Adjacent On-site Space is not within fifty (50) feet of the Eligible Structure's outside perimeter wall, AT&T-13STATE will provide the following sub-elements to the extent technically feasible. The Adjacent Off-site Arrangement is available if the Collocator's site is located on a property that is contiguous to or within one standard city block of AT&T-13STATE's Central Office or Eligible Structure. When the Collocator elects to collocate by Adjacent Off-site Arrangement, the Collocator shall provide both AC and DC Power required to operate such facility. Rates and charges for these sub-elements are found in the Collocation Rate Summary.

18.3.17.2 Planning Fee Adjacent Off-site Arrangement

18.3.17.2.1 Planning Fee will apply when a Collocator is requesting any Interconnection Terminations between the Collocator's Adjacent Off-site structure and AT&T-13STATE on an initial or subsequent Adjacent Off-site collocation application. This fee recovers the design route of the Interconnection Terminations to the Collocator's Adjacent Off-site structure. Rates and charges are found in the Collocation Rate Summary.

18.3.18 Conduit Space for Adjacent Off-site Arrangement

18.3.18.1 Any reinforced passage or opening placed for the Collocator provided facility in, on, under/over or through the ground between AT&T-13STATE designated manhole and the cable vault of the eligible structure. Rates and charges are as found in the Collocation Rate Summary following.

18.3.19 Two Inch Vertical Mounting space in CEVs, Huts and Cabinets

18.3.19.1 A two-inch vertical mounting space in a standard equipment mounting in a CEV, Hut or cabinet for the placement of equipment. The number of two-inch vertical mounting spaces required is determined by the size of the equipment to be placed plus additional space required for heat dissipation and ventilation of the equipment to be placed in adjacent equipment.

18.3.20 Miscellaneous Charges (Optional)

18.3.20.1 Consists of charges for miscellaneous construction-related items associated with Cageless Pot Bay or cabinet.

18.3.21 Collocation to Collocation Connection

18.3.21.1 This rate element includes physical-to-physical and physical-to-virtual connection options.

18.3.21.1.1 Fiber Cable (12 Fibers)

18.3.21.1.1.1 This rate element is for AT&T-13STATE to provide and install direct cabling using fiber cable (12 fiber pairs) between two (2) collocation arrangements at an Eligible Structure expressed as a combination of a non-recurring and recurring rate.

18.3.21.1.2 Copper Cable (28 DS1s)

18.3.21.1.2.1 This rate element is for AT&T-13STATE to provide and install for direct cabling using copper cable (28 DS1s) between two (2) collocation arrangements at an Eligible Structure expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate.

18.3.21.1.3 Coax Cable (1 DS3)

18.3.21.1.3.1 This rate element is for AT&T-13STATE to provide and install for direct cabling using coaxial cable (1 DS3) between two (2) collocation arrangements at an Eligible Structure expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate.

18.3.21.1.4 Cable Racking and Hole

18.3.21.1.4.1 This sub-element provides for cable rack space for copper, coax and optical cabling between two (2) collocation arrangements and the required terminations at each Physical Collocation arrangement(s) at an Eligible Structure.

18.3.21.1.5 Route Design

18.3.21.1.5.1 This sub-element provides the route design for collocation-to-collocation connections. This sub-element is expressed as a non-recurring charge.

19. COMPLETE SPACE DISCONTINUANCE, SPACE REASSIGNMENT, POWER REDUCTION AND INTERCONNECTION TERMINATION REDUCTION

19.1 This Section provides rates, terms and conditions for Complete Space Discontinuance, Space Reassignment, Power Reduction and Interconnection Termination Reduction.

19.2 Complete Space Discontinuance

The Collocator may discontinue an existing Physical Collocation Arrangement which may include equipment, equipment bays, interconnection facilities (e.g., power, timing, grounding and interconnection cabling) and Collocator infrastructure installed within its Physical Collocation space. The Collocator is required to provide a complete and accurate Physical Collocation Application requesting to discontinue its existing Physical Collocation Arrangement. The Collocator must complete the following activities within thirty (30) calendar days from the day the Physical Collocation application was submitted. If the Collocator is unable to complete the following activities within the designated time frame, the Collocator may request an additional thirty (30) calendar days to complete the activities required and monthly recurring charges will continue through this additional time frame.

- (A) Remove Collocator's equipment bays (relay racks) from the Physical Collocation space, using an AT&T-13STATE approved Tier 1 or Tier 2 Installation/Removal Vendor.
- (B) Remove Collocator's equipment from the Physical Collocation space, using an AT&T-13STATE approved Tier 1 or Tier 2 Installation/Removal Vendor;
- (C) Remove terminations at both ends of cable (e.g. power, timing, grounding, and interconnection) and cut cables up to the AT&T-13STATE rack level. Collocator must use an AT&T-13STATE approved Tier 1 or Tier 2 Installation/Removal Vendor for this procedure and that vendor must follow TP76300 guidelines for cutting and capping the cable at the rack level.
- (D) Remove Collocator's entrance cable between the Physical Collocation Arrangement and the first manhole in accordance with the provisions of this Section using an AT&T-13STATE approved Tier 1 or Tier 2 Installation/Removal Vendor;

(E) Remove Collocator's miscellaneous items from within the Physical Collocation space, using an AT&T-13STATE approved Tier 1 or Tier 2 Installation/Removal Vendor.

19.2.1 For complete space discontinuance, Collocator will not be responsible for repairing floor tile damaged during removal of relay racks and equipment, nor will Collocator be responsible for cable mining (removal). Instead the AT&T-13STATE will perform those tasks. Collocator will pay for those tasks through rate elements listed in Section 19.6.

19.2.2 If the Collocator fails to complete the items identified in Section 19.6 within thirty (30) calendar days after discontinuance or termination of the physical collocation arrangement, the AT&T-13STATE may complete those items and charge the Collocator for any and all claims, expenses, fees or other costs associated with any such completion by AT&T-13STATE, including any materials used and the time spent at the hourly rate for custom work. This work will be performed at the Collocator's risk and expense, and the Collocator will hold AT&T-13STATE harmless from the failure to return any equipment, property or other items.

19.2.3 When discontinuance of the Physical Collocation Arrangement involves the removal of fiber entrance cable, the Collocator's AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation/Removal Vendor is only responsible for physically removing entrance cables housed in conduits or inner-ducts and may do so only after the AT&T-13STATE confirms that such removal can be accomplished without damaging or endangering other cables contained in a common duct or other equipment residing in the Central Office.

19.3 Space Reassignment

In lieu of submitting an application to discontinue a Physical Collocation Arrangement per Section 19.2, above the Collocator ("Exiting Collocator") may reassign the Physical Collocation Arrangement to another Collocator ("Collocator Assignee") subject to certain terms and conditions outlined below. Any such reassignment of the Physical Collocation Arrangement may not occur without the written consent of AT&T-13STATE. In order to request consent to assign a Physical Collocation Arrangement, either the Collocator Assignee or Exiting Collocator may submit a Collocation Application on behalf of both the Exiting Collocator and Collocator Assignee, Space Reassignment shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

19.3.1 Collocator Assignee must, as of the date of submission of the Physical Collocation Application, have an approved ICA or an effective interim ICA.

19.3.2 Exiting Collocator will be liable to pay all non-recurring and monthly recurring collocation charges on the Physical Collocation Arrangement to be reassigned until the date the AT&T-13STATE turns over the Physical Collocation Arrangement to the Collocator Assignee. Any disputed charges shall be subject to the dispute resolution provisions herein. The AT&T-13STATE's obligation to turn over the Physical Collocation Arrangement shall not arise until all undisputed charges are paid. Collocator Assignee's obligation to pay monthly recurring charges for a Physical Collocation Arrangement will begin on the date the AT&T-13STATE makes available the Physical Collocation Arrangement to the Collocator Assignee.

19.3.3 An Exiting Collocator may not reassign Physical Collocation space in a central office where a waiting list exists for Physical Collocation space, unless all Collocator's on the waiting list above the Collocator Assignee decline their position. This prohibition does not apply in the case of an acquisition, merger or complete purchase of the Exiting Collocator's assets.

19.3.4 Collocator Assignee will defend and indemnify the AT&T-13STATE from any losses, costs (including court costs), claims, damages (including fines, penalties, and criminal or civil judgments and settlements), injuries, liabilities and expenses (including attorneys' fees) if any other person, entity or regulatory authority challenges the reassignment of any Physical Collocation Arrangement(s) or otherwise claims a right to the space subject to the reassignment.

19.3.5 Collocator Assignee or the Exiting Collocator shall submit one (1) complete and accurate application for each Physical Collocation Arrangement. By submitting an application for a Physical

Collocation Arrangement, Collocator Assignee represents warrants and agrees that it has obtained an executed sale or lease agreement for and holds proper title to all non-AT&T-13STATE equipment and other items in or otherwise associated with each Physical Collocation Arrangement. Collocator Assignee further agrees to indemnify and hold the AT&T-13STATE harmless from any third-party claims involving allegations that Collocator Assignee does not hold proper title to such non-AT&T-13STATE equipment and other items.

19.3.6 AT&T-13STATE will respond to the Physical Collocation Application within ten (10) calendar days of submission of the completed application, including provision of a price quote. Collocator Assignee must pay one-hundred percent (100%) of all non-recurring charges in the price quote before AT&T-13STATE begins to convert the Physical Collocation Arrangement being reassigned. Once Collocator Assignee has paid one-hundred percent (100%) of all such non-recurring charges, the AT&T-13STATE shall finish the work to convert the space within thirty (30) calendar days. AT&T-13STATE and Collocator Assignee will coordinate all conversion work to insure that the end user customers of Collocator Assignee do not suffer disruptions of service.

19.3.7 Collocator Assignee may submit a security application for access to a Physical Collocation Arrangement simultaneously with the Physical Collocation Application. If a completed security application is provided at the time the Collocation Application is filed, the security cards will be made available at the time that the collocation space is turned over. If the security application is not provided at the time that the Collocation Application is filed, then Collocator Assignee may submit a security application for access at any time and the terms and conditions as provided in Section 18.3.6 will apply. In no event will the security cards be provided to the Collocator Assignee before the assigned space is turned over.

19.3.8 Collocator Assignee assumes each Physical Collocation Arrangement "as is" which means that AT&T-13STATE will make no changes to the Physical Collocation Arrangement, including no changes to power, interconnection and entrance facilities. Any modifications to such Physical Collocation Arrangement by Collocator Assignee must be submitted via a separate augment application (or as otherwise provided by the applicable ICA).

19.3.9 This Section 19.3 does not affect any obligations arising outside of this Collocation Agreement.

19.4 Power Reduction

19.4.1 The Collocator may request to decrease the amount of existing power available to a Physical Collocation Arrangement. This can be done either by disconnecting and removing a power cable feed or by replacing the existing fuse with a fuse of a lower breakdown rating on a power cable feed. If the Collocator desires to disconnect a power arrangement (A&B feed), the Collocator will be responsible for paying the costs to remove the A&B power cable feeds that make up the power arrangement. If the Collocator desires to reduce the amperage on a power cable feed, the Collocator will be responsible for paying the costs necessary to change the fuse that serves the A&B feeds at the AT&T-13STATE power source. In either case, the Collocator must maintain a minimum amount of power on at least one power arrangement (A&B feed) to service their Physical Collocation Arrangement when submitting their power reduction request. The Collocator shall submit an augment application in order to process this request.

19.4.2 If the Collocator desires to only reduce the fuse capacity on an existing power arrangement (A&B feed) rather than disconnect and remove cable to an existing power arrangement, they may only reduce the fuse size to the lowest power amp increment offered in this Appendix referenced in Section 18.3.3.1. Different minimum amp increments apply for power arrangements fed from either an AT&T-13STATE BDFB or a AT&T-13STATE Power Plant. When the Collocator is requesting to reduce the fuse capacity only, the fees referenced in Section 19.9 will apply. When the Collocator has only one power arrangement (A&B feed) serving their Physical Collocation Arrangement, a fuse reduction is the only power reduction option available to the Collocator.

19.4.3 When a power reduction request involves a fuse change only on a power arrangement serviced from the AT&T-13STATE BDFB (i.e. power arrangements less than or equal to a fifty (50) amp A

feed and a fifty (50) amp B feed) the Collocator must hire an AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Vendor to coordinate fuse changes at the AT&T-13STATE BDFB. Applicable fees referenced in Section 19.9 will still apply. When a power reduction request involves a fuse change on a power arrangement serviced from the AT&T-13STATE Power Plant (i.e. power arrangements consisting of a one-hundred (100) amp A feed and a one-hundred (100) amp B feed and above), the AT&T-13STATE shall coordinate the fuse changes at the AT&T-13STATE Power Plant.

19.4.4 When a power reduction request requires disconnecting and removing a power cable feed from either the AT&T-13STATE's BDFB or Power Plant, the AT&T-13STATE approved Tier 1 Vendor will perform the power cable removal work above the rack level (cable mining). Applicable fees referenced in Section 19.8 will apply. Within thirty (30) days after submitting its power reduction request to disconnect and remove a power arrangement, the Collocator must perform the following activity:

(A) Remove terminations at both ends of the power cable feed and cut cables up to the AT&T-13STATE rack level. Collocator must use a AT&T-13STATE approved Tier 1 Installation/Removal Vendor for this procedure and that vendor must follow TP76300 guidelines for cutting and capping the cable at the rack level.

19.4.5 When the Collocator has multiple power arrangement serving a Physical Collocation Arrangement (i.e., one power arrangement consisting of fifty (50) amps on the A feed and fifty (50) amps on the B feed and a second power arrangement consisting of twenty (20) amps on the A feed and twenty (20) amps on the B feed), the Collocator has the option of either fusing down the fifty (50) amp power arrangement (A&B feed) or disconnecting and removing the power cable feed from the fifty (50) amp power arrangement (A&B feed). If the Collocator chooses to disconnect and remove the power cable feed from a power arrangement (A&B feed), then the charges referenced in Section 19.8 will apply. If the Collocator has multiple power arrangements (A&B feed) where they can request both a fuse reduction and a power cable removal for one Physical Collocation Arrangement [i.e. reduce one power arrangement from fifty (50) amps (A&B feed) to twenty (20) amps (A&B feed) and remove the power cable from a second power arrangement from fifty (50) amps (A&B feed) to 0 amps (A&B feed)], then the project management fee for power cable removal referenced in Section 18.8 will apply in addition to the individual charges referenced in either Section 19.8, or 19.9 associated with the overall power reduction request.

19.4.6 For any power reduction request (one which involves either a disconnect and removal, re-fusing only, or a combination of the two), the Collocator must submit an augment application for this request along with the appropriate application and project management fees referenced in Section 19.8. The same augment intervals that are outlined in this Appendix for adding power will apply to power reduction requests.

19.5 Interconnection Termination Reduction

19.5.1 The Collocator may request a reduction of the existing amount of interconnection terminations that service a Physical Collocation Arrangement. The Collocator shall submit an augment application in order to process this request. The Collocator must maintain at least one minimum interconnection arrangement increment authorized in Sections 18.3.9.1.1.1, 18.3.9.1.2.1, 18.3.9.1.3.1 or 18.3.10. The same augment intervals that are outlined in this Appendix for adding interconnection terminations will apply to interconnection termination reductions.

19.5.2 Interconnection termination reduction requests will always require the disconnection and removal of interconnection cable. The AT&T-13STATE will perform the interconnection cable removal work above the rack level (cable mining). Applicable fees referenced in Section 19.10 will apply. Within thirty (30) days after submitting its interconnection termination reduction request to disconnect and remove an interconnection arrangement from its Physical Collocation Arrangement, the Collocator must perform the following activity:

(A) Remove terminations at both ends of the interconnection cable and cut cables up to AT&T-13STATE rack level. Collocator must use an AT&T-13STATE approved Tier 1

Installation/Removal Vendor for this procedure and that vendor must follow TP76300 guidelines for cutting and capping the cable at the rack level.

19.6 Rate Element Descriptions for Complete Space Discontinuance

- (A) Application Fee - The charge assessed by the AT&T-13STATE to process the Collocator's application for Physical Collocation Arrangements.
- (B) Project Management Fee - Complete Space Discontinuance - Reflects the AT&T-13STATE's labor costs to project manage the complete discontinuance of the Collocator's space. The labor costs include the AT&T-13STATE engineering and real estate costs for planning design of floor tile restoration, interconnection, power and entrance cable removal, stenciling, floor plans, and DC power records.
- (C) Remove Fiber Jumpers - Remove four fiber jumpers from the fiber protection system raceway.
- (D) Remove Fiber Cables - Remove fiber cable sheaths (1-216 fibers) on dedicated fiber racking. Typical material includes cable scrap boxes (see Note 1 below), adjacent equipment protection material, waxed cable cord/twine, gray paint for removing plotter paper for Central Office drawings and transportation and taxes as appropriate.
- (E) Remove VF/DS0 Cable - Remove cable sheaths totaling one hundred (100) pairs and each one hundred (100) pair connecting block from the MDF or IDF. Typical material includes cable scrap boxes (see Note 1 below), adjacent equipment protection material, heat shrink wrap, waxed cable cord/twine, gray paint for removing stenciling on frame, fire stop material, 8.5"x11" paper for engineering order, plotter paper for Central Office drawings and transportation and taxes as appropriate.
- (F) Remove DS1 Cable - Remove two sheaths, on transmit and one receive, comprising of a total of twenty-eight (28) DS1 circuits to an existing DSX1 panel. Typical material includes cable scrap boxes (see Note 1 below), adjacent equipment protection material, heat shrink wrap, waxed cable cord/twine, blank labels for DSX shelf, 8.5"x11" paper for engineering job order, yellow job wallet, plotter paper for Central Office drawings and transportation and taxes as appropriate.
- (G) Remove DS3 Cable (Coax) - Remove two (2) coax cables per DS3 circuit to an existing DSX3 panel. Typical material includes cable scrap boxes (see Note 1 below), adjacent equipment protection material, heat shrink wrap, waxed cable cord/twine, fire stop material, blank labels for DSX shelf, 8.5"x11" paper for engineering order, yellow job wallet, plotter paper for Central Office drawings and transportation and taxes as appropriate.
- (H) Remove Timing Cable - Remove a single timing lead (P7 wire). Typical material includes cable scrap boxes (see Note 1 below), adjacent equipment protection material, CO timing book sheet, 8.5"x11" paper for engineering order, yellow job wallet, plotter paper for Central Office drawings and transportation and taxes as appropriate.
- (I) Remove Power Cable - Distribution from the AT&T-13STATE BDFB (sixty (60) amp A feed and sixty (60) amp B feed and below power arrangements) – Remove four (4) power cables, including fuses and fuse panel. Removal activity also requires all costs associated with the power cable removal, packing and shipping, removing stenciling from BDFB, and updating documents as required.
- (J) Remove Power Cable - Distribution from the AT&T-13STATE Power Board (100 amp A feed and 100 amp B feed & above) - Remove 750 MCM cable (4 runs @ 180 feet), and remove and junk fuses and power panel. Removal activity also requires cable scrap boxes (see Note 1 below), adjacent equipment protection material, heat shrink wrap, waxed cable cord/twine, gray paint for removing stenciling on Power Board, fire stop material, blank labels for BDFB, yellow job wallet, 8.5"x11" paper for engineering order, plotter paper for Central Office drawings and transportation and taxes as appropriate.
- (K) Remove Cage Grounding Material - Remove collocation cage grounding lead and ground bar. Typical material includes cable scrap boxes (see Note 1 below), adjacent equipment protection

material, heat shrink wrap, waxed cable cord/twine, yellow job wallet, 8.5"x11" paper for engineering order, plotter paper for Central Office drawings and transportation and taxes as appropriate.

- (L) Remove Fiber Entrance Cable - Remove fiber entrance cable from 1st manhole closest to the Central Office through cable vault to its endpoint termination in the collocation space (average 300' of cable). Removal activity also requires infrastructure maps and records, engineering work order, pump/ventilate manhole, safety inspection and removal of safety hazards, fire stops, and mechanized cable pulling tools.
- (M) Restore Floor Tile - Standard Bay - Remove floor tile and Drive Anchors Flush with Floor Slab, install 547 Floor Patch, apply floor adhesive, and install Vinyl Composite Floor Tile (VCT). Clean and Wax Floor Tile, abatement of asbestos containing Floor Tile, and Air Monitoring for Abatement.
- (N) Restore Floor Tile – Non-Standard Bay - Remove floor tile and Drive Anchors Flush with Floor Slab, install 547 Floor Patch, apply floor adhesive, and install Vinyl Composite Floor Tile (VCT). Clean and Wax Floor Tile, abatement of asbestos containing Floor Tile, and Air Monitoring for Abatement.

Note 1 for Material: Cable scrap boxes are designed for cable cut into three (3) foot lengths. This box is capable of handling 1000 pounds of weight, supporting forklift forks or floor jack lifts, moisture resistant, puncture resistant, and designed to be loaded into railroad cars for shipping.

19.7 Rate Element Descriptions for Space Reassignment

- (A) Application Fee - The charge assessed by AT&T-13STATE to process the Collocator's application for Physical Collocation Arrangements.
- (B) Project Management Fee - Space Reassignment/Restenciling - This fee applies to Space Reassignment request when a "Collocator Assignee" chooses to assign the rights to a Physical Collocation Arrangement from an "Exiting Collocator". The charge reflects the AT&T-13STATE's labor costs to project manage the changes/removals and update Central Office inventory/provisioning records, stenciling, floor plans, and DC power records associated with serving the Physical Collocation Arrangement.
- (C) Restencil DS0/DSL Block - The charge to remove/change stenciling on MDF or IDF per one hundred (100) pair blocks.
- (D) Restencil DS1 Block - The charge to remove/change stenciling on DSX1 panel per twenty-eight (28) DS1s.
- (E) Restencil DS3 Block - The charge to remove/change stenciling on DSX3 panel per DS3.
- (F) Restencil Fiber Cable Block - The charge to remove/change stenciling on FDF per twelve (12) pair cable.
- (G) Restencil Fiber Jumper Block - The charge to remove/change stenciling on FDF per four (4) fiber jumpers.
- (H) Restencil Power - The charge to remove/change stenciling on power source and tag power cables per one to four (1-4) fuses.
- (I) Restencil Timing - The charge to remove/change stenciling on timing source and tag timing cables per two (2) cable feeds.
- (J) Timing Record Book Update - The charge to update timing records when changes/removals occur.
- (K) Interconnection Records Update - The charge to update interconnection records when changes/removals occur.
- (L) Power Records Update - The charge to update power records when changes/removals occur.
- (M) Vendor Engineering - The labor costs for AT&T-13STATE Tier 1 Installation/Removal Vendor to write the specifications to perform the restenciling job including travel time and site visit.

19.8 Rate Element Descriptions for Power Reduction (cable removal)

- (A) Application Fee - The charge assessed by the AT&T-13STATE to process the Collocator's application for Physical Collocation Arrangements.

- (B) Project Management Fee - Power Reduction (cable removal) - Reflects AT&T-13STATE's labor costs to manage the removal of the individual Collocator's power cable facilities used for or associated with serving the Physical Collocation Arrangement.
- (C) Remove Power Cable - Distribution from AT&T-13STATE BDFB (50 amp A feed and 50 amp B feed and below power arrangements) - Remove four (4) power cables, including fuses and fuse panel. Removal activity also requires all costs associated with the power cable removal, packing and shipping, removing stenciling from BDFB, and updating documents as required.
- (D) Remove Power Cable - Distribution from AT&T-13STATE Power Board (100 amp A feed and 100 amp B feed and above) - Remove four (4) power cables, including fuses and fuse panel. Removal activity also requires all costs associated with the power cable removal, packing and shipping, removing stenciling from Power Board, and updating documents as required.

