

# APPENDIX RESALE

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## APPENDIX RESALE

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix set forth terms and conditions for Resale Services provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **SBC-4STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 **SBC-7STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC NEVADA**, and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA** – As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.14 **SBC INDIANA** - As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

- 1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN** - As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.17 **SBC MISSOURI** - As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.18 **SBC NEVADA** - As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.19 **SBC OHIO** - As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.21 **SBC SNET** - As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.23 **SBC TEXAS** - As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.
- 1.25 The prices at which SBC agrees to provide CLEC with Resale Services are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commission ordered tariff where stated.

## 2. DESCRIPTION AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES

- 2.1 A list of Telecommunications Services currently available for resale at the wholesale discount rate for each service determined by the appropriate Commission is set forth in Appendix Pricing. Except as otherwise expressed herein, consistent with **SBC-13STATE**'s obligation under Section 251(c)(4)(A) of the Act and any other applicable limitations or restrictions, CLEC may resell other Telecommunications Services offered at retail by **SBC-13STATE** at the discount set forth in Appendix Pricing.
  - 2.1.1 This section applies only to **SBC KANSAS**:
    - 2.1.1.1 CLEC shall select either (1) a uniform rate structure or (2) a three-tier discount structure based on lines, vertical features and toll. The three-tier discount structure will be made available upon written request from CLEC negotiating an interconnection agreement with SWBT.
- 2.2 **SBC-13STATE** will offer products and services to CLEC for resale pursuant to relevant decisions of the appropriate Commission.
- 2.3 Telecommunications Services will be offered by **SBC-13STATE** to CLEC for resale on terms and conditions that are reasonable and nondiscriminatory.

- 2.4 Grandfathered services are available per appropriate state specific tariff to CLEC for resale at the applicable discount only to the same End User, at the existing End User's location, to which **SBC-13STATE** provides the service, either at retail or through resale.

### 3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

- 3.1 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, for Telecommunications Services included within this Appendix that are offered by **SBC-13STATE** to **SBC-13STATE**'s End Users through tariff(s), the rules and regulations associated with **SBC-13STATE**'s retail tariff(s) shall apply when the services are resold by CLEC, with the exception of any tariff resale restrictions; provided, however, any tariff restrictions on further resale by the End User shall continue to apply. Use limitations shall be in parity with services offered by **SBC-13STATE** to its End Users.
- 3.2 CLEC shall only sell Plexar®, Centrex and Centrex-like services to a single End User or multiple End User(s) in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the corresponding **SBC-13STATE** retail tariff(s) applicable within that state.
- 3.3 Except where otherwise explicitly permitted in **SBC-13STATE**'s corresponding retail tariff(s), CLEC shall not permit the sharing of a service by multiple End User(s) or the aggregation of traffic from multiple End User(s) onto a single service.
- 3.3.1 This section applies only to **SBC TEXAS**:
- 3.3.1.1 Within the State of Texas, based upon the Texas Commission's arbitration order, **SBC TEXAS** will permit aggregation for purposes of the resale of volume discount offers. Volume discount offers include such items as intraLATA toll, but do not include such items as packages of vertical features.
- 3.4 CLEC shall only resell services furnished under this Appendix to the same category of End User(s) to whom **SBC-13STATE** offers such services (for example, residence service shall not be resold to business End Users).
- 3.4.1 **SBC-13STATE** - CLEC may only resell special needs services" as identified in associated state specific tariffs to persons who are eligible for each such service. As used herein, the term "special needs services" means services for the physically disabled where the disability is related to vision, speech, hearing or motion. Further, to the extent CLEC resells services that require certification on the part of the End User, CLEC shall ensure that the End User has obtained proper certification, continues to be eligible for the program(s), and complies with all rules and regulations as established by the appropriate Commission and the state specific **SBC-13STATE** tariffs.
- 3.4.2 This section applies only to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**: **SBC WISCONSIN**, **SBC OHIO** and **SBC INDIANA**
- 3.4.2.1 CLEC may only resell **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC WISCONSIN**, **SBC OHIO** and **SBC INDIANA** low income assistance services, e.g. LifeLine and Link-Up services, where available for resale, according to associated retail state specific tariffs to persons who are eligible for each such service. Further, to the extent CLEC resells services that require certification on the part of the End User, CLEC shall ensure that the End User meets all associated tariff eligibility requirements, has obtained proper certification, continues to be eligible for the program(s), and complies with all rules and regulations as established by the appropriate Commission and the state specific **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC WISCONSIN**, **SBC OHIO** and **SBC INDIANA** tariffs.
- 3.4.3 This section applies only to **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC SNET** and **SBC ILLINOIS**:
- 3.4.3.1 **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC SNET** and **SBC ILLINOIS** LifeLine and Link-Up services are not available for resale.
- 3.4.3.2 CLEC is exclusively responsible for all aspects of any similar CLEC-offered program, including ensuring that any similar CLEC-offered program(s) complies with all applicable

federal and state requirements, obtaining all necessary End User certifications and re-certifications, submitting written designation that any of CLEC's End User or applicants are eligible to participate in such programs, submitting CLEC's claims for reimbursement to any applicable governmental authority and any other activities required by any applicable governmental authority.

3.4.4 This section applies only to **SBC NEVADA**:

3.4.4.1 **SBC NEVADA low income assistance services, e.g.,** LifeLine and Link-Up services are available for resale for a maximum period of 90 days from contract approval date. The CLEC has 90 days from the contract approval date to coordinate with the appropriate federal and state government agencies to establish the CLEC's own low income assistance service(s). At the end of the 90 day period, CLEC is responsible for initiating Local Service Requests (LSR) to the ILEC for converting any existing ILEC Customer Service Records (CSR) from low income designated services to normal residential service. CLEC will be responsible for designating its own billing records and establishing and administering its low income assistance services internally.

3.4.4.2 CLEC is exclusively responsible for all aspects of any similar CLEC-offered program, including ensuring that any similar CLEC-offered program(s) complies with all applicable federal and state requirements, obtaining all necessary End User certifications and re-certifications, submitting written designation that any of CLEC's End User or applicants are eligible to participate in such programs, submitting CLEC's claims for reimbursement to any applicable governmental authority and any other activities required by any applicable governmental authority.

3.5 **Promotions**

3.5.1 Promotions are available for the Telecommunications Services outlined in Appendix Pricing in the "Resale" category and in accordance with state specific Commission requirements.

3.5.2 This section applies only to **SBC NEVADA** and **SBC MISSOURI**:

3.5.2.1 Promotions of eighty-nine (89) days or less are not available to CLEC for resale.

3.5.2.2 Promotions of ninety (90) days or more are available to CLEC for resale at the applicable wholesale discount, state specific.

3.5.3 This section applies only to **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC SNET**, and **SBC ARKANSAS**

3.5.3.1 Promotions of ninety (90) days or less are not available to CLEC for resale.

3.5.3.2 **Promotions of ninety-one (91) days or more are available to CLEC for resale and at the applicable wholesale discount, state specific.**

3.5.4 This section applies only to **SBC KANSAS**, **SBC TEXAS**, and **SBC OKLAHOMA**:

3.5.4.1 Promotions on Telecommunications Services are available to CLEC for resale. The applicable, state specific, wholesale discount will be applied to those promotions of ninety-one (91) days or more.

3.6 CLEC shall not use a resold service to avoid the rates, terms and conditions of **SBC-13STATE**'s corresponding retail tariff(s).

3.7 CLEC shall not use resold local Telecommunications Services to provide access or interconnection services to itself, interexchange carriers (IXCs), wireless carriers, competitive access providers (CAPs), or other telecommunications providers; provided, however, that CLEC may permit its End Users to use resold local exchange telephone service to access IXCs, wireless carriers, CAPs, or other retail telecommunications providers.

- 3.8 A Federal End User Common Line charge and any other appropriate Commission-approved charges, as set forth in the appropriate **SBC-13STATE** federal and applicable state tariff(s) will apply to each local exchange line furnished to CLEC under this Appendix for resale.
- 3.9 To the extent allowable by law, CLEC shall be responsible for Primary Interexchange Carrier (both PIC and LPIC) change charges associated with each local exchange line furnished to CLEC for resale. CLEC shall pay all charges for PIC and LPIC changes at the tariffed rate(s).
- 3.10 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide the services covered by this Appendix subject to availability of existing facilities and on a nondiscriminatory basis with its other customers. CLEC shall resell the services provided herein only in those service areas in which such resale services or any feature or capability thereof are offered to End Users at retail by **SBC-13STATE** as the incumbent local exchange carrier.
- 3.11 When an End User converts existing service to CLEC resold service of the same type without any additions or changes, charges for such conversion will apply as set forth in Appendix Pricing in the "OTHER (Resale)" category, listed as "conversion charges," and are applied per billable telephone number.
- 3.11.1 When an End User(s) subscribes to CLEC resold service, recurring charges for the service shall apply at the wholesale discount set forth in Appendix Pricing. The tariff rates for such resold service shall continue to be subject to orders of the appropriate Commission.
- 3.11.2 When CLEC converts an End User(s) existing service and additions or changes are made to the service at the time of the conversion, the normal service order charges and/or non-recurring charges associated with said additions and/or changes will be applied in addition to the conversion charge. CLEC will receive a wholesale discount on all non-recurring service order charges for the services listed in Appendix Pricing under the heading "Resale;" no wholesale discount is available for the non-recurring service order charges for those services listed in Appendix Pricing under the heading "OTHER (Resale)."
- 3.11.3 For the purposes of ordering service furnished under this Appendix, each request for new service (that is, service not currently being provided to the End User on **SBC-13STATE**'s network, without regard to the identity of that End User's non-facilities based local service provider of record) shall be handled as a separate initial request for service and shall be charged per billable telephone number.
- 3.11.4 Where available, the tariff retail additional line rate for Service Order Charges shall apply only to those requests for additional residential service to be provided at the same End User premises to which a residential line is currently provided on **SBC-13STATE**'s network, without regard to the identity of that End User's non-facilities based local service provider of record.
- 3.12 If CLEC is in violation of any provision of this Appendix, **SBC-13STATE** will notify CLEC of the violation in writing. Such notice shall refer to the specific provision being violated. CLEC will have thirty (30) calendar days to correct the violation and notify **SBC-13STATE** in writing that the violation has been corrected. **SBC-13STATE** will bill CLEC a sum equal (i) the charges that would have been billed by **SBC-13STATE** to CLEC or any Third Party but for the stated violation and (ii) the actual revenues CLEC billed its End User(s) in connection with the stated violation, whichever is greater. Should CLEC dispute the stated violation, CLEC must notify **SBC-13STATE** in writing of the specific details and reasons for its dispute within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the notice from **SBC-13STATE** and comply with Sections 8.3 through 8.7 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached. Resolution of any dispute by CLEC of the stated violation shall be conducted in compliance with the Dispute Resolution provisions set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached.
- 3.13 **SBC-13STATE**'s services are not available at wholesale rates to CLEC for its own use or for the use of any of CLEC's affiliates and/or subsidiaries or the use of CLEC's parent or any affiliate and/or subsidiary of CLEC's parent company, if any.

3.14 This section applies only to **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS and SBC MISSOURI**:

3.14.1 CLEC may convert current **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS and SBC MISSOURI** End User(s) that have existing term, volume, termination liability or any customer specific pricing contracts (collectively referred to hereinafter as "CSP Contracts") for services offered within the State of Kansas or Texas, and

3.14.2 **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS and SBC MISSOURI** and any other reseller of **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS or SBC MISSOURI** local service may convert current CLEC End User(s) that have existing CSP Contracts for services offered within the State of Kansas, Texas or Missouri.

3.14.3 In the event of a conversion under either Section 3.14.1 or 3.14.2, CLEC and **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS or SBC MISSOURI** shall comply with all of the terms and conditions set forth in Sections 3.14.4 and 3.14.5.

3.14.4 Responsibilities of CLEC in connection with Assumption of CSP Contract Conversions.

3.14.4.1 CLEC shall sign an "Assumption of Existing Agreement" assuming the balance of the terms, including volume, term and termination liability remaining on any current retail **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS, or SBC MISSOURI** or resold End User CSP Contract at the time of conversion. CLEC may assume the CSP Contract at the wholesale discount of 5.0% in Kansas and 5.62% in Texas. CLECs may assume tariffed volume and term contracts at the wholesale discount of 8.0% in the State of Kansas and 8.04% in the State of Texas.

3.14.4.2 **SBC MISSOURI** tariffed and Individual Case Basis (ICB) contracts may be assumed, but receive no wholesale discount.

3.14.4.3 CLEC shall not charge CLEC's End User termination liability when an existing CSP contract between CLEC and its End User is converted to **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS, or SBC MISSOURI** or any other local service provider reselling **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS, or SBC MISSOURI** local service.

3.14.4.4 If another reseller of **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS, or SBC MISSOURI** local service converts a current CLEC End User(s) that has an existing CSP Contract, it is CLEC's responsibility to address assumption of the CSP contract and termination liability with the other reseller. CLEC agrees that **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS, or SBC MISSOURI** has no responsibilities in such a situation, and CLEC further agrees that it will not make any Claim against **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS, or SBC MISSOURI** in connection with any conversion by another reseller of **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS, or SBC MISSOURI** local service of any CLEC End User(s) that has an existing CSP contract.

3.14.5 Responsibilities of **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS, and SBC MISSOURI** in connection with Assumptions of CSP Contract Conversions:

3.14.5.1 **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS, and SBC MISSOURI** will not charge its retail End User termination liability when an existing CSP contract is converted to CLEC for resale.

3.14.5.2 **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS, or SBC MISSOURI** will assume in writing the balance of the terms, including volume, term and termination liability remaining on a current CSP contract between CLEC and its End User at the time that CLEC's End User is converted to **SBC KANSAS, SBC TEXAS, or SBC MISSOURI**.

3.15 This section applies only to **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**:

3.15.1 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** retail contracts may be assumed unless expressly prohibited by the contract. Contracts for grandfathered and/or sunsetted services may not be assumed.

3.15.2 Subject to the provisions of Section 3.15.1, the following shall apply:

3.15.2.1 **SBC ILLINOIS** tariffed and Individual Case Basis (ICB) contracts that are assumed receive a wholesale discount of 3.16%.



- 3.15.2.2 **SBC MICHIGAN** tariffed and Individual Case Basis (ICB) contracts that are assumed receive a wholesale discount of 3.39%.
- 3.15.2.3 **SBC OHIO**, and **SBC WISCONSIN** tariffed and Individual Case Basis (ICB) contracts may be assumed, but receive no wholesale discount.
- 3.15.2.4 **SBC INDIANA** tariffed and Individual Case Basis (ICB) contracts that are assumed will receive an interim wholesale discount of 3.39%. Final wholesale discount will be applied on a going forward basis awaiting the outcome of the pending cost study.
- 3.15.2.5 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** Non-Standard Service contracts may be assumed, but receive no wholesale discount.
- 3.15.3 If CLEC elects to terminate a **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** retail contract which CLEC had previously assumed, CLEC will be assessed the applicable termination charges remaining unless CLEC elects to simultaneously replace the existing contract with a contract of greater term and/or volume at the same discount CLEC receives for the previously assumed but now terminated contract.

#### 4. **ANCILLARY SERVICES**

- 4.1 Where available, **SBC-13STATE** will afford CLEC's End Users the ability to make 911 calls. In the areas served by **SBC-8STATE**, CLEC shall be responsible for collecting and remitting all applicable 911 fees and surcharges on a per line basis to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) or other governmental authority responsible for collection of such fees and surcharges. When requested by **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC shall provide **SBC-13STATE** with accurate and complete information regarding CLEC's End User(s) in a format and time frame prescribed by **SBC-13STATE** for purposes of E911 administration. In the areas served by **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, any 911 fees or surcharges associated with Resale accounts shall be included by **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** on CLEC's invoice and CLEC agrees to pay Ameritech all such fees and surcharges. **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** shall then be responsible for submitting or retaining such fees and surcharges in accordance with the appropriate 911 cost recovery plan applicable to the local jurisdiction.
  - 4.1.1 Should any CLEC End User assert any Claim that relates to access to 911, the limitations of liability set forth in Appendix 911, which is attached to the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, shall govern all Claims that may be asserted against any Party to this Appendix relating to access to 911, whether such assertion is made by the other Party or any Third Party, and such provisions are incorporated herein for all purposes as though set forth herein.
- 4.2 Subject to **SBC-13STATE**'s practices, as well as the rules and regulations applicable to the provision of White Pages directories, **SBC-13STATE** will include in appropriate White Pages directories the primary alphabetical listings of all CLEC End Users located within the local directory scope. The rules, regulations and **SBC-13STATE** practices are subject to change from time to time.
- 4.3 Additional Listing services, as set forth in Appendix Pricing, may be purchased by CLEC for its End Users on a per listing basis.
- 4.4 Liability relating to End User Listings
  - 4.4.1 CLEC hereby releases **SBC-13STATE** from any and all liability for damages due to errors or omissions in CLEC's End User listing information as provided to **SBC-13STATE** under this Appendix, and/or 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.
  - 4.4.2 In addition to any other indemnity obligations in this Appendix or the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, CLEC shall indemnify, protect, save harmless and defend **SBC-13STATE** and **SBC-13STATE**'s officers, employees, agents, representatives and assigns 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 any error or omission in CLEC's End User listing information,

including any error or omission related to non-published or non-listed End User listing information. CLEC shall so indemnify regardless of whether the demand, claim or suit by the third party is brought jointly against CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**, and/or against **SBC-13STATE** alone. However, if such demand, claim or suit specifically alleges that an error or omission appears in CLEC's End User listing information in the White Pages directory, **SBC-13STATE** may, at its option, assume and undertake its own defense, or assist in the defense of the CLEC, in which event the CLEC shall reimburse **SBC-13STATE** for reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses incurred by **SBC-13STATE** in handling and defending such demand, claim and/or suit.

- 4.5 Each CLEC subscriber will receive one copy per primary End User listing of **SBC-13STATE**'s White Pages directory in the same manner and at the same time that they are delivered to **SBC-13STATE**'s subscribers.
  - 4.5.1 If CLEC's End User already has a current **SBC-13STATE** local White Pages directory, **SBC-13STATE** shall not be required to deliver a directory to that End User until new White Pages directories are published for that End User's location.
- 4.6 **SBC-8STATE** will provide CLEC with 1/8<sup>th</sup> page in each directory (where the CLEC has or plans to have local telephone exchange customers) for the CLEC to include CLEC specific-information (i.e., business office, residence office, repair bureau, etc.) in the White Pages directory on an "index-type" informational page. No advertising will be permitted on such informational page. This page will also include specific information pertaining to other CLECs. At its option, CLEC shall provide **SBC-8STATE** with its logo and information in the form of a camera-ready copy, sized at 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a page. The content of CLEC's camera-ready copy shall be subject to **SBC-8STATE** approval. In those directories in which **SBC-8STATE** includes Spanish Customer Guide Pages, this informational page will also be provided in Spanish at CLEC's request, subject to the guidelines set forth above.
- 4.7 At its request, CLEC may purchase one one-sided "Informational Page" in the informational section of the White Pages directory covering a geographic area where CLEC provides local telecommunications exchange service. Such page shall be no different in style, size, color and format than **SBC-8STATE** "Informational Page". Sixty (60) calendar days prior to the directory close date, the CLEC shall provide to **SBC-8STATE** the "Informational Page" in the form of camera-ready copy.
- 4.8 Subject to any blocking that may be ordered by CLEC for its End Users', to the extent Directory Assistance (DA) services are provided to **SBC-13STATE** End Users, **SBC-13STATE** shall provide CLEC's End Users access to **SBC-13STATE** Directory Assistance services. CLEC shall pay **SBC-13STATE** the charges attributable to Directory Assistance services utilized by CLEC's End Users.
- 4.9 Subject to any blocking that may be ordered by CLEC for its End Users', **SBC-13STATE** will provide access to Operator Services ("OS") to CLEC's End Users to the same extent it provides OS to its own End Users. CLEC shall pay the charges associated with the utilization of OS by CLEC's End Users. Discounts associated with the utilization of OS are set forth in Appendix Pricing.
- 4.10 **SBC-13STATE** offers CLEC the opportunity to customize route its End Users' /OS/DA calls where technically feasible.
- 4.11 OS/DA Branding
  - 4.11.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** will brand Operator Services (OS) and/or Directory Assistance (DA) in CLEC's name as outlined below:
  - 4.11.2 Call Branding
    - 4.11.2.1 **SBC-13STATE** will brand OS/DA in CLEC's name based upon the information provided by CLEC and as outlined below:
  - 4.11.3 **SBC-13STATE** – CLEC will provide written specifications of its company name to be used by **SBC-13STATE** to create CLEC specific branding announcements for its OS/DA calls in accordance with the process outlined in the Operator Services OS/DA Questionnaire (OSQ).

- 4.11.4 CLEC name used in branding calls may be subject to Commission regulations and should match the name in which CLEC is doing business.
- 4.12 Branding Load Charges:
- 4.12.1 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** – An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement. In addition, a per call charge applies for every OS/DA call handled by **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** on behalf of CLEC when multiple brands are required on a single Operator Services trunk. This charge is set forth in Appendix Pricing under the “OTHER (Resale)” category.
- 4.12.1.1 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** – An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator Assistance Switch, per trunk group for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. In addition, a per call charge applies for every OS call handled by **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** on behalf of CLEC when such services are provided. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator assistance switch, per trunk group for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.
- 4.12.1.2 **SBC-2STATE** – An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch, for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.
- 4.12.1.3 **SBC SNET** – An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per load, per Operator assistance switch for the establishment of CLEC specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per load, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

## 5. OS/DA RATE/REFERENCE INFORMATION

- 5.1 When an **SBC-12STATE** Operator receives a rate request from a CLEC End User, where technically feasible and available, **SBC-12STATE** will quote the applicable OS/DA rates as provided by the CLEC.
- 5.2 **SBC SNET**- until technically feasible and/or available, when a **SBC SNET** Operator receives a rate request from a CLEC end user, **SBC SNET** will quote the surcharge rate only.
- 5.3 CLEC will furnish OS/DA Rate and Reference Information in accordance with the process outlined in the Operator Services Questionnaire (OSQ). CLEC will furnish to **SBC-13STATE** a completed OSQ thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the date when the DA Services are to be undertaken.
- 5.4 CLEC will inform **SBC-12STATE**, via the Operator Services Questionnaire (OSQ) of any changes to be made to such Rate/Reference Information fourteen calendar days prior to the effective Rate/Reference change date. CLEC acknowledges that it is responsible to provide **SBC-12STATE** updated Rate/Reference Information in advance of when the Rate/Reference Information is to become effective.
- 5.5 An initial non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for loading of CLEC's OS Reference/Rater information. An additional non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to either the CLEC's OS Reference or Rater information.
- 5.6 Payphone Services
- 5.6.1 CLEC may provide certain local Telecommunications Services to payphone service providers (“PSPs”) for PSPs’ use in providing payphone service. Local Telecommunications Services which PSPs use in providing payphone service that are provided to PSPs by CLEC by means of reselling **SBC-13STATE**'s services offered pursuant to the appropriate payphone section(s) of **SBC-13STATE**'s state specific tariff(s) applicable in each state covered by this Appendix are referred to in this Appendix as “Payphone Lines.” In its Common Carrier Docket No. 96-128, the FCC ordered **SBC-13STATE** to compensate PSP customers of CLECs that resell **SBC-13STATE**'s services for

certain calls originated from pay telephones. (Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, FCC Docket No. 96-128, Report and Order, para. 86 (1996)). This compensation is referred to in this Agreement as "Payphone Compensation."