19.9 Rate Element Descriptions for Power Reduction (re-fusing only)

- (A) Application Fee - The charge assessed by AT&T-13STATE to process the Collocator's application for Physical Collocation Arrangements.
- (B) Project Management Fee - Power Re-Fusing Only at AT&T-13STATE BDFB (50 amp A feed and 50 amp B feed & below power arrangements) - Reflects AT&T-13STATE's labor costs to project manage the change of the power re-fusing change on the Collocator's power services associated with serving the Physical Collocation Arrangement when power fuses are being reduced at AT&T-13STATE BDFB. This fee is applicable when the Collocator is coordinating the fuse reduction at AT&T-13STATE BDFB.
- (C) Project Management Fee - Power Re-Fusing Only at AT&T-13STATE Power Board (100 amp A feed and 100 amp B feed and above power arrangements) - Reflects the AT&T-13STATE's labor costs to project manage the change of the individual Collocator's power services associated with serving the Physical Collocation Arrangement when power fuses are being reduced at AT&T-13STATE Power Board. This fee is applicable when AT&T-13STATE is coordinating the fuse reduction at AT&T-13STATE Power Board.
- (D) Power Fuse Reductions on AT&T-13STATE BDFB (50 amp A feed and 50 amp B feed and below power arrangements) - The charge for AT&T-13STATE to tag cables and update Central Office power records associated with the fuse change on the AT&T-13STATE BDFB per one to four (1-4) fuses. This fee applies when the Collocator performs the fuse change at the BDFB.
- (E) Power Fuse Reductions on AT&T-13STATE Power Board (100 amp A feed and 100 amp B feed and above power arrangements) - The charge for AT&T-13STATE to change the fuse at AT&T-13STATE power board, tag cables and update Central Office power records associated with fuse change on AT&T-13STATE Power Board per one to four (1-4) fuses.

19.10 Rate Element Descriptions for Interconnection Termination Reduction

- (A) Application Fee - The charge assessed by AT&T-13STATE to process the Collocator's application for Physical Collocation Arrangements.
- (B) Project Management Fee - Interconnection Termination Reduction - The charge reflects AT&T-13STATE's labor costs to project manage the removal of the interconnection cabling and update the interconnection block stenciling, Central Office and inventory/provisioning records associated with serving the Physical Collocation Arrangement.
- (C) Remove VF/DS0 Cable - Remove cable sheaths totaling one hundred (100) pairs and each one hundred (100) pair connecting block from the AT&T-13STATE Main Distribution Frame to the Physical Collocation Arrangement.
- (D) Remove DS1 Cable - Remove two (2) sheaths, on transmit and one receive, comprising of a total of twenty-eight (28) DS1 circuits to an existing DSX1 panel. Typical material includes cable scrap boxes (see Note 1 below), adjacent equipment protection material, heat shrink wrap, waxed cable

cord/twine, blank labels for DSX shelf, 8.5"x11" paper for engineering job order, yellow job wallet, plotter paper for Central Office drawings and transportation and taxes as appropriate.

- (E) Remove DS3 Cable (Coax) - Remove two (2) coax cables per DS3 circuit to an existing DSX3 panel. Typical material includes cable scrap boxes (see Note 1 below), adjacent equipment protection material, heat shrink wrap, waxed cable cord/twine, fire stop material, blank labels for DSX shelf, 8.5"x11" paper for engineering order, yellow job wallet, plotter paper for Central Office drawings and transportation and taxes as appropriate.
- (F) Remove Fiber Cables - Remove fiber cable sheaths (1-216 fibers) on dedicated fiber racking. Typical material includes cable scrap boxes (see Note 1 below), adjacent equipment protection material, waxed cable cord/twine, gray paint for removing plotter paper for Central Office drawings and transportation and taxes as appropriate.
- (G) Remove Fiber Jumpers - Remove four fiber jumpers from the fiber protection system raceway.

20. RATES AND CHARGES – AT&T-13STATE PRICING SCHEDULE (See the Collocation Rate Summary)

21. CDOW (COLLOCATOR DOES OWN WORK) - COLLOCATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- 21.1 The Collocator may elect to provision the collocation site or the Collocator may elect to hire AT&T-13STATE to provision the collocation site per previous Sections.
- 21.2 When the Collocator selects the option to provide, install, and terminate its interconnection and power cabling with an AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Vendor, the following Sections will apply. However, the terms and conditions within CDOW are not comprehensive. There are terms and conditions from the preceding Sections of this same Appendix that still apply for CDOW for rate elements that are not specifically addressed within the Collocation Rate Summary.
- 21.3 The Collocator has the option to provide, install and terminate its interconnection cabling between the Collocator's Dedicated Space and AT&T-13STATE Main Distribution Frame or its equivalent by AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Vendor. This option is only available if Collocator does all three (3) activities associated with interconnection cabling: provide, install and terminate. The Collocator may not elect to do some but not all the activities. Collocator must indicate on its Physical Collocation application that it has selected this option to apply to all interconnection cabling requested on the application. If Collocator selects this option, the Collocator must also select the option to provide, install and terminate its power cable leads described in Section 21.6.2 below. If Collocator selects this option, AT&T-13STATE will install and stencil termination blocks or panels at AT&T-13STATE Main Distribution Frame or its equivalent for the handoff of the Actual Point of Termination (APOT) Connection(s) to the Collocator. Intervals and provisioning for this option are found Section 8.2. The Collocator's AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Vendor must obtain an approved Job Start Agreement (JSA) and/or Method of Procedure (MOP) from AT&T-13STATE and follow AT&T-13STATE's Technical Publication TP 76300 for installation of equipment and facilities.
- 21.4 The Collocator has the option to provide, install, and terminate its power cable leads between Collocator's Dedicated Space and AT&T-13STATE's Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB) by using an AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor. When AT&T-13STATE designated power termination point is at the Power Plant Primary Distribution, the Collocator's AT&T-13STATE Approved Power Installation Vendor will provide and install the power cable leads, but not terminate. The Collocator must contact AT&T-13STATE Project Manager five (5) business days prior to scheduling a request for the termination of the Collocator's power cable leads to AT&T-13STATE Power Plant Primary Distribution, which will be performed by AT&T-13STATE. This option is only available if the Collocator does all three (3) activities associated with the power cable lead unless described otherwise within this Section. The Collocator may not elect to do some but not all the activities unless otherwise permitted in this Section. If Collocator selects this option, the Collocator must also select the option to provide, install and terminate its interconnection cabling described in Section 21.3 above. Intervals and provisioning for this option are found in Section 21.3. The Collocator's AT&T-13STATE Approved Power Installation Vendor must obtain

an approved Job Start Agreement (JSA) and/or Method of Procedures (MOP) from AT&T-13STATE and follow AT&T-13STATE's Technical Publication TP 76300 for installation of equipment and facilities.

21.5 Interval (Collocator Installs Interconnection and Power Cabling)

21.5.1 The intervals set forth in this Section apply only when Collocator installs interconnection and power cabling. AT&T-13STATE will notify Collocator as to whether its request for space is granted or denied due to a lack of space within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of a Collocator's accurate and complete Physical Collocation Application. If AT&T-13STATE determines that Collocator's Physical Collocation Application is unacceptable, AT&T-13STATE shall advise Collocator of any deficiencies within this ten (10) calendar day period. AT&T-13STATE shall provide Collocator with sufficient detail so that Collocator has a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the queue to obtain the Physical Collocation arrangement, Collocator must cure any deficiencies in its Application and resubmit such Application within ten (10) calendar days after being advised of deficiencies. Any changes to the amount or type of floor space, interconnection terminations, and power requested from the originally submitted Physical Collocation Application will not be considered a deficiency. If these types of changes are requested while application is in queue, the application will be rejected.

21.5.2 The delivery interval relates to the period in which AT&T-13STATE shall construct and turnover to the Collocator's the requested Physical Collocation Space. The delivery interval begins on the date AT&T-13STATE receives an accurate and complete Physical Collocation Application from the Collocator. The Collocator must provide AT&T-13STATE, within seven (7) calendar days from the date of notification granting the application request, a confirmatory response in writing to continue construction along with the fifty percent (50%) payment of non-recurring charges (unless payment was received with application) or the delivery interval provided will not commence until such time as AT&T-13STATE has received such response and payment. If the Collocator has not provided AT&T-13STATE such response and payment by the twelfth (12) calendar day after the date AT&T-13STATE notified Collocator its request has been granted, the application will be canceled. Dedicated Space is not reserved until AT&T-13STATE's receipt of the confirmatory response in writing from the Collocator with applicable fees.

21.5.3 The delivery interval for Caged or Cageless Physical Collocation is determined by AT&T-13STATE taking into consideration the various factors set forth in Table 1 below including, without limitation, the number of all Physical Collocation Applications submitted by Collocator, the type of Dedicated Space available for collocation, and the need for additional preparation of the space such as overhead racking, additional power or HVAC.

21.5.3.1 The delivery interval assigned will be provided to the Collocator by AT&T-13STATE with the ten (10) calendar day space notification. Each complete and accurate Physical Collocation Application received by AT&T-13STATE from the Collocator will be processed in the order received unless the Collocator provides a priority list, whichever is applicable.

Number of All Applications submitted by One Collocator per state or metering region	Overhead Iron/Racking Exists for Active Collocation Space Use	Overhead Iron/Racking Does Not Exist for Active Collocation Space Use	Additional Power or HVAC is not Required for the assigned Inactive Collocation Space Use	Additional Power or HVAC is Required for the assigned Inactive Collocation Space Use
1 - 10	60 calendar days	80 calendar days	140 calendar days	180 calendar days
11 – 20	65 calendar days	85 calendar days	145 calendar days	185 calendar days

21.5.3.2 Should the Collocator submit twenty-one (21) or more applications within ten (10) business days, the above delivery intervals will be increased by five (5) days for every five

(5) additional applications or fraction thereof. Any material revision to an application will be treated as a new application and will be subject to the time intervals set forth above. For example, but not by way of limitation, if a Collocator submits twelve (12) Caged/Cageless Physical Collocation Applications in a state, the delivery intervals assigned by AT&T-13STATE will depend on which variables apply within each Eligible Structure Physical Collocation is requested.

21.5.3.3 If Applications (1-4) are for Physical Collocation Space where Active Collocation Space is available and overhead iron/racking exists, the delivery intervals assigned will be sixty (60) days. If Applications (5-6) are for Physical Collocation Space and only Inactive Collocation Space exists and additional power or HVAC is not required, the delivery interval assigned will be one hundred forty (140) calendar days. If Applications (7-12) are for Physical Collocation Space where Active Collocation Space is available and overhead iron/racking does not exist, the delivery intervals assigned to Applications (7-10) will be eighty (80) calendar days and for Applications (11-12) will be assigned eighty-five (85) calendar days.

21.5.4 The second fifty percent (50%) payment must be received by AT&T-13STATE prior to the space being turned over to the Collocator. At space turnover, the Actual Point of Termination (APOT) Connection(s) will be provided to the Collocator by AT&T-13STATE.

21.5.5 For the following Augments, the Collocator must submit a complete and accurate Physical Collocation Application, along with an up-front payment of the Planning Fee and fifty percent (50%) of all applicable non-recurring charges.

- 168 DS1 connections and/or
- 48 DS3 connections and/or
- 400 Copper shielded cable pair connections
- 12 fiber pair connections

21.5.5.1 Applications (except requests for Adjacent Structure Collocation) received by AT&T-13STATE from a Collocator within a ten (10) business day period shall be treated as submitted at the same time for purposes of administering the above intervals. The Caged and Cageless Collocation delivery interval ends when roughed in and the assigned space has been distinctly marked by AT&T-13STATE.

21.5.5.2 The delivery interval for the above Augments is determined by AT&T-13STATE taking into consideration the various factors set forth in Table 2 below including, without limitation, the number of all Physical Collocation Applications for the above Augments submitted by Collocator, the type of infrastructure available for collocation, and the need for additional preparation of the infrastructure such as overhead iron/racking and additional power.

21.5.5.3 The delivery interval assigned will be provided to the Collocator by AT&T-13STATE with the ten (10) calendar day Augment notification. Each complete and accurate Physical Collocation Application received by AT&T-13STATE from the Collocator will be processed in the order received unless the Collocator provides a priority list, whichever is applicable.

Table 2

Number of All Applications submitted by One Collocator per state or metering region	Necessary Elements such as Iron/Racking and Power exist for Physical Collocation Use	Necessary Elements such as Iron/Racking and Power does not exist for Physical Collocation Use
1 – 10	30 calendar days	60 calendar days
11- 20	35 calendar days	65 calendar days

21.5.5.4 Should the Collocator submit twenty-one (21) or more Physical Collocation Applications for cabling Augments within ten (10) business days, the above delivery intervals will be increased by five (5) days for every five (5) additional applications or fraction thereof. Any material revision to a Physical Collocation Application for cabling Augments will be treated as a new application and will be subject to the delivery intervals set forth in Table 2 above. All applications received by AT&T-13STATE from a Collocator within a ten (10) business day period shall be treated as submitted at the same time for purposes of administering the above staggering intervals.

For example, but not by way of limitation, if a Collocator submits twelve (12) Physical Collocation Applications for cabling Augments in a state, the delivery intervals assigned will depend on which variables apply within each Eligible Structure requested:

- If Applications (1-4) are for Physical Collocation cabling Augments where necessary elements such as overhead iron/racking and power exists, the delivery interval assigned will be thirty (30) days. If Applications (5-12) are for Physical Collocation where necessary elements such as overhead iron/racking and power does not exist, the delivery interval assigned to Applications (5-10) will be sixty (60) calendar days and for Applications (11-12) sixty-five (65) calendar days.

21.5.6 For all Augments other than provided above, AT&T-13STATE will work cooperatively with Collocator to negotiate a mutually agreeable delivery interval.

21.5.7 Within twenty (20) calendar days or mutually agreed upon time, from AT&T-13STATE's receipt of the confirmatory response in writing for an initial collocation arrangement to continue construction on the Physical Collocation job requested along with the fifty percent (50%) payment of non-recurring charges (unless payment was received with application), Network Support and/or appropriate departments will schedule a walk through visit with the telecommunications carrier and/or vendor to provide floor plans of space and the preliminary route design for the interconnection and power cabling.

21.6 Rates Elements for AT&T-13STATE Central Offices

21.6.1 Caged Collocation

21.6.1.1 When Collocator constructs its own cage and related equipment, the Collocator will be subject to the AC Circuit Placement charge, which includes four inch (4") conduit and wiring from the electrical panel to cage as set forth in the Collocation Rate Summary. This is expressed as a non-recurring charge per square foot of floor space requested.

21.6.2 DC Power Arrangement Provisioning

21.6.2.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install its power cable by a AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor, only the rack occupancy and on-going maintenance of the rack charge will apply. The Collocator will not be permitted access to AT&T-13STATE Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB) or Power Plant Primary Distribution, but AT&T-13STATE Approved Power Installation Vendor will have access. Rates for extension of power cables to the Adjacent On-site structure will not apply when provided and installed by telecommunications carriers AT&T-13STATE Approved Vendor. This is expressed as a monthly rate as specified the Collocation Rate Summary.

21.6.3 Entrance Fiber Optic Cable Arrangement

21.6.3.1 The Collocator is responsible for bringing its facilities to the entrance manhole(s) designated by AT&T-13STATE, and leaving sufficient length of the cable in the manhole for AT&T-13STATE to fully extend the Collocator-provided facilities through the cable vault to the Dedicated Space.

21.6.4 DS0 Voice Grade Interconnection Cable Arrangement

21.6.4.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install its interconnection cabling by an AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Vendor, the Voice Grade Terminal blocks at the MDF, rack occupancy, and on-going maintenance charges will apply. The Collocator will not be permitted access to the Main Distribution Frame, but AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor will have access. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified in the Collocation Rate Summary.

21.6.5 DS-1 Interconnection Cable Arrangement to DCS

21.6.5.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor, the DS-1 Port, rack occupancy, and on-going maintenance charges will apply. The Collocator will not be permitted access to the Main Distribution Frame, but AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor will have access. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified in the Collocation Rate Summary.

21.6.6 DS-1 Interconnection Cable Arrangement to DSX

21.6.6.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor, the DSX at the MDF, rack occupancy, and on-going maintenance charges will apply. The Collocator will not be permitted access to the Main Distribution Frame, but AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor will have access. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified in the Collocation Rate Summary.

21.6.7 DS-3 Interconnection Cable Arrangement to DCS

21.6.7.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor, the DS-3 Port, rack occupancy, and on-going maintenance charges will apply. The Collocator will not be permitted access to the Main Distribution Frame, but AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor will have access. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified in the Collocation Rate Summary.

21.6.8 DS-3 Interconnection Cable Arrangement to DSX

21.6.8.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor, the DSX at the MDF, rack occupancy, and on-going maintenance charges will apply. The Collocator will not be permitted access to the Main Distribution Frame, but AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor will have access. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified in the Collocation Rate Summary.

21.6.9 Fiber Interconnection Cable Arrangement

21.6.9.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor, the Fiber terminating panel at the FDF-1 Port, rack occupancy, and on-going maintenance charges will apply. The Collocator will not be permitted access to the Main Distribution Frame, but AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor will have access. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified in the Collocation Rate Summary.

21.6.10 Collocation to Collocation Connection

21.6.10.1 This rate element includes physical to physical, and physical to virtual connection options.

21.6.10.1.1 Fiber Cable (12 Fiber Pairs)

21.6.10.1.1.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor, the charge for on-going maintenance of the rack will apply. This is expressed as a monthly rate as specified in the Collocation Rate Summary.

21.6.10.1.2 Copper Cable

21.6.10.1.2.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor, the charge for on-going maintenance of the rack will apply. This is expressed as a monthly rate as specified in the Collocation Rate Summary.

21.6.10.1.3 Coax Cable

21.6.10.1.3.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by AT&T-13STATE Approved Tier 1 Installation Vendor, the charge for on-going maintenance will apply. This is expressed as a monthly rate as specified in the Collocation Rate Summary.

21.6.10.1.4 Cable Racking and Hole

21.6.10.1.4.1 This sub-element provides for cable rack space and hole for copper, coax and optical cabling between two (2) collocation arrangements and the required terminations at each virtual collocation arrangement(s) at an Eligible Structure. This sub-element is expressed as a monthly rate specified in the Collocation Rate Summary.

21.6.10.1.5 Route Design

21.6.10.1.5.1 This sub-element provides the route design for collocation-to-collocation connections. This sub-element is expressed as a non-recurring charge and this charge is specific in the Collocation Rate Summary.

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APPENDIX VIRTUAL COLLOCATION

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- 1.1 This Section of the Appendix provides for Virtual Collocation for the purpose of interconnecting to AT&T-13STATE for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service and Exchange Access pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251 (c)(2), and for access to AT&T-13STATE's Lawful Unbundled Network Elements ("Lawful UNEs") pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3) of the Act when the virtually collocated telecommunications equipment (hereafter referred to as equipment) is provided by the Collocator.
- 1.2 The Parties intend that this Appendix contain the sole and exclusive terms and conditions by which CLEC will obtain Virtual Collocation from AT&T-13STATE pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(6). Except as may be specifically permitted by this Appendix, and then only to the extent permitted, CLEC and its affiliated entities hereby fully and irrevocably waive any right or ability any of them might have to purchase Virtual Collocation directly from any AT&T-13STATE tariff, and agree not to so purchase or attempt to so purchase from any AT&T-13STATE tariff that provides for 251(c)(6) Virtual Collocation. Without affecting the application or interpretation of any other provisions regarding waiver, estoppel, laches, or similar concepts in other situations, the failure of AT&T-13STATE to enforce the foregoing (including if AT&T-13STATE fails to reject or otherwise block applications for, or provides or continues to provide, 251(c)(6) Virtual Collocation under tariff to CLEC or any of its affiliated entities) shall not act as a waiver of any part of this Section, and estoppel, laches, or other similar concepts shall not act to affect any rights or requirements hereunder. At its option, AT&T-13STATE may either reject any application or order for 251(c)(6) Virtual Collocation submitted under tariff, or without the need for any further contact with or consent from CLEC, AT&T-13STATE may process any order for any 251(c)(6) Virtual Collocation submitted under tariff, as being submitted under this Appendix and, further, may convert any 251(c)(6) Virtual Collocation provided under tariff, to this Appendix, effective as of the later in time of the (i) Effective Date of this Agreement/Amendment, or (ii) the submission of the order by CLEC.
- 1.3 Upon request from a Collocator, AT&T-13STATE will provide one of the following maintenance alternates for its Virtual Collocation offering:
 - 1.3.1 In all of AT&T-13STATE's premises, AT&T-13STATE will offer Virtual Collocation wherein AT&T-13STATE maintains and repairs the virtually collocated equipment consistent with the rates, terms and conditions as provided for in Sections 1 through 17 of this Appendix.
 - 1.3.2 In Controlled Environmental Vault (CEV), huts and cabinets where Physical Collocation space is not available, a Collocator may opt for Virtual Collocation wherein the Collocator maintains and repairs the virtually collocated equipment as described in Section 17 following and consistent with the rates, terms and conditions as provided for throughout this entire Appendix. AT&T-13STATE may at its option, elect to offer this maintenance alternative in one or more of its Central Offices, and in one or more of its CEVs, huts and cabinets where Physical Collocation space is available. As described in Section 17, this maintenance alternative is contingent on the provision of a security escort paid for by the Collocator. In the event the FCC determines that AT&T-13STATE may not require a security escort paid for by the Collocator, then this Virtual Collocation maintenance alternative as described in this Section and in Section 17 is null and void and all Virtual Collocation will be maintained as described in Section 1 above.
- 1.4 Virtual Collocation in the Central Office is available for interconnection with AT&T-13STATE for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service and Exchange Access as well as AT&T-13STATE provided Lawful UNEs. Virtual Collocation in CEVs, huts and cabinets is available for interconnection with AT&T-13STATE provided UNEs.
- 1.5 Rates for the individual Lawful UNEs to which the Collocator wants to gain access using Virtual Collocation can be found in the Collocator's Agreement with AT&T-13STATE.

- 1.6 A description of the rate categories applicable to Virtual Collocation for the purpose of interconnecting to AT&T-13STATE within AT&T-13STATE's Central Offices is contained in Section 12 (Rate Regulations). A description of the rate categories applicable to Virtual Collocation for the purpose of interconnecting to AT&T-13STATE within AT&T-13STATE's CEVs, huts and cabinets is contained in 19.36.2 (Rate Elements for AT&T-13STATE CEVs, huts and cabinets).
- 1.7 Virtual Collocation provides for Interconnection to AT&T-13STATE for the Transmission and Routing of Telephone Exchange Service and Exchange Access, and for Interconnection with AT&T-13STATE provided Lawful UNEs when the Equipment is Provided by the Collocator.
- 1.8 Virtual Collocation provides for interconnection between AT&T-13STATE and the facilities of a virtual Collocator and is available for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service and Exchange Access in AT&T-13STATE Central Offices and for interconnection with AT&T-13STATE provided Lawful UNEs in AT&T-13STATE Central Offices and CEVs, huts and cabinets.
- 1.9 Virtual Collocation is available at AT&T-13STATE wire centers as specified in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., tariff F.C.C. No. 4 and in AT&T-13STATE CEVs, huts and cabinets. Upon request, AT&T-13STATE will provide a listing of locations of AT&T-13STATE's CEVs, huts or Cabinets.
- 1.10 The rate elements provided in this Appendix are required when Collocator uses Virtual Collocation equipment to access Lawful UNEs. Such access is provided through cross connects purchased from the Agreement. Lawful UNEs including associated cross connects are obtained from the Agreement between the Collocator and AT&T-13STATE. Cross connects associated with Lawful UNEs establish the circuit between the virtually collocated equipment, and these cross connects are the point at which services provided and purchased from the Agreement begin. Virtually collocated equipment is available as follows:
 - 1.10.1 A Collocator shall purchase from the vendor the equipment to be virtually collocated subject to the provisions as set forth below and the equipment conforming to industry safety standards as described in AT&T-13STATE's Technical Publication <https://clec.att.com/clec/>.
 - 1.10.2 In accordance with Section 251(c)(6) of the Act, the Collocator may collocate equipment for Virtual Collocation if such equipment is necessary for interconnection to AT&T-13STATE under 47.U.S.C. § 251(c)(2) or accessing AT&T-13STATE's Lawful UNEs under 47.U.S.C. § 251(c)(3) of the FTA 96. For purposes of this Section, "necessary" means directly related to and thus necessary, required, or indispensable to interconnection or access to Lawful UNEs. Such uses are limited to interconnection to AT&T-13STATE's network "for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service or Exchange Access," or for access to AT&T-13STATE's Lawful UNEs "for the provision of a telecommunications service."
 - 1.10.3 Equipment that may be collocated solely for these purposes includes: (1) transmission equipment including, but not limited to, optical terminating equipment and multiplexers; and (2) equipment being collocated to terminate basic transmission facilities pursuant to sections 64.1401 and 64.1402 of 47 C.F.R. (Expanded Interconnection) as of August 1, 1996. AT&T-13STATE is not required nor shall it permit the collocation of stand-alone switches or enhanced services equipment.
 - 1.10.4 In addition, AT&T-13STATE voluntarily permits Collocator collocation of certain Multifunctional Equipment included in the definition of "advanced services equipment" in section 1.3.d of the AT&T/Ameritech Merger Conditions. Under the AT&T/Ameritech Merger Condition, "advanced services equipment" is defined as follows: "(1) DSLAMs or functionally equivalent equipment; (2) spectrum splitters that are used solely in the provision of Advanced Services; (3) packet switches and multiplexers such as ATMs and Frame Relay engines used to provide Advanced Services; (4) modems used in the provision of packetized data; and (5) DACS frames used only in the provision of Advanced Services. Spectrum splitters (or the equivalent functionality) used to separate the voice grade channel from the Advanced Services channel shall not be

considered Advanced Services Equipment; any such splitters installed after the Merger Closing Date that are located at the Collocator premises shall be considered network terminating equipment."

- 1.10.5 AT&T-13STATE does not allow collocation of other Multifunctional Equipment, except that AT&T-13STATE will voluntarily allow collocation of REMOTE SWITCH MODULE (RSM) solely under the following conditions: (1) the REMOTE SWITCH MODULE (RSM) may not be used as a stand-alone switch; it must report back to and be controlled by a Collocator identified host switch and direct trunking to the REMOTE SWITCH MODULE (RSM) will not be permitted; (2) the REMOTE SWITCH MODULE (RSM) equipment must be used only for the purpose of interconnection with AT&T-13STATE's network for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service or Exchange Access or for access to AT&T-13STATE's Lawful UNEs for the provision of a telecommunications service. AT&T-13STATE voluntarily will allow Collocator to collocate, on a non-discriminatory basis, other multi-functional equipment only if AT&T-13STATE and Collocator mutually agree to such collocation.
- 1.10.6 For purposes of this Section, "Multifunctional Equipment" means equipment that has (1) functions that make the equipment "necessary for interconnection or access to Lawful UNEs" and (2) additional functions that are not "necessary" for these purposes. Such additional functions include, but are not limited to, switching and enhanced service functions. AT&T-13STATE will not allow collocation of stand-alone switching equipment or any enhanced services equipment.
- 1.10.7 AT&T-13STATE voluntarily allows Collocator to place ancillary equipment, including cross-connect and other simple frames, routers, portable test equipment, equipment racks and bays, and other ancillary equipment on a non-discriminatory basis only if AT&T-13STATE and Collocator mutually agree to such placement, in AT&T-13STATE's premises solely to support and be used with equipment that the Collocator has legitimately collocated in the same premises.
- 1.10.8 Pending the FCC's reasonably timely remand proceedings in accordance with the Court's Opinion in GTE Service Corporation v. FCC, No. 99-1176, 2000 U.S. App. LEXIS 4111 (D.C. Cir. March 17, 2000) ("GTE Opinion"), AT&T-13STATE voluntarily will not disturb (1) equipment and (2) connection arrangements between different Collocators' equipment in an AT&T-13STATE Eligible Premises, that prior to the May 11, 2000, effective date of the GTE Opinion, were (1) in place in AT&T-13STATE or (2) requested by Collocator and accepted by AT&T-13STATE on the same basis as under the FCC's original, pre-vacated Collocation Order (Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability, CC Docket No. 98-147, First Report and Order (FCC 99-48), 14 FCC Rcd 4761 (1999)). AT&T-13STATE's agreement not to disturb these collocation arrangements pending timely completion of the remand proceedings will immediately expire if a federal or state court or regulatory agency attempts to apply any of the most favored nation provisions of the Act, of any state Merger Conditions, or of the FCC AT&T/Ameritech Merger Conditions to such arrangements or deems such arrangements to be discriminatory vis-à-vis other carriers.
- 1.10.9 All types of network equipment placed in AT&T-13STATE network equipment areas of Eligible Structures by AT&T-13STATE or Collocator must meet AT&T-13STATE minimum safety standards. The minimum safety standards are as follows: (1) Collocator's equipment must meet Telcordia Level 1 safety requirements as set forth in Telcordia documents SR-3580 and GR-63-CORE, Network Equipment Building Systems (NEBS); or, (2) Collocator must demonstrate that its equipment has a history of safe operation defined by installation in an ILEC (including AT&T-13STATE) prior to January 1, 1998 with no known history of safety problems. The Collocator will be expected to conform to the same accepted procedures and standards utilized by including AT&T-13STATE and its contractors when engineering and installing equipment.

- 1.10.10 In the event that AT&T-13STATE denied Collocation of Collocator's equipment, citing Safety Standards, AT&T-13STATE will provide within five (5) business days of Collocator's written request to AT&T-13STATE representative(s), a list of AT&T-13STATE equipment placed since January 1, 1998 within the network areas of the Eligible Premise for which Collocation was denied together with an affidavit attesting that all of such AT&T-13STATE equipment met or exceeded the then current Safety Standards when such equipment was placed in the Eligible Premise.
- 1.10.11 In the event AT&T-13STATE believes that collocated equipment is not necessary for interconnection or access to Lawful UNEs or determines that the Collocator's equipment does not meet the minimum safety standards, the Collocator must not collocate the equipment unless and until the dispute is resolved in its favor. The Collocator will be given ten (10) business days to comply with the requirements and/or remove the equipment from the collocation space if the equipment already improperly was collocated. If the Parties do not resolve the dispute pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures set forth in the Agreement, AT&T-13STATE or Collocator may file a complaint at the Commission seeking a formal resolution of the dispute. If it is determined that the Collocator's equipment does not meet the minimum safety standards above, the Collocator must not collocate the equipment and will be responsible for removal of the equipment and all resulting damages if the equipment already was collocated improperly.
- 1.10.12 Regarding safety, Collocator equipment or operating practices representing a significant demonstrable technical or physical threat to AT&T-13STATE's personnel, network or facilities, including the Eligible Structure, or those of others are strictly prohibited. Regarding safety, and notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the characteristics and methods of operation of any equipment or facilities placed in the Virtual Collocation space shall not create hazards for or cause damage to those facilities, the Virtual Collocation space, or the Eligible Structure in which the Virtual Collocation space is located; impair the privacy of any communications carried in, from, or through the Eligible Structure in which the Virtual Collocation space is located; or create hazards or cause physical harm to any individual or the public. Any of the foregoing would be in violation of this Appendix. Disputes regarding proper implementation of operating practices or technical standards may be resolved under the standards of Sections 1.12.3 of this Appendix.
- 1.11 A Collocator may arrange for a mutually agreed upon vendor/contractor to engineer and install the virtually collocated equipment the Collocator purchases and the Collocator may pay the vendor/contractor directly. The installation contractor and their activity will be under the direction and control of Collocator who will ensure that the installation contractor meets all standards and requirements for installation of equipment, as required under this Appendix. If AT&T-13STATE chooses to have its personnel present when the CLEC equipment is installed, then AT&T-13STATE's presence will be at its own expense. However, if AT&T-13STATE demonstrates that the CLEC contractor has or would have violated any standard or requirement for installation of equipment, as required under this Appendix, the CLEC is responsible for the quantifiable expense incurred by AT&T-13STATE.
- 1.12 Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act")
- 1.12.1 AT&T-13STATE provides Virtual Collocation for interconnection to AT&T-13STATE for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service and Exchange Access pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(2), and for access to AT&T-13STATE's Lawful UNEs pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3).
- 1.12.2 The use of Virtual Collocation for (1) interconnection to AT&T-13STATE or (2) access to AT&T-13STATE's Lawful UNEs, in either case pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c), is available at AT&T-13STATE wire centers as specified in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., tariff F.C.C. No. 4, and in AT&T-13STATE CEVs, huts and cabinets.

1.12.3 In addition, the following terms and conditions contained in the AT&T-13STATE's Physical Collocation Appendix shall apply to Virtual Collocation arrangements provided under this Appendix, and are incorporated herein by reference: Section 2-Definitions, Section 3-Limitation of Liability and Force Majeure Events, Section 4.5-Casualty Loss, Section 5.1- Certification, Section 5.5-Hazardous Waste & Materials, Section 5.6-Safety, Section 6.5-Cancellation Prior to Due Date, Section 6.6-Billing, Section 6.7- Late Payment Charge, Section 6.8- Allowance for Interruptions, Section 9.4-Threat to Personnel, Network, or Facilities, Section 9.5-Interference or Impairment, Section 9.7-Alterations, Section 11-Re-entry.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Act - "Act" means the Communications Act of 1934 [47 U.S.C. 153(R)], as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) codified throughout 47 U.S.C.
- 2.2 Active Collocation Space - Denotes the space within an Eligible Structure that can be designated for Physical Collocation which has sufficient telecommunications infrastructure systems, including power. Space within CEVs, huts and cabinets and similar Eligible Structures that can be designated for Physical Collocation is considered to be Active Collocation Space.
- 2.3 Adjacent Off-site Arrangement - Where Physical Collocation space within AT&T-13STATE Eligible Structure is Legitimately Exhausted, and the Collocator's Adjacent On-site space is not within 50 ft. of the Eligible Structure's outside perimeter wall, the Collocator has the option and AT&T-13STATE shall permit an Adjacent Structure Off-site Arrangement, to the extent technically feasible. The Adjacent Off-site Arrangement is available if the Collocator's site is located on a property that is contiguous to or within one standard city block of AT&T-13STATE's Central Office or Eligible Structure.
- 2.3.1 Such arrangement shall be used for interconnection or access to Lawful UNEs. When the Collocator elects to utilize an Adjacent Off-site Arrangement, the Collocator shall provide both the AC and DC power required to operate such facility. The Collocator may provide its own facilities to AT&T-13STATE's premises or to a mutually agreeable meet point from its Adjacent Off-site location for interconnection purposes. The Collocator may subscribe to facilities available in the UNE rate schedule of the Collocator's Agreement. The rates established in this Appendix for Adjacent Off-site Arrangement apply only if Collocator's Adjacent off-site Arrangement is located on a property that is contiguous to or within one standard city block of AT&T-13STATE's Central Office or Eligible Structure.
- 2.3.2 At the time the Collocator requests this arrangement, the Collocator must provide information as to the location of the Adjacent Off-site facility, the proposed method of interconnection, and the time frame needed to complete provisioning of the arrangement. AT&T-13STATE shall provide a response to Collocator within ten (10) days of receipt of the application, including a price quote, provisioning interval, and confirmation of the manner in which the Adjacent Off-site Facility will be interconnected with AT&T-13STATE's facilities. AT&T-13STATE shall make best efforts to meet the time intervals requested by Collocator and, if it cannot meet the Collocator's proposed deadline, shall provide detailed reasons, as well as proposed provisioning intervals.
- 2.3.3 In the event that interior space in an Eligible Structure becomes available, AT&T-13STATE will provide the option to the Collocator to relocate its equipment from an Adjacent or an Adjacent Off-site Facility into the interior space. In the event the Collocator chooses to relocate its equipment into the interior space, appropriate charges applicable for collocation within the Eligible Structure will apply.
- 2.4 Adjacent Structure - A Collocator-provided structure placed on AT&T-13STATE property (Adjacent On-site) or non-Company property (Adjacent Off-site) adjacent to an Eligible Structure. This arrangement is only permitted when space is legitimately exhausted inside the Eligible Structure and to the extent technically feasible. AT&T-13STATE and telecommunications carrier will mutually agree on

- the location of the designated space on AT&T-13STATE premises where the adjacent structure will be placed. AT&T-13STATE will not unreasonably withhold agreement as to the site desired by Collocator.
- 2.5 **Augment** - A request from a Collocator to add equipment and/or cable to an existing Physical Collocation arrangement.
- 2.6 **Custom Work Charge** - Denotes the charge(s) developed solely to meet the construction requirements of the Collocator, (e.g., painting a cage). Custom work may not be charged to Collocator for any work performed which will benefit or be used by AT&T-13STATE or other collocators. AT&T-13STATE also may not impose a Custom Work Charge without the Collocator's approval and agreement that the custom work is not included in the provision of collocation as provided for in the rate elements contained in this Appendix. In the event an agreement between the Collocator and AT&T-13STATE is not reached regarding the Custom Work Charge, AT&T-13STATE shall complete construction of the Collocator's space pending resolution of the issue by the appropriate Commission and the Collocator may withhold payment for the disputed charges while the issue remains unresolved; however, any disputed Custom Work Charges paid by the Collocator or owed to AT&T-13STATE shall accrue interest at the rate established by the appropriate Commission. All Custom Work Charges that are approved by the appropriate Commission will be the basis for calculating a refund to a Collocator that has overpaid or the amount due to AT&T-13STATE that was not paid or underpaid. These overpaid or underpaid amounts will accrue at the above-stated interest rate on a monthly basis from the date of completion of the work or the date of payment of the disputed amount, as appropriate. In the event that the requested work will benefit all or most collocators, such work shall not be considered custom work; instead, AT&T-13STATE shall file the appropriate interconnection agreement amendment. However, AT&T-13STATE shall not delay completion of such work during the agreement approval process. AT&T-13STATE shall perform such work based upon provisional rates, subject to true up.
- 2.7 **Day** - For purposes of application and/or installation intervals, "day" denotes calendar days unless otherwise specified. However, any time period equal to or less than five days, day denotes business day.
- 2.8 **Dedicated Space** - Denotes the space dedicated for the Collocator's Physical Collocation arrangement located in AT&T-13STATE Eligible Structure.
- 2.9 **Eligible Structure** - Eligible Structure refers to AT&T-13STATE's Central Offices and serving wire centers, as well as all buildings or similar structures owned or leased by AT&T-13STATE that house its network facilities, and all structures that house AT&T-13STATE's facilities on public rights-of-way, including but not limited to vaults containing loop concentrators or similar structures.
- 2.10 **Infrastructure Systems** - The structural components, such as floors capable of supporting equipment loads, heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, electrical systems, power, high efficiency filtration, humidity controls, remote alarms, compartmentation and smoke purge.
- 2.11 **Legitimately Exhausted** - Denotes when all space in a Central Office (CO) or other Eligible Structure that can be used to locate telecommunications equipment in any of the methods of collocation available under this Appendix is exhausted or completely occupied. Before AT&T-13STATE may make a determination that space in an Eligible Structure is legitimately exhausted, AT&T-13STATE must have removed all unused obsolete equipment from the Eligible Structure and made such space available for collocation; however, removal of the equipment shall not cause a delay in AT&T-13STATE's response to a Collocator's application or in provisioning collocation arrangements. The determination of exhaustion is subject to dispute resolution as provided in Appendix General Terms & Conditions, Section 10. In making this determination, AT&T-13STATE may reserve space for transport equipment for current year plus two years. Additionally, AT&T-13STATE may not reserve space for equipment for itself, or advanced or interLATA services affiliates or other affiliates of AT&T-13STATE or for future use by AT&T-13STATE or its affiliates under conditions that are more favorable than those that apply to other telecommunications carriers seeking to reserve collocation space for their own use. AT&T-13STATE may reserve space for Switching, Power, Main Distribution Frame (MDF), and Digital Cross

Connect System (DCS)) up to anticipated Collocator growth over a 10-year life expectancy of the ultimate footprint of the equipment.

- 2.12 Other (Inactive) Collocation Space - Denotes the space within the Central Office that can be designated for Physical Collocation where infrastructure systems do not currently exist and must be constructed. The designation of Other (Inactive) Collocation Space is applicable to space within Central Offices only; other Eligible Structures such as CEVs, huts, and vaults are considered Active Collocation Space for purposes of this Appendix.
- 2.13 Preparation Charges - Denotes those charges associated with the initial preparation of the Collocator's Dedicated Space.
- 2.14 Technically Feasible - A collocation arrangement is technically feasible if, in accordance with either national standards or industry practice, there is no significant technical impediment to its establishment. A rebuttable presumption that a collocation arrangement is technically feasible shall arise if the arrangement has been deployed by any incumbent local exchange carrier in the country.
- 2.15 Telecommunications Infrastructure Space - Denotes the square footage or linear footage of space, including common areas, used to house telecommunications infrastructure equipment necessary to support collocation space used for interconnection with or access to Lawful UNEs of AT&T-13STATE's network.

3. PROVISIONING

- 3.1 Virtual Collocation for Interconnection to AT&T-13STATE or access to AT&T-13STATE provided Lawful UNEs is ordered as set forth in AT&T-13STATE's Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook at <https://clec.att.com/clec/> for Virtual Collocation in 13-STATES. AT&T-13STATE will designate the location or locations within its wire centers, CEVs, huts and cabinets for the placement of all equipment and facilities associated with Virtual Collocation. Virtual Collocation does not involve the reservation of segregated Central Office or CEV, hut and Cabinet space for the use of Collocator.
- 3.2 AT&T-13STATE will provide Virtual Collocation for comparable equipment as it provides to itself in the Central Office, wire center, CEV, hut or Cabinet, as the case may be.

4. COLLOCATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 The Collocator will provide, under this Section of this Appendix, at its expense, all facilities and equipment required to facilitate interconnection and access to AT&T-13STATE's Lawful UNEs. The Collocator will, at its expense, provide the following:
 - 4.1.1 All plug-ins and/or circuit packs (working, spare, and replacements),
 - 4.1.2 All unique tools and test equipment,
 - 4.1.3 Any ancillary equipment and cabling used for remote monitoring and control,
 - 4.1.4 Any technical publications and updates associated with all Collocator-owned and provided equipment,
 - 4.1.5 All training as described in Section 12.4.16.
- 4.2 The Collocator will provide, at its expense, replacements for any recalled, obsolete, defective or damaged facilities, equipment, plug-ins, circuit packs, unique tools, test equipment, or any other item or material provided by the Collocator for placement in/on AT&T-13STATE property. Suitable replacements are to be immediately provided to AT&T-13STATE to restore equipment.
- 4.3 The Collocator will provide at least the minimum number of usable equipment spares specified by the manufacturer. Replacements must be delivered to AT&T-13STATE Central Office using the equipment spare within five (5) days of notification that a spare was used or tested defective.

5. COOPERATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 AT&T-13STATE will work cooperatively with the Collocator to develop implementation plans including timelines associated with:
- 5.1.1 Placement of Collocator's fiber into the Central Office vault,
 - 5.1.2 Location and completion of all splicing,
 - 5.1.3 Completion of installation of equipment and facilities,
 - 5.1.4 Removal of above facilities and equipment,
 - 5.1.5 To the extent known, the Collocator can provide forecasted information to AT&T-13STATE on anticipated additional Virtual Collocation requirements,
 - 5.1.6 To the extent known, the Collocator is encouraged to provide AT&T-13STATE with a listing of the equipment types that they plan to virtually collocate in AT&T-13STATE's Central Offices or CEVs, huts and cabinets. This cooperative effort will insure that AT&T-13STATE personnel are properly trained on Collocator equipment.

6. INTERVALS AND PROVISIONING

- 6.1 Quote Intervals
- 6.1.1 Upon receipt of the Collocator's application and initial Planning Fee payment, AT&T-13STATE will begin development of the quotation. AT&T-13STATE will notify the Collocator as to whether its request for a Virtual Collocation arrangement has been granted or denied due to a lack of interconnection facilities or space within ten (10) calendar days of submission of the completed application.
 - 6.1.2 In responding to an application request, AT&T-13STATE shall provide the quotation of the applicable nonrecurring and recurring rates, and the estimated construction interval no later than as specified below. The Collocator has forty-five (45) calendar days from receipt of the quotation to accept the quotation. The quotation expires after forty-five (45) calendar days. After forty-five (45) calendar days, a new application and Planning Fee are required.
 - 6.1.3 Price quote intervals are as follows and will run concurrent with the ten (10) calendar day notification interval for availability of Virtual Collocation interconnection:

Number of Applications By One Collocator	Quotations Interval
1 - 5	10 Calendar Days
6 - 10	15 Calendar Days
11 - 15	20 Calendar Days
16 - 20	25 Calendar Days

- 6.1.4 Should the Collocator submit twenty-one (21) or more applications within five (5) business days, the quotation interval will be increased by five (5) business days for every five (5) additional applications or fraction thereof. Any material revision to an application will be treated as a new application and will be subject to the time intervals set forth above.
- 6.1.5 A Collocator may obtain a shorter quote interval by scheduling a meeting with AT&T-13STATE at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to submission of the first application to discuss, coordinate and prioritize the Collocator applications.
- 6.1.6 Once AT&T-13STATE has completed its review of the Virtual Collocation application form inquiry, the entire completed quote package will be forwarded to the potential Collocator in writing with a cover letter. The Collocator has forty-five (45) calendar days to remit a signed confirmation form along with a check for fifty percent (50%) of all the applicable nonrecurring charges.

6.1.7 If the Collocator fails to respond within the forty-five (45) calendar day interval, should the Collocator decide at a later time to proceed with Virtual Collocation, a new application and Planning Fee will be required.

6.2 Implementation Intervals

6.2.1 A Virtual Collocation arrangement is not reserved until the quotation is accepted. When the quotation is accepted, unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the Parties in writing, AT&T-13STATE will allow the Collocator's vendor to begin equipment installation no later than ninety (90) calendar days from acceptance of the quotation. The Virtual Collocation interval ends when roughed in, unterminated DC power and interconnection cabling is provided to the Virtual Collocation area.

6.2.2 The construction intervals for Virtual Collocation arrangements are noted in Table 2-1. For Virtual Collocation in Active Collocation Space where the Collocator is requesting maximum DC Power of fifty (50) amps, either in a single or in multiple feeds of fifty (50) amps (maximum fifty (50) amps per feed), the Virtual Collocation construction intervals remain as stated below. For Virtual Collocation in Active Collocation Space where a Collocator is requesting DC Power that exceeds fifty (50) amps from a single source (e.g., 100 amps) per feed, the construction interval is ninety (90) calendar days. These same construction intervals apply for Virtual Collocation in Eligible Structures such as CEVs (Vaults), huts and cabinets.

6.2.3 When the quotation is accepted, unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the Parties in writing, the construction intervals for virtual are as follows:

Table 2-1

Type	Description	Interval	Exception
Virtual	Active Collocation space	90 calendar days	With <u>AT&T-13STATE</u> installation of bays/racks/frames
Virtual	Active Collocation space	90 calendar days	With CLEC installation of bays/racks/frames

6.2.4 Where space is not suitable for Central Office equipment (e.g., it is not Active collocation space), AT&T-13STATE shall have an additional thirty (30) calendar days to prepare the space. Virtual Collocation space is not reserved until the quotation is accepted.

6.2.5 When the quotation is accepted unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the Parties in writing, AT&T-13STATE will complete construction of Active Collocation Space requests for Virtual Collocation in ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of the Collocator's acceptance of the quotation where power is available and the Collocator is installing all of its own bays. The Virtual Collocation construction interval ends when roughed in, unterminated DC power and interconnection cabling is provided to the collocation area. AT&T-13STATE will complete construction of Active Collocation Space requests for Virtual Collocation in ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of the Collocator's acceptance of the quotation where AT&T-13STATE will be installing all or some of the bays. AT&T-13STATE considers power to be available if sufficient power plant capacity exists, the Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB) (if used) is within 100 feet of the Collocator's space and sufficient termination capacity on the power plant and/or Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB) exists.