- 5.6.2 The Parties desire that **SBC-13STATE** satisfy the obligation to pay Payphone Compensation to PSPs that are customers of CLEC by paying the Payphone Compensation to CLEC, who will then forward the Payphone Compensation directly to the PSPs.
- 5.6.3 **SBC-13STATE** will pay Payphone Compensation due with respect to Payphone Lines in compliance with the current or any future order of the FCC. **SBC-13STATE** will pay Payphone Compensation to CLEC only for:
  - 5.6.3.1 IntraLATA subscriber 800 calls for which **SBC-13STATE** provides the 800 service to the subscriber and carries the call; and
  - 5.6.3.2 IntraLATA calls placed using **SBC-13STATE**'s prepaid calling card platform and carried by **SBC-13STATE**.
- 5.6.4 **SBC-13STATE** will not be required to pay any Payphone Compensation for non-sent paid calls.
- 5.6.5 **SBC-13STATE** will pay CLEC the Payphone Compensation due to CLEC's PSP customer(s) within sixty (60) calendar days after the close of the calendar quarter during which the call(s) for which Payphone Compensation is due were made. However, payment may be made later than sixty (60) calendar days if **SBC-13STATE** deems it necessary to investigate a call or calls for possible fraud.
- 5.6.6 **SBC-13STATE** will make payment of any Payphone Compensation due to CLEC under this Appendix by crediting CLEC's bill for the Payphone Line over which the call that gives rise to the Payphone Compensation was placed. **SBC-13STATE** will not automatically issue a check to CLEC if the credit for Payphone Compensation exceeds the balance due to **SBC-13STATE** on the bill.
- 5.6.7 Nothing in this Appendix entitles CLEC to receive or obligates **SBC-13STATE** to provide any call detail or other call record for any call that gives rise to Payphone Compensation.
- 5.6.8 CLEC represents and warrants that the only **SBC-13STATE** services that CLEC will make available to PSPs as Payphone Lines are the payphone services that **SBC-13STATE** offers pursuant to the appropriate payphone section(s) of **SBC-13STATE**'s state specific tariff(s) applicable in each state covered by this Appendix.
- 5.6.9 Except as provided otherwise in this Section 4.9.9, CLEC shall pay the entire amount of the Payphone Compensation due with respect to each Payphone Line to the PSP that is the CLEC's customer for that Payphone Line. CLEC shall make such payment on or before the last business day of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter during which the call(s) for which Payphone Compensation is due to the PSP were made. If **SBC-13STATE** pays any Payphone Compensation to CLEC later than sixty (60) calendar days after the close of the calendar quarter during which the call(s) for which Payphone Compensation is due were made, then CLEC shall pay the entire amount of such Payphone Compensation to the PSP that is CLEC's customer for that Payphone Line within ten (10) calendar days after receiving such Payphone Compensation from **SBC-13STATE**.
- 5.6.10 In addition to any other indemnity obligations in this Appendix or in the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, CLEC shall indemnify, protect, save harmless and defend **SBC-13STATE** and **SBC-13STATE**'s officers, employees, agents, representatives and assigns from and against any and all losses, costs, liability, damages and expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of any demand, claim, suit or judgment by any Third Party, including a PSP, in any way relating to or arising from any of the following:
  - 5.6.10.1 CLEC's failure to comply with all the terms and conditions of this Appendix; or
  - 5.6.10.2 Use by a PSP customer of CLEC of any service other than a Payphone Line to provide pay telephone service; or

5.6.10.3 False representation by CLEC.

5.7 Suspension of Service

- 5.7.1 CLEC may offer to resell Customer Initiated Suspension and Restoral Service to its End Users at the associated state specific retail tariff rates, terms and conditions for suspension of service at the request of the End User.
- 5.7.2 **SBC-13STATE** will offer CLEC local service provider initiated suspension service for CLEC's purposes at the associated **SBC-13STATE** state specific retail tariff rate for company initiated suspension of service. Service specifics may be obtained in state specific CLEC Handbooks.
- 5.7.2.1 CLEC shall be exclusively responsible for placing valid orders for the suspension and the subsequent disconnection or restoral of service to each of its End Users.
- 5.7.2.2 Should CLEC suspend service for one of its End Users and fail to submit a subsequent disconnection order within the maximum number of calendar days permitted for a company initiated suspension pursuant to the state specific retail tariff, CLEC shall be charged and shall be responsible for all appropriate monthly service charges for the End User's service from the suspension date through the disconnection date.
- 5.7.2.3 Should CLEC suspend service for one of its End Users and subsequently issue a restoral order, CLEC shall be charged the state specific tariff rate for the restoral plus all appropriate monthly service charges for the End User's service from the suspension date through the restoral date.

6. **USE OF SBC BRAND**

- 6.1 Except where otherwise required by law, CLEC shall not, without **SBC-13STATE**'s prior written authorization, offer the services covered by this Appendix using the trademarks, service marks, trade names, brand names, logos, insignia, symbols or decorative designs of **SBC-13STATE** or its Affiliates, nor shall CLEC state or imply that there is any joint business association or similar arrangement with **SBC-13STATE** in the provision of Telecommunications Services to CLEC's customers.

7. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF SBC-13STATE**

- 7.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall allow CLEC to place service orders and receive phone number assignments (for new lines). These activities shall be accomplished by facsimile or electronic interface. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide interface specifications for electronic access for these functions to CLEC. However, CLEC shall be responsible for modifying and connecting any of its systems with **SBC-13STATE**-provided interfaces, as outlined in Appendix OSS.
- 7.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall implement CLEC service orders within the same time intervals **SBC-13STATE** uses to implement service orders for similar services for its own End Users.
- 7.2.1 Methods and procedures for ordering are outlined in the CLEC Handbook, available on-line, as amended by **SBC-13STATE** in its sole discretion from time to time. All Parties agree to abide by the procedures contained therein.
- 7.3 CLEC will have the ability to report trouble for its End Users to the appropriate **SBC-13STATE** trouble reporting center(s) twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. CLEC will be assigned customer contact center(s) when initial service agreements are made. CLEC End Users calling **SBC-13STATE** will be referred to CLEC at the number provided by CLEC. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to authorize CLEC to repair, maintain, or in any way touch **SBC-13STATE**'s network facilities, including those on End User premises.
- 7.3.1 Methods and procedures for trouble reporting are outlined in the CLEC Handbook, available on-line, as amended by **SBC-13STATE** in its sole discretion from time to time. All Parties agree to abide by the procedures contained therein.

- 7.4 **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC with detailed billing information necessary for CLEC to issue bill(s) to its End User(s). CLEC has the option of receiving a daily usage file ("DUF") in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Section 8.8 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached. Should CLEC elect to subscribe to the DUF, CLEC agrees to pay **SBC-13STATE** the charges specified in Appendix Pricing under the "OTHER (Resale)" category listed as "Electronic Billing Information Data (daily usage) (per message)."
- 7.5 **SBC-13STATE** shall make Telecommunications Services that **SBC-13STATE** provides at retail to subscribers who are not Telecommunications Carriers available for resale consistent with the obligation under Section 251(c)(4)(A) of the Act and other applicable limitations. **SBC-13STATE** will notify CLEC of any changes in the terms and conditions under which **SBC-13STATE** offers Telecommunications Services at retail to subscribers who are not Telecommunications Carriers, including but not limited to, the introduction of any new features, functions, services, promotions, grandfathering or the discontinuance of current features or services at the time a tariff filing is transmitted to the appropriate State Commission, or, in situations where a tariff filing is not so transmitted, within sixty (60) calendar days of the expected effective date of such change.
- 7.5.1 **SBC-13STATE** currently makes such notification as described in Section 17.2 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached. Notification of any new service available to CLEC for resale shall advise CLEC of the category in which such new service shall be placed, and the same discount already applicable to CLEC in that category shall apply to the new service.
- 7.6 CLEC's End User's activation of Call Trace shall be handled by the **SBC-13STATE** operations centers responsible for handling such requests. **SBC-13STATE** shall notify CLEC of requests by its End Users to provide call records to the proper authorities. Subsequent communication and resolution of each case involving one of CLEC's End Users (whether that End User is the victim or the suspect) will be coordinated through CLEC.
- 7.6.1 CLEC acknowledges that for services where reports are provided to law enforcement agencies (for example, Call Trace) only billing number and address information shall be provided. It shall be CLEC's responsibility to provide additional information necessary for any police investigation.
- 7.6.1.1 In addition to any other indemnity obligations in this Appendix or the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, CLEC shall indemnify **SBC-13STATE** against any Claim that insufficient information led to inadequate prosecution.
- 7.6.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall handle law enforcement requests consistent with the Law Enforcement Section of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached.
- 7.7 This section applies only to **SBC CALIFORNIA**:
- 7.7.1 Cooperation on Fraud
- 7.7.1.1 Traffic Alert Referral Service
- 7.7.1.1.1 Traffic Alert Referral Service ("TARS") is a service that monitors traffic patterns associated with a CLEC's resold lines. On no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice, CLEC may order **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s TARS. In providing TARS to CLEC, **SBC CALIFORNIA** notifies the CLEC of traffic abnormalities that indicate the possible occurrence of intraLATA fraud and furnishes to CLEC information on all 1+ alerts. CLEC understands and agrees that **SBC CALIFORNIA** will use electronic mail to provide such information and that such information will only be available via electronic mail at the present time. It is the responsibility of CLEC to provide **SBC CALIFORNIA** with the correct email address. Information will be provided on a per-alert basis and will be priced on a per-alert basis. **SBC CALIFORNIA** grants to CLEC a non-exclusive right to use the information provided by **SBC CALIFORNIA**. CLEC will not permit anyone but its duly authorized employees or agents to inspect or use this information.

CLEC agrees to pay **SBC CALIFORNIA** a recurring usage rate as set forth in Appendix Pricing in the "OTHER (Resale)" category listed as "Traffic Alert Referral Service."

7.7.1.2 CLEC shall be liable for all fraud associated with any resale service to which it subscribes. **SBC CALIFORNIA** takes no responsibility, will not investigate, and will make no adjustments to CLEC's account(s) in cases of fraud or any other related End User dispute.

7.7.1.3 In addition to any other indemnity obligations in this Appendix or in the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, **SBC CALIFORNIA** shall not be liable for any damages to CLEC or to any other person or entity for **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s actions or the conduct of its employees in providing TARS to CLEC. CLEC shall indemnify, defend, and hold **SBC CALIFORNIA** harmless from any and all claims, lawsuits, costs, damages, liabilities, losses, and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, resulting from or in connection with CLEC's use of **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s TARS, except when such claims, lawsuits, costs, damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses are proximately caused by the willful misconduct or gross negligence of **SBC CALIFORNIA** or its employees.

7.8 This section applies only to **SBC CALIFORNIA**:

7.8.1 **SBC CALIFORNIA** will make available to CLEC an optional service, Repair Transfer Service ("RTS"). In the event a CLEC's End User dials 611 (811-8081 for Priority Business customers) for repair, **SBC CALIFORNIA** will provide a recorded announcement of the CLEC name and number and **SBC CALIFORNIA** will automatically transfer the caller to the CLEC designated 800/888 number for repair service. CLEC must provide written notification to **SBC CALIFORNIA** at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the implementation of RTS. Written notification must include the CLEC name and 800/888 numbers for RTS to the CLEC repair bureau and business office. There will be no charges associated with the initial set-up for RTS, however, charges will apply to any subsequent changes to the recorded name announcement and telephone number. Rates for subsequent changes are set forth in the Appendix Pricing in the "OTHER (Resale)" category listed as "Repair Transfer Service." Subsequent charges include: Recorded Name Announcement, 800/888 Telephone Number and Name Announcement & Telephone Number.

## 8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLEC

8.1 Prior to submitting an order under this Appendix, CLEC shall obtain End User authorization as required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and assumes responsibility for applicable charges as specified in Section 258(b) of the Act. **SBC-13STATE** shall abide by the same applicable laws and regulations.

8.2 Only an End User can initiate a challenge to a change in its local service provider. If an End User notifies **SBC-13STATE** or CLEC that the End User requests local exchange service, the Party receiving such request shall be free to provide service to such End User, except in those instances where the End User's account is local PIC protected. It is the responsibility of the End User to provide authorization in a FCC approved format to the current provider of record to remove local service provider protection before any changes in local service provider are processed.

8.2.1 **SBC-13STATE** shall be free to connect an End User to any competitive local exchange carrier based upon that competitive local exchange carrier's request and that competitive local exchange carrier's assurance that proper End User authorization has been obtained. CLEC shall make any such authorization it has obtained available to **SBC-13STATE** upon request and at no charge.

8.2.1.1 The following applies to **SBC MICHIGAN** only: The Parties will adhere to the requirements adopted by the Commission in its Case No. U-11900 with respect to the selection of primary local exchange carriers and primary interexchange carriers.

8.3 When an End User changes or withdraws authorization, each Party shall release customer-specific facilities in accordance with the End User's direction or the direction of the End User's authorized agent. Further,

- when an End User abandons its premise, **SBC-13STATE** is free to reclaim the facilities for use by another customer and is free to issue service orders required to reclaim such facilities.
- 8.4 Neither Party shall be obligated by this Appendix to investigate any allegations of unauthorized changes in local exchange service (slamming) on behalf of the other Party or a Third Party. If **SBC-13STATE**, on behalf of CLEC, agrees to investigate an alleged incidence of slamming, **SBC-13STATE** shall charge CLEC an investigation fee as set forth in Appendix Pricing in the "OTHER (Resale)" category, listed as "Slamming Investigation Fee."
- 8.5 Should **SBC-13STATE** receive an order from CLEC for services under this Appendix, and **SBC-13STATE** is currently providing the same services to another local service provider for the same End User, CLEC agrees that **SBC-13STATE** may notify the local service provider from whom the End User is being converted of CLEC's order coincident with or following processing CLEC's order. It shall then be the responsibility of the former local service provider of record and CLEC to resolve any issues related to the End User. This Section 8.5 shall not apply to new or additional lines and services purchased by the End User from multiple CLECs or from **SBC-13STATE**.
- 8.5.1 If **SBC-13STATE** receives an order from another local service provider to convert services for an End User for whom CLEC is the current local service provider of record, and if CLEC already subscribes to the Local Disconnect Report ("LDR"), covered in Section 8.5.2, then **SBC-13STATE** shall notify CLEC of such order coincident with or following processing such order. It shall be the responsibility of CLEC and the other local service provider to resolve any issues related to the End User. This Section 8.5.1 shall not apply to new or additional lines and services purchased by an End User from multiple CLECs or from **SBC-13STATE**.
- 8.5.2 On no less than sixty (60) calendar days advance written notice, CLEC may, at its option, subscribe to the LDR. **SBC-13STATE** will furnish the following information via the LDR: the Billing Telephone Number ("BTN"), Working Telephone Number ("WTN"), and terminal number of all End Users who have disconnected CLEC's service. Information furnished electronically will be provided daily on a per WTN basis and priced on a per WTN basis. CLEC shall pay **SBC-13STATE** for the LDR per WTN plus any applicable transmission charges for the LDR; current WTN prices are as set forth in Appendix Pricing in the "OTHER (Resale)" category, listed as "Local Disconnect Report." CLEC agrees that **SBC-13STATE** may change the per WTN charge, at **SBC-13STATE**'s sole discretion, so long as **SBC-13STATE** provides CLEC no less than thirty (30) calendar days notice prior to any change in the per WTN charge. **SBC-13STATE** grants to CLEC a non-exclusive right to use the LDR information provided by **SBC-13STATE**. CLEC will not permit anyone but its duly authorized employees or agents to inspect or use this information.
- 8.6 CLEC is solely responsible for the payment of all charges for all services furnished under this Appendix, including but not limited to, calls originated or accepted at CLEC's location and its End Users' service locations; provided, however, CLEC shall not be responsible for payment of charges for any retail services furnished by **SBC-13STATE** directly to End Users and billed by **SBC-13STATE** directly to End Users.
- 8.6.1 Interexchange carried traffic (for example, sent-paid, information services and alternate operator services messages) received by **SBC-13STATE** for billing to resold End User accounts will be returned as unbillable and will not be passed to CLEC for billing. An unbillable code will be returned with those messages to the carrier indicating that the messages originated from a resold account and will not be billed by **SBC-13STATE**.
- 8.7 **SBC-13STATE** shall not be responsible for the manner in which utilization of resold services or the associated charges are allocated to End Users or others by CLEC. All applicable rates and charges for services provided to CLEC under this Appendix will be billed directly to CLEC and shall be the responsibility of CLEC; provided, however, that CLEC shall not be responsible for payment of charges for any retail services furnished by **SBC-13STATE** directly to End Users and billed by **SBC-13STATE** directly to End Users.



- 8.7.1 Charges billed to CLEC for all services provided under this Appendix shall be paid by CLEC regardless of CLEC's ability or inability to collect from its End Users for such services.
- 8.8 If CLEC does not wish to be responsible for payment of charges for collect, third number billed, toll and information services (for example, 900) calls, it must order the appropriate blocking for lines provided under this Appendix and pay any applicable charges. It is the responsibility of CLEC to order the appropriate toll restriction or blocking on lines resold to End Users. CLEC acknowledges that blocking is not available for certain types of calls, including 800, 888, 411 and Directory Assistance Express Call Completion. Depending on the origination point, for example, calls originating from correctional facilities, some calls may bypass blocking systems. CLEC acknowledges all such limitations and accepts all responsibility for any charges associated with calls for which blocking is not available and any charges associated with calls that bypass blocking systems.
- 8.9 CLEC shall be responsible for modifying and connecting any of its systems with **SBC-13STATE**-provided interfaces as described in this Appendix and Appendix OSS.
- 8.10 CLEC shall be responsible for providing to its End Users and to **SBC-13STATE** a telephone number or numbers that CLEC's End Users may use to contact CLEC in the event that the End User desires a repair/service call.
- 8.10.1 In the event that CLEC's End Users contact **SBC-13STATE** with regard to repair requests, **SBC-13STATE** shall inform such End Users to call CLEC and may provide CLEC's contact number.
- 8.11 CLEC acknowledges and agrees that, in the event CLEC makes any "CLEC Change" as that term is defined in Section 4.10 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, CLEC shall comply with the provisions set forth in Section 4.10 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached as though set forth herein.
- 8.12 CLEC will provide forecasts to **SBC-13STATE** every January and July using the **SBC-13STATE** network information form, or a format mutually agreed to by the Parties. These written forecasts will be based on CLEC's best estimates and will include all resale products CLEC will be ordering within the forecast period.

## **9. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 9.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions; interpretation; construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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## APPENDIX SS7 APPENDIX FOR THE PROVISION OF SS7 SERVICE

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for non-discriminatory access to the Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) signaling network provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC. CCS/SS7 is comprised of certain network elements, including Dedicated Signaling Links, Signaling Link Transport and Signaling Transfer Points (STP). In addition to such network elements, this Appendix provides for CCS/SS7 functionality and translations to support SS7 based services and applications.
- 1.2 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **SBC-4STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 **SBC-7STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC NEVADA**, and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA** – As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

- 1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.14 **SBC INDIANA** - As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN** - As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.17 **SBC MISSOURI** - As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.18 **SBC NEVADA** - As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.19 **SBC OHIO** - As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.21 **SBC SNET** - As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.23 **SBC TEXAS** - As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

## 2. SERVICE DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 **SBC SNET** does not offer access to the SS7 signaling network under this agreement. Rather, SS7 is available as described in DPUC ordered CT Access Service Tariff Section 18.2.8. SS7 interconnection arrangements between **SBC SNET** and CLEC will be on an individual case basis (ICB) due to the individual architectures of both CLEC and **SBC SNET** signaling networks and unique requirements of the individual parties.
- 2.2 **SS7 Transport**
  - 2.2.1 SS7 as defined in this Appendix above, provides for the transporting of call setup (i.e. ISUP) signaling to each end-office subtended from the tandem in the LATA in which the interconnection occurs as outlined in this Agreement. SS7 Transport of SS7 Global Access or SS7 Access as defined in the **SBC-12STATE** below outlines the requirements by for interLATA signaling.
  - 2.2.2 SS7 Transport provides for the routing and screening of SS7 messages from an **SBC-7STATE** pair of STPs (i.e., a mated pair) to another **SBC-7STATE** pair of STPs. In the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, due to the fact that state gateway STPs are not interconnected, SS7 Transport provides for the routing and screening of SS7 messages from a **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** pair of

designated Gateway STPs (i.e., a mated pair) to another **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** pair of STPs within the same state only. The screening of messages provides for CLEC designation of signaling points associated with the CLEC and controls which messages may be allowed by the **SBC-12STATE** STP pairs. The routing of messages provides for the transfer of a complete message between signaling links, and for a Global Title Translation (GTT) of the message address, if needed.