6.2.6 If a completion date outside the time period required herein is not agreed to by the Parties and not resolved through the Agreement's dispute resolution procedures, the issue may be presented by either Party to the appropriate Commission for determination.

6.3 Installation of Virtual Collocation Equipment

- 6.3.1 AT&T-13STATE does not assume any responsibility for the design, engineering, testing, or performance of the end-to-end connection of the Collocator's equipment, arrangement, or facilities.
- 6.3.2 AT&T-13STATE will be responsible for using the same engineering practices as it does for its own similar equipment in determining the placement of equipment and engineering routes for all connecting cabling between collocation equipment.
- 6.3.3 In this arrangement, telecommunications equipment (hereafter referred to as equipment) is furnished by the Collocator and engineered and installed by a mutually agreed upon vendor for the Collocator. The Collocator will have the authority to select installation vendors. All installations of equipment will be in accordance with the Collocator-provided installation design and must comply with manufacturer's specifications and applicable published national standards approved by the FCC, and other governmental authorities that have jurisdiction.
- 6.3.4 The Collocator and AT&T-13STATE must jointly accept the installation of the equipment and facilities prior to the installation of any services using the equipment. As part of this acceptance, AT&T-13STATE will cooperatively test the collocated equipment and facilities with the Collocator.
- 6.3.5 AT&T-13STATE will provide a Telephone Inventory Record Keeping System (TIRKS) and/or SWITCH print out of Actual Point of Termination/Connection Facilities Assignment (APOT/CFA) to the CLEC at collocation space turnover. This information is used to request access and line sharing services. The CLEC is responsible for payment of all non-recurring charges, where applicable, prior to receiving APOT/CFA information.

6.4 Revisions

- 6.4.1 All Revisions to an initial request for a Virtual Collocation arrangement submitted by the Collocator must be in writing via a new application form.
- 6.4.1.1 Major Revisions include:
- adding telecommunications equipment that requires additional electrical power.
 - adding additional Collocator bays or equipment that impact the existing/proposed floor-space area provided to the Collocator in their quote package.
- 6.4.1.1.1 If the revision is major, a new interval for the Virtual Collocation arrangement will be established which shall not exceed two months.
- 6.4.1.2 Minor Revisions include:
- adding bays of equipment that do not significantly impact the existing/proposed electrical systems.
 - adding light fixtures and outlets which do not exceed the capacity of the existing/proposed electrical system.
 - adjustments to the heat release projection which do not cause a change in the proposed/existing mechanical system.
- 6.4.1.2.1 However, minor revisions will not require that a new interval be established. No additional Planning Fees shall be applicable if the revision is minor.
- 6.4.1.2.2 This list is not all-inclusive. Any revisions to the Collocator's application not specified above must be reviewed by AT&T-13STATE to determine whether the revision is major or minor.

6.5 Augments

- 6.5.1 In order to request an augment, the Collocator must submit a Virtual Collocation Application Form to AT&T-13STATE Collocation Service Center (CSC) indicating in Section 3 of the

application that this is an "Augmentation to an Existing Arrangement." The price quote will contain the charges and the construction interval for that application.

6.5.2 AT&T-13STATE will work cooperatively with Collocator to negotiate mutually agreeable implementation intervals for augments.

7. EQUIPMENT PROVISIONING

- 7.1 The Collocator will arrange to deliver to AT&T-13STATE Central Office where the equipment is located a reasonable number, as recommended by the manufacturer, of all appropriate plug-ins, circuit packs and cards and any other equipment, plus all necessary circuit design and provisioning information on an agreed-upon date which is no later than two (2) business days prior to the scheduled turn-up of the Collocator's equipment.
- 7.2 For the disconnection of circuits, the Collocator will provide all circuit information no later than two (2) business days prior to the scheduled disconnection of the Collocator's circuit.
- 7.3 AT&T-13STATE does not assume any responsibility for the design, engineering, testing, or performance of the end-to-end connection of the Collocator's circuits.

8. REPAIR OF EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 Except in emergency situations, the Collocator-owned fiber optic facilities and Central Office terminating equipment will be repaired only upon the request of the Collocator. In an emergency, AT&T-13STATE may perform necessary repairs without prior notification. The labor rates specified in Section 12.4.17 apply to AT&T-13STATE Central Offices and AT&T-13STATE CEVs, huts and cabinets and are applicable for all repairs performed by AT&T-13STATE on the Collocator's facilities and equipment.
- 8.2 When initiating repair requests on Collocator owned equipment, the Collocator must provide AT&T-13STATE with the location and identification of the equipment and a detailed description of the trouble.
- 8.3 Upon notification by the Collocator and availability of spare parts as provided by the Collocator, AT&T-13STATE will be responsible for repairing the Virtually Collocated equipment at the same standards that it repairs its own equipment.

9. MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 The Collocator will request any and all maintenance by AT&T-13STATE on its Virtually Collocated facilities or equipment. When initiating requests for maintenance on collocated equipment, the Collocator must provide AT&T-13STATE with the location and identification of the equipment and a detailed description of the maintenance requested.
- 9.2 Upon notification by the Collocator and availability of spare parts as provided by the Collocator, AT&T-13STATE will be responsible for maintaining the Virtually Collocated equipment at the same standards that it maintains its own equipment.

10. ALARM COLLECTION

- 10.1 The Collocator has the ability to purchase its own remote monitoring and alarming equipment.
- 10.2 Since the maintenance of the Collocator's equipment is at the direction and control of the Collocator, AT&T-13STATE will not be responsible for responding to alarms and will only conduct maintenance and repair activities at the direction of the Collocator.

11. TERMINATION OF VIRTUAL COLLOCATION

- 11.1 Upon termination of the Virtual Collocation arrangement, the Collocator will work cooperatively with AT&T-13STATE to remove the Collocator's equipment and facilities from AT&T-13STATE's property subject to the condition that the removal of such equipment can be accomplished without damaging or endangering other equipment located in the Central Office. AT&T-13STATE is not responsible for and

will not guarantee the condition of such equipment. The Collocator is responsible for arranging for and paying for the removal of virtually collocated equipment including all costs associated with equipment removal, packing and shipping. Arrangements for and the removal of the Collocator virtually collocated equipment must be made within thirty (30) business days after termination of the Virtual Collocation arrangement, unless a different time period is mutually agreed upon. AT&T-13STATE shall be responsible for exercising reasonable caution when removing virtually collocated equipment. AT&T-13STATE will only be responsible for damage done to such equipment caused by gross negligence on the part of AT&T-13STATE or its contractors during the removal process. However, Collocator will indemnify and hold AT&T-13STATE harmless for any damage done to virtually collocated equipment if AT&T-13STATE permits the Collocator to hire a contractor approved by AT&T-13STATE to remove virtually collocated equipment. Any equipment not removed in this time frame may be removed by AT&T-13STATE and stored in a non-Company location, at the expense of the Collocator. Upon termination of the Virtual Collocation, the Collocator must remove the fiber entrance cable used for the Virtual Collocation. If the entrance cable is not scheduled for removal within seven (7) days after removal of CLEC Virtual Collocation equipment, AT&T-13STATE may arrange for the removal, and the Collocator will be responsible for any charges incurred to remove the cable. AT&T-13STATE and the Collocator will cooperatively manage the removal process. The Collocator is only responsible for physically removing entrance cables housed in conduits or inner-ducts and will only be required to do so when AT&T-13STATE instructs the Collocator that such removal can be accomplished without damaging or endangering other cables contained in a common duct or other equipment residing in the Central Office.

12. RATE ELEMENTS (AT&T-13STATE DOES ALL WORK)

- 12.1 This Section contains specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply to Virtual Collocation for the purpose of interconnecting to AT&T-13STATE under section 251(c)(2) and for access to AT&T-13STATE provided Lawful UNEs under 251(c)(3), when the Collocator provides the equipment.
- 12.2 There are two types of rates and charges that apply to the various rate elements for Virtual Collocation. These are non-recurring charges and monthly recurring rates.
- 12.3 Rates and charges specific to Virtual Collocation for interconnection with AT&T-13STATE for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service and Exchange Access under section 251(c)(2), and for access to AT&T-13STATE provided Lawful UNEs under 251(c)(3) in AT&T-13STATE's Central Offices are set forth on Attachment 2 (Rates and Charges for AT&T-13STATE Central Offices). Rates and charges specific to Virtual Collocation for access to AT&T-13STATE provided Lawful UNEs in AT&T-13STATE CEVs, huts and cabinets are set forth on the Collocation Rate Summary (Rates and Charges for AT&T-13STATE CEVs, huts and cabinets).
- 12.4 Rate Elements for AT&T-13STATE Central Offices

Consistent with provisions in Section 6 of this Appendix, the following provides a list of the specific rate elements for Virtual Collocation for interconnection with AT&T-13STATE for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service and Exchange Access, and for access to AT&T-13STATE's provided Lawful UNEs to be used in conjunction with Virtual Collocation in AT&T-13STATE's Central Offices.

12.4.1 Planning Fee

- 12.4.1.1 The Planning Fee recovers AT&T-13STATE costs incurred to estimate the quotation of charges, project management costs, engineering costs, and other related planning activities for the Collocator's request for a Virtual Collocation arrangement. The Planning Fee also provides for AT&T-13STATE personnel to survey each requested location for availability of space for the placement of entrance cables as well as to determine floor space to physically place Collocator-designated equipment expressed as a non-recurring charge. The Planning Fee is applied on an initial and subsequent

basis. The initial charge will apply to the Collocator's request for a Virtual Collocation arrangement. The subsequent planning charge will apply to any additional interconnection or power arrangements. Charges for this sub-element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.2 Floor Space

12.4.2.1 This sub-element provides for the "occupancy" cost per bay framework associated with using the floor space in AT&T-13STATE's Central Offices expressed as a monthly rate. Charges for the sub-elements are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.3 Relay Rack (Optional)

12.4.3.1 This sub-element provides the cost per Standard Bay relay rack when provided by AT&T-13STATE expressed as a monthly rate. AT&T-13STATE's Standard Bay dimensions are 7' 0" high, and have a 23" interior width, 25" exterior width, and up to 15" deep. In those cases where an individual relay rack and associated floor space are shared by AT&T-13STATE and the Collocator or among Collocators, the floor space and relay rack associated will be apportioned on a quarter rack basis. When the standard bay relay rack is provided by the Collocator, this rate element will not apply. Charges for this element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.4 Common Systems Materials

12.4.4.1 This sub-element provides the infrastructure installation and maintenance of ironwork, racking, and lighting above the equipment bays. Charges for the sub-elements are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary. The common systems sub-element is distinct for standard and non-standard. In those cases where common systems materials for an individual relay rack and associated floor space are shared with the Collocator or among Collocators, the common systems materials for the floor space and relay rack associated will be apportioned on a quarter rack basis.

12.4.5 Real Estate

12.4.5.1 These rate elements provide for AT&T-13STATE to recover the costs associated with preparing the Eligible Structure for telecommunications equipment (Site Conditioning) and securing the space (Safety and Security).

12.4.5.2 Site Conditioning

12.4.5.2.1 Permits AT&T-13STATE to recover costs associated with preparing space within the Eligible Structure for telecommunications equipment. The nonrecurring charge for this sub-element is specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.5.3 Safety and Security

12.4.5.3.1 Permits AT&T-13STATE to recover costs associated with securing the telecommunications area used for Virtual Collocation. The nonrecurring charge for this sub-element is specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.6 Entrance Fiber Optic Arrangement

12.4.6.1 This sub-element provides for AT&T-13STATE pulling and splicing fiber cable between the manhole and cable vault, and the subsequent routing of fiber riser cable between the cable vault and Fiber Distribution Frame (FDF). (Note: virtually collocated equipment may also be connected to dedicated transport facilities provided as Lawful UNEs in lieu the entrance fiber. When Virtually Collocated Equipment is connected to dedicated transport facilities in lieu of the entrance fiber, the terms, conditions and charges for such dedicated transport facilities are pursuant to the Agreement. No recurring or non-recurring charges for dedicated transport facilities provided as used are

applicable pursuant to this Appendix). Charges for this rate element are on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.6.2 Entrance Conduit, per sheath

12.4.6.2.1 This sub-element represents any reinforced passage or opening in, on, under, over or through the ground between the first manhole and the cable vault through which the fiber optic cable is placed. Charges for this element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.7 DC Power Arrangement Provisioning

12.4.7.1 This sub-element is the cable and cable rack including support and fabrication material necessary to support the virtually collocated equipment expressed as a monthly rate for either 2-10 AMP feeds, 2-20 AMP feeds, 2-30 AMP feeds, 2-40 AMP feeds or 2-50 AMP feeds. Fuse panels necessary for terminating power feeds at the Collocator's equipment bay are provided by the Collocator. In the event that a Collocator requires a power arrangement that exceeds 50 AMPS from a single source, AT&T-13STATE will cooperatively work with the Collocator using comparable rate elements as the basis for such arrangements. Cable sizing is based on List 2 design loads. Charges for this sub-element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.8 DC Power Amperage Charge

12.4.8.1 DC Power per AMP

12.4.8.1.1 This is a monthly recurring charge which is determined by multiplying the per DC amp rate by the total amount of DC amps provided over one of the two power feeds ordered by the Collocator for its power arrangement. By way of example, where CLEC orders DC Power in a 20-amp increment, it will be considered to have ordered two 20-amp power feeds and AT&T will provision two (2) twenty (20) AMP DC power leads that have been fused (for a combined total of forty (40) AMPS), but AT&T shall only bill CLEC the monthly recurring charge applicable to DC Power for a total of twenty (20) AMPS. The DC power charge per amp consists of the use of: DC power plant, backup generator, batteries & rectifiers, Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB), associated hardware & cabling, and AC energy to convert to DC power. Charges for this sub-element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.8.2 Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

12.4.8.2.1 This sub-element consists of the elements necessary to provide HVAC within the Eligible Structure to the collocation arrangement and is based on the heat dissipation required for each 10 AMPS of DC Power. Charges for this sub-element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.8.3 Ground Cable Arrangement

12.4.8.3.1 The Ground Cable Arrangement is the cabling arrangement designed to provide grounding for equipment per frame expressed as a monthly rate. Separate Ground Cable Arrangements are required for Integrated and Isolated Ground Planes. Charges for this element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.9 DS0 Voice Grade Interconnection Cable Arrangement

12.4.9.1 This sub-element provides for the cost associated with providing DS0 voice grade (100 pairs) non-shielded or shielded between AT&T-13STATE's Distributing Frame and the virtually collocated equipment expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate. Charges for these sub-elements are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.10 DS-1 Interconnection Cable Arrangement to Digital Cross Connect System (DCS)

12.4.10.1 This sub-element provides for the cost associated with providing 28 DS-1 cabling arrangement between AT&T-13STATE's Digital Cross Connect System (DCS) functionality purchased from the Collocator's Agreement and the virtually collocated equipment expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate.

12.4.10.2 Charges for this sub-element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.11 DS-1 Interconnection Cable Arrangement to Digital System Cross-Connect Frame (DSX)

12.4.11.1 This sub-element provides for the cost associated with providing 28 DS-1 cabling arrangement between AT&T-13STATE's Digital System Cross-Connect Frame (DSX) functionality purchased from the Collocator's Agreement and the virtually collocated equipment expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate. Charges for this sub-element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.12 DS-3 Interconnection Cable Arrangement to Digital Cross Connect System (DCS)

12.4.12.1 This sub-element provides for the cost associated with providing one DS-3 cabling arrangement between AT&T-13STATE's Digital Cross Connect System (DCS) functionality purchased from the Collocator's Agreement and the virtually collocated equipment expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate. Charges for this sub-element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.13 DS-3 Interconnection Cable Arrangement to Digital System Cross-Connect Frame (DSX)

12.4.13.1 This sub-element provides for the cost associated with providing one DS-3 cabling arrangement between AT&T-13STATE's Digital System Cross-Connect Frame functionality purchased from the Collocator's Agreement and the virtually collocated equipment expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate. Charges for this sub-element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.14 Fiber Interconnection Cable Arrangement

12.4.14.1 This sub-element provides for the cost associated with providing 12 fibers pairs between AT&T-13STATE's FDF and the virtually collocated equipment expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate. Charges for this sub-element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.15 Timing Source Arrangement (Optional)

12.4.15.1 AT&T-13STATE provided single signal from AT&T-13STATE's timing source to provide synchronization between a Collocator's single network element and AT&T-13STATE's equipment expressed as a recurring and non-recurring rate. Charges for this sub-element, if requested by the Collocator are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.16 Training

12.4.16.1 AT&T-13STATE is responsible for determining when training is necessary and how many of AT&T-13STATE's employees require training to provide 24 hour a day, seven day a week coverage for the installation, maintenance and repair of Collocator's designated equipment not currently used in a wire center selected by the Collocator for Virtual Collocation. AT&T-13STATE will be limited to request training for four (4) of AT&T-13STATE's personnel per location, unless a different number is mutually agreed upon by AT&T-13STATE and Collocator.

12.4.16.2 The Collocator may have AT&T-13STATE arrange for the required training of AT&T-13STATE's personnel. The non-recurring charges applicable for training are listed on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.16.3 If AT&T-13STATE chooses not to coordinate the required training, the Collocator will assume the responsibility for providing the training. It is then the responsibility of the Collocator to:

12.4.16.3.1 arrange and pay to the supplier all costs for training sessions, including the cost of the trainer(s), transportation and lodging of such trainer(s), and required course material, and

12.4.16.3.2 arrange and pay to each individual supplier all costs associated with lodging and other than domestic transportation, such as airfare, required for AT&T-13STATE employee training.

12.4.16.3.3 arrange and pay all costs associated with AT&T-13STATE employee(s) attendance at the training, including lodging and other than local transportation, such as airfare, and employee(s) labor rate for time away from the job, required for AT&T-13STATE employee training.

12.4.16.4 AT&T-13STATE will work cooperatively with the Collocator to schedule AT&T-13STATE's personnel training time required for the installation, maintenance and repair of the Collocator's designated equipment. The Collocator will be assessed two hours of the technician additional labor charge for AT&T-13STATE's personnel time required to coordinate training activities with the Collocator. The Collocator will be responsible for reimbursement of applicable Company contractual compensation obligations for time spent as a result of the necessary training. All other charges, if applicable, specified in Collocation Rate Summary will be assessed to the Collocator.

12.4.17 Maintenance and Repair Labor Rates

12.4.17.1 Maintenance of Equipment

12.4.17.1.1 This rate element is a labor rate charged by AT&T-13STATE to the Collocator for ongoing maintenance of the Collocator's equipment. Any maintenance requirements will be initiated by the Collocator. Labor rates are based upon a 1/4 hour basis and are dependent upon day of week and time of day.

12.4.17.1.2 For purposes of this Appendix, normal weekday is defined as 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Non-recurring charges for this sub-element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.17.2 Repair of Equipment

12.4.17.2.1 This rate element is a labor rate charged by AT&T-13STATE to the Collocator for repair of the Collocator's equipment. All repair will be at the direction of the Collocator.

12.4.17.2.2 Labor rates are based upon a charge for Network Operations Center (NOC) personnel to take the trouble report, create a trouble ticket, and dispatch a technician. Labor rates for actual repair of the trouble are based upon a 1/4 hour basis and are dependent upon day of week and time of day.

12.4.17.2.3 For purposes of this Appendix, normal weekday is defined as 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Non-recurring charges for this sub-element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.18 Collocation-to-Collocation Connection

This rate element includes virtual-to-virtual, and virtual-to-physical connection options.

12.4.18.1 Fiber Cable (12 Fiber Pair)

12.4.18.1.1 This sub-element provides for direct cabling using fiber cable (12 fibers pairs) between two collocation arrangements at an Eligible Structure. This sub-element is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate and these charges are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.18.2 Copper Cable (28 DS1s)

12.4.18.2.1 This sub-element provides for direct cabling using copper cable (28 DS1s) between two collocation arrangements at an Eligible Structure. This sub-element is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate and these charges are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.18.3 Coax Cable (1 DS3)

12.4.18.3.1 This sub-element provides for direct cabling using coaxial cable (1 DS3) between two collocation arrangements at an Eligible Structure. This sub-element is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate and these charges are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.18.4 Cable Racking and Hole

12.4.18.4.1 This sub-element provides for cable rack space and hole for copper, coax and optical cabling between two collocation arrangements at an Eligible Structure. This sub-element is expressed as a monthly rate specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.18.5 Route Design

12.4.18.5.1 This sub-element provides the route design for collocation-to-collocation connections. This sub-element is expressed as a non-recurring charge and this charge is specific on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.19 Equipment Evaluation Cost

12.4.19.1 This rate element is a labor rate charged by AT&T-13STATE to the Collocator for evaluating the Collocator's equipment when not meeting Level 1 Safety requirements as set forth in Telcordia Network Equipment - Building Systems (NEBS). Charges for this element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.4.20 Test and Acceptance

12.4.20.1 This rate element is a labor rate charged by AT&T-13STATE to the Collocator for cooperative assisting the Collocator's approved vendor in testing and accepting the installed virtually collocated equipment. Charges for this element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.5 Rate Elements for AT&T-13STATE's CEVs, huts and cabinets

The following provides a list of the specific rate elements for Virtual Collocation for access to AT&T-13STATE's provided Lawful UNEs in AT&T-13STATE's CEVs, huts and cabinets.

12.5.1 Entrance Cable Fiber

12.5.1.1 This sub-element provides for the engineering of a point of appearance cable termination, preparation of work order drawings, postings of the work order and cable

data in the appropriate databases for inventory and provisioning purposes, excavation to expose existing subsurface facilities, pulling the Collocator-provided cable into the Eligible Structure, routing, securing and preparing the end for splicing or termination.

12.5.1.2 Charges for these sub-elements are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.5.2 Entrance Conduit

12.5.2.1 Any reinforced passage or opening placed for the Collocator provided facility in, on, under/over or through the ground between AT&T-13STATE CEV, hut, or Cabinet and the Collocator structure. Rates and charges are as found on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.5.3 DC Power Amperage Charge

12.5.3.1 This sub-element provides for the use of power in the hut, CEV, or cabinet based on the amount of mounting space that is used by the Collocator as measured in 2-inch increments. Charges for this sub-element are expressed as a recurring charge and can be found on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.5.4 24-Foot CEV

12.5.4.1 This sub-element provides for the use of mounting space within a 24-foot CEV. This element is expressed as a monthly rate. The charge for this sub-element is specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.5.5 16-Foot CEV

12.5.5.1 This sub-element provides for the use of mounting space within a 16-Foot CEV. This element is expressed as a monthly rate. The charge for this sub-element is specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.5.6 Maxi-Hut

12.5.6.1 This sub-element provides for the use of mounting space within a maxi-hut. This element is expressed as a monthly rate. The charge for this sub-element is specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.5.7 Mini-Hut

12.5.7.1 This sub-element provides for the use of mounting space within a mini-hut. This element is expressed as a monthly rate. The charge for this sub-element is specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.5.8 Large Cabinet

12.5.8.1 This sub-element provides for the use of mounting space within a Large Cabinet. This element is expressed as a monthly rate. The charge for this sub-element is specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.5.9 Medium Cabinet

12.5.9.1 This sub-element provides for the use of mounting space within a Medium Cabinet. This element is expressed as a monthly rate. The charge for this sub-element is specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.5.10 Small Cabinet

12.5.10.1 This sub-element provides for the use of mounting space within a Small Cabinet. This element is expressed as a monthly rate. The charge for this sub-element is specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

12.5.11 Project Coordination Fee

12.5.11.1 The project coordination fee provides for AT&T-13STATE personnel to survey each requested CEV, Hut and Cabinet for availability of space for placement of copper or

fiber cables as well as to determine space for any Collocator-designated equipment. This sub-element is expressed as a non-recurring charge and is specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

13. ALTERNATIVE VIRTUAL COLLOCATION ARRANGEMENT DESCRIPTION

- 13.1 Virtual Collocation wherein the Collocator maintains and repairs the virtually collocated equipment.
- 13.2 For purposes of virtually collocating equipment, AT&T-13STATE shall determine which Eligible Structures require access to CEVs, huts, or manholes containing concentrated cabling and other forms of equipment that requires drawings, schematics, or other engineering documents that aide in the prevention of accidental network outages. The drawings, schematics, or other engineering documents shall denote the location of the requesting Collocator's equipment and cabling without disclosing identity of equipment and cabling belonging to AT&T-13STATE and other Collocators.
- 13.3 After Collocator has been provided with written notification by AT&T-13STATE that access to CEVs, huts, or manholes containing concentrated cabling and other forms of equipment requires drawings, schematics, or other engineering documents that aide in the prevention of accidental network outages, Collocator may not enter an Eligible Structures without obtaining updated copies of drawings, schematics, or other engineering documents. Upon request, AT&T-13STATE shall immediately make available to Collocator those drawings, schematics, or other engineering documents that identify the location of the requesting Collocator's equipment and cabling. In the event the requested documents are not immediately available, AT&T-13STATE shall not prevent the Collocator from entering the Eligible Structure. If AT&T-13STATE does not immediately make the requested documents available to a Collocator and the Collocator enters the Eligible Structure, AT&T-13STATE shall deliver the requested documents to Collocator immediately upon locating same.
- 13.4 AT&T-13STATE will provide a security escort with the Collocator paying the expense for the escort. AT&T-13STATE will provide the security escort as soon as reasonably possible, or within the time frame agreed to by the Parties, at the time of notice. In the event the FCC determines that AT&T-13STATE may not require a security escort paid for by the Collocator, then this Virtual Collocation maintenance alternative as described in this Section and in Section 1.24 of this Appendix is null and void, and all Virtual Collocation will be maintained by AT&T-13STATE as described in Section 1.3 of this Appendix.
- 13.5 Prior to entering an Eligible Structure that requires drawings, schematics, or other engineering documents, Collocator must provide AT&T-13STATE with reasonable notice of the entry. Notice will be provided to AT&T-13STATE's Local Operations Center, which will be available to receive notice twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Collocator providing notice to AT&T-13STATE's Local Operations Center must specify the title and date of all drawings, schematics, or other engineering documents that will be used while in the Eligible Structure.
- 13.6 The Collocator shall conduct background checks of the technicians who have access to the collocation space. Collocator technicians will be security qualified by the Collocator and will be required to be knowledgeable of AT&T-13STATE security standards. Disciplinary procedures shall be established in accordance with Section 14.3 of this Appendix to ensure the safety and integrity of the Eligible Structure, including, e.g., procedures that require the responsible employee to be terminated for certain specified actions that damage or place the equipment of AT&T-13STATE or other Collocators in jeopardy.
- 13.7 AT&T-13STATE may use security devices, e.g., identification swipe cards, keyed access, and/or logs, as appropriate for the Eligible Structure where collocation will take place.
- 13.8 AT&T-13STATE shall be permitted to recover the cost of such security devices from the Collocator in a reasonable manner. The Collocator shall provide indemnification and insurance to cover any damages caused by the Collocator's technicians at a level commensurate with the indemnification and insurance provided by AT&T-13STATE's equipment suppliers with equivalent access.

13.9 Provisioning of equipment required for Virtual Collocation, e.g., power arrangements and interconnection arrangements will be provided in accordance with this Appendix.

14. OBLIGATIONS OF THE COLLOCATOR

14.1 Indemnification of AT&T-13STATE Indemnification is governed by the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

14.2 Insurance - Except as otherwise provided herein, Insurance will be governed by the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

15. COOPERATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

15.1 Qualification of Collocator

15.1.1 Collocator technicians will be security qualified by the Collocator and will be required to be knowledgeable of AT&T-13STATE's security standards. Collocator personnel and technicians will undergo the same level of security training, or its equivalent that AT&T-13STATE's own employees and authorized contractors must undergo. AT&T-13STATE will not, however, require Collocator to receive security training from AT&T-13STATE, but will provide information to Collocator on the specific type of training required. Collocator can then provide its employees with their own security training. Qualification program and security training details shall be included in AT&T-13STATE's Interconnector's Collocation Services Handbook at <https://clec.att.com/clec/> for Virtual Collocation in 13-STATES.

16. RATE REGULATIONS

The rate element descriptions and rates and charges included in Section 14 preceding apply to this Virtual Collocation alternative wherein the Collocator maintains and repairs the virtually collocated equipment. Additional rate elements and rates apply to this alternative as provided for below.

16.1 Rate Elements for AT&T-13STATE's Offices

16.1.1 This security escort charge consists of the charges for AT&T-13STATE provided security escorts for Collocator Vendor's access to their Virtual Collocation space in staffed and unstaffed Central Offices. Any escort requirements will be initiated by the Collocator. Labor rates are based upon a ¼ hour basis and are dependent upon day of week and time of day. For purposes of this Appendix, normal week day is defined as 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The billing period will start at the time the technician is contacted. This will allow for travel time to reach the agreed meet point. Access requests outside of normal business hours or for unstaffed Central Offices which are cancelled will be subject to the minimum four (4) hour call out charge. Non-recurring charges for this sub-element are specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

16.2 Rate Element for AT&T-13STATE's CEV, Hut, and Cabinets

16.2.1 The security escort charge consists of the charges for AT&T-13STATE provided security escorts for Collocator Vendor's access to their Virtual Collocation space in CEVs, huts and cabinets. Any escort requirements will be initiated by the Collocator. Labor rates are based upon a 1/4 hour basis. The billing period will start at the time the technician is contacted. This will allow for travel time to reach the agreed upon meet point. Access requests which are cancelled will be subject to the minimum four (4) hour call-out charge. Rates and charges are as found on the Collocation Rate Summary.

16.3 Application of Rates and Charges

16.3.1 Beginning on and after the Effective Date of this agreement, the Parties agree that the rates and charges for Collocation shall be as set forth in this Appendix and in the Pricing Schedule applicable to collocation ("Collocation Rates"). The Parties agree that the Collocation Rates shall apply, on a prospective basis only, beginning on the Effective Date of this agreement, to all

existing CLEC collocation arrangements, including those established before the Effective Date of this agreement. Because the Collocation Rates will apply on a prospective basis only, neither Party shall have a right to retroactive application of the Collocation Rates to any time period before the Effective Date, and there shall be no retroactive right of true-up for any time period before the Effective Date.

17. CDOW (CLECs DOING OWN WORK) - COLLOCATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

When the Collocator selects the option to provide, install, and terminate its interconnection and power cabling with an AT&T-13STATE Approved Vendor, the following Sections will apply. However, the terms and conditions within CDOW are not comprehensive. There are terms and conditions from the preceding Sections of this same Appendix that still apply for CDOW for rate elements that are not specifically addressed within Section 17 following.

17.1 Interconnection Cable

17.1.1 The Collocator has the option to provide, install and terminate its interconnection cabling between the Collocator's dedicated space and AT&T-13STATE Main Distribution Frame (MDF) or its equivalent by AT&T-13STATE Approved Vendor. This option is only available if Collocator does all three (3) activities associated with interconnection cabling: provide, install and terminate. The Collocator may not elect to do some but not all the activities. Collocator must indicate on its Virtual Collocation application that it has selected this option to apply to all interconnection cabling requested on the application. If Collocator selects this option, the Collocator must also select the option to provide, install and terminate its power cable leads described in Section 17.2. If Collocator selects this option, AT&T-13STATE will install and stencil termination blocks or panels at AT&T-13STATE Main Distribution Frame (MDF) or its equivalent for the handoff of the Actual Point of Termination (APOT) Connection(s) to the Collocator's AT&T-13STATE Approved Vendor. Intervals and provisioning for this offering are found in Section 17.3.1 through 17.3.5. The Collocator's AT&T-13STATE Approved Vendor must obtain an approved Method Procedure (MOP) from AT&T-13STATE and follow AT&T-13STATE's Technical Publication TP 76300MP for installation of equipment and cable facilities.

17.2 DC Power Arrangement Provisioning

17.2.1 The Collocator has the option to provide, install and terminate its power cable leads between the Collocator's Dedicated Space and AT&T-13STATE's Battery Distribution Fuse Bay (BDFB) by AT&T-13STATE Approved Power Installation Vendor. When AT&T-13STATE designated power termination point is at the Power Plant Primary Distribution, the Collocator's AT&T-13STATE Approved Power Installation Vendor will provide and install the power cable leads, but not terminate.

17.2.2 The Collocator must contact AT&T-13STATE project manager five (5) business days prior to scheduling a request for the termination of the Collocator's power cable leads to AT&T-13STATE Power Plant Primary Distribution, which will be performed by AT&T-13STATE. This option is only available if the Collocator does all three (3) activities associated with the power cable lead unless described otherwise within this Section.

17.2.3 The Collocator may not elect to do some but not all the activities unless otherwise permitted in this Section. If Collocator selects this option, the Collocator must also select the option to provide, install and terminate its interconnection cabling described in Section 17.1. Intervals and provisioning for this offering are found in Section 17.3.1 through 17.3.5. The Collocator's AT&T-13STATE Approved Power Installation Vendor must obtain an approved Method of Procedures (MOP) from AT&T-13STATE and follow AT&T-13STATE's Technical Publication TP 76300MP for installation of equipment and cable facilities.

17.3 Intervals and Provisioning

17.3.1 Implementation Intervals when CLEC hires AT&T-13STATE Approved Vendor Installs Interconnection and Power Cabling.

17.3.1.1 AT&T-13STATE will provide Virtual Collocation arrangements in Eligible Structures on a "first-come, first-served" basis. The determination whether there is sufficient space to accommodate Virtual Collocation at a particular Eligible Structure will be made initially by AT&T-13STATE. AT&T-13STATE will notify Collocator as to whether its request for space has been granted or denied due to a lack of space within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of a Collocator's accurate and complete Virtual Collocation Application. If AT&T-13STATE determines that Collocator's Virtual Collocation Application is unacceptable, AT&T-13STATE shall advise Collocator of any deficiencies within this ten (10) calendar day period. AT&T-13STATE shall provide Collocator with sufficient detail so that Collocator has a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the queue to obtain the Virtual Collocation arrangement, Collocator must cure any deficiencies in its Application and resubmit such Application within ten (10) calendar days after being advised of the deficiencies. Any changes to the amount or type of floor space, interconnection terminations, and power requested from the originally submitted Virtual Collocation Application will not be considered a deficiency, but rather as a new Virtual Collocation Application with a new ten (10) calendar day space notification and a new delivery interval. The delivery intervals set forth in this Section 17.3 is for new and augment Virtual Collocation Applications apply only when the Collocator installs interconnection and power cabling.

17.3.1.2 The delivery interval relates to the period in which AT&T-13STATE shall construct and turnover to the Collocator's AT&T-13STATE Approved Vendor the requested Virtual Collocation Space. The delivery interval begins on the date AT&T-13STATE receives a complete and accurate Virtual Collocation Application from the Collocator. The Collocator must provide AT&T-13STATE, within seven (7) calendar days from the date of notification granting the application request, a confirmatory response in writing to continue construction along with the fifty percent (50%) payment of non-recurring charges (unless payment was received with application) or the delivery interval provided in table below will not commence until such time as AT&T-13STATE has received such response and payment. If the Collocator has not provided AT&T-13STATE such response and payment by the twelfth (12th) calendar day after the date AT&T-13STATE notified Collocator its request has been granted, the application will be canceled. Dedicated space is not reserved until AT&T-13STATE's receipt of the confirmatory response in writing from the Collocator with applicable fees. The delivery interval for Virtual Collocation is determined by AT&T-13STATE taking into consideration the various factors set forth in Table (1) below including, without limitation, the number of all Virtual Collocation Applications submitted by Collocator and the need for additional preparation of the space such as overhead racking, additional power or HVAC. The delivery interval assigned will be provided to the Collocator by AT&T-13STATE with the ten (10) calendar day space notification. Each complete and accurate Virtual Collocation Application received by AT&T-13STATE from the Collocator will be processed in the order received unless the Collocator provides a priority list, whichever is applicable.

Table 1

Number of All Applications submitted by One Collocator per state or metering region	Overhead Iron/Racking Exists for Virtual Collocation Space Use	Overhead Iron/Racking Does Not Exist for Virtual Collocation Space Use	Additional Power or HVAC is Required for Virtual Collocation Space Use
1 – 10	60 calendar days	80 calendar days	180 calendar days
11 - 20	65 calendar days	85 calendar days	185 calendar days

17.3.1.3 Should the Collocator submit twenty-one (21) or more applications within ten (10) business days, the above delivery intervals will be increased by five (5) days for every five (5) additional applications or fraction thereof. Any material revision to an application will be treated as a new application and the delivery intervals set forth in Table (1) above will be re-started. All Virtual Collocation Applications received by AT&T-13STATE from a Collocator within a ten (10) business day period shall be treated as submitted at the same time for purposes of administering the above staggering intervals. The Virtual Collocation delivery interval ends when roughed in and the assigned space has been distinctly marked by AT&T-13STATE.

17.3.1.4 For example, but not by way of limitation, if a Collocator submits twelve (12) complete and accurate Virtual Collocation Applications in a state, the delivery intervals assigned by AT&T-13STATE will depend on which variables apply within each Eligible Structure Virtual Collocation is requested:

17.3.1.5 If Applications (1-4) are for Virtual Collocation Space where overhead racking exists, the delivery intervals assigned will be sixty (60) days. If Applications (5-11) are for Virtual Collocation Space where overhead racking does not exist, the delivery intervals assigned to Applications (5-10) will be eighty (80) calendar days and Application (11) will be assigned eighty five (85) calendar days. The Virtual Collocation Application (12) was requested in an Eligible Structure that needs additional HVAC added and would be assigned one hundred and eight five (185) calendar days.

17.3.2 Payment

17.3.2.1 The second fifty percent (50%) payment must be received by AT&T-13STATE prior to the space being turned over to the Collocator's AT&T-13STATE Approved Vendor. At space turnover, the Actual Point of Termination (APOT) Connection(s) will be provided to the Collocator's AT&T-13STATE Approved Vendor by AT&T-13STATE.

17.3.3 Cable Augments

17.3.3.1 For the following interconnection cabling Augments, the Collocator must submit a complete and accurate Virtual Collocation Application:

17.3.3.1.1 168 DS1 connections and/or

17.3.3.1.2 48 DS3 connections and/or

17.3.3.1.3 400 Copper (shielded or nonshielded) cable pair connections and/or

17.3.3.1.4 12 fiber pair connections

17.3.3.2 This application must include an up-front payment of the Application Fee and fifty percent (50%) of all applicable non-recurring charges.

17.3.3.3 The cabling Augment interval is determined by AT&T-13STATE taking into consideration the various factors set forth in Table (2) below including, without limitation, the number of all Virtual Collocation Applications for the above Augments submitted by Collocator, the type of infrastructure available for collocation, and the need

for additional preparation of the infrastructure such as overhead racking and additional power. The cabling Augment interval assigned will be provided to the Collocator by AT&T-13STATE with the ten (10) calendar day Augment notification. Each complete and accurate Virtual Collocation Application received by AT&T-13STATE from the Collocator will be processed in the order received unless the Collocator provides a priority list, whichever is applicable.

Number of All Applications submitted by One Collocator per state or metering region	Necessary Elements such as Iron/Racking and Power exist for Virtual Collocation Use	Necessary Elements such as Iron/Racking and Power does not exist for Virtual Collocation Use
1 – 10	30 calendar days	60 calendar days
11 - 20	35 calendar days	65 calendar days

17.3.3.4 Should the Collocator submit twenty-one (21) or more Virtual Collocation Applications for cabling Augments within ten (10) business days, the above cabling Augment intervals will be increased by five (5) days for every five (5) additional application or fraction thereof. Any material revision to a Virtual Collocation Application for cabling Augments will be treated as a new application and the cabling Augment delivery intervals set forth in Table (2) above. All cabling Augment applications received by AT&T-13STATE from a Collocator within a ten (10) business day period shall be treated as submitted at the same time for purposes of administering the above staggering intervals.

17.3.3.5 For example, but not by way of limitation, if a Collocator submits twelve (12) Virtual Collocation Applications for cabling Augments in a state, the delivery intervals assigned will depend on which variables apply within each Eligible Structure requested:

17.3.3.6 If Applications (1-4) are for Virtual Collocation cabling Augments where necessary elements such as overhead racking and power exists, the delivery interval assigned will be thirty (30) calendar days. If Applications (5-12) are for Physical Collocation where necessary elements such as overhead racking and power does not exists, the delivery interval assigned to Applications (5-10) will be sixty (60) calendar days and for Applications (11-12) sixty five (65) calendar days.

17.3.4 All Other Augments

17.3.4.1 For all Augments other than provided above, AT&T-13STATE will work cooperatively with Collocator to negotiate a mutually agreeable delivery intervals.

17.3.5 Walk-Through Visit

17.3.5.1 Within twenty (20) calendar days or mutually agreed upon time, from AT&T-13STATE's receipt of the confirmatory response in writing to continue construction on the Virtual Collocation job requested along with the 50% payment of non-recurring charges (unless payment was received with application), Network Support and/or appropriate departments will schedule a walk through visit with the CLEC and/or vendor to provide floor plans of space and the preliminary route design for the interconnection and power cabling.

17.4 Rates Elements for AT&T-13STATE Central Offices

17.4.1 DC Power Arrangement Provisioning

17.4.1.1 When the Collocator selects the option to install the power cable by AT&T-13STATE Approved Power Installation vendor, only the rack occupancy and on-going maintenance of the rack charge will apply. This is expressed as a monthly rate as specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

17.4.2 DS0 Voice Grade Cable Arrangement

17.4.2.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by a AT&T-13STATE approved vendor, the DS0 Voice Grade Terminal blocks at the MDF, rack occupancy, and on-going maintenance charges will apply. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

17.4.3 DS-1 Interconnection Cable Arrangement to Digital Cross Connect System (DCS)

17.4.3.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by AT&T-13STATE approved vendor, the DS-1 Port, rack occupancy, and on-going maintenance charges will apply. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

17.4.4 DS-1 Interconnection Cable Arrangement to Digital System Cross-Connect Frame

17.4.4.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by AT&T-13STATE approved vendor, the Digital System Cross-Connect Frame at the MDF, rack occupancy, and on-going maintenance charges will apply. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

17.4.5 DS-3 Interconnection Cable Arrangement to Digital Cross Connect System (DCS)

17.4.5.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by AT&T-13STATE approved vendor, the DS-3 Port, rack occupancy, and on-going maintenance charges will apply. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

17.4.6 DS-3 Interconnection Cable Arrangement to Digital System Cross-Connect Frame

17.4.6.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by AT&T-13STATE approved vendor, the Digital System Cross-Connect Frame at the MDF, rack occupancy, and on-going maintenance charges will apply. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

17.4.7 Fiber Interconnection Cable Arrangement

17.4.7.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by a AT&T-13STATE approved vendor, the Fiber terminating panel at the FDF-1 Port, rack occupancy, and on-going maintenance charges will apply. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

17.4.8 Collocation to Collocation Connection

17.4.8.1 This rate element include virtual to virtual and virtual to physical connection options.

17.4.8.1.1 Fiber Cable (12 Fiber Pair)

17.4.8.1.1.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by a AT&T-13STATE approved vendor, the charge for on-going maintenance of the rack will apply. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

17.4.8.2.1 Copper Cable

17.4.8.2.1.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by a AT&T-13STATE approved vendor, the charge for on-going maintenance of the rack will apply. This

is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

17.4.8.3.1 Coax Cable

17.4.8.3.1.1 When the Collocator selects the option to provide and install the interconnection cabling by a AT&T-13STATE approved vendor, the charge for on-going maintenance will apply. This is expressed as a combination of a non-recurring charge and a monthly rate as specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

17.4.8.4.1 Cable Racking and Hole

17.4.8.4.1.1 This sub-element provides for cable rack space and hole for copper, coax and optical cabling between two collocation arrangements and the required terminations at each Virtual Collocation arrangement(s) at an Eligible Structure. This sub-element is expressed as a monthly rate specified on the Collocation Rate Summary.

17.4.8.5.1 Route Design

17.4.8.5.1.1 This sub-element provides the route design for collocation-to-collocation connections. This sub-element is expressed as a non-recurring charge and this charge is specific on the Collocation Rate Summary.

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**APPENDIX DIRECT
(DIRECT ACCESS AGREEMENT
FOR LOCAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE LISTINGS)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for electronic access to the Directory Assistant data-base provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.1.1 The Southern New England Telephone Company (AT&T CONNECTICUT) will provide electronic access to its Directory Assistance (DA) database through the FCC 39 Access Tariff.
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 AT&T-2STATE - As used herein, AT&T-2STATE means AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 AT&T-4STATE - As used herein, AT&T-4STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri and AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 AT&T-7STATE - As used herein, AT&T-7STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.6 AT&T-8STATE - As used herein, AT&T-8STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T NEVADA and AT&T CONNECTICUT the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.7 AT&T-10STATE - As used herein, AT&T-10STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE an the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 AT&T-12STATE - As used herein, AT&T-12STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T-2STATE the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 AT&T-13STATE - As used herein, AT&T-13STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T-2STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 AT&T ARKANSAS - As used herein, AT&T ARKANSAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 AT&T CALIFORNIA – As used herein, AT&T CALIFORNIA means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 AT&T CONNECTICUT - As used herein, AT&T CONNECTICUT means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

- 1.13 AT&T KANSAS - As used herein, AT&T KANSAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 1.14 AT&T ILLINOIS - As used herein, AT&T ILLINOIS means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.15 AT&T INDIANA - As used herein, AT&T INDIANA means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.16 AT&T MICHIGAN - As used herein, AT&T MICHIGAN means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, the applicable AT&T-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.17 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE - As used herein, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.18 AT&T MISSOURI - As used herein, AT&T MISSOURI means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.19 AT&T NEVADA - As used herein, AT&T NEVADA means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.20 AT&T OHIO - As used herein, AT&T OHIO means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.21 AT&T OKLAHOMA - As used herein, AT&T OKLAHOMA means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.22 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE - As used herein, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.23 AT&T TEXAS - As used herein, AT&T TEXAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 AT&T WISCONSIN - As used herein, AT&T WISCONSIN means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.
- 1.25 The Prices at which AT&T-13STATE agrees to provide electronic access to its Directory Assistance (DA) database are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "Automated Message Accounting" (AMA) – Billing detail recordings in the switch.
- 2.2 "Call Processing Data Link" (CPDL) - CPDL is a proprietary, licensable interface that utilizes a standard format message protocol for transport of messages between Directory One Call Control and a switching entity.
- 2.3 "Data Terminating Equipment" (DTE) - A terminal attached to a data network as an End User node.
- 2.4 "Nortel Digital Multiplexing Switch" (DMS 200) - DMS performs base call processing functions and supports service capabilities.
- 2.5 "IBM RISC 6000 Processor" – The IBM platform that enables database search capabilities.
- 2.6 "Nortel Directory One" (D1) - D1 offers directory search applications built on a standard operating software environment.

- 2.7 "Nortel Directory One Call Control" - Allows bi-directional call control capability between the TOPS switch and the D1 network.
- 2.8 "Electronic White Pages" (EWP) - EWP allows telephone companies to offer fully customized electronic directory assistance services for all types of users.
- 2.9 "Nortel Interactive Voice System" (IVS) - Peripheral off the switch that provides interactive audio.
- 2.10 "Nortel Multi Purpose Position" (MP, MPX or MPX-IWS) - Operator Workstations.
- 2.11 "Non-Published Number" (NP) - A telephone number that at the request of the telephone subscriber, is neither published in a telephone directory nor provided by an Operator.
- 2.12 "Operator Service Center" (OSC) - Physical location of the Operators/workstations.
- 2.13 "Published Number" - A telephone number that is published in a telephone directory and is available upon request by calling an AT&T-12STATE DA Operator.
- 2.14 "Nortel Queue Management System" (QMS) - Supports up to 255 unique queues on calls to operator positions.
- 2.15 "Nortel Traffic Operating Position System" (TOPS) - Performs base call processing functions and support service capabilities.
- 2.16 "Nortel/IBM Protocol" – Allows communication between Nortel Switch and IBM database.
- 2.17 "IBM Platform" – Offers directory search applications built on a standard operating software environment.