- 2.2.3 SS7 Transport provides routing of messages for all parts of the SS7 protocol. These messages may support other applications and services such as, for example, CLASS services, Message Waiting services, Toll Free Database services, Line Information Data Base (LIDB) Services, Calling Name (CNAM) Database services, Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) services and Telecommunications Industry Association Interim Standard-41 (IS-41) services. SS7 Transport will route messages to the global title address or to the signaling point code address of the message based on the translation information of **SBC-12STATE**'s STP.
- 2.3 Dedicated Signaling Links
  - 2.3.1 Dedicated Signaling Links provide interconnection to **SBC-12STATE**'s signaling network. Each signaling link is a set of dedicated 56Kbps (or higher speed) transmission paths between CLEC STPs or switches and the **SBC-12STATE** STP mated pair. The CLEC designated Signaling Points of Interconnection (SPOI) are at **SBC-7STATE**'s STP, an **SBC-7STATE** serving wire center or are collocated in an **SBC-12STATE** wire center. In the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** the SPOI is always collocated in the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** STP serving office. This means of collocation is required in the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** for access to the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** STP. The links are fully dedicated to the use of CLEC and provide the screening and routing usage for the **SBC-12STATE** STP to which the link is connected. Dedicated Signaling Links are available to CLECs for their use in furnishing SS7-based services or applications to their end users or other users of SS7 signaling information.
- 2.4 Dedicated Signaling Links include the following elements:
  - 2.4.1 SS7 Link Cross Connect
    - 2.4.1.1 The SS7 Link Cross Connect provides a DS-0 or DS1 connection in the **SBC-12STATE** STP building and connects the STP Port Termination to the CLEC SPOI.
  - 2.4.2 STP Port Termination
    - 2.4.2.1 The STP Port Termination is the physical termination of the signaling link (i.e. 56 kbps circuit) at an **SBC-12STATE** STP. A STP Port Termination is used for each 56 kbps SS7 Link Cross Connect terminated at a **SBC-12STATE** STP.
  - 2.4.3 STP Access Link
    - 2.4.3.1 The STP Access Link provides a 56-kilobit per second digital facility when CLEC requires an interoffice facility to connect from the CLEC SPOI to the STP building location.
- 2.5 The CLEC shall provide the portion of the signaling link from the CLEC premises within the LATA to the **SBC-12STATE** STP location or the CLEC SPOI. CLEC shall identify the DS1 or channel of a DS1 that will be used for the signaling link.
- 2.6 CLEC shall identify to **SBC-12STATE** the facility and channel to which the SS7 Link Cross Connect shall connect. If the facility does not terminate in the STP location **SBC-12STATE** shall provide a transport facility referred to as the STP Access Link. The STP Access Link will connect to the DS-0 cross connect at the STP location.
- 2.7 When CLEC uses an alternative DS1 facility or arranges, or agrees to allow, a physical degree of diversity or performance that is not in accordance with the specifications of Telcordia technical publication, GR-905-CORE, CLEC acknowledges that the performance and reliability of the SS7 protocol may be affected and the performance and reliability standards described in GR-905-CORE may be disqualified.

- 2.8 Dedicated Signaling Links are subject to **SBC-12STATE** compatibility testing and certification requirements pursuant to the Network Operations Forum Reference Document, GR-905-CORE and **SBC-12STATE** Technical Publication, TP76638. In the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** Technical Publication AM-TR-OAT-000069 will apply in addition to the documents referenced above. In **SBC-2STATE** PUB L-780023-**SBC-2STATE** may be substituted for TP76638 and first interconnections to **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s signaling network per CLEC and per signaling point type of equipment will require completion of **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s CCS/SS7 interconnection questionnaire. Each individual set of links from CLEC switch to **SBC-12STATE** STP will require a pre ordering meeting to exchange information and schedule testing for certification by **SBC-12STATE**.
- 2.9 Dedicated Signaling Links Technical Requirements
- 2.9.1 Unbundled Dedicated Signaling Links will perform in the following two ways:
- 2.9.1.1 as an "A-link", which is a connection between a switch and a home signaling transfer point (STP) mated pair; and
  - 2.9.1.2 as a "B-link" or "D-link," which is an interconnection between STPs in different signaling networks.
- 2.9.2 When CLEC provides its own switch or STP, CLEC will provide DS1 (1.544 Mbps) interfaces at the CLEC-designated SPOIs. DS1 transport to the SPOI can be provided for, as previously indicated, via existing transport facilities or through CLEC purchase of an **SBC-12STATE** dedicated transport facility, previously referred to as the "Access Connection". Each 56 Kbps transmission path will appear as a DS0 channel on the DS1 interface.
- 2.9.3 In each LATA in which CLEC desires Dedicated Signaling Links for interconnection to the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 Signaling Network, CLEC must purchase dedicated signaling links to each STP of a mated pair of STPs.
- 2.9.4 CLEC assumes the responsibility to ensure diverse routing of CLEC signaling links from CLEC switch to CLEC SPOI. **SBC-12STATE** will provide the same amount of diversity as it provides to itself in terms of diverse routing of interoffice facilities, should such facilities be necessary.
- 2.9.5 When CLEC requests that **SBC-12STATE** add a Signaling Point Code (SPC), CLEC will identify to **SBC-12STATE** the SPCs associated with the CLEC set of links and will pay a non-recurring charge per STP pair at the rates set forth in Appendix PRICING UNE – Schedule of Prices, "Point Code Addition". This rate element will not apply in **SBC-2STATE**.
- 2.9.6 CLEC will notify **SBC-12STATE** in writing thirty (30) days in advance of any material change in CLEC's use of such SS7 signaling network, including but not limited to any change in CLEC SS7 Dedicated Signaling Links, SS7 Transport and/or STP.
- 2.10 Signaling Transfer Points (STPs)
- 2.10.1 The STP element is a signaling network function that includes all of the capabilities provided by the STP switches which enable the exchange of SS7 messages between switching elements, database elements and signaling transfer point switches via associated signaling links. STP includes the associated link interfaces.
- 2.10.2 Use of the STP routes signaling traffic generated by action of CLEC to the destination defined by **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s signaling network, excluding messages to and from an **SBC-7STATE** local switching unbundled network element. Integrated services digital network user (ISUP) and Translational Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) signaling traffic addressed to SPs associated with CLEC set of links will be routed to CLEC.
- 2.10.3 SS7 Transport will apply to SS7 messages transported on behalf of CLEC from a **SBC-12STATE** designated STP pair to a **SBC-12STATE** STP pair located in a different LATA. In the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** this arrangement will only be provided for STPs located in the same state. In the **SBC-7STATE**, the rate, per octet, will apply to octets comprising ISUP and TCAP

messages. In the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** the Signal Switching and Signal Transport rates will apply to ISUP and TCAP messages. In the **SBC-2STATE**, SS7 transport is not available. However, transit signaling provides the ability for an interconnecting network (ICN) to pass signaling information through the **SBC-2STATE** network to a third party without requiring a trunking connection by a third party with **SBC-2STATE**.

- 2.10.4 In such instance as CLEC utilizes **SBC-12STATE**'s Local Switching Network Element, CLEC does not separately order SS7 signaling under this method. CLEC will be charged for the use of the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 signaling on a per call basis.

## 2.11 STP Technical Requirements

- 2.11.1 STPs will provide signaling connectivity to the following network elements connected to the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 network: **SBC-12STATE** Local Switching or Tandem Switching; **SBC-12STATE** Service Control Points/Call Related Databases; Third-Party local or tandem switching systems; and Third-party-provided STPs.

- 2.11.2 The Parties will indicate to each other the signaling point codes and other screening parameters associated with each Link Set ordered by CLEC at the **SBC-12STATE** STPs, and where technically feasible, each Party will provision such link set in accordance with these parameters. CLEC may specify screening parameters so as to allow transient messages to cross the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 Network. The Parties will identify to each other the GTT type information for message routing. CLEC will pay a non-recurring charge when CLEC requests **SBC-12STATE** add GTT type information for message routing, in connection with its use of unbundled signaling.

## 2.12 Interface Requirements

- 2.12.1 **SBC-12STATE** will provide STP interfaces to terminate A-links, B-links, and D-links.
- 2.12.2 CLEC will designate the SPOI for each link. CLEC will provide a DS1 or higher rate transport interface at each SPOI. **SBC-12STATE** will provide intraoffice diversity to the same extent it provides itself such diversity between the SPOIs and the **SBC-12STATE** STPs.
- 2.12.3 **SBC-12STATE** will provide intraoffice diversity to the same extent it provides itself such diversity between the SPOIs and the **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** STPs.

## 3. **MANNER OF PROVISIONING**

- 3.1 The following describes the manner of provisioning for SS7 services. Each Party will work cooperatively with the other Party and will each provide knowledgeable personnel in order to provision, test and install SS7 Service in a timely fashion.

### 3.2 SS7 Transport

- 3.2.1 CLEC shall use SS7 Transport subject to the screening and routing information of the **SBC-12STATE** STPs. **SBC-12STATE** shall provide information to CLEC on the routes and signaling point codes served by the **SBC-12STATE** STPs. SS7 Transport shall route ISUP messages for the purpose of establishing trunk voice paths between switching machines.
- 3.2.2 SS7 Transport shall route TCAP queries when feasible pursuant to the SS7 Protocol to the **SBC-12STATE** "regional" STP pair that directly serves the database of TCAP message. SS7 Transport shall route TCAP responses from a **SBC-12STATE** "regional" STP pair to another **SBC-12STATE** STP pair.
- 3.2.3 SS7 Transport provides a signaling route for messages only to signaling points to which **SBC-12STATE** has a route. SS7 Transport does not include the provision of a signaling route to every possible signaling point. When **SBC-12STATE** does establish a route to a signaling point in a mated pair of STPs, the route may not be available to other **SBC-12STATE** pairs of STPs, until ordered. When **SBC-12STATE** or CLEC, pursuant to a service order, arranges to establish a route to a signaling point, such route to the other signaling point or other signaling network will be used by all



signaling points within, and connected to, the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network pursuant to the standard requirements of the SS7 protocol.

- 3.3 Disputes concerning the association of a signaling point among specific link sets associated with a **SBC-12STATE** mated STP will be resolved by consultation with the signaling point owner, as defined in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG), Section 1, assignment of SPC.

3.4 Dedicated Signaling Links

- 3.4.1 CLEC shall designate the signaling points and signaling point codes associated with CLEC. CLEC shall provide such information to **SBC-12STATE** to allow **SBC-12STATE** to translate **SBC-12STATE** STPs. The information shall define the screening and routing information for the signaling point codes of CLEC and may include global title address, translation type and subsystem designations as needed.
- 3.4.2 Signaling links from **SBC-12STATE** mated pairs of STPs shall connect to CLEC premises (including collocation locations) within the same LATA. A set of links can be either:
- 3.4.2.1 "A" Link Sets from CLEC's Signaling Point (SP)/Service Switching Point (SSP). A minimum of two links will be required, one from the SP/SSP to each STP; or,
- 3.4.2.2 "B" Link Sets from CLEC's STPs that are connected to **SBC-12STATE**'s mated pair of STPs. A minimum of four links will be required (i.e. a "quad") between the two pairs of STPs. (This same arrangement is sometimes referred to as a set of "D" links.)
- 3.4.3 A STP Port Termination and SS7 Link Cross Connect is required for each 56-kbps access link utilized for the Service. STP locations are set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) Tariff FCC No. 4.
- 3.4.4 A pre-order meeting will define the **SBC-12STATE** facility availability and the degree of diversity in both the **SBC-12STATE** physical network and the CLEC physical network from signaling point to signaling point for the link.
- 3.4.5 When CLEC requires a STP Access Link, CLEC and **SBC-12STATE** shall jointly negotiate the degree of diversity provided among and between multiple dedicated signaling links. The negotiation shall consider the requirements of the SS7 standard protocol, the degree of diversity available in each network and the possible alternatives.
- 3.4.6 All applicable signaling point codes for each signaling link must be installed at each of **SBC-12STATE**'s interconnecting STPs.
- 3.4.7 Call set-up times may be adversely affected when CLEC, using SS7 signaling, employs Intermediate Access Tandems (IATs) in its network. **SBC-12STATE** makes no warranties with respect to call set-up times when multiple STP pairs are involved or when the signaling traffic is exchanged between two non-**SBC-12STATE** signaling points.
- 3.4.8 Provisioning of the SS7 Service is in accordance with **SBC-7STATE** TP76638 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** AM-TR-OAT-000069 and GR-905-CORE, as amended or **SBC-2STATE** PUB L780023-**SBC-2STATE**.

3.5 Use of the STP

- 3.5.1 When CLEC orders **SBC-12STATE** unbundled Local Switching, the use of the STP shall apply. No order or provisioning by CLEC is needed. The **SBC-12STATE** Local Switch will use the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 signaling network.

4. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF SBC-12STATE**

- 4.1 **SBC-12STATE** shall manage the network and, at its sole discretion, apply protective controls. Protective controls include actions taken to control or minimize the effect of network failures or occurrences, which

include, but are not limited to, failure or overload of **SBC-12STATE** or CLEC facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands.

- 4.2 **SBC-12STATE** shall determine the GTT route for messages routed to GTT, which are associated with **SBC-12STATE** signaling points.
- 4.3 **SBC-12STATE** shall define regional functions and local functions of its STPs. **SBC-12STATE** will route ISUP messages within the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network, subject to technical feasibility. Capacity limitations shall define a temporary technical infeasibility until the capacity limit can be resolved.
- 4.4 **SBC-12STATE** shall route messages generated by the action of CLEC throughout the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network as specified within this Appendix. The content of the messages is for the use of signaling points of origination and destination. **SBC-12STATE** will not use any information within messages for any purpose not required by or related to the use of the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network. **SBC-12STATE** will not divulge any message or any part of messages generated by CLEC to any other party, except as required to manage the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network or as may be required by law.

## 5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLEC

- 5.1 CLEC shall provision the signaling links at CLEC's premises and from CLEC's premises to **SBC-7STATE**'s STP location in a diverse, reliable and technically feasible manner. CLEC shall identify to **SBC-12STATE** the SPC(s) associated with the CLEC set of links.
- 5.2 CLEC shall identify to **SBC-12STATE** the GTT information for messages that route to CLEC.
- 5.3 When routing messages addressed to an **SBC-12STATE** Subsystem Number (SSN), CLEC shall use the **SBC-12STATE** defined SSN designation of the **SBC-12STATE** mated STP pair to which the message is routed.
- 5.4 CLEC shall transfer Calling Party Number Parameter information unchanged, including the "privacy indicator" information, when ISUP Initial Address Messages are interchanged with the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network.
- 5.5 CLEC shall furnish to **SBC-12STATE**, at the time the SS7 Service is ordered and annually thereafter, an updated three (3) year forecast of usage of the SS7 Signaling network. The forecast shall include total annual volume and busy hour busy month volume. **SBC-12STATE** shall utilize the forecast in its own efforts to project further facility requirements.
- 5.6 CLEC shall inform **SBC-12STATE** in writing thirty (30) days in advance of any change in CLEC's use of such SS7 Service which alters by ten percent (10%) for any thirty (30) day period the volume of signaling transactions by individual SS7 service that are planned by CLEC to be forwarded to **SBC-12STATE**'s network. CLEC shall provide in said notice the reason, by individual SS7 service, for the volume change.

## 6. BONAFIDE REQUEST PROCESS

- 6.1 Any request for SS7 service not addressed within this Appendix may be submitted to **SBC-12STATE** via the Bonafide Request ("BFR") process set forth in Appendix UNE.

## 7. DESCRIPTION OF RATE ELEMENTS **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**

- 7.1 There are three types of charges that apply for SS7 Access. They are recurring, usage and nonrecurring charges. Recurring and nonrecurring charges apply for each port that is established on a STP. Usage charges apply for each Initial Address Message (IAM) or TCAP (excluding LIDB Access Service, 800 Access Service TCAP messages and LNP Database Access Query TCAP messages) message that is switched by the local STP and transported to an **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** end office or for each IAM and TCAP message that is switched by the local STP in a hubbing arrangement.
- 7.2 Nonrecurring charges apply for the establishment of Originating Point Codes (OPC) and Global Title Address (GTA) Translations. An OPC charge applies for each OPC established, as well as each OPC

added or changed subsequent to the establishment of STP Access. The OPC charge applies on a per service basis. A GTA Translation charge applies for each service or application (excluding LIDB Access Service and 800 Carrier-ID-Only Service) that utilizes TCAP messages. A GTA Translation charge also applies for each service (excluding LIDB Access Service and 800 Carrier-ID-Only Service) added or changed subsequent to the initial establishment of STP Access.

7.3 Signal Formulation

7.3.1 An IAM Formulation usage charge will be assessed for each IAM message formulated at the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** tandem for CLEC to **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** terminated calls.

7.4 Signal Transport

7.4.1 An IAM Signal Transport usage charge will also be assessed for each IAM message that is transported from the local STP to the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** end office for terminating traffic. A TCAP Signal Transport usage charge will be assessed for each TCAP message that is transported from the local STP to the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** end office (excluding LIDB and 800 Access Service).

7.5 Signal Switching

7.5.1 An IAM Signal Switching usage charge will be assessed for each IAM message that is switched by the local STP for each IAM messages that is switched for direct routed terminating traffic. A TCAP Signal Switching usage charge will be assessed for each TCAP message that is switched by the local STP termination of non-call associated signaling messages (excluding LIDB and 800 Access Service).

7.6 Signal Tandem Switching

7.6.1 An IAM Signal Tandem Switching usage charge will be assessed for an IAM message that is switched by an **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** STP and transported to an end office for tandem routed terminating traffic. When Signal Tandem Switching usage charges are assessed, Signal Switching and Signal Transport charges do not apply, except for SS7 Transport.

8. **DESCRIPTION OF RATE ELEMENTS SBC-7STATE**

8.1 The following rate elements apply to **SBC-7STATE** SS7 Service:

8.2 SS7 Transport

8.2.1 SS7 Transport shall be measured per octet of information screened and routed.

8.2.2 CLEC shall pay SS7 Transport Per Octet rate element for the screening and routing of messages by each additional **SBC-7STATE** STP pair. A usage rate applies per octet generated by action of CLEC.

8.2.3 SS7 Transport is not available in the **SBC-2STATE**.

8.3 Dedicated Signaling Links

8.3.1 SS7 Link Cross Connect

8.3.1.1 CLEC shall pay the DS-0 or DS-1 rate for the SS7 Link Cross Connect at the STP location for each Dedicated Signaling Link. Rates are per DS-0 and DS-1 bandwidth and per connection to unbundled dedicated facility or connection to a collocation cage. Rates are per month and nonrecurring installation per first or additional cross connects ordered and shall apply on a per order basis.

### 8.3.2 STP Port Termination

8.3.2.1 CLEC shall pay the STP Port Termination rate element for each termination of the SS7 Link Cross Connect at the **SBC-7STATE** STP. One STP Port Termination must be installed at **SBC-7STATE**'s interconnecting STP for each Dedicated Signaling Link.

8.3.2.2 There are two charges that apply to the STP Port Termination, i.e., a fixed recurring monthly rate per port termination and a nonrecurring installation charge per port.

### 8.3.3 STP Access Link

8.3.3.1 CLEC shall pay the STP Access Link rate element for each STP Access Link when the STP Access Link is provided. The charge includes a fixed rate per month plus a rate per mile per month.

### 8.4 Signaling Point Code Addition

8.4.1 CLEC shall pay the Signaling Point Code Addition rate element for the establishment and translation of each applicable CCS network signaling point code at a **SBC-7STATE** STP. CLEC shall pay a nonrecurring charge per SPC established at each STP.

### 8.5 Global Title Translation (GTT) Addition

8.5.1 CLEC shall pay the GTT Addition rate element for the establishment of CLEC's GTA, translation type or subsystem information in the **SBC-7STATE** STP translations. CLEC shall pay a nonrecurring charge per GTT established at each STP.

### 8.6 Use of the STP Per Call

8.6.1 CLEC shall pay the Use of the STP Per Call rate element for Use of the **SBC-7STATE** STP. The rate shall apply for each call originated by CLEC subscribers using the **SBC-7STATE** Local Switching Network Element. The rate is based on an assumed mean quantity of 200 octets of signaling used for each originated call times the STP Transport rate element.

8.6.2 The Use of the STP Per Call is a surrogate for STP Transport and Dedicated Signaling Links when CLEC uses the **SBC-7STATE** Local Switching network element.

## 9. **APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

9.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions; interpretation; construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

**APPENDIX FOR ACCESS**  
**TO SBC COMMUNICATION INC.'S STRUCTURE**  
**(POLES, CONDUITS, AND RIGHTS OF WAYS)**

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## APPENDIX FOR ACCESS TO SBC COMMUNICATION INC.'S STRUCTURE (POLES, CONDUITS, AND RIGHTS OF WAYS)

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Rights of Way (ROW), Conduits and Poles provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.1.1 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
- 1.1.2 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.1.3 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.4 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.5 **SBC SNET** - As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.1.6 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **Definitions in general.** As used in this Appendix, the terms defined in this article shall have the meanings set forth below in Sections 2.1 to 2.14 except as the context otherwise requires.
- 2.2 **Conduit.** The term "conduit" refers to tubes or structures, usually underground or on bridges, containing one or more ducts used to enclose cables, wires, and associated transmission equipment. As used in this Appendix, the term "conduit" refers only to conduit structures (including ducts, manholes and handholes) and space within those structures and does not include (a) cables and other telecommunications equipment located within conduit structures or (b) central office vaults, controlled environment vaults, or other **SBC-13STATE** structures (such as huts and cabinets) which branch off from or are connected to **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit.
- 2.3 **Conduit system.** The term "conduit system" refers to any combination of ducts, conduits, manholes, and handholes joined to form an integrated whole. As used in this Appendix, the term "conduit system" does not include (a) cables and other telecommunications equipment located within conduit structures or (b) central office vaults, controlled environment vaults, or other **SBC-13STATE** structures (such as huts and cabinets) which branch off from or are connected to **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit.