3. SERVICE

- 3.1 Direct Access allows CLECs access to AT&T-12STATE's Directory Assistance (DA) database (which includes residence, business, and government listings) for the sole purpose of providing DA to CLEC's End User. This service shall allow the CLEC to obtain listed name, address, zip code and telephone numbers, except that access to non-published telephone numbers or other information that the customer has asked to make unavailable is not allowed, with the exception of customer name and address AT&T-12STATE will provide CLECs nondiscriminatory access to the same directory listing information available to its own directory assistance operators.
- 3.2 Where technically feasible and/or available, CLEC may receive Direct Access from AT&T-12STATE's host switches via a CLEC Nortel DMS200 TOPS Host Switch, a LUCENT 5ESS OSPS switch or any other Operator assistance switch type with Call Processing Data Link (CDPL). CDPL is a proprietary, licensable interface that utilizes a standard format message protocol for transport of messages between Nortel Directory One Call Control and a switching entity. CPDL provides the protocol by which the CLEC switch may provide auto and offer DACC.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF AT&T-12STATE

- 4.1 AT&T-12STATE shall provide and maintain its own Directory Assistance platform equipment to furnish DA services to CLEC for all AT&T-12STATE listings.
- 4.2 AT&T-12STATE shall provide DA listings to CLEC from its current DA records and in accordance with AT&T-12STATE's methods, practices, and procedures.
- 4.3 AT&T-12STATE shall provide CLEC access to the same listing information that is available to its own operators.
- 4.4 AT&T-12STATE shall maintain the same level of system performance for CLEC as it provides to itself.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLEC

- 5.1 CLEC shall submit requests for Direct Access in writing to AT&T-12STATE. Requests for Direct Access will be pursuant to the Individual Case Basis (ICB) Process as outlined in the attached procedures.
- 5.2 When CLEC utilizes a switch other than those specified in TR-BX.25, the CLEC must obtain CPDL/D1 certification of their switch from NORTEL. The CLEC shall bear all costs of obtaining any vendor certification including payment of any applicable vendor license fees. AT&T-7STATE shall supply Nortel D1 hardware and software; i.e., two (2) ADAX cards per 9,000 Busy Hour calls. AT&T-7STATE shall bear the cost of this hardware and software, but the CLEC will be responsible for Engineering, Furnish and Installation charges.
- 5.2.1 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE – The IBM RISC 6000 does not support the CDPL technology.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH PARTIES

- 6.1 The CLEC providing the circuit between CLEC's office and AT&T-12STATE's office shall make such circuits available for use in connection with the DA services covered herein. When the total traffic exceeds the capability of the existing circuits, additional circuits will be provided by the CLEC.
- 6.2 Where applicable, if additional ADAX cards and ASN Routers (with sync and token ring cards) are necessary, they will be provided by AT&T-12STATE, and CLEC will reimburse AT&T-12STATE for the cost, plus Engineering, Furnish and Installation.

7. LIABILITY

- 7.1 The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions of the Agreement shall govern performance under this Appendix CLEC also agrees to release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless AT&T-12STATE 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 AT&T-12STATE employees and equipment associated with provision of the DA Services. This provision includes but is not limited to suits arising from disclosure of the telephone number, address, or name associated with the telephone called or the telephone used to call the DA Services.

8. BILLING

- 8.1 AT&T-12STATE - For information regarding billing, non-payment, disconnection, and dispute resolution, see the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

9. USE OF SUBSCRIBER LISTING INFORMATION

- 9.1 CLEC is authorized to use the subscriber listing information accessed and provided pursuant to this Appendix for the sole purpose of providing local DA for its own End User customers.

10. ASSIGNMENT

- 10.1 The subscriber listing information accessed shall remain the property of AT&T-12STATE. CLEC shall not download, store, print or otherwise extract the DA listing information made available through Direct Access nor shall the CLEC authorize any other company or any person to use any subscriber listing information for any purpose. Each party shall take appropriate measures to guard against any unauthorized use of the listings provided to it hereunder, whether by the other party, its agents or employees.

11. TERM OF CONTRACT AND RATE STRUCTURE

- 11.1 Upon CLEC's request, and pursuant to the terms and conditions herein, AT&T-12STATE will set rates and other appropriate criteria for provision of Direct Access to CLEC pursuant to the ICB process.

11.2 The following types of rates shall apply to Direct Access.

11.2.1 Service Establishment

11.2.1.1 CLEC shall pay a Direct Access Service Establishment Charge (a non-recurring charge) applied at the time a CLEC orders Direct Access.

11.2.2 Direct Access Database Service

11.2.2.1 CLEC shall pay a monthly recurring charge for Direct Access Database Service which provides for database security and administration and ongoing support.

11.2.3 Direct Access Per Search

11.2.3.1 Where applicable, CLEC shall pay a Direct Access Per Search charge for each CLEC subscriber listing search queried from AT&T-12STATE's listing.

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APPENDIX DAL (LOCAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE LISTINGS)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for which Parties agrees to license its subscriber listing information applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T-2STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-2STATE** means **AT&T CALIFORNIA** and **AT&T NEVADA**, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **AT&T-4STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, and AT&T Oklahoma the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 **AT&T-7STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-7STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** and **AT&T NEVADA**, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.6 **AT&T-8STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-8STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T CALIFORNIA**, **AT&T NEVADA**, and **AT&T CONNECTICUT** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.7 **AT&T-10STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-10STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **AT&T-12STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-12STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **AT&T-2STATE** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-13STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T-2STATE** and **AT&T CONNECTICUT** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **AT&T ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **AT&T ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 **AT&T CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, **AT&T CONNECTICUT** means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.13 **AT&T KANSAS** - As used herein, **AT&T KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

- 1.14 AT&T ILLINOIS - As used herein, AT&T ILLINOIS means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.15 AT&T INDIANA - As used herein, AT&T INDIANA means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.16 AT&T MICHIGAN - As used herein, AT&T MICHIGAN means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, the applicable AT&T-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.17 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE - As used herein, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.18 AT&T MISSOURI - As used herein, AT&T MISSOURI means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.19 AT&T NEVADA - As used herein, AT&T NEVADA means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.20 AT&T OHIO - As used herein, AT&T OHIO means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.21 AT&T OKLAHOMA - As used herein, AT&T OKLAHOMA means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.22 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE - As used herein, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.23 AT&T TEXAS - As used herein, AT&T TEXAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 AT&T WISCONSIN - As used herein, AT&T WISCONSIN means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.
- 1.25 The prices at which AT&T-13STATE agrees to provide CLEC with Directory Assistance Listing (DAL) are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

2. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, AT&T-13STATE will provide Directory Assistance (listing information referred to as Directory Assistance Listing (DAL) in AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, Directory Assistance Listing Information Service (DALIS) in AT&T CALIFORNIA and Dialing Parity Directory Listings in AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE (herein after collectively referred to as DAL):
 - 2.1.1 AT&T-13STATE owns and maintains the database containing directory assistance listing information (name, address and published telephone number, or an indication of "non-published status") of telephone subscribers.
 - 2.1.2 AT&T-13STATE uses the directory assistance listing information in its database to provide directory assistance (DA) service to End Users who call AT&T-13STATE's DA to obtain such information.
 - 2.1.3 Inasmuch as AT&T-13STATE provides DA service under contract for Independent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) and Competitive Local Exchange Carriers, (CLECs), AT&T-13STATE's database also contains directory assistance listing information for other ILEC and CLEC End Users.

- 2.1.4 CLEC, or its agent, wishes to provide DA service to CLEC's End Users located in the CLEC's service area, and therefore, wishes to load its database with directory assistance listings contained in AT&T-13STATE's DA database.
- 2.1.5 AT&T-13STATE agrees to license requested directory assistance listing information contained in its database, under the following terms and conditions:
 - 2.1.5.1 AT&T-13STATE shall license its directory assistance listing information as defined in Exhibit A.
 - 2.1.5.2 AT&T-13STATE shall provide directory assistance listing information in a mutually acceptable format.
 - 2.1.5.3 AT&T-13STATE shall provide directory assistance listing information to CLEC via a mutually acceptable mode of transmission. Once the mode of transmission has been determined, AT&T-13STATE will provide to CLEC the initial load of directory assistance listing information in a mutually agreed upon timeframe.
- 2.2 Use of Directory Assistance Listing Information
 - 2.2.1 CLEC may use the directory assistance listing information licensed and provided pursuant to this Appendix in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules including any subsequent decision by the FCC or a court regarding the use of directory assistance listings.
 - 2.2.2 Upon termination of the Agreement, CLEC shall cease using, for any purpose whatsoever, the directory assistance listing information provided hereunder by AT&T-13STATE, and shall extract and expunge all copies or any portions thereof from files and records and provide a certification from an officer of the company that all actions have been performed.
 - 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 listings provided by AT&T shall remain the property of AT&T-13STATE. CLEC, or its third-party DA provider/agent, shall take appropriate measures at least equal to the measures CLEC uses for its own listings to guard against any unauthorized use of the listings provided to it hereunder.

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 AT&T-13STATE's directory assistance listing information.

5. LIABILITY

- 5.1 AT&T-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. AT&T-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 AT&T-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 AT&T-13STATE (or AT&T-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 AT&T-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 AT&T-13STATE, and/or against AT&T-13STATE alone. However, if such demand, claim or suit specifically alleges that an error or omission appears in DA listing information, AT&T-13STATE may, at its option, assume and undertake its own defense, or assist in the defense of CLEC, in which event CLEC shall reimburse AT&T-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 AT&T-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.

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APPENDIX 911

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions by which the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T)-owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) will provide CLEC with access to the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC's 911 and E911 Databases and provide interconnection and Call Routing for purposes of 911 call completion to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) as required by Section 251 of the Act.
- 1.2 The Parties acknowledge and agree that AT&T-13STATE can only provide E911 Service in territory where an AT&T-13STATE is the E911 network provider, and then only that E911 service configuration as purchased by the E911 Customer or PSAP. AT&T-13STATE's E911 Selective Routers and E911 Database Management System are by mutual agreement being provided on an "as is" basis.
- 1.3 For CLECs with their own switches, AT&T-13STATE shall provide access to its E911 Selective Routers as described herein only where the PSAP and/or E911 Customer served by the E911 Selective Routers has approved CLEC to carry E911 Emergency Services calls, which approval is subject to being revoked, conditioned, or modified by the PSAP and/or E911 Customer at any time.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "911 System" means the set of network, database and customer premise equipment (CPE) components required to provide 911 service.
- 2.2 "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.
- 2.3 "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.
- 2.4 "Automatic Number Identification" or "ANI" means the telephone number associated with the access line from which a call to 911 originates.
- 2.5 "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.
- 2.6 "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.
- 2.7 "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.
- 2.8 "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.
- 2.9 "Emergency Services" means police, fire, ambulance, rescue, and medical services.

- 2.10 "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).
- 2.11 "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.
- 2.12 "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.
- 2.13 "Selective Routing" and "Selective Router" 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. AT&T-13STATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 AT&T-13STATE shall provide and maintain such equipment at the 911 Selective Router and the DBMS as is necessary to provide CLEC E911 Emergency Services at parity with that of AT&T-13STATE retail end users. AT&T-13STATE shall provide CLEC access to the AT&T-13STATE 911 System as described in this section.
- 3.2 Call Routing
 - 3.2.1 AT&T-13STATE will route 911 calls from the AT&T-13STATE Selective Router to the designated primary PSAP or to designated alternate locations, according to routing criteria specified by the PSAP.
 - 3.2.2 AT&T-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, AT&T-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 ALI record is found in the E911 DBMS, AT&T-13STATE will report this "No Record Found" condition to the CLEC in accordance with NENA standards.
- 3.3 Facilities and Trunking
 - 3.3.1 AT&T-13STATE shall provide and maintain sufficient dedicated E911 trunks from AT&T-13STATE's Selective Router 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 AT&T-13STATE will provide facilities to interconnect the CLEC to the AT&T-13STATE Selective Router, as specified in the applicable AT&T-13STATE Special Access tariff. Additionally, when diverse facilities are requested by CLEC, AT&T-13STATE will provide such diversity where technically feasible, at standard AT&T-13STATE Special Access Tariff rates.
- 3.4 Database
 - 3.4.1 Where AT&T-13STATE manages the E911 Database, AT&T-13STATE shall provide CLEC access to the E911 Database to store CLEC's End User 911 Records [that is, the name, address, and associated telephone number(s) for each of CLEC's End Users. CLEC or its representative(s) is responsible for electronically providing End User 911 Records and updating this information.

- 3.4.2 Where AT&T-13STATE manages the E911 Database, AT&T-13STATE shall coordinate access to the AT&T-13STATE DBMS for the initial loading and updating of CLEC End User 911 Records.
- 3.4.3 Where AT&T-13STATE manages the E911 Database, AT&T-13STATE's E911 Database shall accept electronically transmitted files that are based upon NENA standards. Manual (i.e. facsimile) entry shall be utilized only in the event that the DBMS is not functioning properly.

4. CLEC RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 Call Routing (for CLECs with their own switches)
 - 4.1.1 CLEC will transport 911 calls from each point of interconnection (POI) to the AT&T-13STATE Selective Router location.
 - 4.1.2 CLEC will forward the ANI information of the party calling 911 to the AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router.
- 4.2 Facilities and Trunking (for CLECs with their own switches)
 - 4.2.1 CLEC shall provide interconnection with each AT&T-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 Selective Routers and CLEC shall be responsible for providing interconnection facilities to route 911 calls from its End Users to the proper E911 Selective Router.
 - 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 interconnect to each AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router, where applicable. Where SS7 connectivity is available and required by the applicable E911 Customer, the Parties agree to implement Common Channel Signaling trunking rather than CAMA MF trunking.
 - 4.2.3.1 CLEC is responsible for providing a separate E911 trunk group for each county or other geographic area that the CLEC serves if the E911 Customer for such county or geographic area has a specified varying default routing condition. Where PSAPs do not have the technical capability to receive 10-digit ANI, E911 traffic must be transmitted over a separate trunk group specific to the underlying technology. 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.
 - 4.2.4 CLEC shall maintain facility transport capacity sufficient to route 911 traffic over trunks dedicated for 911 interconnection between the CLEC switch and the AT&T-13STATE Selective Router.
 - 4.2.5 CLEC shall provide sufficient trunking to route CLEC's originating 911 calls to the designated AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router.
 - 4.2.6 A diverse (i.e. separate) 911 Trunk is recommended and may be required by the E911 Customer. If required by the E911 Customer, diverse 911 Trunks shall be ordered in the same fashion as the primary 911 Trunks. CLEC is responsible for initiating trunking and facility orders for diverse routes for 911 interconnection.
 - 4.2.7 CLEC is responsible for determining the proper quantity of trunks and transport facilities from its switch(es) to interconnect with the AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router.
 - 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.
 - 4.2.9 CLEC shall monitor its 911 trunks for the purpose of determining originating network traffic volumes. If CLEC's traffic study indicates that additional 911 trunks are needed to meet the current level of 911 call volumes, CLEC shall provision additional 911 trunks for interconnection with AT&T-13STATE.

- 4.2.10 CLEC is responsible for the isolation, coordination and restoration of all 911 facility and trunking maintenance problems from CLEC's demarcation (for example, collocation) to the AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router(s). CLEC is responsible for advising AT&T-13STATE of the 911 trunk identification and the fact that the trunks are dedicated for 911 traffic when notifying AT&T-13STATE of a failure or outage. The Parties agree to work cooperatively and expeditiously to resolve any 911 outage. AT&T-13STATE will refer network trouble to CLEC if no defect is found in AT&T-13STATE's 911 network. The Parties agree that 911 network problem resolution will be managed expeditiously at all times.
- 4.3 Database (applicable to all CLECs)
- 4.3.1 Once the 911 interconnection between CLEC and all appropriate AT&T-13STATE Selective Router(s) has been established and tested, CLEC or its representatives shall be responsible for providing CLEC's End User 911 Records to AT&T-13STATE for inclusion in AT&T-13STATE's DBMS on a timely basis.
- 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 AT&T-13STATE updates to the E911 database; in addition, CLEC is responsible for correcting any errors that may occur during the entry of their data to the AT&T-13STATE 911 DBMS.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH PARTIES

- 5.1 For CLECs with their own switch(es), both parties shall jointly coordinate the provisioning of transport capacity sufficient to route originating E911 calls from the CLEC's POI to the designated AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router(s).
- 5.1.1 AT&T-13STATE and CLEC will cooperate to promptly test all trunks and facilities between CLEC's network and the AT&T-13STATE Selective Router(s). CLEC agrees that it will not pass live traffic until successful testing is completed by both Parties.
- 5.2 911 Surcharge Remittance to PSAP
- 5.2.1 For CLECs with their own switch(es), the Parties agree that:
- 5.2.1.1 AT&T-13STATE is not responsible for collecting and remitting applicable 911 surcharges or fees directly to municipalities or government entities where such surcharges or fees are assessed by said municipality or government entity, and
- 5.2.1.2 AT&T-13STATE is not responsible for providing the 911 Customer detailed monthly listings of the actual number of access lines, or breakdowns between the types of access lines (e.g., residential, business, payphone, Centrex, PBX, and exempt lines).
- 5.2.2 For CLEC Resellers, except where state law requires the ILEC to serve as a clearinghouse between Resellers and PSAPs, the Parties agree that:
- 5.2.2.1 CLEC shall be responsible for collecting and remitting all applicable 911 fees and surcharges on a per line basis to the appropriate PSAP or other governmental authority responsible for collection of such fees and surcharges.
- 5.2.2.2 AT&T-13STATE shall include Reseller CLEC information when providing the 911 Customer with detailed monthly listings of the actual number of access lines, or breakdowns between the types of access lines (e.g., residential, business, payphone, Centrex, PBX, and exempt lines).

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 access to 911 and E911 Databases: (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 AT&T-13STATE's Commission-ordered tariff(s) and (iv) the principles expressed in the recommended standards published by NENA.

7. CONTINGENCY

- 7.1 The terms and conditions of this Appendix represent a negotiated plan for providing access to 911 and E911 Databases, and provide interconnection and call routing for purposes of 911 call completion to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) as required by Section 251 of the Act.
- 7.2 The Parties agree that the 911 System is provided herein is 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 AT&T-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 AT&T-13STATE not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the passing of live traffic. AT&T-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 AT&T-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 AT&T-2STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE the state specific forms shall be submitted in lieu of the Exhibit 1 referenced in Sections 7.1, 7.2 and 7.4 hereof.

8. BASIS OF COMPENSATION

- 8.1 Rates for access to 911 and E911 Databases, interconnection and call routing of E911 call completion to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) as required by Section 251 of the Act are set forth in AT&T-13STATE's Appendix Pricing or applicable AT&T-13STATE Commission-approved access tariff.

9. LIABILITY

- 9.1 AT&T-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. AT&T-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 911 System or any errors, interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of the 911 System, 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 AT&T-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 AT&T-13STATE, CLEC shall not be liable to AT&T-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 AT&T-13STATE until service is restored.
- 9.3 CLEC agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless AT&T-13STATE from any and all Loss arising out of AT&T-13STATE providing CLEC access to the 911 System hereunder or out of CLEC's End Users' use of the 911 System, 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 AT&T-13STATE.
- 9.4 CLEC also agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless AT&T-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 911 System features and the equipment associated therewith, including by not limited to the identification of the telephone number, address or name associated with the telephone used by the party or parties accessing the 911 System provided hereunder, unless the act or omission proximately causing the Loss constitutes the gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of AT&T-13STATE.

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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 AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC).
- 1.2 This Appendix provides descriptions of the trunking requirements between CLEC and AT&T-13STATE. Any references to incoming and outgoing trunk groups are from the perspective of CLEC. The paragraphs below describe the required and optional trunk groups for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, IntraLATA Toll Traffic, InterLATA "Meet Point" Traffic, Mass Calling, E911, Operator Services and Directory Assistance traffic.
- 1.3 Local Only and Local Interconnection Trunk Groups may only be used to transport traffic between the Parties' End Users.
- 1.4 AT&T Inc. (AT&T) means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.5 AT&T-2STATE - As used herein, AT&T-2STATE means AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.6 AT&T-4STATE - As used herein, AT&T-4STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, and AT&T Oklahoma the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.7 AT&T-7STATE - As used herein, AT&T-7STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.8 AT&T-8STATE - As used herein, AT&T-8STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T NEVADA and AT&T CONNECTICUT the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.9 AT&T-10STATE - As used herein, AT&T-10STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE an the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 AT&T-12STATE - As used herein, AT&T-12STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T-2STATE the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.11 AT&T-13STATE - As used herein, AT&T-13STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T-2STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.12 AT&T ARKANSAS - As used herein, AT&T ARKANSAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

- 1.13 AT&T CALIFORNIA - As used herein, AT&T CALIFORNIA means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.14 AT&T CONNECTICUT - As used herein, AT&T CONNECTICUT means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.15 AT&T KANSAS - As used herein, AT&T KANSAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 1.16 AT&T ILLINOIS - As used herein, AT&T ILLINOIS means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.17 AT&T INDIANA - As used herein, AT&T INDIANA means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.18 AT&T MICHIGAN - As used herein, AT&T MICHIGAN means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Michigan.
- 1.19 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE - As used herein, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.20 AT&T MISSOURI - As used herein, AT&T MISSOURI means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.21 AT&T NEVADA - As used herein, AT&T NEVADA means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.22 AT&T OHIO - As used herein, AT&T OHIO means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.23 AT&T OKLAHOMA - As used herein, AT&T OKLAHOMA means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.24 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE - As used herein, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.25 AT&T TEXAS - As used herein, AT&T TEXAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.26 AT&T WISCONSIN - As used herein, AT&T WISCONSIN means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "Access Tandem Switch" is defined as a switching machine within the public switched telecommunications network that is used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among End Office Switches for IXC (Inter-exchange Carrier) carried traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic in the AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE as well as switching Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic in AT&T-2STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT.
- 2.2 "End Office" or "End Office Switch" is a switching machine that directly terminates traffic to and receives traffic from end users purchasing local exchange services. A PBX is not considered an End Office Switch.
- 2.3 "IntraLATA Toll Traffic" or "IntraLATA Toll" is defined as traffic between one AT&T-13STATE local calling area and the local calling area of another AT&T-13STATE or LEC within one LATA within the respective state.

- 2.4 "IntraLATA Toll Trunk Group" is defined as a trunk group carrying IntraLATA Toll Traffic as defined above.
- 2.5 "ISP-Bound Traffic" is as defined in Attachment: Intercarrier Compensation.
- 2.6 "Local Interconnection Trunk Groups" are two-way trunk groups used to carry Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic between CLEC End Users and AT&T-12STATE End Users. In AT&T CONNECTICUT these trunk groups will carry the same type of traffic, but they will be established and used as one-way.
- 2.7 "Local/IntraLATA Tandem Switch" is defined as a switching machine within the public switched telecommunications network that is used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among subtending End Office Switches for Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic.
- 2.8 "Local Only Tandem Switch" is defined as a switching machine within the public switched telecommunications network that is used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among other End Office Switches for Section 251(b)(5) and ISP-Bound Traffic.
- 2.9 "Local Only Trunk Groups" are two-way trunk groups used to carry Section 251(b)(5) and ISP-Bound Traffic only.
- 2.10 "Local Tandem" refers to any Local Only, Local/IntraLATA, Local/Access or Access Tandem Switch serving a particular local calling area.
- 2.11 "Meet Point Trunk Group" carries traffic between CLEC's End Users and Interexchange Carriers (IXCs) via AT&T-13STATE Access or Local/Access Tandem Switches.
- 2.12 "Offers Service" is defined as when CLEC opens an NPA-NXX, ports a number to serve an End User or pools a block of numbers to serve End Users.
- 2.13 "Section 251(b)(5) Traffic" is as defined in Attachment: Intercarrier Compensation.
- 2.14 "Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic" shall mean for purposes of this Attachment, (i) Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, (ii) ISP-Bound Traffic, (iii) IntraLATA Toll traffic originating from an End User obtaining local dialtone from CLEC where CLEC is both the Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and IntraLATA Toll provider, and/or (iv) IntraLATA Toll traffic originating from an End User obtaining local dialtone from AT&T-13STATE where AT&T-13STATE is both the Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and IntraLATA Toll provider.