- 2.4 Duct. The term “duct” refers to a single enclosed tube, pipe, or channel for enclosing and carrying cables, wires, and other equipment. As used in this Appendix, the term “duct” includes “inner ducts” created by subdividing a duct into smaller channels, but does not include cables and other telecommunications equipment located within such ducts.
- 2.5 Handhole. The term “handhole” refers to a structure similar in function to a manhole, but which is too small for personnel to enter. As used in this Appendix, the term “handhole” refers only to handholes which are part of **SBC-13STATE**’s conduit system and does not refer to handholes which provide access to buried cables not housed within **SBC-13STATE** ducts or conduits. As used in this Appendix, the term “handhole” refers only to handhole structures owned or controlled by **SBC-13STATE** and does not include cables and other telecommunications equipment located within handhole structures.
- 2.6 Occupancy Permit. The term “occupancy permit” refers to a written instrument confirming that **SBC-13STATE** has granted the structure access request of Attaching Party or a third party for access to pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way space.
- 2.7 Maintenance Duct. The term “maintenance duct” generally refers to a full-sized duct (typically three inches in diameter or larger) for use, on a short-term basis, for maintenance, repair, or emergency restoration activities. The term “maintenance duct” does not include ducts and conduits extending from an **SBC-13STATE** manhole to customer premises. When only one usable full-sized duct remains in a conduit section, that duct shall be deemed to be the maintenance duct.
- 2.8 Make-ready work. The term “make-ready work” refers to all work performed or to be performed to prepare **SBC-13STATE**’s poles, ducts, conduits, rights-of-way, and related facilities for the requested occupancy or attachment of Attaching Party’s facilities.
- 2.9 Manhole. The term “manhole” refers to an enclosure, usually below ground level and entered through a hole on the surface, which personnel may enter and use for the purpose of installing, operating, and maintaining facilities in ducts or conduits which are parts of **SBC-13STATE**’s conduit system. As used in this Appendix, the term “manhole” does not include cables and other telecommunications equipment located within manhole structures.
- 2.10 Other User. The term “Other User” refers to entities, other than the Attaching Party, with facilities on an **SBC-13STATE** pole, duct, conduit or right-of-way to which the Attaching Party has obtained access. Other Users may include **SBC-13STATE**, other attaching parties, municipalities or other governmental entities, and electric utilities (which may own interests in **SBC-13STATE**’s poles, ducts, conduits or rights-of-ways).
- 2.11 Overlashing. The term “Overlashing” refers to the practice of placing an additional cable by lashing such cable with spinning wire over an existing cable and strand.
- 2.12 Pole. The term “pole” refers to poles (and associated anchors) which are owned or controlled by **SBC-13STATE** and does not include cables and other telecommunications equipment attached to pole structures.
- 2.13 Rights-of-way. The term “rights-of-way” refers to **SBC-13STATE** owned or controlled legal rights to pass over or through property of another party and used by **SBC-13STATE** for its telecommunications distribution system. For purposes of this Appendix, “rights-of-way” includes property owned by **SBC-13STATE** and used by **SBC-13STATE** for its telecommunications distribution facilities. Rights-of-way does not include:
- 2.13.1 cables and other telecommunications equipment buried or located on such rights-of-way,
  - 2.13.2 public rights of way (which are owned by and subject to the control of governmental entities), or
  - 2.13.3 any space which is owned and controlled by a third-party property owner and occupied by **SBC-13STATE** with permission from such owner rather than as a matter of legal right.
- 2.14 Structure. The term “Structure” refers collectively to poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way.



### 3. SCOPE OF APPENDIX

- 3.1 This Appendix establishes the rates, terms, conditions, and procedures by which **SBC-13STATE** shall provide non-discriminatory access to **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure. Separate tariffs, appendix, or agreements shall govern Attaching Party's access, if any, to the following facilities which require special security, technical, and construction arrangements outside the scope of this Appendix:
- 3.1.1 **SBC-13STATE**'s central office vaults and ducts and conduits which serve no purpose other than to provide a means of entry to and exit from **SBC-13STATE**'s central offices;
  - 3.1.2 controlled environment vaults (CEVs), huts, cabinets, and other similar outside plant structures and ducts and conduits which serve no purpose other than to provide a means of entry to and exit from such vaults, huts, cabinets, and structures;
  - 3.1.3 ducts and conduits located within buildings owned by **SBC-13STATE**; and
  - 3.1.4 ducts, conduits, equipment rooms, and similar spaces located in space leased by **SBC-13STATE** from third-party property owners for purposes other than to house cables and other equipment in active service as part of **SBC-13STATE**'s network distribution operations.
- 3.2 No Transfer of Property Rights to Attaching Party. Nothing contained in this Appendix, or any occupancy permit subject to this Appendix, shall create or vest (or be construed as creating or vesting) in either party any right, title, or interest in or to any real or personal property owned by the other.
- 3.3 No Effect on **SBC-13STATE**'s Right to Abandon, Convey or Transfer Structure. Nothing contained in this Appendix, or any occupancy permit subject to this Appendix, shall in any way affect **SBC-13STATE**'s right to abandon, convey, or transfer to any other person or entity **SBC-13STATE**'s interest in any of **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure. **SBC-13STATE** shall give Attaching Party at least 60 days written notice prior to abandoning, conveying, or transferring any Structure to which Attaching Party has already attached its facilities, or any Structure on which Attaching Party has already been assigned space. The notice shall identify the transferee, if any, to whom any such pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way is to be conveyed or transferred.

### 4. EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM, AND ELECTIVE TERMINATION

- 4.1 Effective Date. This Appendix shall be effective as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, or, if this Appendix has been entered into as an appendix, attachment, or exhibit to an interconnection Appendix between the parties, the date of approval by the State Commission of the interconnection Appendix, whichever date first occurs.
- 4.2 Initial Term. Unless sooner terminated as herein provided, the initial term of this Appendix shall run from the effective date until the end of the calendar year which includes the effective date. In the event this Appendix is entered into as a part of an Interconnection Appendix, this Appendix shall terminate upon the termination of the Interconnection Appendix of which this is apart.
- 4.3 Automatic Renewal. Unless sooner terminated as herein provided, this Appendix shall be automatically renewed for successive one-year terms beginning on the first day of each calendar year after the effective date, or in the same fashion as the Interconnection Appendix renews, if a part of the Interconnection Appendix.
- 4.4 Elective Termination. Either party may terminate this Appendix by giving the other party at least six months prior written notice as provided in this section. The notice of termination shall state the effective date of termination, which date shall be no earlier than the last to occur of the following dates: the last day of the current term of this Appendix or six months after the date the notice is given.
- 4.5 Elective Termination by **SBC-13STATE**. Attaching Party shall, within 60 days after the effective date of the elective termination by **SBC-13STATE**, either initiate negotiations for continued access to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way or remove its facilities in accordance with the provisions of Section 28 of this Appendix.

- 4.6 Effect of Elective Termination. Elective termination of this Appendix by Attaching Party, as permitted under Section 4 of this Appendix, shall not affect Attaching Party's liabilities and obligations incurred under this Appendix prior to the effective date of termination and shall not entitle Attaching Party to the refund of any advance payment made to **SBC-13STATE** under this Appendix. Elective termination of this Appendix by **SBC-13STATE** shall not affect **SBC-13STATE**'s obligations to afford access to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way owned or controlled by **SBC-13STATE** as required by the Pole Attachment Act, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and other applicable laws, regulations, and commission orders.

## 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 5.1 Entire Appendix. This Appendix, together with the interconnection Appendix, if any, of which this Appendix is a part, and the Guidelines for Access to **SBC-13STATE** Structure, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, sets forth the entire understanding and Appendix of the parties.
- 5.2 Prior Agreements Superseded. This Appendix supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, between Attaching Party and **SBC-13STATE** relating to the placement and maintenance of Attaching Party's facilities on and within **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, and conduits within this State.
- 5.3 Amendments Shall Be in Writing. Except as otherwise specifically provided to the contrary by other provisions of this Appendix, the terms and conditions of this Appendix shall not be amended, changed or altered except in writing and with approval by authorized representatives of both parties.
- 5.4 Survival of Obligations. Any liabilities or obligations of either party for acts or omissions prior to the termination of this Appendix, any obligations of either party under provisions of this Appendix relating to confidential and proprietary information, indemnification, limitations of liability, and any other provisions of this Appendix which, by their terms, are contemplated to survive (or be performed after) termination of this Appendix, will survive the termination of this Appendix.
- 5.5 Multiple Counterparts. This Appendix may be executed in multiple counterparts.
- 5.6 Effect on Licenses or Occupancy Permits Issued Under Prior Agreements. All currently effective pole attachment and conduit occupancy permits granted to Attaching Party shall, on the effective date of this Appendix, be subject to the rates, terms, conditions, and procedures set forth in this Appendix.
- 5.7 Force Majeure. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Appendix, neither party will be liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Appendix caused by a Force Majeure condition, including acts of the United States of America or any state, territory, or political subdivision thereof, acts of God or a public enemy, fires, floods, disputes, freight embargoes, earthquakes, volcanic actions, wars, civil disturbances, cable cuts, or other causes beyond the reasonable control of the party claiming excusable delay or other failure to perform; provided, however, that Force Majeure will not include acts of any governmental authority relating to environmental, health, or safety conditions at work locations. If any Force Majeure condition occurs, the party whose performance fails or is delayed because of such Force Majeure condition will give prompt notice to the other party, and, upon cessation of such Force Majeure condition, will give like notice and commence performance hereunder as promptly as reasonably practicable.
- 5.8 Severability. If any article, section, subsection, or other provision or portion of this Appendix is or becomes invalid under any applicable statute or rule of law, and such invalidity does not materially alter the essence of this Appendix as to either party, the invalidity of such provision shall not render this entire Appendix unenforceable and this Appendix shall be administered as if it did not contain the invalid provision.
- 5.9 Choice of Law. Except to the extent that federal law controls any aspect of this Appendix, the validity of this Appendix, the construction and enforcement of its terms, and the interpretation of the rights and duties of the parties will be governed by the laws of this State, applied without regard to the provisions of this State's laws relating to conflicts-of-laws.

- 5.10 Changes in the Law. The parties agree to negotiate in good faith changes to this Appendix to conform to changes applicable law pertaining to access to poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way, including the Pole Attachment Act.
- 5.11 The parties shall at all times observe and comply with, and the provisions of this Appendix are subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations which in any manner affect the rights and obligations of the parties.

## 6. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES

- 6.1 **SBC-13STATE** MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AND DISCLAIMS ANY WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, THAT **SBC-13STATE**'S POLES, DUCTS, CONDUITS AND WARRANTIES ARE SUITABLE FOR THE ATTACHING PARTY'S INTENDED USES OR ARE FREE FROM DEFECTS. THE ATTACHING PARTY SHALL IN EVERY INSTANCE BE RESPONSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE ADEQUACY OF **SBC-13STATE**'S POLES, DUCTS, CONDUITS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE ATTACHING PARTY'S INTENDED USE.

## 7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 7.1 In the event that this Appendix is a part of an Interconnect Agreement between the parties, the dispute resolution provisions of the Interconnection Agreement shall apply to disputes under this Appendix.

## 8. INDEMNIFICATION

- 8.1 Definitions. The term "Claims" as used in Section 8 shall mean any suit, claim, demand, loss, damage, liability, fee, fine, penalty, or expense, of every kind and character.
- 8.2 Indemnities Excluded. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this article, neither party (as an "indemnifying party") shall be required to indemnify or defend the other party (as an "indemnified party") against, or hold the indemnified party harmless from, any Claims arising out of:
- 8.2.1 any breach by the indemnified party of any provision of this Appendix or any breach by the indemnified party of the parties' interconnection Appendix, if any;
  - 8.2.2 the violation of any law by any employee of the indemnified party or other person acting on the indemnified party's behalf;
  - 8.2.3 willful or intentional misconduct or gross negligence committed by any employee of the indemnified party or by any other person acting on the indemnified party's behalf; or
  - 8.2.4 any negligent act or acts committed by any employee of the indemnified party or other person acting on the indemnified party's behalf, if such negligent act or acts are the sole producing cause of the injury, loss, or damage giving rise to the Claim for which indemnity is requested.
- 8.3 Workplace Injuries. Except as expressly provided in this Appendix to the contrary, each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any injury, loss, or damage suffered by any person, which arises out of or in connection with the personal injury or death of any employee of the indemnifying party (or other person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf) if such injury or death results, in whole or in part, from any occurrence or condition on, within, or in the vicinity of **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure.
- 8.4 Other Claims Brought Against Either Party by Employees and Other Persons Acting on the Other Party's Behalf. Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims (other than workplace injury claims subject to Section 8.3 above) made, brought, or sought against the indemnified party by any employee, contractor, or subcontractor of the indemnifying party or by any other person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf.

- 8.5 THE INDEMNIFYING PARTY'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS UNDER SECTIONS 8.3-8.4 SHALL ARISE EVEN IF THE INJURY, SICKNESS, DISEASE, OR DEATH WAS ATTRIBUTABLE IN PART TO NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE INDEMNIFIED PARTY.
- 8.6 Claims Brought Against Either Party by Vendors, Suppliers and Customers of the Other Party. Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims (other than workplace injury claims subject to Section 8.3, or other claims subject to Section 8.4) made, brought, or sought against the indemnified party by any vendor, supplier, or customer of the indemnifying party.
- 8.7 Injuries to Third Parties and Third party Property Owners Resulting from the Parties' Conduct. Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with the personal injury or death of any third party or physical damage to real or personal property owned by a third party, arising, in whole or in part, out of or in connection with the conduct of employees of the indemnifying party or other persons acting on the indemnifying party's behalf.
- 8.8 Indemnification for Environmental Claims.
- 8.8.1 Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with the violation or breach, by any employee of the indemnifying party or other person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf, of
- 8.8.1.1 any federal, state, or local environmental statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other law or
- 8.8.1.2 any provision or requirement of this Appendix dealing with hazardous substances or protection of the environment.
- 8.8.2 Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with the release or discharge, onto any public or private property, of any hazardous substances, regardless of the source of such hazardous substances, by any employee of the indemnifying party, or by any person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf, while present on, within, or in the vicinity of any **SBC-13STATE** pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way.
- 8.8.3 Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with the removal or disposal of any hazardous substances by the indemnifying party or by any person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf, or arising out of or in connection with the subsequent storage, processing or other handling of such hazardous substances by any person or entity after they have been removed by the indemnifying party or persons acting on the indemnifying party's behalf from the site of any **SBC-13STATE** pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way.
- 8.8.4 Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, neither party shall be required to indemnify or defend the other party against, or hold the other party harmless from any Claims for which the other party may be liable under any federal, state, or local environmental statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other law.
- 8.9 Miscellaneous Claims. Attaching Party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless from any and all Claims, of every kind and character, made, brought, or sought against **SBC-13STATE** by any person or entity, arising out of or in connection with the subject matter of this Appendix and based on either:
- 8.9.1 Claims for taxes, municipal fees, franchise fees, right-to-use fees, and other special charges assessed on **SBC-13STATE** due to the placement or presence of Attaching Party's facilities on or within **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way; or

- 8.9.2 Claims based on the violation by Attaching Party of any third party's intellectual property rights, including but not limited to claims for copyright infringement, patent infringement, or unauthorized use or transmission of television or radio broadcast programs or other program material.
- 8.10 Attaching Party's General Indemnity Obligations to **SBC-13STATE**. This section applies only in those situations not expressly covered by Sections 8.3-8.10 and does not apply to any Claims resulting from Attaching Party's enforcement of its rights against **SBC-13STATE** pursuant to this Appendix or other provisions in the parties' interconnection Appendix, if any. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Appendix to the contrary, and subject to the exclusions set forth in Section 8.2, Attaching Party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with Attaching Party's access to or use of **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way, Attaching Party's performance of any acts authorized under this Appendix, or the presence or activities of Attaching Party's employees or other personnel acting on Attaching Party's behalf on, within, or in the vicinity of **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way.
- 8.11 **SBC-13STATE**'s General Indemnity Obligations to Attaching Party. This section applies only in those situations not expressly covered by Sections 8.3-8.9 and does not apply to any Claims resulting from **SBC-13STATE**'s enforcement of its rights against Attaching Party pursuant to this Appendix or other provisions in the parties' interconnection Agreement, if any. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Appendix to the contrary, **SBC-13STATE** shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold Attaching Party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with **SBC-13STATE**'s access to or use of **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way, **SBC-13STATE**'s performance of any acts authorized under this Appendix, or the presence or activities of **SBC-13STATE**'s employees or other personnel acting on **SBC-13STATE**'s behalf on, within, or in the vicinity of **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way.

## 9. LIABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

- 9.1 EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY FOR SPECIAL, INDIRECT, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOSS OF ANTICIPATED PROFITS OR REVENUE OR OTHER ECONOMIC LOSS IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING FROM ANY ACT OR FAILURE TO ACT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT, EVEN IF THE OTHER PARTY HAS ADVISED SUCH PARTY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. THIS SECTION LIMITS EACH PARTY'S LIABILITY FOR INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH NEGLIGENT (INCLUDING GROSSLY NEGLIGENT) ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF SUCH PARTY BUT DOES NOT LIMIT EITHER PARTY'S LIABILITY FOR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT.
- 9.2 **SBC-13STATE** Not Liable to Attaching Party for Acts of Third Parties or Acts of God. By affording Attaching Party access to **SBC-13STATE** Structure **SBC-13STATE** does not warrant, guarantee, or insure the uninterrupted use of such facilities by Attaching Party. Except as specifically provided in Section 9.5 of this Appendix, Attaching Party assumes all risks of injury, loss, or damage (and the consequences of any such injury, loss, or damage) to Attaching Party's facilities attached to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles or placed in **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure and **SBC-13STATE** shall not be liable to Attaching Party for any damages to Attaching Party's facilities other than as provided in Section 9.5. In no event shall **SBC-13STATE** be liable to Attaching Party under this Agreement for any death of person or injury, loss, or damage resulting from the acts or omissions of (1) any Other User or any person acting on behalf of an Other User, (2) any governmental body or governmental employee, (3) any third-party property owner or persons acting on behalf of such property owner, or (4) any permit, invitee, trespasser, or other person present at the site or in the vicinity of any **SBC-13STATE** pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way in any capacity other than as a **SBC-13STATE** employee or person acting on **SBC-13STATE**'s behalf. In no event shall **SBC-13STATE** be

liable to Attaching Party under this Agreement for injuries, losses, or damages resulting from acts of God (including but not limited to storms, floods, fires, and earthquakes), wars, civil disturbances, espionage or other criminal acts committed by persons or entities not acting on **SBC-13STATE**'s behalf, cable cuts by persons other than **SBC-13STATE**'s employees or persons acting on **SBC-13STATE**'s behalf, or other causes beyond **SBC-13STATE**'s control which occur at sites subject to this Appendix.

- 9.3 Damage to Facilities. Each party shall exercise due care to avoid damaging the facilities of the other or of Other Users and hereby assumes all responsibility for any and all loss from damage caused by the party and persons acting on the party's behalf. A party shall make an immediate report to the other of the occurrence of any damage and hereby agrees to reimburse the other party, and/or Other Users for any property damaged caused by the party or persons acting on the party's behalf.
- 9.4 No Limitations of Liability in Contravention of Federal or State Law. Nothing contained in this article shall be construed as exempting either party from any liability, or limiting such party's liability, in contravention of federal law or in contravention of the laws of this State.

## 10. INSURANCE

- 10.1 At all times in which the Attaching Party has attachments to **SBC-13STATE** poles, or is occupying **SBC-13STATE** conduit or right-of-way, Attaching Party shall keep and maintain in force, at its own expense, the minimum insurance coverage and limits set for below. Such insurance and coverage shall not only cover the Attaching Party, but it must cover all contractors, subcontractors and/or any other person acting on Attaching Party's behalf, that are providing services under this Appendix.
- 10.1.1 Workers' Compensation insurance with benefits afforded under the laws of each state covered by this Appendix and Employers Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 for Bodily Injury-each accident, \$500,000 for Bodily Injury by disease-policy limits and \$1,000,000 for Bodily Injury by disease-each employee.
- 10.1.2 Commercial General Liability insurance with minimum limits of: \$10,000,000 General Aggregate limit; \$5,000,000 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; \$10,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate limit, with a \$5,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for Products/Completed Operations.
- 10.1.3 Automobile Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limits per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, with coverage extending to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles.
- 10.2 Attaching Party agrees to name **SBC-13STATE** as an Additional Insured on the Commercial General Liability policy and Commercial Automobile Liability Policy.
- 10.3 **SBC-13STATE** agrees to accept the Attaching Party's program of self-insurance in lieu of insurance coverage if certain requirements are met. These requirements are as follows:
- 10.3.1 Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability: Attaching Party submit to **SBC-13STATE** its Certificate of Authority to Self-Insure its Workers' Compensation obligations issued by each state covered by this Appendix or the employer's state of hire; and
- 10.3.2 Automobile liability: Attaching Party shall submit to **SBC-13STATE** a copy of the state-issued letter approving self-insurance for automobile liability issued by each state covered by this Appendix; and
- 10.3.3 General liability: Attaching Party must provide evidence acceptable to **SBC-13STATE** 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.
- 10.4 All insurance required in accordance with this section must be in effect before **SBC-13STATE** will issue pole attachment or conduit occupancy permits under this Appendix.

- 10.5 Attaching Party agrees to provide **SBC-13STATE** 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.

## 11. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

- 11.1 Assignment Permitted. Neither party may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this Appendix except as provided in this section.
- 11.1.1 **SBC-13STATE** may assign its rights, delegate its benefits, and delegate its duties and obligations under this Appendix, without Attaching Party's consent, to any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with **SBC-13STATE** or which acquires or succeeds to ownership of substantially all of **SBC-13STATE**'s assets.
- 11.1.2 Overlapping of Attaching Party's facilities on **SBC-13STATE** poles by a third party will be allowed under the following conditions:
- 11.1.2.1 The Overlapping entity must enter into an Appendix with **SBC-13STATE** for access to **SBC-13STATE** Structures and abide by the terms and conditions of such an Occupancy Permit.
- 11.1.2.2 The Overlapping entity must obtain written approval from the Attaching Party and provide a copy to **SBC-13STATE** prior to submitting a request for access to structure.
- 11.1.2.3 The Overlapping party must submit a written request for access to structure, and indicate on the request that the request is for Overlapping of an existing attachment of the Attaching Party.
- 11.1.2.4 The Overlapping entity is responsible for paying the fees for Overlapping in APPENDIX I and/or APPENDIX PRICING which are separate and in addition to the fees paid by the Attaching Party.
- 11.1.3 Attaching Party may, ancillary to a bona fide loan transaction between Attaching Party and any lender, and without **SBC-13STATE**'s consent, grant security interests or make collateral assignments in substantially all of Attaching Party's assets, including Attaching Party's rights under this Appendix, subject to the express terms of this Appendix. In the event Attaching Party's lender, in the bona fide exercise of its rights as a secured lender, forecloses on its security interest or arranges for a third party to acquire Attaching Party's assets through public or private sale or through an Agreement with Attaching Party, Attaching Party's lender or the third party acquiring Attaching Party's rights under this Appendix shall assume all outstanding obligations of Attaching Party under the agreement and provide proof satisfactory to **SBC-13STATE** that such lender or third party has complied or will comply with all requirements established under this Appendix. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Appendix to the contrary, such foreclosure by Attaching Party's lender or acquisition of assets by such third party shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement and, upon such foreclosure or acquisition, Attaching Party's lender or such third party shall succeed to all rights and remedies of Attaching Party under this Agreement (other than those rights and remedies, if any, which have not been transferred and, if Attaching Party is a debtor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code, those rights, if any, which remain a part of the debtor's estate notwithstanding an attempted foreclosure or transfer) and to all duties and obligations of Attaching Party under the Agreement, including liability to **SBC-13STATE** for any act, omission, default, or obligation that arose or occurred under the Agreement prior to the date on which such lender or third party succeeds to the rights of Attaching Party under the Agreement, as applicable.
- 11.1.4 No assignment or transfer by Attaching Party of rights under this Agreement, occupancy permit subject to this Agreement, or authorizations granted under this Agreement shall be effective until Attaching Party, its successors, and assigns have complied with the provisions of this article, secured **SBC-13STATE**'s prior written consent to the assignment or transfer, if necessary, and given **SBC-13STATE** notice of the assignment or transfer pursuant to Section 11.3.

- 11.2 Incorporations, Mergers, Acquisitions, and Other Changes in Attaching Party's Legal Identity. When the legal identity or status of Attaching Party changes, whether by incorporation, reincorporation, merger, acquisition, or otherwise, such change shall be treated as an assignment subject to the provisions of this article.
- 11.3 Assignment Shall Not Relieve Attaching Party of Prior Obligations. Except as otherwise expressly agreed by **SBC-13STATE** in writing, no assignment permitted by **SBC-13STATE** under this Agreement shall relieve Attaching Party of any obligations arising under or in connection with this Agreement, including but not limited to indemnity obligations under Section 8 of this Agreement or the interconnection agreement, if any.
- 11.4 Satisfaction of Existing Obligations and Assumption of Contingent Liabilities. **SBC-13STATE** may condition its approval of any requested assignment or transfer on the assignee's or successor's payment or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations of Attaching Party under this Agreement and the assignee's or successor's assumption of any liabilities, or contingent liabilities, of Attaching Party arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.
- 11.5 Sub-Permits Prohibited. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as granting Attaching Party the right to sublease, sublicense, or otherwise transfer any rights under this Agreement or occupancy permits subject to this Agreement to any third party. Except as otherwise expressly permitted in this Agreement, Attaching Party shall not allow third party to attach or place facilities to or in pole or conduit space occupied by or assigned to Attaching Party or to utilize such space.

## 12. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT OR OCCUPANCY PERMITS; REMEDIES FOR BREACHES

- 12.1 Termination Due to Non-Use of Facilities or Loss of Required Authority. This Appendix and all occupancy permits subject to this Appendix shall terminate if Attaching Party ceases to have authority to do business or ceases to do business in this State, ceases to have authority to provide or ceases to provide cable television services in this State (if Attaching Party is cable television system having access to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits or rights-of-way solely to provide cable television service), ceases to have authority to provide or ceases to provide telecommunications services in this State (if Attaching Party is a telecommunications carrier which does not also have authority to provide cable television service in this State), or ceases to make active use of **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way.
- 12.2 Individual occupancy permits subject to this Appendix shall terminate if (a) Attaching Party ceases to utilize the pole attachment or conduit or right of way space subject to such occupancy permit or (b) Attaching Party's permission to use or have access to particular poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way has been revoked, denied, or terminated, or local governmental authority or third-party property owner having authority to revoke, deny, or terminate such use or access.
- 12.3 Limitation, Termination, or Refusal of Access for Certain Material Breaches. Attaching Party's access to **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure shall not materially interfere with or impair service over any facilities of **SBC-13STATE** or any Other User, cause material damage to **SBC-13STATE**'s plant or the plant of any Other User, impair the privacy of communications carried over the facilities of **SBC-13STATE** or any Other User, or create serious hazards to the health or safety of any persons working on, within, or in the vicinity of **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, rights-of-way or to the public. Upon reasonable notice and opportunity to cure, **SBC-13STATE** may limit, terminate or refuse access if Attaching Party violates this provision.
- 12.4 Notice and Opportunity to Cure Breach. In the event of any claimed breach of this Agreement by either party, the aggrieved party may give written notice of such claimed breach.
- 12.5 The complaining party shall not be entitled to pursue any remedies available under this Agreement or relevant law unless such notice is given, and
  - 12.5.1 the breaching party fails to cure the breach within 30 days of such notice, if the breach is one which can be cured within 30 days, or



12.5.2 the breaching party fails to commence promptly and pursue diligently a cure of the breach, if the required cure is such that more than 30 days will be required to effect such cure.

- 12.6 Remedies for Breach. Subject to the provisions of this article, either party may terminate this Agreement in the event of a material breach by the other party or exercise any other legal or equitable right which such party may have to enforce the provisions of this Agreement. In any action based on an alleged breach of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses incurred by such party, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees.

### 13. FAILURE TO ENFORCE

- 13.1 No Waiver. The failure by either party to take action to enforce compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, to give notice of any breach, or to terminate this Agreement or any occupancy permit or authorization subject to this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver or relinquishment of any term or condition of this Agreement, a waiver or relinquishment of the right to give notice of breach, or waiver or relinquishment of any right to terminate this Agreement.

### 14. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

- 14.1 Information Provided by Attaching Party to **SBC-13STATE**. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Appendix, all company-specific and customer-specific information submitted by Attaching Party to **SBC-13STATE** in connection with this Appendix (including but not limited to information submitted in connection with Attaching Party's applications for occupancy permit shall be deemed to be "confidential" or "proprietary" information of Attaching Party and shall be subject to the terms set forth in this article. Confidential or proprietary information specifically includes information or knowledge related to Attaching Party's review of records regarding a particular market area, or relating to assignment of space to Attaching Party in a particular market area, and further includes knowledge or information about the timing of Attaching Party's request for or review of records or its inquiry about **SBC-13STATE** facilities. This article does not limit the use by **SBC-13STATE** of aggregate information relating to the occupancy and use of **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure by firms other than **SBC-13STATE** (that is, information submitted by Attaching Party and aggregated by **SBC-13STATE** in a manner that does not directly or indirectly identify Attaching Party).
- 14.2 Access Limited to Persons with a Need to Know. Confidential or proprietary information provided by Attaching Party to **SBC-13STATE** in connection with this Agreement shall not be disclosed to, shared with, or accessed by any person or persons other than those who have a need to know such information for the limited purposes set forth in Sections 14.3-14.6.
- 14.3 Permitted Uses of Attaching Party's Confidential Information. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 14.1 and 14.2 above, **SBC-13STATE** and persons acting on **SBC-13STATE**'s behalf may utilize Attaching Party's confidential or proprietary information for the following purposes:
- 14.3.1 posting information, as necessary, to **SBC-13STATE**'s outside plant records;
  - 14.3.2 placing, constructing, installing, operating, utilizing, maintaining, monitoring, inspecting, repairing, relocating, transferring, conveying, removing, or managing **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure and any **SBC-13STATE** facilities located on, within, or in the vicinity of such Structure;
  - 14.3.3 performing **SBC-13STATE**'s obligations under this Agreement and similar agreements with third parties;
  - 14.3.4 determining which of **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure are (or may in the future be) available for **SBC-13STATE**'s own use, and making planning, engineering, construction, and budgeting decisions relating to **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure;
  - 14.3.5 preparing cost studies;
  - 14.3.6 responding to regulatory requests for information;

14.3.7 maintaining **SBC-13STATE**'s financial accounting records; and

14.3.8 complying with other legal requirements relating to Structure.

- 14.4 **Defense of Claims.** In the event of a dispute between **SBC-13STATE** and any person or entity, including Attaching Party, concerning **SBC-13STATE**'s performance of this Agreement, satisfaction of obligations under similar agreements with third parties, compliance with the Pole Attachment Act, compliance with the Telecommunications Act of 1996, or compliance with other federal, state, or local laws, regulations, commission orders, and the like, **SBC-13STATE** may utilize confidential or proprietary information submitted by Attaching Party in connection with this Appendix as may be reasonable or necessary to demonstrate compliance, protect itself from allegations of wrongdoing, or comply with subpoenas, court orders, or reasonable discovery requests; provided, however, that **SBC-13STATE** shall not disclose Attaching Party's proprietary or confidential information without first, at **SBC-13STATE**'s option:

14.4.1 obtaining an agreed protective order or nondisclosure Agreement that preserves the confidential and proprietary nature of Attaching Party's information;

14.4.2 seeking such a protective order as provided by law if no agreed protective order or nondisclosure Agreement can be obtained; or

14.4.3 providing Attaching Party notice of the subpoena, demand, or order and an opportunity to take affirmative steps of its own to protect such proprietary or confidential information.

- 14.5 **Response to Subpoenas, Court Orders, and Agency Orders.** Nothing contained in this article shall be construed as precluding **SBC-13STATE** from complying with any subpoena, civil or criminal investigative demand, or other order issued or entered by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction; provided, however, that **SBC-13STATE** shall not disclose Attaching Party's proprietary or confidential information without first, at **SBC-13STATE**'s option:

14.5.1 obtaining an agreed protective order or nondisclosure Agreement that preserves the confidential and proprietary nature of Attaching Party's information;

14.5.2 seeking such a protective order as provided by law if no agreed protective order or nondisclosure Agreement can be obtained; or

14.5.3 providing Attaching Party notice of the subpoena, demand, or order and an opportunity to take affirmative steps of its own to protect such proprietary or confidential information.

## 15. ACCESS TO RIGHTS-OF-WAY

- 15.1 To the extent **SBC-13STATE** has the authority to do so, **SBC-13STATE** grants Attaching Party a right to use any right-of-way for **SBC-13STATE** poles, ducts, or conduits to which Attaching Party may attach its facilities for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining such Attaching Party's facilities on **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts or conduits. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Attaching Party shall be responsible for determining the necessity of and obtaining from private and/or public authority any necessary consent, easement, right of way, license, permit, permission, certification or franchise to construct, operate and/or maintain its facilities on private and public property at the location of the **SBC-13STATE** pole, duct or conduit to which Attaching Party seeks to attach its facilities. Attaching Party shall furnish proof of any such easement, right of way, license, permit, permission, certification, or franchise within thirty (30) days of request by **SBC-13STATE**. **SBC-13STATE** does not warrant the validity or apportionability of any rights it may hold to place facilities on private property.
- 15.2 **Private Rights-of-Way Not Owned or Controlled by Either Party.** Neither party shall restrict or interfere with the other party's access to or right to occupy property owned by third-parties which is not subject to the other party's control, including property as to which either party has access subject to non-exclusive rights-of-way. Each party shall make its own, independent legal assessment of its right to enter upon or use the property of third-party property owners and shall bear all expenses, including legal expenses, involved in making such determinations.

- 15.3 Access to Rights-of-Way Generally. At locations where **SBC-13STATE** has access to third-party property pursuant to non-exclusive rights-of-way, **SBC-13STATE** shall not interfere with Attaching Party's negotiations with third-party property owners for similar access or with Attaching Party's access to such property pursuant to easements or other rights-of-ways obtained by Attaching Party from the property owner. At locations where **SBC-13STATE** has obtained exclusive rights-of-way from third-party property owners or otherwise controls the right-of-way, **SBC-13STATE** shall, to the extent space is available, and subject to reasonable safety, reliability, and engineering conditions, provide access to Attaching Party on a nondiscriminatory basis, provided that the underlying agreement with the property owner permits **SBC-13STATE** to provide such access, and provided further that **SBC-13STATE**'s charges for such access shall include Attaching Party's pro rata portion of the charges, if any, paid by **SBC-13STATE** to obtain the right-of-way, plus any other documented legal, administrative, and engineering costs incurred by **SBC-13STATE** in obtaining the right-of-way and processing Attaching Party's request for access.

## 16. SPECIFICATIONS

- 16.1 Compliance with Requirements, Specifications, and Standards. Attaching Party's facilities attached to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles or occupying space in **SBC-13STATE**'s ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way shall be attached, placed, constructed, maintained, repaired, and removed in full compliance with the requirements, specifications, and standards specified in this Appendix and the Administrative Guide.
- 16.1.1 **SBC CALIFORNIA ONLY**- In addition to the terms and conditions included in this Appendix, **SBC CALIFORNIA** shall comply with any requirements set forth in California Public Utility Commission Decision 98-10-058.
- 16.2 Published Standards. Attaching Party's facilities shall be placed, constructed, maintained, repaired, and removed in accordance with current (as of the date when such work is performed) editions of the following publications:
- 16.2.1 the Blue Book Manual of Construction Procedures, Special Report SR-TAP-001421, published by Bell Communications Research, Inc. ("Bellcore"), and sometimes referred to as the "Blue Book";
- 16.2.2 the National Electrical Safety Code ("NESC"), published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc. ("IEEE");
- 16.2.3 the National Electrical Code ("NEC"), published by the National Fire Protection Association ("NFPA");
- 16.2.4 California Public Utility Commission's General Orders 95 and 128 for attachments to Pacific Bell Telephone Company poles, ducts, conduits and rights of way; and,
- 16.2.5 the **SBC-13STATE** Structure Access Guidelines
- 16.3 Opening of Manholes and Access to Conduit. The following requirements apply to the opening of **SBC-13STATE**'s manholes and access to **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system.
- 16.3.1 Attaching Party will notify **SBC-13STATE** not less than 5 business days in advance before entering **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system to perform non-emergency work operations. Such operations shall be conducted during normal business hours except as otherwise agreed by the parties. The notice shall state the general nature of the work to be performed.
- 16.3.2 An authorized employee or representative of **SBC-13STATE** may be present any time when Attaching Party or personnel acting on Attaching Party's behalf enter or perform work within **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system. Attaching Party shall reimburse **SBC-13STATE** for costs associated with the presence of **SBC-13STATE**'s authorized employee or representative.
- 16.3.3 Each party must obtain any necessary authorization from appropriate authorities to open manholes.

## 17. ACCESS TO RECORDS

- 17.1 **SBC-13STATE** will, upon request and at the expense of the Attaching Party, provide Attaching Party access to and copies of redacted maps, records and additional information relating to the location, capacity and utilization of **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure. Upon request, **SBC-13STATE** will meet with the Attaching Party to clarify matters relating to maps, records or additional information. **SBC-13STATE** does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of information on any maps or records.
- 17.2 Maps, records or information are and remain the proprietary property of **SBC-13STATE**, are provided to the Attaching Party solely for the pursue of enabling the Attaching Party to obtain access to **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure, and may not be resold, reproduced or disseminated by the Attaching Party.
- 17.3 **SBC-13STATE** will provide information currently available on the **SBC-13STATE**'s maps and/or records regarding:
- 17.3.1 the location of Structure and street addresses for manholes and poles as shown on **SBC-13STATE**'s maps;
  - 17.3.2 the footage between manholes or lateral ducts lengths, as shown on **SBC-13STATE**'s maps;
  - 17.3.3 the footage between poles, if shown on **SBC-13STATE**'s maps;
  - 17.3.4 the total capacity of the Structure
  - 17.3.5 the existing utilization of the Structure.
- 17.4 **SBC-13STATE** will not acquire additional information or provide information in formats other than that in which it currently exists and is maintained by **SBC-13STATE**.
- 17.5 **SBC-13STATE** will expunge any confidential or proprietary information from its maps and records prior to providing access to the same to the Attaching Party.

## 18. APPLICATIONS AND PRE-OCCUPANCY PERMIT SURVEYS

- 18.1 Occupancy Permits Required. Attaching Party shall apply in writing for and receive an occupancy permit before attaching facilities to specified **SBC-13STATE** poles or placing facilities within specified **SBC-13STATE** ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way.
- 18.2 Structure Access Request Form. To apply for an occupancy permit under this Appendix, Attaching Party shall submit to **SBC-13STATE** the appropriate **SBC-13STATE** request forms. Attaching Party shall promptly withdraw or amend its request if, at any time prior to the 45th day, it has determined that it no longer seeks access to specific **SBC-13STATE** Structure.
- 18.3 Make-Ready Survey. A Make-Ready survey must be completed by **SBC-13STATE** or the Attaching Party before an occupancy permit is issued. The primary purposes of the make ready survey will be to enable **SBC-13STATE** to
- 18.3.1 confirm or determine the modifications, capacity expansion, and make-ready work, if any, necessary to accommodate Attaching Party's attachment of facilities to **SBC-13STATE** structures;
  - 18.3.2 plan and engineer the facilities modification, capacity expansion, and make-ready work, if any, required to prepare **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, rights-of-way, and associated facilities for Attaching Party's proposed attachments or occupancy; and
  - 18.3.3 estimate the costs associated with such facilities modification, capacity expansion, or make-ready work.

## 19. POLE, DUCT, AND CONDUIT SPACE ASSIGNMENTS

- 19.1 Selection of Space. **SBC-13STATE** will select or approve the Attaching Party's selection of the space Applicant will occupy on **SBC-13STATE**'s poles or in **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit systems. Maintenance ducts shall not be considered available for Attaching Party's use except as specifically provided elsewhere in this

Appendix. Where required by law or franchise agreement, ducts and attachment space on poles reserved for municipal use shall not be considered available for the Attaching Party's use. All other ducts, inner ducts, space on poles or space in rights-of-ways which are not assigned or occupied shall be deemed available for use by **SBC-13STATE**, Attaching Party, and other parties entitled to access under applicable law.

19.2 Pole, Duct, and Conduit Space Assignments.

19.2.1 After Attaching Party's application for a pole attachment or conduit occupancy permit has been approved by **SBC-13STATE**, the pole, duct, and conduit space selected and/or approved by **SBC-13STATE** in such application will be assigned to Attaching Party for a pre-occupancy period not to exceed twelve (12) months.

19.2.2 **SBC CALIFORNIA**: The pole, duct, and conduit space selected and/or approved by **SBC-13STATE** in such application will be assigned to Attaching Party for a pre-occupancy period not to exceed nine (9) months in **SBC CALIFORNIA** only as detailed by the California Public Utility Commission.

19.2.3 **SBC-13STATE** may assign space to itself by making appropriate entries in the same records used to log assignments to Attaching Party and third parties. If **SBC-13STATE** assigns pole, duct, or conduit space to itself, such assignment will automatically lapse 12 months after the date the assignment has been entered into the appropriate **SBC-13STATE** record if **SBC-13STATE** has not occupied such assigned space within such 12 month period.

19.2.4 **SBC CALIFORNIA**: Space assignment is 9 months in California.

19.2.5 Notices and applications including assignment requests will be date-and time-stamped on receipt.

20. **ISSUANCE OF OCCUPANCY PERMITS (INCLUDING MAKE-READY WORK)**

20.1 Response Within 45 Days. Within 45 days of Attaching Party's submission of a request for access to **SBC-13STATE** Structure, **SBC-13STATE** shall provide a written response to the application. The response shall state whether the request is being granted or denied, and if the request is denied, provide the reasons why the request is being denied. If denial of access is proposed, **SBC-13STATE** will meet with the Attaching Party and explore in good faith reasonable alternatives to accommodate the proposed attachment. The Attaching Party must request such meeting within ten (10) business days of receipt of a notice of denial. **SBC-13STATE** will schedule the meeting within ten (10) business days of receipt of the Attaching Party's written request for a meeting.

20.2 If access is granted the response will further advise Attaching Party in writing of:

20.2.1 what modifications, capacity expansions, or make-ready work, if any, will be required to prepare **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure, and

20.2.2 an estimate of charges for such modifications, capacity expansions, or make-ready work.

20.3 Make-ready Work. If it is determined that make ready work will be necessary to accommodate Attaching Party's facilities, Attaching Party shall have 45 days (the "acceptance period") to either

20.3.1 submit payment for the estimate authorizing **SBC-13STATE** or its contractor to complete the make-ready work; or

20.3.2 advise **SBC-13STATE** of its willingness to perform the proposed make-ready work itself if permissible in the application area.

20.4 Make-ready work performed by Attaching Party, or by an authorized contractor selected by Attaching Party, shall be performed in accordance with **SBC-13STATE**'s specifications and in accordance with the same standards and practices which would be followed if such work were being performed by **SBC-13STATE** or **SBC-13STATE**'s contractors. Neither Attaching Party nor authorized contractors selected by Attaching Party shall conduct such work in any manner which degrades the integrity of **SBC-13STATE**'s Structures or interferes with any existing use of **SBC-13STATE**'s facilities or the facilities of any Other User.

- 20.5 Payments to Others for Expenses Incurred in Transferring or Arranging Their Facilities. Attaching Party shall make arrangements with the Other Users with facilities attached to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles or occupying space in **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system regarding reimbursement for any expenses incurred by the Other Users in transferring or rearranging the Other Users' facilities to accommodate the attachment or placement of Attaching Party's facilities to or in **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits and rights of ways.
- 20.6 Reimbursement for the Creation or Use of Additional Capacity. If any additional capacity is created as a result of make-ready work performed to accommodate Attaching Party's facilities, Attaching Party shall not have a preferential right to utilize such additional capacity in the future and shall not be entitled to any fees subsequently paid to **SBC-13STATE** for the use of such additional capacity. If **SBC-13STATE** utilizes additional space or capacity created at Attaching Party's expense, **SBC-13STATE** will reimburse Attaching Party on a pro-rata basis for **SBC-13STATE**'s share, if any, of Attaching Party's capacity expansion costs, to the extent reimbursement is required by applicable rules, regulations, and commission orders. **SBC-13STATE** will notify the Attaching Party if any entity, including **SBC-13STATE**, attaches facilities to additional capacity on **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure created at the Attaching Party's expense. **SBC-13STATE** shall not be required to collect or remit any such amounts to Attaching Party, to resolve or adjudicate disputes over reimbursement between Attaching Party and Other Users.
- 20.7 If Attaching Party utilizes space or capacity on any **SBC-13STATE** Structure created at **SBC-13STATE**'s expense after February of 1996, the Attaching Party will reimburse Attaching Party on a pro-rata basis for the Attaching Party's share, if any, of **SBC-13STATE**'s capacity creation costs.
- 20.8 Occupancy Permit and Attachment. After all required make-ready work is completed, **SBC-13STATE** will issue an occupancy permit confirming that Attaching Party may attach specified facilities to **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure.
- 20.9 The Attaching Party must occupy the assigned space within a period not to exceed twelve (12) months from the issuance of the occupancy permit. If the Attaching Party does not occupy the assigned space within the twelve (12) month period, the Occupancy Permit will lapse and the space will be considered available for use by **SBC-13STATE** or Other User.
- \***SBC CALIFORNIA** only: Space assignment shall not exceed nine (9) months in California.
- 20.10 The Attaching Party's obligation to pay semiannual pole attachment or conduit occupancy fees will commence on the date the Occupancy Permit is provided by **SBC-13STATE** to the Attaching Party.