3. ONE-WAY AND TWO-WAY TRUNK GROUPS

- 3.1 CLEC shall issue Access Service Requests (ASRs) for two-way Local Only Trunk Groups, Local Interconnection Trunk Groups and Meet Point Trunk Groups. CLEC shall issue ASRs for one-way trunk groups originating at CLEC's switch. AT&T-13STATE shall issue ASRs for one-way trunk groups originating at the AT&T-13STATE switch.
- 3.2 Trunk groups for ancillary services (e.g. OS/DA, BLVI, High Volume Call In, and E911) and Meet Point Trunk Groups can be established between CLEC's switch and the appropriate AT&T-13STATE Tandem Switch as further provided in this Appendix ITR.
- 3.3 Two-way Local Interconnection Trunk Groups can be established between CLEC's switch and an AT&T-12STATE Local Tandem or End Office Switch. Two-way Local Only Trunk Groups can be established between CLEC's switch and an AT&T-12STATE Local Tandem. These trunk groups will utilize Signaling System 7 (SS7) or multi-frequency (MF) signaling protocol, with SS7 signaling preferred whenever possible.
- 3.4 Local Interconnection Trunk Groups in AT&T CONNECTICUT must be ordered and provisioned as one-way to accommodate billing and technical limitations.
- 3.5 The Parties recognize that embedded one-way trunks may exist for Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic. The Parties may agree to negotiate a transition plan to migrate the embedded one-way Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to two-way Local Only and/or two-way Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. The Parties will coordinate any such migration, trunk group prioritization, and

implementation schedule. AT&T-12STATE 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 AT&T-13STATE deploys in its network Local Only Tandem Switches (AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE), Local/IntraLATA Tandem Switches (AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE) Local/Access Tandem Switches and Access Tandem Switches. In addition AT&T-13STATE deploys Tandems that switch ancillary traffic such as E911 (E911 Tandem or E911 Selective Routing Tandem), Operator Services/ Directory Assistance (OS/DA Tandem), and Mass Calling (choke Tandem).
- 4.2 CLEC shall establish Local Only or Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to all Local Tandems in the LATA in which CLEC Offers Service in AT&T CONNECTICUT, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, and AT&T-2STATE. If CLEC Offers Service in a LATA in which there is no AT&T Local Tandem, CLEC shall establish Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to each AT&T-13STATE End Office Switch in that LATA in which it Offers Service. CLEC shall establish Local Only or Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to all Local Tandems in the local exchange area in which CLEC Offers Service in AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE. If there are no Local Tandems in the local exchange area in which CLEC Offers Service in the AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, CLEC shall establish a Local Interconnection Trunk Group to each AT&T-13STATE End Office Switch in that local exchange area in which CLEC Offers Service. CLEC shall route appropriate traffic (i.e. only traffic to End Offices that subtend that Local Tandem) to the respective AT&T-13STATE Local Tandem on the trunk groups defined below. AT&T-13STATE shall route appropriate traffic to CLEC switches on the trunk groups defined below.
- 4.3 Direct End Office Trunk Group(s) (DEOTs) transport Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic between CLEC's switch and an AT&T-13STATE End Office and are not switched at a Local Tandem location. CLEC shall establish a two-way Direct End Office Trunk Group (one-way in AT&T CONNECTICUT) when actual or projected End Office Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic requires twenty-four (24) or more trunks. Once provisioned, traffic from CLEC to AT&T-13STATE must be redirected to route first to the DEOT with overflow traffic alternate routed to the appropriate AT&T-13STATE Local Tandem. If an AT&T-13STATE End Office does not subtend an AT&T-13STATE Local Tandem, a direct final Direct End Office Trunk Group will be established by CLEC, and there will be no overflow of Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic.
- 4.4 All traffic received by AT&T-13STATE on the DEOT 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 Switch of a host/remote configuration, CLEC shall establish the DEOT at the host switch. The number of digits to be received by the AT&T-13STATE End Office shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties. This trunk group shall be two-way (one-way in AT&T CONNECTICUT).
- 4.5 Trunk Configuration
 - 4.5.1 Trunk Configuration – AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT
 - 4.5.1.1 Where available and upon the request of the other Party, each Party shall cooperate to ensure that its trunk groups are configured utilizing the Bipolar 8 Zero Substitution Extended Super Frame (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.
 - 4.5.1.2 Any AT&T-13STATE switch incapable of handling 64CCC traffic will require that Local Interconnection Trunk Groups be established at those switches using Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI).

4.5.2 Trunk Configuration – AT&T-2STATE

- 4.5.2.1 When Interconnecting at AT&T-2STATE'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 Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. Where AMI trunks are used, either Party may request upgrade to B8ZS ESF when such equipment is available.
- 4.5.2.2 When interconnecting at AT&T CALIFORNIA's DMS Access Tandem(s), 64CCC data and voice traffic may be combined on the same two-way Local Interconnection Trunk Group. 64 CCC data and voice traffic must be on separate two-way Local Interconnection Trunk Groups and not combined at AT&T CALIFORNIA's 4E Access Tandems.

5. TRUNK GROUPS

- 5.1 When CLEC Offers Service in a Local Exchange Area or LATA, the following trunk groups shall be used to exchange various types of traffic between CLEC End Users and AT&T-13STATE End Users.
- 5.2 Local Only and Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s) in each Local Exchange Area: AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE.
 - 5.2.1 A two-way Local Only Trunk Group shall be established between CLEC's switch and each AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Local Only Tandem Switch in the local exchange area. Inter-Tandem switching is not provided.
 - 5.2.2 A two-way Local Interconnection Trunk Group shall be established between CLEC switch and each AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Local/IntraLATA Tandem Switch and each Local/Access Tandem Switch in the local exchange area. Inter-Tandem switching is not provided.
 - 5.2.3 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE reserves the right to initiate a one-way IntraLATA Trunk Group to CLEC in order to provide Tandem relief when a community of interest is outside the local exchange area in which CLEC is interconnected.
 - 5.2.4 Where traffic from CLEC switch to an AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE End Office is sufficient (24 or more trunks), a Local Interconnection Trunk Group shall also be established to the AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE End Office.
 - 5.2.5 A Local Interconnection Trunk Group shall be established from CLEC switch to each AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE End Office in a local exchange area that has no Local Tandem. This trunk group shall be established as a direct final.
 - 5.2.6 When AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE has a separate Local Only Tandem Switch(es) in the local exchange area, and a separate Access Tandem Switch that serves the same local exchange area, a two-way IntraLATA Toll Trunk Group shall be established to the AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Access Tandem Switch. In addition a two-way Local Only Trunk Group(s) shall be established from CLEC's switch to each AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Local Only Tandem Switch.
 - 5.2.7 Each Party shall deliver to the other Party over the Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s) only such traffic that originates and terminates in the same local exchange area.
- 5.3 Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s) in Each LATA: AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CONNECTICUT, AT&T-2STATE
 - 5.3.1 Tandem Trunking – AT&T-2STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE
 - 5.3.1.1 In AT&T-2STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE;
 - 5.3.1.1.1 Section 251(b)(5) and ISP Bound Traffic shall be routed on Local Only Trunk Groups established at all AT&T Local Only Tandems in the LATA for calls destined to or from all AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE End Offices that

subtend the designated tandem. These trunk groups shall be two-way and will utilize Signaling System (SS7) signaling.

5.3.1.1.2 Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic shall be routed on Local Interconnection Trunk Groups established at all AT&T Local/IntraLATA, Local/Access, or Access Tandem Switch(es) (AT&T-2STATE only) in the LATA for calls destined to or from all AT&T-2STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE End Offices that subtend the designated tandems. These trunk groups shall be two-way and will utilize Signaling System (SS7) signaling.

5.3.2 Tandem Trunking – AT&T CONNECTICUT

5.3.2.1 In AT&T CONNECTICUT, Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic shall be routed on Local Interconnection Trunk Groups established at all AT&T Local Tandems in the LATA for calls destined to or from all AT&T CONNECTICUT End Offices that subtend the designated tandem. These trunk groups shall be one-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 Trunk Groups for the exchange of Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic where actual or projected traffic demand is or will be twenty-four (24) or more trunks.

5.4 Meet Point Trunk Group: AT&T-13STATE

5.4.1 IXC carried traffic shall be transported between CLEC's switch and the AT&T-13STATE Access Tandem Switch or Local/Access Tandem Switch over a Meet Point Trunk Group separate from Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic. The Meet Point Trunk Group will be established for the transmission and routing of exchange access traffic between CLEC's End Users and IXCs via a AT&T-13STATE Access Tandem Switch or Local/Access Tandem Switch.

5.4.2 Meet Point Trunk Groups shall be provisioned 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 AT&T-13STATE has more than one Access or Local/Access Tandem Switch in a local exchange area or LATA, CLEC shall establish a Meet Point Trunk Group to every AT&T-13STATE Access or Local/Access Tandem Switch where CLEC has homed its NXX code(s).

5.4.4 AT&T-13STATE will not block switched access customer traffic delivered to any AT&T-13STATE Access Tandem Switch or Local/Access Tandem Switch for completion on CLEC's network. The Parties understand and agree that Meet Point trunking arrangements are available and functional only to/from switched access customers who directly connect with any AT&T-13STATE Access Tandem Switch or Local/Access Tandem Switch that CLEC's switch subtends in each LATA. In no event will AT&T-13STATE be required to route such traffic through more than one of its tandem switches for connection to/from switched access customers. AT&T-13STATE shall have no responsibility to ensure that any switched access customer will accept traffic that CLEC directs to the switched access customer.

5.4.5 CLEC shall provide all SS7 signaling information including, without limitation, charge number and originating line information ("OLI"). For terminating FGD, AT&T-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: AT&T-13STATE

- 5.5.1 If CLEC chooses AT&T-13STATE to handle 800/(8YY) database queries from its switches, all CLEC originating 800/(8YY) traffic will be routed over the 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 AT&T-13STATE Access or Local/Access Tandem Switch.
- 5.5.2 All originating Toll Free Service 800/(8YY) calls for which CLEC requests that AT&T-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/intraLATA/interLATA) of the 800/(8YY) call based on the response from the database. If the query determines that the call is a local or IntraLATA 800/(8YY) number, CLEC will route the post-query local or IntraLATA converted ten-digit local number to AT&T-13STATE over the Local Interconnection Trunk Group. In such case, 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 Trunk Group to carriers not directly connected to its network but are connected to AT&T-13STATE's Access or Local/Access Tandem Switch. Calls will be routed to AT&T-13STATE over the Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Groups or Meet Point 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 AT&T-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 Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Group for calls destined to End Offices that directly subtend the tandem.

5.6 E911 Trunk Group

- 5.6.1 A dedicated trunk group for each NPA shall be established to each appropriate E911 switch within the local exchange area or LATA in which CLEC Offers Service. This trunk group shall be provisioned as one-way outgoing only and will utilize MF CAMA signaling or, where available, SS7 signaling. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this trunk group. Where the parties utilize SS7 signaling and the E911 network has the technology available, only one E911 trunk group shall be established to handle multiple NPAs within the local exchange area or LATA. If the E911 network does not have the appropriate technology available, a SS7 trunk group shall be established for each NPA in the local exchange area or LATA. CLEC shall provide a minimum of two (2) one-way outgoing channels on E911 trunk groups per default PSAP or default ESN assignment dedicated for originating E911 emergency service calls from the Point of Interconnection (POI) to the AT&T-13STATE E911 Selective Router switch that serves a specified geographic rate area.
- 5.6.2 In AT&T CONNECTICUT only, CLEC will comply with the CT DPUC directives regarding the E911 trunk groups. The current directive requires CLEC to establish three separate dedicated trunk groups for each Connecticut NPA and default PSAP or default ESN assignment, from its switch to each of the Connecticut E911 Selective Routing tandems. For each NPA, one trunk group using SS7 signaling will go to the Primary E911 Selective Routing tandem. A second trunk group using SS7 will go to the Secondary E911 Selective routing tandem. The third trunk group will have MF CAMA signaling and will go to the Primary E911 Selective Routing tandem and serve as a backup. These trunk groups shall be provisioned by CLEC as one-way outgoing only. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs.

5.6.3 CLEC will cooperate with AT&T-13STATE to promptly test all E911 trunks and facilities between CLEC's network and the AT&T-13STATE E911 Selective Routing Tandem to assure proper functioning of E911 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: AT&T-12STATE

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. 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. The Parties will not exchange live traffic until successful testing is completed by both Parties.

5.7.2 This group shall be sized as follows:

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

5.7.3 If CLEC should acquire a HVCI/Mass Calling customer, i.e. a radio station, CLEC shall notify AT&T-12STATE at least 60 days in advance of the need to establish a one-way outgoing SS7 or MF trunk group from the AT&T-12STATE HVCI/Mass Calling Serving Office to the CLEC customer's serving office. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way 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, CLEC may request a meeting to coordinate with AT&T-12STATE 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 AT&T-12STATE a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to deployment of the new HVCI/Mass Calling NXX. AT&T-12STATE will perform the necessary translations in its End Offices and Tandem(s) and issue ASRs to establish a one-way outgoing SS7 or MF trunk group from the AT&T-12STATE Public Response HVCI/Mass Calling Network Access Tandem to CLEC's choke serving office.

5.7.5 In AT&T CONNECTICUT, where HVCI/Mass Calling NXXs have not been established, the Parties agree to utilize "call gapping" as the method to control high volumes of calls, where technically feasible in the originating switch, to specific high volume customers or in situations such as those described in Section 35 Network Maintenance and Management of the General Terms and Conditions.

5.8 Operator Services/Directory Assistance Trunk Group(s)

5.8.1 Terms and Conditions for Inward Assistance Operator Services are found in Appendix INW.

5.8.2 If AT&T-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 AT&T-13STATE Operator Services Tandem in the LATA for the NPA the CLEC wishes to serve. This trunk group is provisioned 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 ASRs 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 AT&T-13STATE Operator Services Tandem within the LATA for the combined DA and DACC traffic. This trunk group is provisioned as one-way outgoing only and utilizes Modified Operator Services Signaling (2 Digit ANI). CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group.

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

5.8.2.3.1 When AT&T-13STATE's operator is under contract to verify the busy status of CLEC End Users, AT&T-13STATE will utilize a segregated one-way with MF signaling trunk group from AT&T-13STATE's Operator Services Tandem to CLEC switch. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs 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 AT&T-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 ASRs 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 AT&T-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. TRUNK FORECASTING RESPONSIBILITIES: AT&T-13STATE

6.1 CLEC agrees to provide an initial forecast for all trunk groups described in this Appendix ITR. AT&T-13STATE shall review this trunk forecast and provide any additional information that may impact the trunk forecast information provided by CLEC. Subsequent trunk 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 AT&T-13STATE General Trunk Forecast. 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.

- 6.2 The semi-annual forecasts shall include:
 - 6.2.1 Yearly forecasted trunk quantities for all trunk groups required in this Appendix for a minimum of three (current plus 2 future) 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) DS1s, 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 these forecasts to ensure efficient trunk utilization. For forecast quantities that are in dispute, the Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to develop a mutually agreeable forecast.
 - 6.2.4 Orders for trunks that exceed forecasted quantities for forecasted locations will be accommodated as mutually agreed to by the Parties. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts and cooperate in good faith to develop alternative solutions to accommodate these orders.
- 6.3 CLEC shall be responsible for forecasting two-way trunk groups. AT&T-13STATE shall be responsible for forecasting the one-way trunk groups terminating to CLEC and CLEC shall be responsible for forecasting the one-way trunk groups terminating to AT&T-13STATE, unless otherwise specified in this Appendix.
- 6.4 Each Party shall provide a specified point of contact for planning and forecasting purposes.

7. **TRUNK DESIGN BLOCKING CRITERIA: AT&T-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 (using 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 Interconnection Trunk Group - Direct End Office (Primary High)	ECCS*
Local Interconnection Trunk Group - Direct End Office (Final)	2%
IntraLATA Toll Trunk Group (Local/Access or Access Tandem Switch)	1%
Local Interconnection Trunk Group (Local Tandem)	1%
Meet Point (Local/Access or Access Tandem Switch)	0.5%
E911	1%
Operator Services (DA/DACC)	1%
Operator Services (0+, 0-)	1%
Busy Line Verification/Emergency Interrupt	1%

*During implementation the Parties will mutually agree on an Economic Centum Call Seconds (ECCS) or some other means for the sizing of this trunk group.

8. **TRUNK SERVICING: AT&T-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 ASRs on two-way trunk groups. In AT&T CONNECTICUT where one-way trunks are provisioned, AT&T CONNECTICUT will issue ASRs for trunk groups for traffic that originates from AT&T CONNECTICUT and terminates to CLEC.

- 8.2 Both Parties will jointly manage the capacity of Local Only, Local Interconnection, and Meet Point Trunk Groups. Both Parties may send a Trunk Group Service Request (TGSR) to the other Party to trigger changes to the Local Only, Local Interconnection, and Meet Point 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 Utilization: Utilization shall be defined as Trunks Required as a percentage of Trunks In Service.
- 8.3.1 In A Blocking Situation (Over-utilization)
- 8.3.1.1 In a blocking situation, CLEC is responsible for issuing ASRs on all two-way Local Only, Local Interconnection and Meet Point Trunk Groups and one-way CLEC originating Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to reduce measured blocking to design objective blocking levels based on analysis of trunk group data. If an ASR is not issued, AT&T-13STATE will issue a TSGR. CLEC will issue an ASR within three (3) business days after receipt and review of the TGSR. CLEC will note "Service Affecting" on the ASR.
- 8.3.1.2 In a blocking situation, AT&T-13STATE is responsible for issuing ASRs on one-way AT&T originating Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to reduce measured blocking to design objective blocking levels based on analysis of trunk group data. If an ASR is not issued, CLEC will issue a TSGR. AT&T-13STATE will issue an ASR within three (3) business days after receipt and review of the TGSR.
- 8.3.1.3 If an alternate final Local Only Trunk Group or Local Interconnection Trunk Group is at seventy-five percent (75%) utilization, a TGSR is sent to CLEC for the final and all subtending high usages that are contributing any amount of overflow to the alternate final route.
- 8.3.1.4 If a direct final Meet Point Trunk Group is at seventy-five percent (75%) utilization, a TGSR shall be sent to CLEC.
- 8.3.2 Underutilization
- 8.3.2.1 Underutilization of Local Only Trunk Groups, Local Interconnection Trunk Groups and Meet Point Trunk Groups exists when provisioned capacity is greater than the current need. Those situations where more capacity exists than actual usage requires will be handled in the following manner:
- 8.3.2.1.1 If a Local Only Trunk Group, Local Interconnection Trunk Group or a Meet Point Trunk Group is under seventy-five 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 Local Only Trunk Group, Local Interconnection Trunk Group or the Meet Point Trunk Group, which shall be left with not less than twenty-five percent (25%) excess capacity. In all cases, grade of service objectives shall be maintained.
- 8.3.2.1.2 Either party may send a TGSR to the other Party to trigger changes to the Local Only Trunk Groups, Local Interconnection Trunk Groups or Meet Point 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.
- 8.3.2.1.3 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.

8.3.2.1.4 If AT&T-13STATE does not receive an ASR, or if CLEC does not respond to the TGSR by scheduling a joint discussion within the twenty (20) business day period, AT&T-13STATE will attempt to contact CLEC to schedule a joint planning discussion. If CLEC will not agree to meet within an additional five (5) business days and present adequate reason for keeping trunks operational, AT&T-13STATE reserves the right to issue ASRs to resize the Local Only Trunk Groups, Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, or Meet Point Trunk Groups.

8.3.3 Trunk Servicing – AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Exceptions

8.3.3.1 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. Incoming orders will be screened by AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE 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 minimize delay in 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.

8.4 Projects require the coordination and execution of multiple orders or related activities between and among AT&T-13STATE and CLEC work groups, including but not limited to the initial establishment of Local Only, Local Interconnection or Meet Point Trunk Groups and service in an area, NXX code moves, re-homes, facility grooming, or network rearrangements.

8.4.1 Orders that comprise a project, i.e. greater than four (4) DS1s, shall be submitted at the same time, and their implementation shall be jointly planned and coordinated.

8.5 Projects-Tandem Rehomes/Switch Conversion/Major Network Projects

8.5.1 AT&T-13STATE will advise CLEC of all projects significantly affecting CLEC trunking. Such Projects may include Tandem Rehomes, Switch Conversions and other major network changes. An Accessible Letter with project details will be issued at least 6 months prior to the project due dates. AT&T-13STATE will follow with a Trunk Group Service Request (TGSR) approximately 4 to 6 months before the due date of the project. A separate TGSR will be issued for each CLEC trunk group and will specify the required CLEC ASR issue date. Failure to submit ASR(s) by the required date may result in AT&T-13STATE ceasing to deliver traffic until the ASR(s) are received and processed.

9. TRUNK DATA EXCHANGE: AT&T-13STATE

9.1 The Parties agree to exchange traffic data on two-way trunk groups 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 is agreed to by the Parties.

9.2 Exchange of traffic data enables each Party to make accurate and independent assessments of trunk group service levels and requirements. The Parties may 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). The Parties agree that twenty (20) business days is the study period duration objective. However, on occasion a study period 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. For AT&T originated one-way, or for any two-way trunk groups, these reports can be made available weekly upon request.

- 9.3 A trunk group utilization report (TIKI) is available upon request. The report is provided in an MS-Excel format.

10. NETWORK MANAGEMENT: AT&T-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 AT&T-13STATE 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 AT&T-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. OUT OF EXCHANGE TRAFFIC

- 11.1 Interconnection services are available in accordance with section 251(a)(1) of the Act for the purposes of exchanging traffic to/from a non-AT&T incumbent exchange and consistent with the Appendix Out of Exchange Traffic.

12. SWITCHED ACCESS TRAFFIC

12.1 For purposes of this Agreement only, Switched Access Traffic shall mean all traffic that originates from an end user physically located in one local exchange and delivered for termination to an end user physically located in a different local exchange (excluding traffic from exchanges sharing a common mandatory local calling area as defined in AT&T-13STATE's local exchange tariffs on file with the applicable state commission) including, without limitation, any traffic that (i) terminates over a Party's circuit switch, including traffic from a service that originates over a circuit switch and uses Internet Protocol (IP) transport technology (regardless of whether only one provider uses IP transport or multiple providers are involved in providing IP transport) and/or (ii) originates from the end user's premises in IP format and is transmitted to the switch of a provider of voice communication applications or services when such switch utilizes IP technology and terminates over a Party's circuit switch. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, all Switched Access Traffic shall be delivered to the terminating Party over feature group access trunks per the terminating Party's access tariff(s) and shall be subject to applicable intrastate and interstate switched access charges; provided, however, the following categories of Switched Access Traffic are not subject to the above stated requirement relating to routing over feature group access trunks:

- (i) IntraLATA toll Traffic or Optional EAS Traffic from a CLEC end user that obtains local dial tone from CLEC where CLEC is both the Section 251(b)(5) Traffic provider and the intraLATA toll provider,
- (ii) IntraLATA toll Traffic or Optional EAS Traffic from an AT&T end user that obtains local dial tone from AT&T where AT&T is both the Section 251(b)(5) Traffic provider and the intraLATA toll provider;
- (iii) Switched Access Traffic delivered to AT&T from an Interexchange Carrier (IXC) where the terminating number is ported to another CLEC and the IXC fails to perform the Local Number Portability (LNP) query; and/or

(iv) Switched Access Traffic delivered to either Party from a third party competitive local exchange carrier over interconnection trunk groups carrying Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic (hereinafter referred to as "Local Interconnection Trunk Groups") destined to the other Party.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, each Party reserves its rights, remedies, and arguments relating to the application of switched access charges for traffic exchanged by the Parties prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement and described in the FCC's Order issued in the Petition for Declaratory Ruling that AT&T's Phone-to-Phone IP Telephony Services Exempt from Access Charges, WC Docket No. 01-361(Released April 21, 2004).