## **21. CONSTRUCTION OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES**

- 21.1 Responsibility for Attaching and Placing Facilities. The Attaching Party shall be responsible for the actual attachment of its facilities to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles and the placement of such facilities in **SBC-13STATE**'s ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way and shall be solely responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by it or on its behalf in connection with such activities.
- 21.2 Construction Schedule. After the issuance of an occupancy permit, Attaching Party shall provide **SBC-13STATE** with a construction schedule and thereafter keep **SBC-13STATE** informed of anticipated changes in the construction schedule.

## **22. USE AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES**

- 22.1 Routine Maintenance of Attaching Party's Facilities. Each occupancy permit subject to this Agreement authorizes Attaching Party to engage in routine maintenance of facilities located on or within **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, and conduits. Routine maintenance does not include the replacement or modification of Attaching Party's facilities in any manner which results in Attaching Party's facilities differing substantially in size, weight, or physical characteristics from the facilities described in Attaching Party's occupancy permit.

- 22.2 Short-term Use of Maintenance Ducts for Repair and Maintenance Activities. Maintenance ducts shall be available, on a nondiscriminatory basis, for short-term (not to exceed 30 days) non-emergency maintenance or repair activities by any entity with facilities in the conduit section in which the maintenance duct is located; provided, however, that use of the maintenance duct for non-emergency maintenance and repair activities must be scheduled by **SBC-13STATE**. A person or entity using the maintenance duct for non-emergency maintenance or repair activities shall immediately notify **SBC-13STATE** of such use and must either vacate the maintenance duct within 30 days or, with **SBC-13STATE**'s consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, rearrange its facilities to ensure that at least one full-sized replacement maintenance duct (or, if the designated maintenance duct was an inner duct, a suitable replacement inner duct) is available for use by all occupants in the conduit section within 30 days after such person or entity occupies the maintenance duct. Cables temporarily placed in the maintenance duct on a non-emergency basis shall be subject to such accommodations as may be necessary to rectify emergencies which may occur while the maintenance duct is occupied.

## 23. MODIFICATION OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

- 23.1 Notification of Planned Modifications. Attaching Party shall notify **SBC-13STATE** in writing at least 30 days before adding to, relocating, replacing or otherwise modifying its facilities already attached to a **SBC-13STATE** Structure. The notice shall contain sufficient information to enable **SBC-13STATE** to determine whether the proposed addition, relocation, replacement, or modification is within the scope of Attaching Party's present occupancy permit or requires a new or amended occupancy permit.
- 23.2 Replacement of Facilities and Overlashing Additional Cables. Attaching Party may replace existing facilities with new facilities occupying the same **SBC-13STATE** Structure, and may overlash additional cables to its own existing facilities; provided, however, that such activities shall not be considered to be routine maintenance and shall be subject to the requirements of this article.

## 24. REQUIRED REARRANGEMENTS OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

- 24.1 Required Rearrangement of Attaching Party's Facilities. Attaching Party agrees that Attaching Party will cooperate with **SBC-13STATE** and other users in making rearrangements to **SBC-13STATE** Structure as may be necessary, and that costs incurred by Attaching Party in making such rearrangements shall, in the absence of a specific agreement to the contrary, be borne by the parties in accordance with then applicable law.
- 24.2 Whenever feasible, **SBC-13STATE** shall give Attaching Party not less than 30 days prior written notice of the need for Attaching Party to rearrange its facilities pursuant to this section. The notice shall state the date by which such rearrangements are to be completed. Attaching Party shall complete such rearrangements within the time prescribed in the notice. If Attaching Party does not rearrange facilities within noted time, **SBC-13STATE** will rearrange at Attaching Party's expense.

## 25. EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND POLE REPLACEMENTS

- 25.1 Responsibility for Emergency Repairs; Access to Maintenance Duct. In general, each party shall be responsible for making emergency repairs to its own facilities and for formulating appropriate plans and practices enabling such party to make such repairs.
- 25.1.1 Nothing contained in this Appendix shall be construed as requiring either party to perform any repair or service restoration work of any kind with respect to the other party's facilities or the facilities of joint users.
- 25.1.2 Maintenance ducts shall be available, on a nondiscriminatory basis, for emergency repair activities by any entity with facilities in the conduit section in which the maintenance duct is located; provided, however, that an entity using the maintenance duct for emergency repair activities will notify **SBC-13STATE** within 12 hours of the current business day (or first business day following a non-business day) that such entity is entering the **SBC-13STATE** conduit system and using the maintenance duct

for emergency restoral purposes. The notice will include a description of the emergency and non-emergency services involved and an estimate of the completion time. Maintenance ducts will be used to restore the highest priority services, as defined in Section 2.7, first. Existing spare ducts may be used for restoration purposes providing the spare ducts are restored after restoration work is complete. Any spare ducts not returned will be included be assigned to the user of the duct and an occupancy permit issued.

- 25.1.3 The Attaching Party shall either vacate the maintenance duct within 30 days or, with **SBC-13STATE**'s consent, rearrange its facilities to ensure that at least one full-sized replacement maintenance duct (or, if the designated maintenance duct was an inner-duct, a suitable replacement inner-duct) is available for use by all occupants in the conduit section within 30 days after such person or entity occupies the maintenance ducts. Entities not vacating the maintenance duct must provide an immediate maintenance duct at the entity's cost.
- 25.2 Designation of Emergency Repair Coordinators and Other Information. For each **SBC-13STATE** construction district, Attaching Party shall provide **SBC-13STATE** with the emergency contact number of Attaching Party's designated point of contact for coordinating the handling of emergency repairs of Attaching Party's facilities and shall thereafter notify **SBC-13STATE** of changes to such information.
- 25.3 Order of Precedence of Work Operations; Access to Maintenance Duct and Other Unoccupied Ducts in Emergency Situations. When notice and coordination are practicable, **SBC-13STATE**, Attaching Party, and other affected parties shall coordinate repair and other work operations in emergency situations involving service disruptions. Disputes will be immediately resolved at the site by the affected parties present in accordance with the following principles.
- 25.3.1 Emergency service restoration work requirements shall take precedence over other work operations.
- 25.3.2 Except as otherwise agreed upon by the parties, restoration of lines for emergency services providers (e.g., 911, fire, police, national security and hospital lines) shall be given the highest priority and temporary occupancy of the maintenance duct (and, if necessary, other unoccupied ducts) shall be assigned in a manner consistent with this priority. Secondary priority shall be given to restoring services to the local service providers with the greatest numbers of local lines out of service due to the emergency being rectified. The parties shall exercise good faith in assigning priorities, shall base their decisions on the best information then available to them at the site in question, and may, by mutual agreement at the site, take other factors into consideration in assigning priorities and sequencing service restoration activities.
- 25.3.3 **SBC-13STATE** shall determine the order of precedence of work operations and assignment of duct space in the maintenance duct (and other unoccupied ducts) only if the affected parties present are unable to reach prompt agreement; provided, however, that these decisions shall be made by **SBC-13STATE** on a nondiscriminatory basis in accordance with the principles set forth in this section.
- 25.4 Emergency Pole Replacements.
- 25.4.1 When emergency pole replacements are required, **SBC-13STATE** shall promptly make a good faith effort to contact Attaching Party to notify Attaching Party of the emergency and to determine whether Attaching Party will respond to the emergency in a timely manner.
- 25.4.2 If notified by **SBC-13STATE** that an emergency exists which will require the replacement of a pole, Attaching Party shall transfer its facilities immediately, provided such transfer is necessary to rectify the emergency. If the transfer is to an **SBC-13STATE** replacement pole, the transfer shall be in accordance with **SBC-13STATE**'s placement instructions.
- 25.4.3 If Attaching Party is unable to respond to the emergency situation immediately, Attaching Party shall so advise **SBC-13STATE** and thereby authorize **SBC-13STATE** (or any Other User sharing the pole with **SBC-13STATE**) to perform such emergency-necessitated transfers (and associated facilities rearrangements) on Attaching Party's behalf.



25.5 Expenses Associated with Emergency Repairs. Each party shall bear all reasonable expenses arising out of or in connection with emergency repairs of its own facilities and transfers or rearrangements of such facilities associated with emergency pole replacements made in accordance with the provisions of this article.

25.5.1 Each party shall be solely responsible for paying all persons and entities who provide materials, labor, access to real or personal property, or other goods or services in connection with any such repair, transfer, or rearrangement of such party's facilities.

25.5.2 Attaching Party shall reimburse **SBC-13STATE** for the costs incurred by **SBC-13STATE** for work performed by **SBC-13STATE** on Attaching Party's behalf in accordance with the provisions of this article.

## **26. INSPECTION BY SBC OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES**

26.1 Post-Construction Inspections. **SBC-13STATE** will, at the Attaching Party's expense, conduct a post-construction inspection of the Attaching Party's attachment of facilities to **SBC-13STATE**'s Structures for the purpose of determining the conformance of the attachments to the occupancy permit. **SBC-13STATE** will provide the Attaching Party advance written notice of proposed date and time of the post-construction inspection. The Attaching Party may accompany **SBC-13STATE** on the post-construction inspection.

26.2 Right to Make Periodic or Spot Inspections. **SBC-13STATE** shall have the right, but not the obligation, to make periodic or spot inspections of all facilities attached to **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure. These inspections will not be made more often than once every 2 years unless in **SBC-13STATE**'s judgement such inspections are required for reasons involving safety or because of an alleged violation of the terms of this Agreement.

26.3 If Attaching Party's facilities are in compliance with this Appendix, there will be no charges incurred by the Attaching Party for the periodic or spot inspection. If Attaching Party's facilities are not in compliance with this Appendix, **SBC-13STATE** may charge Attaching Party for the inspection. The costs of Periodic Inspections will be paid by those Attaching Parties with 2% or greater of their attachments in violation. The amount paid by the Attaching Party shall be the percentage that their violations bear to the total violations of all Attaching Parties found during the inspection.

26.4 If the inspection reflects that Attaching Party's facilities are not in compliance with the terms of this Appendix, Attaching Party shall bring its facilities into compliance within 30 days after being notified of such noncompliance. If any make ready or modification work to **SBC-13STATE**'s Structures is required to bring Attaching Party's facilities into compliance, the Attaching Party shall provide notice to **SBC-13STATE** and the make ready work or modification will be treated in the same fashion as make ready work or modifications for a new request for attachment.

## **27. TAGGING OF FACILITIES AND UNAUTHORIZED ATTACHMENTS**

27.1 Facilities to Be Marked. Attaching Party shall tag or otherwise mark all of Attaching Party's facilities placed on or in **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure in a manner sufficient to identify the facilities as those belonging to the Attaching Party.

27.2 Removal of Untagged Facilities. **SBC-13STATE** may, without notice to any person or entity, remove from **SBC-13STATE**'s poles or any part of **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system the Attaching Party's facilities, if **SBC-13STATE** determines that such facilities are not the subject of a current occupancy permit and are not otherwise lawfully present on **SBC-13STATE**'s poles or in **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system.

27.3 Notice to Attaching Party. If any of Attaching Party's facilities for which no occupancy permit is presently in effect are found attached to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles or anchors or within any part of **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system, **SBC-13STATE**, without prejudice to other rights or remedies available to **SBC-13STATE** under this Appendix, and without prejudice to any rights or remedies which may exist independent of this Agreement, shall send a written notice to Attaching Party advising Attaching Party that no occupancy permit

- is presently in effect with respect to the facilities and that Attaching Party must, within 30 days, respond to the notice as provided in Section 27.6 of this Appendix.
- 27.4 Attaching Party's Response. Within 60 days after receiving a notice under Section 27.5 of this Appendix, Attaching Party shall acknowledge receipt of the notice and submit to **SBC-13STATE**, in writing, an application for a new or amended occupancy permit with respect to such facilities.
- 27.5 Approval of Request and Retroactive Charges. If **SBC-13STATE** approves Attaching Party's application for a new or amended occupancy permit, Attaching Party shall be liable to **SBC-13STATE** for all fees and charges associated with the unauthorized attachments as specified in Section 27.10 of this Appendix. The issuance of a new or amended occupancy permit as provided by this article shall not operate retroactively or constitute a waiver by **SBC-13STATE** of any of its rights or privileges under this Appendix or otherwise.
- 27.6 Attachment and occupancy fees and charges shall continue to accrue until the unauthorized facilities are removed from **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, conduit system or rights of way or until a new or amended occupancy permit is issued and shall include, but not be limited to, all fees and charges which would have been due and payable if Attaching Party and its predecessors had continuously complied with all applicable **SBC-13STATE** licensing requirements. Such fees and charges shall be due and payable 30 days after the date of the bill or invoice stating such fees and charges. In addition, the Attaching Party shall be liable for an unauthorized attachment fee in the amount of 5 times the annual attachment and occupancy fees in effect on the date Attaching Party is notified by **SBC-13STATE** of the unauthorized attachment or occupancy. Payment of such fees shall be deemed liquidated damages and not a penalty. In addition, Attaching Party shall rearrange or remove its unauthorized facilities at **SBC-13STATE**'s request to comply with applicable placement standards, shall remove its facilities from any space occupied by or assigned to **SBC-13STATE** or another Other User, and shall pay **SBC-13STATE** for all costs incurred by **SBC-13STATE** in connection with any rearrangements, modifications, or replacements necessitated as a result of the presence of Attaching Party's unauthorized facilities.
- 27.7 Removal of Unauthorized Attachments. If Attaching Party does not obtain a new or amended occupancy permit with respect to unauthorized facilities within the specified period of time, **SBC-13STATE** shall by written notice advise Attaching Party to remove its unauthorized facilities not less than 60 days from the date of notice and Attaching Party shall remove the facilities within the time specified in the notice. If the facilities have not been removed within the time specified in the notice, **SBC-13STATE** may, at **SBC-13STATE**'s option, remove Attaching Party's facilities at Attaching Party's expense.
- 27.8 No Ratification of Unpermitted Attachments or Unauthorized Use of **SBC-13STATE**'s Facilities. No act or failure to act by **SBC-13STATE** with regard to any unauthorized attachment or occupancy or unauthorized use of **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure shall be deemed to constitute a ratification by **SBC-13STATE** of the unauthorized attachment or occupancy or use, nor shall the payment by Attaching Party of fees and charges for unauthorized pole attachments or conduit occupancy exonerate Attaching Party from liability for any trespass or other illegal or wrongful conduct in connection with the placement or use of such unauthorized facilities.

## 28. REMOVAL OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

- 28.1 When Applicant no longer intends to occupy space on a **SBC-13STATE** pole or in a **SBC-13STATE** duct or conduit, Applicant will provide written notification to **SBC-13STATE** that it wishes to terminate the occupancy permit with respect to such space and will remove its facilities from the space described in the notice. Upon removal of Applicant's facilities, the occupancy permit shall terminate and the space shall be available for reassignment.
- 28.1.1 Attaching Party shall be responsible for and shall bear all expenses arising out of or in connection with the removal of its facilities from **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure.
- 28.1.2 Except as otherwise agreed upon in writing by the parties, Applicant must, after removing its facilities, plug all previously occupied ducts at the entrances to **SBC-13STATE**'s manholes.

- 28.1.3 Applicant shall be solely responsible for the removal of its own facilities from **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure.
- 28.2 At **SBC-13STATE**'s request, Attaching Party shall remove from **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure any of Attaching Party's facilities which are no longer in active use. Upon request, the Attaching Party will provide proof satisfactory to **SBC-13STATE** that an Attaching Party's facility is in active service. Attaching Party shall not abandon any of its facilities by leaving such facilities on or in **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure.
- 28.3 Removal Following Termination of Occupancy permit. Attaching Party shall remove its facilities from **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way within 60 days after termination of the occupancy permit.
- 28.4 Removal Following Replacement of Facilities. Attaching Party shall remove facilities no longer in service from **SBC-13STATE**'s Structures within 60 days after the date Attaching Party replaces existing facilities on a pole or in a conduit with substitute facilities on the same pole or in the same conduit.
- 28.5 Removal to Avoid Forfeiture. If the presence of Attaching Party's facilities on or in **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure would cause a forfeiture of the rights of **SBC-13STATE** to occupy the property where such Structure is located, **SBC-13STATE** will promptly notify Attaching Party in writing and Attaching Party shall not, without due cause and justification, refuse to remove its facilities within such time as may be required to prevent such forfeiture. **SBC-13STATE** will give Attaching Party not less than 60 days from the date of notice to remove Attaching Party's facilities unless prior removal is required to prevent the forfeiture of **SBC-13STATE**'s rights. At Attaching Party's request, the parties will engage in good faith negotiations with each other, with Other Users, and with third-party property owners and cooperatively take such other steps as may be necessary to avoid the unnecessary removal of Attaching Party's facilities.
- 28.6 Removal of Facilities by **SBC-13STATE**; Notice of Intent to Remove. If Attaching Party fails to remove its facilities from **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure in accordance with the provisions of Sections 28.1-28.6 of this Appendix, **SBC-13STATE** may remove such facilities and store them at Attaching Party's expense in a public warehouse or elsewhere without being deemed guilty of trespass or conversion and without becoming liable to Attaching Party for any injury, loss, or damage resulting from such actions. **SBC-13STATE** shall give Attaching Party not less than 60 days prior written notice of its intent to remove Attaching Party's facilities pursuant to this section.
- 28.7 Removal of Facilities by **SBC-13STATE**. If **SBC-13STATE** removes any of Attaching Party's facilities pursuant to this article, Attaching Party shall reimburse **SBC-13STATE** for **SBC-13STATE**'s costs in connection with the removal, storage, delivery, or other disposition of the removed facilities.

## 29. RATES, FEES, CHARGES, AND BILLING

- 29.1 Rates, Charges and Fees Subject to Applicable Laws, Regulations, Rules, and Commission Orders. All rates, charges and fees outlined in this Appendix will be set forth in APPENDIX PRICING as part of the Interconnection Agreement. All rates, charges and fees shall be subject to all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and commission orders.
- 29.2 Changes to Rates, Charges and Fees. Subject to applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations and orders, **SBC-13STATE** shall have the right to change the rates, charges and fees outlined in this Appendix. **SBC-13STATE** will provide the Attaching Party 60 days written notice, advising the Attaching Party of the specific changes being made and the effective date of the change. If the changes outlined in the notice are not acceptable to the Attaching Party, Attaching Party may either (1) seek renegotiation of this Appendix, (2) terminate this Appendix, or (3) seek relief through the dispute resolution process in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

## 30. PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

- 30.1 Bond May Be Required. **SBC-13STATE** may require Attaching Party, authorized contractors, and other persons acting on Attaching Party's behalf to execute performance and payment bonds (or provide other

forms of security) in amounts and on terms sufficient to guarantee the performance of the Attaching Party's obligations arising out of or in connection with this Appendix.

30.1.1 If a bond or similar form of assurance is required of Attaching Party, an authorized contractor, or other person acting on Attaching Party's behalf, Attaching Party shall promptly submit to **SBC-13STATE** adequate proof that the bond remains in full force and effect and provide certification from the company issuing the bond that the bond will not be cancelled, changed or materially altered without first providing **SBC-13STATE** 60 days written notice.

30.2 Payment and Performance Bonds in Favor of Contractors and Subcontractors. Attaching Party shall be responsible for paying all employees, contractors, subcontractors, mechanics, materialmen and other persons or entities performing work or providing materials in connection with Attaching Party's performance under this Appendix. In the event any lien, claim or demand is made on **SBC-13STATE** by any such employee, contractor, subcontractor, mechanic, materialman, or other person or entity providing such materials or performing such work, **SBC-13STATE** may require, in addition to any security provided under Section 30.1 of this Appendix, that Attaching Party execute payment or performance bonds, or provide such other security, as **SBC-13STATE** may deem reasonable or necessary to protect **SBC-13STATE** from any such lien, claim or demand.

## 31. NOTICES

31.1 Notices to Attaching Party. All written notices required to be given to a party shall be delivered or mailed to the party's duly authorized agent or attorney, as designated in this section.

31.1.1 Such notice may be delivered to the party's duly authorized agent or attorney in person or by agent or courier receipted delivery.

31.1.2 Such notice may be mailed to the party's duly authorized agent or attorney by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. When notice is given by mail, such notice shall be complete upon deposit of the notice, enclosed in a postpaid, properly addressed wrapper, in a post office or official depository under the care and control of the United States Postal Service and shall be deemed to have been given three days after the date of deposit.

31.1.3 Notices to a party shall be sent to the authorized agent or attorney designated below:

NOTICE CONTACT	ATTACHING PARTY	<b>SBC-13STATE</b> CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Eileen Singleton/Director of Operations	Contract Administration ATTN: Notices Manager
STREET ADDRESS	4727 South Main	311 S. Akard, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Four SBC Plaza
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE	Stafford, TX 77477	Dallas, TX 75202-5398
FACSIMILE NUMBER	281-274-7710	214-464-2006

31.2 Changes in Notice Requirements. Either party may, from time to time, change notice addressees and addresses by giving written notice of such change to the other party. Such notice shall state, at a minimum, the name, title, firm, and full address of the new addressee.

## 32. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

32.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Appendix which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties;

limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no permit; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire Agreement.

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## APPENDIX UNE (UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS)

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix UNE sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)-owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) agrees to furnish CLEC with access to unbundled network elements (UNEs) for the provision by CLEC of a Telecommunications Service. ((Act, Section 251(c)(2)(B); 47 CFR § 51.305(a)(2)(vi)). For information regarding deposit, billing, payment, non-payment, disconnect, and dispute resolution, see the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- 1.2 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **SBC-4STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 **SBC-7STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC NEVADA**, and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA** – As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.



- 1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.14 **SBC INDIANA** - As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN** - As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.17 **SBC MISSOURI** - As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.18 **SBC NEVADA** - As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.19 **SBC OHIO** - As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.21 **SBC SNET** - As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.23 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.
- 1.25 The Prices at which **SBC-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. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 2.1 **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC may agree to connect CLEC's facilities with **SBC-13STATE**'s network at any technically feasible point for access to UNEs for the provision by CLEC of a Telecommunications Service. (Act, Section 251(c)(2)(B); 47 CFR § 51.305(a)(2)(vi)).
- 2.2 **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC nondiscriminatory access to UNEs (Act, Section 251(c)(3), Act, and Section 271(c)(2)(B)(ii); 47 CFR § 51.307(a)):
  - 2.2.1 At any technically feasible point (Act, Section 251(c)(3); 47 CFR § 51.307(a));
  - 2.2.2 At the rates, terms, and conditions which are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory (Act, Section 251(c)(3); 47 CFR § 51.307(a));
  - 2.2.3 In a manner that allows CLEC to provide a Telecommunications Service that may be offered by means of that UNE (Act, Section 251(c)(3); 47 CFR § 51.307 (c);

- 2.2.4 In a manner that allows access to the facility or functionality of a requested UNE to be provided separately from access to other elements, and for a separate charge (47 CFR § 51.307(d));
- 2.2.5 With technical information regarding **SBC-13STATE**'s network facilities to enable CLEC to achieve access to UNEs (47 CFR § 51.307(e));
- 2.2.6 Without limitations, restrictions, or requirements on requests that would impair CLEC's ability to provide a Telecommunications Service in a manner it intends (47 CFR § 51.309(a));
- 2.2.7 In a manner that allows CLEC purchasing access to UNEs to use such UNE to provide exchange access service to itself in order to provide interexchange services to subscribers (47 CFR § 51.309(b));
- 2.2.8 Where applicable, terms and conditions of access to UNEs shall be no less favorable than terms and conditions under which **SBC-13STATE** provides such elements to itself (47 CFR § 51.313(b)).
- 2.2.9 Only to the extent it has been determined that these elements are required by the "necessary" and "impair" standards of the Act (Act, Section 251(d)(2)).
- 2.2.10 Except upon request of CLEC, **SBC-13STATE** shall not separate CLEC-requested UNEs that are currently combined. (47 CFR § 51.315(b)) **SBC-13STATE** is not prohibited from or otherwise limited in separating any UNEs not requested by CLEC or a Telecommunications Carrier, including without limitation in order to provide a UNE(s) or other **SBC-13STATE** offering(s).
- 2.3 As provided for herein, **SBC-13STATE** will permit CLEC exclusive use of an unbundled network facility for a period of time, and when CLEC is purchasing access to a feature, function, or capability of a facility, **SBC-13STATE** will provide use of that feature, function, or capability for a period of time (47 CFR § 51.309(c)).
- 2.4 **SBC-13STATE** will maintain, repair, or replace UNEs (47 CFR § 51.309(c)) as provided for in this Agreement.
- 2.5 Where technically feasible, the quality of the UNE and access to such UNE shall be at least equal to what **SBC-13STATE** provides itself or any subsidiary, affiliate, or other party (47 CFR § 51.311(a), (b)).
- 2.6 Each Party shall be solely responsible for the services it provides to its End Users and to other Telecommunications Carriers.
- 2.7 UNEs provided to CLEC under the provisions of this Appendix shall remain the property of **SBC-13STATE**.
- 2.8 **SBC-13STATE** will not connect to or combine UNEs with any non-251(c)(3) or other **SBC-13STATE** offering with the exception of tariffed Collocation services.
- 2.9 Provisioning/Maintenance of Unbundled Network Elements
  - 2.9.1 Access to UNEs is provided under this Agreement over such routes, technologies, and facilities as **SBC-13STATE** may elect at its own discretion. **SBC-13STATE** will provide access to UNEs where technically feasible. Where facilities and equipment are not available, **SBC-13STATE** shall not be required to provide UNEs. However, CLEC may request and, to the extent required by law, **SBC-13STATE** may agree to provide UNEs, through the Bona Fide Request (BFR) process.
  - 2.9.2 Subject to the terms herein, **SBC-13STATE** is responsible only for the installation, operation and maintenance of the UNEs it provides. **SBC-13STATE** is not otherwise responsible for the Telecommunications Services provided by CLEC through the use of those UNEs.
  - 2.9.3 Where UNEs provided to CLEC are dedicated to a single End User, if such UNEs are for any reason disconnected they shall be made available to **SBC-13STATE** for future provisioning needs, unless such UNE is disconnected in error. The CLEC agrees to relinquish control of any such UNE concurrent with the disconnection of a CLEC's End User's service.
  - 2.9.4 CLEC shall make available at mutually agreeable times the UNEs provided pursuant to this Appendix in order to permit **SBC-13STATE** to test and make adjustments appropriate for

maintaining the UNEs in satisfactory operating condition. No credit will be allowed for any interruptions involved during such testing and adjustments.

- 2.9.5 CLEC's use of any **SBC-13STATE** UNE, or of its own equipment or facilities in conjunction with any **SBC-13STATE** network element, will not materially interfere with or impair service over any facilities of **SBC-13STATE**, its affiliated companies or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its services, cause damage to their plant, impair the privacy of any communications carried over their facilities or create hazards to the employees of any of them or the public. Upon reasonable written notice and opportunity to cure, **SBC-13STATE** may discontinue or refuse service if CLEC violates this provision, provided that such termination of service will be limited to CLEC's use of the UNE(s) causing the violation.
- 2.9.6 When a **SBC-13STATE** provided tariffed or resold service is replaced by CLEC's facility based service using any **SBC-13STATE** provided UNE(s), CLEC shall issue appropriate service requests, to both disconnect the existing service and connect new service to CLEC's End User. These requests will be processed by **SBC-13STATE**, and CLEC will be charged the applicable UNE service order charge(s), in addition to the recurring and nonrecurring charges for each individual UNE and cross connect ordered. Similarly, when an End User is served by one CLEC using **SBC-13STATE** provided UNEs is converted to a different CLEC's service which also uses any **SBC-13STATE** provided UNE, the requesting CLEC shall issue appropriate service requests to both disconnect the existing service and connect new service to the requesting CLEC's End User. These requests will be processed by **SBC-13STATE** and the CLEC will be charged the applicable service order charge(s), in addition to the recurring and nonrecurring charges for each individual UNE and cross connect ordered.
- 2.9.7 CLEC shall connect equipment and facilities that are compatible with the **SBC-13STATE** network elements and shall use UNEs in accordance with the applicable regulatory standards and requirements referenced in this Agreement.
- 2.9.8 UNEs may not be connected to or combined with **SBC-13STATE** access services or other **SBC-13STATE** tariffed service offerings with the exception of tariffed Collocation services where available. CLEC shall not combine or use UNEs in a manner that will impair the ability of other Telecommunications Carriers to obtain access to Unbundled Network Elements or to Interconnect with **SBC-13STATE**'s network.
- 2.10 Performance of UNEs
  - 2.10.1 Each UNE will be provided in accordance with **SBC-13STATE** Technical Publications or other written descriptions, if any, as changed from time to time by **SBC-13STATE** at its sole discretion.
  - 2.10.2 Nothing in this Appendix will limit either Party's ability to modify its network through the incorporation of new equipment, new software or otherwise. Each Party will provide the other Party written notice of any upgrades in its network which will materially impact the other Party's service consistent with the timelines established by the FCC in the Second Report and Order, CC Docket 96-98.
  - 2.10.3 **SBC-13STATE** may elect to conduct Central Office switch conversions for the improvement of its network. During such conversions, CLEC orders for UNEs from that switch shall be suspended for a period of three days prior and one day after the conversion date, consistent with the suspension **SBC-13STATE** places on itself for orders from its End Users.
  - 2.10.4 CLEC will be solely responsible, at its own expense, for the overall design of its telecommunications services and for any redesigning or rearrangement of its telecommunications services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations, or procedure of **SBC-13STATE**, minimum network protection criteria, or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

## 2.11 New Combinations Involving UNEs

- 2.11.1 Subject to the provisions hereof and upon CLEC request, **SBC-13STATE** shall meet its combining obligations involving UNEs as and to the extent required by FCC rules and orders, and *Verizon Comm. Inc. v. FCC*, 535 U.S. \_\_\_\_\_, No. 00-511, 2002 WL 970643 (May 13, 2002) ("*Verizon Comm. Inc.*") and, to the extent not inconsistent therewith, the rules and orders of relevant State Commission and any other Applicable Law.
- 2.11.2 In the event that **SBC-13STATE** denies a request to perform the functions necessary to combine UNEs or to perform the functions necessary to combine UNEs with elements possessed by CLEC, **SBC-13STATE** shall provide written notice to CLEC of such denial and the basis thereof. Any dispute over such denial shall be addressed using the dispute resolution procedures applicable to this Agreement. If such dispute cannot be resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the parties, **SBC-13STATE** shall initiate a proceeding before the State commission for the State in which the combination is sought, to prove that such denial meets one or more applicable standards for denial, including without limitation those under the FCC rules and orders, *Verizon Comm. Inc.*, and the Agreement, including Section 2.11.1 of this Appendix.
- 2.11.3 In accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Section 2.11, including Section 2.11.3.2 and 2.11.5, the new UNE combinations set forth in the Schedule(s) – UNE Combinations attached and incorporated into this Appendix UNE shall be made available to CLEC as specified in the specific Schedule for a particular State.
- 2.11.3.1 A "Pre-existing Combination" shall not be considered a new combination involving UNEs under this Section. A Pre-existing Combination includes all orders within the definition of "Contiguous Interconnection of Network Elements."
- 2.11.3.1.1 "Contiguous Interconnection of Network Elements" means the situation when CLEC orders all the **SBC-13STATE** UNEs required either
- (1) to convert to a combinations of UNEs an **SBC-13STATE** End User customer, another carrier's pre-existing End User customer served exclusively using UNEs, or CLEC's or another carrier's resale End User customer; or
  - (2) if the Pre-Existing Combination includes a local loop UNE with unbundled local switching, to activate that Pre-Existing Combination for CLEC (a) without any change in features or functionality that was being provided at the time of the order, and/or (b) the only change needed to route the operator service and directory assistance ("OS/DA") calls from the End User customer to be served by that Pre-Existing Combination to CLEC's OS/DA platform via customized routing, and/or (c) with only changes needed in order to change a local switching feature resident and activated in the serving switch and available to the switch port class used to provide service, e.g., call waiting for residential local service, and/or (d) at the time of the order and when the order is worked by **SBC-13STATE**, the End User customer in question is not served by a line sharing arrangement as defined herein (or, if not so defined, by applicable FCC orders) or the technical equivalent, e.g., the loop facility is being used to provide both a voice service and also an xDSL service. (Section 2.11.3.1.1(2)(b) only applies to orders involving customized routing after customized routing has been established to CLEC's OS/DA platform from the relevant **SBC-13STATE** local switch, including CLEC's payment of all applicable charges to establish that routing.)
- 2.11.3.1.2 Reconfigurations under Section 19 of this Appendix UNE shall not be considered a new combination involving UNEs under this Section.

- 2.11.3.2 The parties acknowledge that the United States Supreme Court in *Verizon Comm. Inc.* relied on the distinction between an incumbent local exchange carrier such as **SBC-13STATE** being required to perform the functions necessary to combine UNEs and to combine UNEs with elements possessed by a requesting telecommunications carrier, as compared to an incumbent LEC being required to complete the actual combination. As of the Effective Date, there has been no further ruling or other guidance provided on that distinction and what functions constitute only those that are necessary to such combining. In light of that uncertainty, **SBC-13STATE** is willing to perform the actions necessary to also complete the actual physical combination for those new UNE combinations set forth in the Schedule(s) – UNE Combinations to this Appendix UNE, subject to the following:
- 2.11.3.2.1 Section 2.11, including any acts taken pursuant thereto, shall not in any way prohibit, limit or otherwise affect, or act as a waiver by, **SBC-13STATE** from pursuing any of its rights, remedies or arguments, including but not limited to those with respect to *Verizon Comm. Inc.*, the remand thereof, or any FCC or Commission or court proceeding, including its right to seek legal review or a stay of any decision regarding combinations involving UNEs. Such rights, remedies, and arguments are expressly reserved by **SBC-13STATE**. Without affecting the foregoing, this Agreement does not in any way prohibit, limit, or otherwise affect **SBC-13STATE** from taking any position with respect to combinations including UNEs or any issue or subject addressed or related thereto.
- 2.11.3.2.2 Upon the effective date of any regulatory, judicial, or legislative action setting forth, eliminating, or otherwise delineating or clarifying the extent of an incumbent LEC's UNE combining obligations, **SBC-13STATE** shall be immediately relieved of any obligation to perform any non-included combining functions or other actions under this Agreement or otherwise, and CLEC shall thereafter be solely responsible for any such non-included functions or other actions. This Section 2.11.3.2.2 shall apply in accordance with its terms, regardless of the provision found at "GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS," Paragraph 21, "Intervening Law" or any similarly purposed or other provision of the Agreement and, concomitantly, the first sentence of this Section 2.11.3.2.2 shall not affect the applicability of any such provisions in situations not covered by that first sentence.
- 2.11.3.2.3 Without affecting the application of Section 2.11.3.2.2 (which shall apply in accordance with its provisions), upon notice by **SBC-13STATE**, the parties shall engage in good faith negotiations to amend the Agreement to set forth and delineate those functions or other actions that go beyond the ILEC obligation to perform the functions necessary to combine UNEs and combine UNEs with elements possessed by a requesting telecommunications carrier, and to eliminate any **SBC-13STATE** obligation to perform such functions or other actions. If those negotiations do not reach a mutually agreed-to amendment within sixty (60) days after the date of any such notice, the remaining disputes between the parties regarding those functions and other actions that go beyond those functions necessary to combine UNEs and combine UNEs with elements possessed by a requesting telecommunications carrier, shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution process provided for in this Agreement. Such a notice can be given at any time, and from time to time.
- 2.11.3.3 For a new UNE combination listed on a Schedule – UNE Combinations does not imply or otherwise indicate the availability of related support system capabilities, including without

limitation, whether electronic ordering is available for any particular included new UNE combination in one or more States. Where electronic ordering is not available, manual ordering shall be used.

- 2.11.3.4 For a new UNE combination listed on a Schedule – UNE Combinations, CLEC shall issue appropriate service requests. These requests will be processed by **SBC-13STATE**, and CLEC will be charged the applicable UNE service order charge(s), in addition to the recurring and nonrecurring charges for each individual UNE and cross connect ordered.
- 2.11.3.5 Upon notice by **SBC-13STATE**, the parties shall engage in good faith negotiations to amend the Agreement to include a fee(s) for any work performed by **SBC-13STATE** in providing the new UNE combinations set forth in Schedule(s) – UNE Combinations, which work is not covered by the charges applicable per Section 2.11.3.4. For any such work that is required to be done by **SBC-13STATE** under Section 2.11.1, any such fee(s) shall be a reasonable cost-based fee, and shall be calculated using the Time and Material charges as reflected in State-specific pricing. For any such work that is not so required to be done by **SBC-13STATE**, any such fee(s) shall be at a market-based rate. If those negotiations do not reach a mutually agreed-to amendment within sixty (60) days after the date of any such notice, the remaining disputes between the parties concerning any such fee(s) shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution process provided for in this Agreement. Such a notice can be given at any time, and from time to time.
- 2.11.4 In accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Section 2.11, any request not included in Section 2.11.3 in which CLEC wants **SBC-13STATE** to perform the functions necessary to combine UNEs or to perform the functions necessary to combine UNEs with elements possessed by CLEC (as well as requests where CLEC also wants **SBC-13STATE** to complete the actual combination), shall be made by CLEC in accordance with the bona fide request (BFR) process set forth in this Agreement.
  - 2.11.4.1 In any such BFR, CLEC must designate among other things the UNE(s) sought to be combined and the needed location(s), the order in which the UNEs and any CLEC elements are to be connected, and how each connection (e.g., cross-connected) is to be made between an **SBC-13STATE** UNE and the network element(s) possessed by CLEC.
  - 2.11.4.2 In addition to any other applicable charges, CLEC shall be charged a reasonable cost-based fee for any combining work that is required to be done by **SBC-13STATE** under Section 2.11.1. Such fee shall be calculated using the Time and Material charges as reflected in the State-specific Appendix Pricing. **SBC-13STATE**'s Preliminary Analysis to the BFR shall include an estimate of such fee for the specified combining. With respect to a BFR in which CLEC requests **SBC-13STATE** to perform work not required by Section 2.11.1, CLEC shall be charged a market-based rate for any such work.
- 2.11.5 Without affecting the other provisions hereof, the UNE combining obligations referenced in this Section 2.11 apply only in situations where each of the following is met:
  - 2.11.5.1 it is technically feasible, including that network reliability and security would not be impaired;
  - 2.11.5.2 **SBC-13STATE**'s ability to retain responsibility for the management, control, and performance of its network would not be impaired;
  - 2.11.5.3 **SBC-13STATE** would not be placed at a disadvantage in operating its own network;
  - 2.11.5.4 it would not impair the ability of other Telecommunications Carriers to obtain access to UNEs or to Interconnect with **SBC-13STATE**'s network; and
  - 2.11.5.5 CLEC is
    - 2.11.5.5.1 unable to make the combination itself; or

- 2.11.5.5.2 a new entrant and is unaware that it needs to combine certain UNEs to provide a telecommunications service, but such obligation under this Section 2.11.5.5 ceases if **SBC-13STATE** informs CLEC of such need to combine.
- 2.11.6 For purposes of Section 2.11.5.5 and without limiting other instances in which CLEC may be able to make a combination itself, CLEC is deemed able to make a combination itself when the UNE(s) sought to be combined are available to CLEC, including without limitation:
- 2.11.6.1 at an **SBC-13STATE** premises where CLEC is physically collocated or has an on-site adjacent collocation arrangement;
- 2.11.6.2 for **SBC CALIFORNIA** only, within an Adjacent Location arrangement (as described in Section 4 of this Appendix).
- 2.11.7 Section 2.11.5.5 shall only begin to apply thirty (30) days after notice by **SBC-13STATE** to CLEC. Thereafter, **SBC-13STATE** may invoke Section 2.11.5.5 with respect to any request for a combination involving UNEs.
- 2.11.8 Nothing in this Agreement shall impose any obligation on **SBC-13STATE** to provide UNEs, combinations of UNEs, or combinations of UNE(s) and CLEC's own elements beyond those obligations imposed by the Act, including the rules and orders of the FCC and *Verizon Comm. Inc.* and, to the extent not inconsistent therewith, the rules and orders of the relevant State Commission and any other Applicable Law. The preceding includes without limitation the following:
- 2.11.8.1 The UNE combination known as an "enhanced extended loop" or "EEL" (a combination of a UNE loop and UNE dedicated transport, with appropriate Cross-Connects, and when needed, multiplexing) shall only be provided to CLEC to the extent that the EEL is used to provide a significant amount of local exchange service to a particular End User customer [this limitation is the same as the requirements set forth in the FCC's Supplemental Order Clarification in CC Docket No. 96-98, FCC 00-183 (rel. June 2, 2000)];
- 2.11.8.2 **SBC-13STATE** will not connect to or combine UNEs with any non-251(c)(3) or other **SBC-13STATE** offerings with the exception of tariffed Collocation services;
- 2.11.8.3 **SBC-13STATE** need not provide combinations involving network elements that do not constitute required UNEs, or where UNEs are not requested for permissible purposes.

### 3. ACCESS TO UNE CONNECTION METHODS

- 3.1 This Section describes the connection methods under which **SBC-13STATE** agrees to provide CLECs with access on an unbundled basis to loops, switch ports, and dedicated transport and the conditions under which **SBC-13STATE** makes these methods available. These methods provide CLEC access to multiple **SBC-13STATE** UNEs which the CLEC may then combine. The methods listed below provide CLEC with access to UNEs without compromising the security, integrity, and reliability of the public switched network, as well as to minimize potential service disruptions.
- 3.1.1 Subject to availability of space and equipment, CLEC may use the methods listed below to access and combine UNE loops, switch ports, and dedicated transport within a requested **SBC-13STATE** Central Office.
- 3.1.1.1 (Method 1)
- SBC-13STATE** will extend **SBC-13STATE** UNEs requiring cross connection to the CLEC's Physical Collocation Point of Termination (POT) when the CLEC is Physically Collocated, in a caged or shared cage arrangement, within the same Central Office where the UNEs which are to be combined are located.

3.1.1.2 (Method 2)

**SBC-13STATE** will extend **SBC-13STATE** UNEs that require cross connection to the CLEC's UNE frame located in the common room space, other than the Collocation common area, within the same Central Office where the UNEs which are to be combined are located.

3.1.1.3 (Method 3)

**SBC-13STATE** will extend **SBC-13STATE** UNEs to the CLEC's UNE frame that is located outside the **SBC-13STATE** Central Office where the UNEs are to be combined in a closure such as a cabinet provided by **SBC-13STATE** on **SBC-13STATE** property.

3.2 The following terms and conditions apply to all methods when **SBC-13STATE** provides access pursuant to Sections 3.1.1.1 through 3.1.1.3:

- 3.2.1 Within ten (10) business days of receipt of a written request for access to UNEs involving three (3) or fewer Central Offices, **SBC-13STATE** will provide a written reply notifying the requesting CLEC of the method(s) of access available in the requested Central Offices. For requests impacting four (4) or more Central Offices the Parties will agree to an implementation schedule for access to UNEs.
- 3.2.2 Access to UNEs via Method 1 is only available to Physically Collocated CLECs. Access to UNEs via Method 2 and Method 3 is available to both Collocated and Non-Collocated CLECs. Method 2 and Method 3 are subject to availability of **SBC-13STATE** Central Office space and equipment.
- 3.2.3 The CLEC may cancel the request at any time, but will pay **SBC-13STATE**'s reasonable and demonstrable costs for modifying **SBC-13STATE**'s Central Office up to the date of cancellation.
- 3.2.4 CLECs may elect to access **SBC-13STATE**'s UNEs through Physical Collocation arrangements.
- 3.2.5 CLEC shall be responsible for initial testing and trouble sectionalization of facilities containing CLEC installed cross connects.
- 3.2.6 CLEC shall refer trouble sectionalized in the **SBC-13STATE** UNE to **SBC-13STATE**.
- 3.2.7 Prior to **SBC-13STATE** providing access to UNEs under this Appendix, CLEC and **SBC-13STATE** shall provide each other with a point of contact for overall coordination.
- 3.2.8 CLEC shall provide all tools and materials required to place and remove the cross connects necessary to combine and disconnect UNEs when CLEC combines or disconnects UNEs.
- 3.2.9 All tools, procedures, and equipment used by CLEC to connect to **SBC-13STATE**'s network shall comply with technical standards set out in SBC Local Exchange Carrier Technical Document TP76299MP, to reduce the risk of damage to the network and customer disruption.
- 3.2.10 CLEC shall be responsible for CLEC's personnel observing **SBC-13STATE**'s site rules and regulations, including but not limited to safety regulations and security requirements, and for working in harmony with others while present at the site. If **SBC-13STATE** for any reasonable and lawful reason requests CLEC to discontinue furnishing any person provided by CLEC for performing work on **SBC-13STATE**'s premises, CLEC shall immediately comply with such request. Such person shall leave **SBC-13STATE**'s premises promptly, and CLEC shall not furnish such person again to perform work on **SBC-13STATE**'s premises without **SBC-13STATE**'s consent.
- 3.2.11 CLEC shall provide positive written acknowledgment that the requirements stated in Section 3.2.10 have been satisfied for each employee requiring access to **SBC-13STATE** premises and/or facilities. **SBC-13STATE** identification cards will be issued for any CLEC employees who are designated by CLEC as meeting the necessary requirements for access. Entry to **SBC-13STATE** premises will be granted only to CLEC employees with such identification.
- 3.2.12 CLEC shall designate each UNE being ordered from **SBC-13STATE**. CLEC shall provide an interface to receive assignment information from **SBC-13STATE** regarding location of the extended UNEs. This interface may be manual or mechanized.