- 12.2 In the limited circumstances in which a third party competitive local exchange carrier delivers Switched Access Traffic as described in Section 12.1 (iv) above to either Party over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, such Party may deliver such Switched Access Traffic to the terminating Party over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. If it is determined that such traffic has been delivered over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, the terminating Party may object to the delivery of such traffic by providing written notice to the delivering Party pursuant to the notice provisions set forth in the General Terms and Conditions and request removal of such traffic. The Parties will work cooperatively to identify the traffic with the goal of removing such traffic from the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. If the delivering Party has not removed or is unable to remove such Switched Access Traffic as described in Section 12.1(iv) above from the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups within sixty (60) days of receipt of notice from the other party, the Parties agree to jointly file a complaint or any other appropriate action with the applicable Commission to seek any necessary permission to remove the traffic from such interconnection trunks up to and including the right to block such traffic and to obtain compensation, if appropriate, from the third party competitive local exchange carrier delivering such traffic to the extent it is not blocked.

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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 for switched-based CLEC's or CLEC's leasing Lawful unbundled switched ports as provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 AT&T Inc. (AT&T) means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 AT&T-2STATE - As used herein, AT&T-2STATE means AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 AT&T-4STATE - As used herein, AT&T-4STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, and AT&T Oklahoma the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 AT&T-7STATE - As used herein, AT&T-7STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.6 AT&T-8STATE - As used herein, AT&T-8STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T NEVADA and AT&T CONNECTICUT the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.7 AT&T-10STATE - As used herein, AT&T-10STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE an the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 AT&T-12STATE - As used herein, AT&T-12STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T-2STATE the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 AT&T-13STATE - As used herein, AT&T-13STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T-2STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 AT&T ARKANSAS - As used herein, AT&T ARKANSAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 AT&T CALIFORNIA - As used herein, AT&T CALIFORNIA means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 AT&T CONNECTICUT - As used herein, AT&T CONNECTICUT means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.13 AT&T KANSAS - As used herein, AT&T KANSAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

- 1.14 AT&T ILLINOIS - As used herein, AT&T ILLINOIS means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.15 AT&T INDIANA - As used herein, AT&T INDIANA means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.16 AT&T MICHIGAN - As used herein, AT&T MICHIGAN means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, the applicable AT&T-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.17 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE - As used herein, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.18 AT&T MISSOURI - As used herein, AT&T MISSOURI means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.19 AT&T NEVADA - As used herein, AT&T NEVADA means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.20 AT&T OHIO - As used herein, AT&T OHIO means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.21 AT&T OKLAHOMA - As used herein, AT&T OKLAHOMA means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.22 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE - As used herein, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.23 AT&T TEXAS - As used herein, AT&T TEXAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 AT&T WISCONSIN - As used herein, AT&T WISCONSIN means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2. SERVICES

- 2.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, AT&T-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.

- 3.4 "Toll Center Code" - Refers to a three digit Access Tandem Code (ATC) code that uniquely identifies a tandem switch in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) designated as providing access to operator services functions. An operator dials the appropriate area code + ATC + OPR SVC CODE to obtain Inward Assistance.
- 3.5 "Operator Service Code" - Refers to the operator dialable code assigned in the LERG for Inward Assistance.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 4.1 To the extent that a Party elects, in its sole discretion, to interconnect with the other Party's Operator assistance switches, the Parties' responsibilities are described below:
 - 4.1.1 It is the responsibility of the CLEC to order the necessary facilities to interconnect with AT&T-13STATE's Operator assistance switch(es). It is the responsibility of AT&T-13STATE to provide the necessary facilities to the CLEC's point of presence in the local exchange area/LATA to interconnect with the CLEC's Operator assistance switches.
 - 4.1.2 The CLEC will initiate an ASR for a one-way trunk group from its designated Operator assistance switch to the AT&T-13STATE Operator assistance switch utilizing MF signaling. Likewise, AT&T-13STATE will initiate an ASR for a one-way MF signaling trunk group from its Operator assistance switch to the CLEC's designated Operator assistance switch.
- 4.2 CLEC will furnish request for service in writing to AT&T-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 AT&T-13STATE. CLEC or its designated operator services providers shall submit Access Service Requests (ASRs) to AT&T-13STATE to establish any new interconnection trunking arrangements.
- 4.3 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.

5. TOLL CENTER CODES

- 5.1 Toll Center Codes will be used by the CLEC Operators for routing and connecting to the AT&T-13STATE Operator assistance switches. These codes are specific to the various AT&T-13STATE LATA's where AT&T-13STATE Operator assistance switches are located.
- 5.2 AT&T-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 AT&T-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 AT&T-12STATE - Pricing for Inward Assistance Operator Services shall be based on the rates specified in the applicable Appendix Pricing (Operator work seconds) and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

7. MONTHLY BILLING

- 7.1 AT&T-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 AT&T-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 AT&T-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 AT&T-13STATE and carrier.
- 8.2 The CLEC also agrees to release, defend and hold harmless AT&T-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 AT&T-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 AT&T-13STATE, within thirty (30) days of the issuance of any bills by AT&T-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 AT&T-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.

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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APPENDIX NIM (NETWORK INTERCONNECTION METHODS)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions that Network Interconnection Methods (NIM) are provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (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 End Users 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 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T-2STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-2STATE** means **AT&T CALIFORNIA** and **AT&T NEVADA**, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **AT&T-4STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, and AT&T Oklahoma the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 **AT&T-7STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-7STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** and **AT&T NEVADA**, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.6 **AT&T-8STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-8STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T CALIFORNIA**, **AT&T NEVADA** and **AT&T CONNECTICUT** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.7 **AT&T-10STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-10STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **AT&T-12STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-12STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **AT&T-2STATE** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-13STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T-2STATE** and **AT&T CONNECTICUT** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **AT&T ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **AT&T ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 **AT&T CALIFORNIA** – As used herein, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, **AT&T CONNECTICUT** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

- 1.13 AT&T KANSAS - As used herein, AT&T KANSAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 1.14 AT&T ILLINOIS - As used herein, AT&T ILLINOIS means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.15 AT&T INDIANA - As used herein, AT&T INDIANA means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.16 AT&T MICHIGAN - As used herein, AT&T MICHIGAN means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, the applicable AT&T-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.17 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE - As used herein, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.18 AT&T MISSOURI - As used herein, AT&T MISSOURI means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.19 AT&T NEVADA - As used herein, AT&T NEVADA means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.20 AT&T OHIO - As used herein, AT&T OHIO means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.21 AT&T OKLAHOMA - As used herein, AT&T OKLAHOMA means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.22 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE - As used herein, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.23 AT&T TEXAS - As used herein, AT&T TEXAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 AT&T WISCONSIN - As used herein, AT&T WISCONSIN means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.
- 1.25 AT&T-13STATE shall provide, for CLEC's facilities and equipment, interconnection for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service and exchange access, at a level of quality that is equal to that which AT&T-13STATE provides itself, a subsidiary, an affiliate, or any other party to which AT&T-13STATE provides interconnection and on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable and non-discriminatory.
- 1.26 Network Interconnection Methods (NIMs) include, but are not limited to, Physical Collocation; Virtual Collocation; Fiber Meet Point; and other technically feasible method of obtaining interconnection which is incorporated into the Interconnection Agreement by amendment. One or more of these methods may be used to effect the Interconnection pursuant to Section 25(c)(2) of the Act.

2. NETWORK INTERCONNECTION ARCHITECTURE PLAN

- 2.1 AT&T-13STATE's network is partly comprised of End Office switches, Local Only Tandem Switches (AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE), Local/IntraLATA Tandem Switches, Local/Access Tandem Switches, and Access Tandem Switches. AT&T-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. A physical architecture plan will, at a minimum, include the location of CLEC's switch(es) and AT&T-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 or LATA 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 on the AT&T-13STATE network (End Office or Tandem building) where the Parties deliver Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic to each other, and also serves as a demarcation point between the facilities that each Party is responsible to provide.
- 2.3 Each Party is responsible for the facilities to its side of the negotiated 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). The parties agree to provide sufficient facilities for the trunk groups required in Appendix ITR for the exchange of traffic between CLEC and AT&T-13STATE.
- 2.4 Types of Points of Interconnection
- 2.4.1 A "Tandem Serving Area" or "TSA" is an AT&T-13STATE area defined by the sum of all local calling areas served by AT&T-13STATE End Offices that subtend an AT&T-13STATE tandem for Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic as defined in the LERG.
- 2.4.2 The Parties will interconnect their network facilities at a minimum of one CLEC designated Point of Interconnection (POI) within AT&T-13STATE's network in the LATA where CLEC Offers Service.
- 2.4.3 A "Single POI" is a single point of interconnection within a LATA on AT&T-13STATE's network that is established to interconnect AT&T-13STATE's network and CLEC's network for the exchange of Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic.
- 2.4.4 The Parties agree that CLEC has the right to choose a Single POI or multiple POIs.
- 2.4.5 When CLEC has established a Single POI (or multiple POIs) in a LATA, CLEC agrees to establish an additional POI:
- (i) at an AT&T-13STATE TSA separate from the existing POI arrangement when traffic through the existing POI arrangement to that AT&T-13STATE TSA exceeds twenty-four (24) DS1s at peak over three (3) consecutive months, or
- (ii) at an AT&T-13STATE End Office in a local calling area not served by an AT&T-13STATE tandem for Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic when traffic through the existing POI arrangement to that local calling area exceeds twenty-four (24) DS1s at peak over three (3) consecutive months.
- 2.4.6 The additional POI(s) will be established within 90 days of notification that the threshold has been met.
- 2.5 Either Party must provide thirty (30) days written notice of any intent to change to the physical architecture plan.
- 2.6 CLEC is solely responsible for the facilities that carry OS/DA, E911, Mass Calling and Meet Point Trunk Groups as specified in Appendix ITR.
- 2.7 Technical Interfaces
- 2.7.1 The Interconnection facilities provided by each Party shall be formatted using either Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI) line code with Superframe format framing or Bipolar 8 Zero Signaling (B8ZS) with Extended Superframe format framing or any mutually agreeable line coding and framing.
- 2.7.2 Electrical handoffs at the POI(s) will be at the DS1 or DS3 level. When a DS3 handoff is agreed to by the Parties, AT&T-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.

2.7.3 When the Parties demonstrate the need for Optical handoffs at the OC-n level, the parties will meet to negotiate specific Optical handoff needs.

3. METHODS OF INTERCONNECTION

3.1 Physical Collocation

3.1.1 When CLEC provides its own facilities or uses the facilities of a third party to a AT&T-13STATE Tandem or End Office building and wishes to place its own transport terminating equipment at that location, CLEC may Interconnect using the provisions of Physical Collocation as set forth in Appendix Collocation.

3.2 Virtual Collocation

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

3.3 Fiber Meet Point

3.3.1 Fiber Meet Point between AT&T-13STATE and CLEC can occur at any mutually agreeable and technically feasible point at an AT&T-13STATE Tandem or End Office building within each local exchange area (AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE) or LATA (AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CONNECTICUT, and AT&T-2STATE).

3.3.2 When the Parties agree to interconnect their networks pursuant to the Fiber Meet Point, a single point-to-point linear chain SONET system must be utilized. Only Local Interconnection Trunk Groups shall be provisioned over this jointly provided facility.

3.3.3 Neither Party will be allowed to access the Data Communications Channel ("DCC") of the other Party's Fiber Optic Terminal (FOT). The Fiber Meet Point 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.

3.3.4 Requirements for such Interconnection specifications will be defined in joint engineering planning sessions between the Parties.

3.3.5 In addition to the semi-annual trunk forecast process, discussed in Appendix ITR, discussions to provide relief to existing facilities can be initiated by either party. Actual system augmentations will be initiated only upon mutual agreement. Facilities will be planned for to accommodate the verified and mutually agreed upon trunk forecast for the Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s).

3.3.6 Both Parties will negotiate a project service date and corresponding work schedule to construct relief facilities prior to facilities exhaust.

3.3.7 CLEC will provide fiber cable to the last entrance (or AT&T-13STATE designated) manhole at the AT&T-13STATE Tandem or End Office building. AT&T-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 Fiber cable for AT&T-13STATE to pull through to the AT&T-13STATE cable vault. CLEC shall deliver and maintain such strands wholly at its own expense up to the POI. AT&T-13STATE shall take the fiber from the manhole and terminate it inside AT&T-13STATE's office at the cable vault at AT&T-13STATE's expense. In this case the POI shall be at the AT&T-13STATE designated manhole location.

3.3.8 Each Party shall provide its own source for the synchronized timing of its FOT equipment.

3.3.9 CLEC and AT&T-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 in section 4 of this document.

3.4 Other Interconnection Methods

3.4.1 The Parties may mutually agree to other methods of obtaining interconnection that are technically feasible which are incorporated into the Interconnection Agreement by amendment.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

4.1 For each local Interconnection within an AT&T-13STATE area, CLEC shall provide written notice to AT&T-13STATE of the need to establish Interconnection in each local exchange area (AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE) or LATA (AT&T-2STATE, AT&T CONNECTICUT and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE). CLEC shall provide all applicable network information on forms acceptable to AT&T-13STATE (as set forth in AT&T's CLEC Handbook, published on the CLEC website).

4.2 Upon receipt of CLEC's notice to interconnect, the Parties shall schedule a meeting to document the network architecture (including trunking) as discussed in Section 2.1. The Interconnection activation date for an Interconnection shall be established based on then-existing force and load, the scope and complexity of the requested Interconnection and other relevant factors.

4.3 Either party may add or remove additional switches. The parties shall provide 120 days written notice to establish such Interconnection; and the terms and conditions of this agreement will apply to such Interconnection.

4.4 The Parties 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.

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APPENDIX LNP (LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Local Number Portability mutually provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T-12STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-12STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **AT&T-2STATE** the applicable AT&T owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.4 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-13STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T-2STATE** and **AT&T CONNECTICUT** the applicable AT&T owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.5 **AT&T CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.6 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, **AT&T CONNECTICUT** means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.7 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **AT&T NEVADA** - As used herein, **AT&T NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.9 **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

2. LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY (LNP)

- 2.1 **General Terms and Conditions**
 - 2.1.1 **AT&T-13STATE** and CLEC shall provide Local Number Portability (LNP) in accordance with requirements of the Act, the rules and orders of the FCC, and the guidelines of the North American Numbering Council (NANC).
- 2.2 **Requirements for LNP**
 - 2.2.1 **AT&T-13STATE** and CLEC shall follow industry guidelines, including but not limited to North American Numbering Council (NANC) Inter Service Provider Operations Flows, regarding LNP.

- 2.2.2 Either party shall be permitted to block default -routed calls to protect the public switched telephone network from overload, congestion, or failure propagation.
- 2.2.3 When a ported telephone number becomes vacant, e.g., the telephone number is no longer in service with the original End User, the ported telephone number will be released back to the carrier owning the switch in which the telephone number's NXX is native.
- 2.2.4 Each Party shall become responsible for the End User's other telecommunications related services and features, e.g. E911, Directory Listings, Operator Services, Line Information Database (LIDB), once that Party has ported the End User's telephone number to the Party's switch.
- 2.3 Limitations of Service
- 2.3.1 Telephone numbers can be ported as a basic network offering only within AT&T-13STATE rate centers as approved by State Commissions. "Porting within rate centers" refers to the physical location of the End User. If the End User changes his, her or its physical location from one rate center to another, the End User may not retain his, her or its telephone number (which is associated with the End User's previous rate center) as a basic network (non-FX) offering. An End User may retain his, her or its telephone number when moving from one rate center to another by the use of a tariff FX or Remote Call Forwarding offering from the new service provider. The term "FX," as used in this appendix, refers to number assignments and moves outside the rate centers with which a telephone number is ordinarily associated, and is different from the term "FX" in the Compensation attachment, which refers number assignment and moves outside of a mandatory local calling area.
- 2.3.2 Telephone numbers of the following types shall not be ported: (i) AT&T-13STATE Official Communications Services (OCS) NXXs; and (ii) 555, 976, 950, 956, 976 and 900 numbers (iii) N11 numbers (e.g., 411 and 911); (iv) 800, 888, 877 and 866 numbers; and (v) disconnected or unassigned numbers.
- 2.3.3 Telephone numbers with NXXs dedicated to choke/High Volume Call-In (HVCI) networks are not portable via LRN. Choke numbers will be ported as described in Section 5.5 of this Appendix.
- 2.4 Service Description
- 2.4.1 The LRN software of the switch in which an NXX is native determines if the called party is in a portable NXX. When a calling party places a telephone call, if the called party is in a portable NXX, a query will be launched to the LNP database to determine whether or not the called number has been ported.
- 2.4.2 When the called number has been ported, an LRN will be returned to the switch that launched the query. Following the query, the LRN of the called number will appear in the Called Party Number (CdPN) field of the SS7 message and the called number will appear in the Generic Address Parameter (GAP) field.
- 2.4.3 When the query does not return an LRN, the call will be completed based upon the dialed digits.
- 2.4.4 When the LNP database is queried, the Forward Call Identifier (FCI) field's entry will be changed from 0 to 1 by the switch triggering the query, regardless of whether the called number has been ported or not.
- 2.4.5 Where technically feasible, the Parties shall populate the Jurisdictional Identification Parameter (JIP) field with the first six (6) digits (NPA NXX format) of the appropriate LRN of the originating switch.
- 2.5 Pricing
- 2.5.1 With the exception of lawful query charges, the parties shall not charge each other for ordering, provisioning, or conversion of ported telephone numbers as a means for the other to recover the costs associated with LNP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, AT&T-13STATE may charge CLEC LNP end user surcharges, provided that the conditions set forth in 47 CFR § 52.33 are met.

3. "N-1" QUERY METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The parties shall follow the "N-1" query methodology in performing queries of the LNP database, as provided below. As provided by industry standards, the N-1" carrier is the carrier in the call routing sequence immediately prior to the terminating carrier's end office, or the terminating carrier's end office tandem. The "N-1" carrier shall perform the LNP database query. If the "N-1" carrier fails to perform the LNP database query, the terminating carrier shall perform a query of the LNP database, and shall be permitted to change the N-1 carrier for the query.
- 3.1.1 For interLATA or intraLATA toll calls, the originating carrier will pass the call to the appropriate toll carrier, which will perform a query of the LNP database and efficiently route the call to the appropriate terminating local carrier, either directly or through an access tandem office. Where one carrier is the originating local service provider (LSP) and the other carrier is the designated toll carrier, the designated toll carrier is the "N-1" carrier. The originating LSP will not query toll calls delivered to the toll carrier or charge the toll carrier for such queries.
- 3.1.2 For local calls to ported numbers, the originating carrier is the "N-1" carrier. The originating carrier will query the LNP database and route the call to the appropriate terminating carrier.
- 3.1.3 For local calls to any NXX from which at least one number has been ported, the Party that owns the originating switch shall query an LNP database as soon as the call reaches the first LNP-capable switch in the call path. The Party that owns the originating switch shall query on a local call to an NXX in which at least one number has been ported via LNP prior to any attempts to route the call to any other switch. Prior to the first number in an NXX being ported via LNP at the request of a CLEC, AT&T-13STATE may query all calls directed to that NXX, provided that AT&T-13STATE's queries shall not adversely affect the quality of service to CLEC's customers or end-users as compared to the service AT&T-13STATE provides its own customers.
- 3.1.4 A Party shall be charged for an LNP query by the other Party only if the Party to be charged is the N-1 carrier and was obligated to perform the LRN-PNP query but failed to do so, pursuant to conditions set forth in CFR 47, Section 52.33. The only exception will be if the FCC rules (Docket No. 95-116) that the terminating carrier may charge the N-1 carrier for queries initiated before the first number is ported in an NXX.
- 3.1.5 Rates, terms and conditions for LNP queries performed by AT&T-13STATE will be governed by FCC No. 73 Access Services Tariff, Section 34, or a successor tariff.

4. ORDERING

- 4.1 Porting of numbers marked as portable in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) will be initiated via Local Service Requests (LSR) based on Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF) recommendations.
- 4.1.1 When an LSR is sent to one Party by the other Party to initiate porting via LNP, the receiving Party shall return, at the appropriate time, a Firm Order Confirmation (FOC).
- 4.1.2 For the purposes of this Attachment, the Parties may use a project management approach for the implementation of LSRs for large quantities of ported numbers or for complex porting processes. With regard to such managed projects ("projects"), the parties may negotiate implementation details such as, but not limited to: Due Date, Cutover Intervals and Times, Coordination of Technical Resources, and Completion Notice.

5. PROVISIONING

- 5.1 The Parties will remove a ported number from the end office from which the number is being ported as close to the requested time as reasonably practicable, not to exceed 59 minutes, except under the conditions listed below in 5.1.1, 5.1.2 and 5.1.3. The 59-minute period shall commence upon the Frame Due Time (FDT) shown on the receiving party's LSR, or as otherwise negotiated by the parties on a project basis. The parties recognize that it is in the best interest of the consumer for this removal to be completed in the most expedient manner possible. Therefore, AT&T-13STATE and CLEC agree that a 30-minute

- interval is a goal toward which both companies will work; however, both CLEC and AT&T-13STATE recognize that there will be instances where the interval may be up to 59 minutes.
- 5.1.1 Unconditional Ten-Digit Trigger. If the Unconditional Ten-Digit Trigger is set, calls originating from the old switch will query the database and route to the new switch without the number being disconnected. The ported number must be removed at the same time that the unconditional LNP trigger is removed.
 - 5.1.2 Project Orders. For project requests, the Parties will negotiate time frames for the disconnection of the numbers in the old switch.
 - 5.1.3 Coordinated Orders. Orders worked on a coordinated basis will be coordinated until the numbers are disconnected in the old switch.
- 5.2 The Parties agree to provide Unconditional Ten Digit Trigger wherever technically feasible.
- 5.3 AT&T-13STATE and CLEC shall cooperate in the process of porting numbers from one carrier to another so as to limit service outage for the ported subscriber. AT&T-13STATE and CLEC will use their best efforts to update their respective Local Service Management Systems (LSMS) from the NPAC SMS data within 15 minutes after receipt of a download from the NPAC SMS (the current North American Numbering Council goal for such updating).
- 5.4 At the time a telephone number is ported via LNP, the Party from which the number is being ported shall insure that the LIDB entry for that number is deprovisioned.
- 5.5 Mass Calling
- 5.5.1 Both AT&T-13STATE and CLEC shall to offer Local Number Portability for telephone numbers with “choke” (i.e., mass calling) NXXs in a manner that complies with the FCC's criteria.
- 5.6 Operator Services, LIDB/LVAS and Directory Assistance
- 5.6.1 The Provisions of this Agreement pertaining to Operator Services, LIDB/LVAS and Directory Assistance shall also apply when LNP is in place.
- 5.7 Porting of DID Block Numbers
- 5.7.1 DID block numbers shall be portable in the same manner as other local telephone numbers, subject to the modifications and/or limitations provided herein.
 - 5.7.2 AT&T-13STATE and CLEC shall offer Local Number Portability to customers for any portion of an existing DID block without being required to port the entire block of DID number.
 - 5.7.3 AT&T-13STATE and CLEC shall permit customers which port a portion of DID numbers to retain DID service on the remaining portion of the DID numbers, provided such is consistent with applicable tariffs.