- 3.2.13 **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC with contact numbers as necessary to resolve assignment conflicts encountered. All contact with **SBC-13STATE** shall be referred to such contact numbers.
- 3.2.14 The CLEC shall provide its own administrative Telecommunication Service at each facility and all materials needed by CLEC at the work site. The use of cellular telephones is not permitted in **SBC-13STATE** equipment areas.
- 3.2.15 Certain construction and preparation activities may be required to modify a building or prepare the premises for access to UNEs.
- 3.2.15.1 Where applicable, costs for modifying a building or preparing the premises for access to **SBC-13STATE** UNEs will be made on an individual case basis (ICB).
- 3.2.15.2 **SBC-13STATE** will provide Access to UNEs (floor space, floor space conditioning, cage common systems materials, and safety and security charges) in increments of one (1) square foot. For this reason, **SBC-13STATE** will ensure that the first CLEC obtaining Access to UNEs in an **SBC-13STATE** premises will not be responsible for the entire cost of site preparation and security.
- 3.2.15.3 **SBC-13STATE** will contract for and perform the construction and preparation activities using same or consistent practices that are used by **SBC-13STATE** for other construction and preparation work performed in the building.

#### 4. ADJACENT LOCATION

- 4.1\* This Section describes the Adjacent Location Method for accessing UNEs. This Section also provides the conditions in which **SBC CALIFORNIA** offers the Adjacent Location Method.
- 4.2\* The Adjacent Location Method allows a CLEC to access loops, switch ports, and dedicated transport for a CLEC location adjacent to a **SBC CALIFORNIA** Central Office as identified by **SBC CALIFORNIA**. Under this method **SBC CALIFORNIA** UNEs will be extended to the adjacent location, via copper cabling provided by the CLEC, which the CLEC can then utilize to provide Telecommunications Service.
- 4.3\* This method requires the CLEC to provide copper cable, greater than 600 pairs, to the last manhole outside the **SBC CALIFORNIA** Central Office. The CLEC shall provide enough slack for **SBC CALIFORNIA** to pull the cable into the Central Office and terminate the cable on the Central Office Intermediate Distribution Frame (IDF).
- 4.4\* The CLEC will obtain all necessary rights of way, easements, and other third party permissions.
- 4.5\* The following terms and conditions apply when **SBC CALIFORNIA** provides the adjacent location:
- 4.5.1 The CLEC is responsible for Spectrum Interference and is aware that not all pairs may be ADSL or POTS capable.
- 4.6\* The installation interval applies on an individual application basis. The CLEC is responsible for paying all up front charges (nonrecurring and case preparation costs) before work will begin. This assumes that all necessary permits will be issued in a timely manner.
- 4.7\* The CLEC will provide the excess cable length necessary to reach the **SBC CALIFORNIA** IDF in the **SBC CALIFORNIA** Central Office where CLEC requests connection.
- 4.8\* The CLEC will be responsible for testing and sectionalization of facilities from the customer's location to the entrance manhole.
- 4.9\* <sup>1</sup>The CLEC should refer any sectionalized trouble determined to be in **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s facilities to **SBC CALIFORNIA**.

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<sup>1</sup> \* Section 4 is available only in the state of California. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, Paragraph 2.10.1

- 4.10\* The CLEC's employees, agents and contractors will be permitted to have access to the CLEC's cable where it is delivered to **SBC CALIFORNIA** (outside the entrance manhole). The CLEC is only able to enter the entrance manhole to splice under a duct lease agreement. If the CLEC leases ducts to get to the Central Office then CLEC has the right to splice the manholes on the route, including the entrance manhole.
- 4.11\* In order for **SBC CALIFORNIA** to identify the entrance manhole for the CLEC, the CLEC must specify the direction from which the cable originates. **SBC CALIFORNIA** will verify that a vacant sleeve or riser duct exists at the entrance manhole. If none exists, construction of one will be required. If a vacant access sleeve or riser duct does not exist, and one must be constructed, the CLEC will pay for the construction on an Outside Plant Custom Work Order.
- 4.12\* The CLEC will retain all assignment control. **SBC CALIFORNIA** will maintain TIRKS records for cable appearance information on the horizontal and vertical appearance on the **SBC CALIFORNIA** frame.
- 4.13\* The CLEC will pay Time and Materials charges when **SBC CALIFORNIA** dispatches personnel and failure is in the CLEC's facility.
- 4.14\* **SBC CALIFORNIA** will not assume responsibility for the quality of service provided over this special interconnection arrangement. Service quality is the responsibility of the CLEC. **SBC CALIFORNIA** limits each CLEC to two building entrances. Two entrances allow for CLEC growth or a diverse path.
- 4.15\* Prior to **SBC CALIFORNIA** providing the Adjacent Location Method in this Appendix, the CLEC and **SBC CALIFORNIA** shall provide each other with a single point of contact for overall coordination.
- 4.16\* The Adjacent Location Method of Accessing UNEs only allows for copper cable termination.

## 5. BONA FIDE REQUEST

- 5.1 This Bona Fide Request process described in Item I of this Section 5 applies to each Bona Fide Request submitted in the **SBC-10STATE** and **SBC NEVADA** Territory. The Bona Fide Request process described in Item II of this Section 5 shall apply to each Bona Fide Request submitted in the **SBC SNET** Territory and the Bona Fide Request Process described in Item III of this Section shall apply to each Bona Fide Request submitted in the **SBC CALIFORNIA** Territory. If CLEC submits the same Request in more than one Territory that requires such Request to be processed under more than one Item in this Section 5 (e.g., in Territories that have different processes), separate BFRs shall be required. For purposes of this Appendix, a "Business Day means Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays observed by **SBC-13STATE**."

### 5.2 Item I

#### **SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA** **Bona Fide Request Process**

- 5.2.1 A Bona Fide Request ("BFR") is the process by which CLEC may request **SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA** to (i) provide CLEC access to an additional or new, undefined UNE, that is required to be provided by **SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA** under the Act but is not available under this Agreement or defined in a generic appendix at the time of CLEC's request, or (ii) perform combining pursuant to Section 2.11.4 (each of (i) and (ii) referred to as a "Request").
- 5.2.2 The BFR process set forth herein does not apply to those services requested pursuant to Report & Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking 91-141 (rel. Oct. 19, 1992) paragraph 259 and n. 603 and subsequent rulings.
- 5.2.3 All BFRs must be submitted with a BFR Application Form in accordance with the specifications and processes set forth in the respective sections of the CLEC Handbook. Included with the Application CLEC shall provide a technical description of each requested UNE or combination, drawings when applicable, the location(s) where needed, the date required, and the projected quantity to be ordered with a 3 year forecast.
- 5.2.4 CLEC is responsible for all costs incurred by **SBC-10STATE, SBC NEVADA** to review, analyze and process a BFR. When submitting a BFR Application Form, CLEC has two options to compensate

**SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** for its costs incurred to complete the Preliminary Analysis of the BFR:

- 5.2.4.1 Include with its BFR Application Form a \$2,000 deposit to cover **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA**'s preliminary evaluation costs, in which case **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** may not charge CLEC in excess of \$2,000 to complete the Preliminary Analysis; or
- 5.2.4.2 Not make the \$2,000 deposit, in which case CLEC shall be responsible for all preliminary evaluation costs incurred by **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** to complete the preliminary Analysis (regardless of whether such costs are greater or less than \$2,000).
- 5.2.5 If CLEC submits a \$ 2,000 deposit with its BFR, and **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** is not able to process the Request or determines that the Request does not qualify for BFR treatment, then **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** will return the \$2,000 deposit to CLEC. Similarly, if the costs incurred to complete the Preliminary Analysis are less than \$2,000, the balance of the deposit will, at the option of CLEC, either be refunded or credited toward additional developmental costs authorized by CLEC.
- 5.2.6 Upon written notice, CLEC may cancel a BFR at any time, but will pay **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** its reasonable and demonstrable costs of processing and/or implementing the BFR up to and including the date **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** received notice of cancellation. If cancellation occurs prior to completion of the preliminary evaluation, and a \$2,000 deposit has been made by CLEC, and the reasonable and demonstrable costs are less than \$2,000, the remaining balance of the deposit will be, at the option of the CLEC, either returned to CLEC or credited toward additional developmental costs authorized by CLEC.
- 5.2.7 **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** will promptly consider and analyze each BFR it receives. Within ten (10) Business Days of its receipt **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** will acknowledge receipt of the BFR and in such acknowledgement advise CLEC of the need for any further information needed to process the Request. CLEC acknowledges that the time intervals set forth in this Appendix begins once **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** has received a complete and accurate BFR Application Form and, if applicable, \$2,000 deposit.
- 5.2.8 Except under extraordinary circumstances, within thirty (30) calendar days of its receipt of a complete and accurate BFR **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** will provide to CLEC a preliminary analysis of such Request (the "Preliminary Analysis"). The Preliminary Analysis will (i) indicate that **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** will offer the Request to CLEC or (ii) advise CLEC that **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** will not offer the Request. If **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** indicates it will not offer the Request, **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** will provide a detailed explanation for the denial. Possible explanations may be, but are not limited to: i) access to the Request is not technically feasible, ii) that the Request is not required to be provided by **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** under the Act and/or, iii) that the BFR is not the correct process for the request.
- 5.2.9 If the Preliminary Analysis indicates that **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** will offer the Request, CLEC may, at its discretion, provide written authorization for **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** to develop the Request and prepare a "BFR Quote". The BFR Quote shall, as applicable, include (i) the first date of availability, (ii) installation intervals, (iii) applicable rates (recurring, nonrecurring and other), (iv) BFR development and processing costs and (v) terms and conditions by which the Request shall be made available. CLEC's written authorization to develop the BFR Quote must be received by **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** within thirty (30) calendar days of CLEC's receipt of the Preliminary Analysis. If no authorization to proceed is received within such thirty (30) calendar day period, the BFR will be deemed canceled and CLEC will pay to **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** all demonstrable costs as set forth above. Any request by CLEC for **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** to proceed with a Request received after the thirty (30) calendar day window will require CLEC to submit a new BFR.

- 5.2.10 As soon as feasible, but not more than ninety (90) calendar days after its receipt of authorization to develop the BFR Quote, **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** shall provide to CLEC a BFR Quote.
- 5.2.11 Within thirty (30) calendar days of its receipt of the BFR Quote, CLEC must either (i) confirm its order pursuant to the BFR Quote (ii) cancel its BFR and reimburse **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** for its costs incurred up to the date of cancellation, or (iii) if it believes the BFR Quote is inconsistent with the requirements of the Act and/or this Appendix, exercise its rights under Section 10 of the GTC. If **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** does not receive notice of any of the foregoing within such thirty (30) calendar day period, the BFR shall be deemed canceled. CLEC shall be responsible to reimburse **SBC-10STATE**, **SBC NEVADA** <sup>A</sup> for its costs incurred up to the date of cancellation (whether affirmatively canceled or deemed canceled by CLEC).
- 5.2.12 Unless CLEC agrees otherwise, all rates and costs quoted or invoiced herein shall be consistent with the pricing principles of the Act.
- 5.2.13 If a Party believes that the other Party is not requesting, negotiating or processing a BFR in good faith and/or as required by the Act, or if a Party disputes a determination, or price or cost quote, such Party may seek relief pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Process set forward in the General Terms and Conditions section of this agreement.

5.3\* **Item II**

**SBC SNET Bona Fide Request Process**

- 5.3.1 The Bona Fide Request provisions set forth in Item I of Section 5 shall apply to BFRs submitted to **SBC SNET**, with the following exceptions:
- 5.3.2 Section 5.2.1 is amended to add the following: A CLEC may submit a BFR to request new UNEs or Combinations of UNEs provided the request is not covered by one of the following conditions:
- 5.3.2.1 The UNEs or combinations requested have not previously been identified or defined by the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), the Federal Communications Commission, the CLEC's approved interconnection agreement, or in the listings of combinations in Docket No. 98-02-01, DPUC Investigation into Rebundling of Telephone Company Network Elements, August 17, 1998.
- 5.3.2.2 The UNEs or combinations requested are not currently deployed by an incumbent local exchange carrier in another jurisdiction or deemed acceptable for deployment by another state commission or an industry standards body.
- 5.3.2.3 The UNEs or combinations requested are not included in a Telco tariffed offering as an existing capability or functional equivalent.
- 5.3.2.4 If the request is covered by one of the conditions listed above, **SBC SNET** will make these items generally available.
- 5.3.3 Section 5.2.4 and 5.2.5 are amended as follows: No charges apply for **SBC SNET** to prepare the Preliminary Analysis.
- 5.3.4 Section 5.2.6 is amended as follows: Cancellation charges will not apply if the written notice of cancellation is received by **SBC SNET** after **SBC SNET** submits its Preliminary Analysis to CLEC but before CLEC's request for the BFR Quote. Cancellation charges will apply after CLEC submits its request for **SBC SNET** to provide a BFR Quote, but before the BFR Quote is provided to CLEC. CLEC shall be liable for reimbursement of all actual costs in connection with developing the BFR Quote incurred up to the time **SBC SNET** receives the written notice of cancellation from CLEC. However, if **SBC SNET** receives notification from CLEC for cancellation of the BFR after receipt by CLEC of the BFR Quote, the cancellation charges shall not exceed the lesser of the actual costs incurred by **SBC SNET** or the estimate in the BFR Quote plus twenty percent (20%).

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\* Section 5.3 is available only in the State of Connecticut. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, Paragraph 2.10.1.

- 5.3.5 Section 5.2.7 is amended as follows: **SBC SNET** will promptly consider and analyze each BFR it receives. Within ten (10) Business Days of its receipt, **SBC SNET** will acknowledge receipt of the BFR and in such acknowledgement advise CLEC of the need for any further information needed to process the Request. CLEC acknowledges that the time intervals set forth in this Appendix begin once **SBC SNET** has received a complete and accurate BFR Application Form.
- 5.3.6 **SBC SNET** will apply standard tariffed Processing Fees (BFR development costs) according to the Connecticut Access Service Tariff 4.11.
- 5.3.7 For **SBC SNET**, under the Dispute Resolution Process (DRP), either Party may petition the Department for relief pursuant to its own processes and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act regarding the issues raised during the BFR process. Upon request, a designated member of the Department staff may confer with both Parties orally or in person concerning the substance of the Parties' dispute, and may make such recommendations as he or she shall deem appropriate for consideration by both Parties to resolve expeditiously the issues in dispute. Any such participation by Department staff in such mediation shall not be construed in any subsequent proceeding as establishing precedent or any Formal position of Department on the matter in dispute.

5.4\* **Item III**

**Pacific Bona Fide Request Process**

- 5.4.1 The Bona Fide Request provisions set forth in Item I of Section 5 shall apply to BFRs submitted to **SBC CALIFORNIA**, with the following exceptions:
- 5.4.2 Section 5.2.1 is amended as follows: A Bona Fide Request ("BFR") is the process by which CLEC may request **SBC CALIFORNIA** to provide CLEC access to an additional or new, undefined UNE, or a combination of UNEs,
- 5.4.3 Interconnection arrangement, or other (a "Request"), that is required to be provided by **SBC CALIFORNIA** under the Act but is not available under this Agreement or defined in a generic appendix at the time of CLEC's request.
- 5.4.4 Section 5.2.3 is amended as follows: All BFRs must be submitted with a BFR/Interconnection or Network Element Application Form in accordance with the specifications and processes set forth in the sections of the Handbook.
- 5.4.5 Section 5.2.8 is amended as follows: Except under extraordinary circumstances, within thirty (30) calendar days of its receipt of a complete and accurate BFR, **SBC CALIFORNIA** will provide to CLEC a Preliminary Analysis of such Request. The Preliminary Analysis will confirm that **SBC CALIFORNIA** will offer the request. The Preliminary Analysis provided by **SBC CALIFORNIA** will include cost categories (material, labor and other) and high level costs for the request. **SBC CALIFORNIA** will attempt to provide a "yes" response earlier than thirty (30) calendar days if possible. CLEC acknowledges that an earlier "yes" response will not include high level costs. The costs will be sent by the 30<sup>th</sup> calendar day. When wholesale construction is required, costs will be provided within an additional twenty-four (24) calendar days (i.e., by the 54<sup>th</sup> calendar day).
- 5.4.6 If the BFR is denied, **SBC CALIFORNIA** will notify CLEC within fifteen (15) calendar days. The reason for denial will accompany the notification. Reasons for denial may include, but are not limited to: 1) not technically feasible, 2) the BFR is not the appropriate process for the Request and there is a referral to the appropriate process, and/or 3) the Request does not qualify as a new UNE, combination of UNEs, or interconnection arrangement required by law.
- 5.4.7 If **SBC CALIFORNIA** refers CLEC to an alternate process details the details of the provision of the alternate process will accompany the notification. The details may include an application form for

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\* Section 5.4 is available only in the State of California. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, Paragraph 2.10.1.

the alternate process and other documentation required for CLEC to submit the application for the alternate process.

5.5 Bona Fide Request Ordinarily Combined Unbundled Network Elements (BFR-OC UNEs)

- 5.5.1 In **SBC ILLINOIS AND SBC MICHIGAN**, CLEC may avail itself of the terms and conditions set forth in the respective state tariff on file with the respective state regulatory agency addressing the BFR-OC process.

## 6. NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE

- 6.1 The Network Interface Device (NID) UNE is defined as any means of interconnection of End User customer premises wiring to **SBC-13STATE**'s distribution loop facilities, such as a cross connect device used for that purpose. Fundamentally, the NID establishes the final (and official) network demarcation point between the loop and the End User's inside wire. Maintenance and control of the End User's inside wiring (on the End User's side of the NID) is under the control of the End User. Conflicts between telephone service providers for access to the End User's inside wire must be resolved by the End User. Pursuant to applicable FCC rules, **SBC-13STATE** offers nondiscriminatory access to the NID on an unbundled basis to any requesting telecommunications carrier for the provision of a telecommunications service. CLEC access to the NID is offered as specified below (**SBC-12STATE**) or by tariff (**SBC SNET**).
- 6.2 **SBC-12STATE** will permit CLEC to connect its local loop facilities to End Users' premises wiring through **SBC-12STATE**'s NID, or at any other technically feasible point.
- 6.3 CLEC may connect to the End User's premises wiring through the **SBC-12STATE** NID, as is, or at any other technically feasible point. Any repairs, upgrade and rearrangements to the NID required by CLEC will be performed by **SBC-12STATE** based on Time and Material charges. **SBC-12STATE**, at the request of CLEC, will disconnect the **SBC-12STATE** local loop from the NID, at charges reflected in the state specific Appendix Pricing.
- 6.4 With respect to multiple dwelling units or multiple-unit business premises, CLEC will connect directly with the End User's premises wire, or may connect with the End User's premises wire via **SBC-12STATE**'s NID where necessary.
- 6.5 The **SBC-12STATE** NIDs that CLEC uses under this Appendix will be existing NIDs installed by **SBC-12STATE** to serve its End Users.
- 6.6 CLEC shall not attach to or disconnect **SBC-12STATE**'s ground. CLEC shall not cut or disconnect **SBC-12STATE**'s loop from the NID and/or its protector. CLEC shall not cut any other leads in the NID.

## 7. LOCAL LOOP

- 7.1 Pursuant to applicable FCC rules, a local loop UNE is a dedicated transmission facility between a distribution frame (or its equivalent) in an **SBC-13STATE** Central Office and the loop demarcation point at an End User premises. Where applicable, the local loop includes all wire within multiple dwelling and tenant buildings and campuses that provides access to End User premises wiring, provided such wire is owned and controlled by **SBC-13STATE**. The local loop UNE includes all features, functions and capabilities of the transmission facility, including attached electronics (except those electronics used for the provision of advanced services, such as Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexers), and line conditioning. The local loop UNE includes, but is not limited to DS1, DS3, fiber, and other high capacity loops to the extent required by applicable law, and where such loops are deployed in **SBC-13STATE** wire centers. CLEC agrees to operate each loop type within the technical descriptions and parameters accepted within the industry.
- 7.2 The following types of local loop UNEs will be provided at the rates, terms, and conditions set out in this Appendix (**SBC-12STATE**) or by tariff (**SBC SNET**) and in the state specific Appendix Pricing (**SBC-12STATE**) or by tariff (**SBC SNET**):

#### 7.2.1 2-Wire Analog Loop

- 7.2.1.1 A 2-Wire analog loop is a transmission facility which supports analog voice frequency, voice band services with loop start signaling within the frequency spectrum of approximately 300 Hz and 3000 Hz.
- 7.2.1.2 If CLEC requests one or more unbundled loops serviced by Integrated Digital Loop Carrier (IDLC) **SBC-12STATE** will, where available, move the requested unbundled loop(s) to a spare, existing Physical or a universal digital loop carrier unbundled loop at no additional charge to CLEC. If, however, no spare unbundled loop is available, **SBC-12STATE** will within two (2) business days, excluding weekends and holidays, of CLEC's request, notify CLEC of the lack of available facilities.

#### 7.2.2 4-Wire Analog Loop

- 7.2.2.1 A 4-Wire analog loop is a transmission facility that provides a non-signaling voice band frequency spectrum of approximately 300 Hz to 3000 Hz. The 4-Wire analog loop provides separate transmit and receive paths.

#### 7.2.3 2-Wire Digital Loop

- 7.2.3.1 A 2-Wire 160 Kbps digital loop is a transmission facility which supports Basic Rate ISDN (BRI) digital exchange services. The 2-Wire digital loop 160 Kbps supports usable bandwidth up to 160 Kbps.

#### 7.2.4 4-Wire Digital Loop

- 7.2.4.1 A 4-Wire 1.544 Mbps digital loop is a transmission facility that will support DS1 service including Primary Rate ISDN (PRI). The 4-wire digital loop 1.544 Mbps supports usable bandwidth up to 1.544 Mbps.

#### 7.2.5 DS3 Digital Loop

- 7.2.5.1 The DS3 loop provides a digital, 45 Mbps transmission facility from the **SBC-13STATE** Central Office to the end user premises.

#### 7.2.6 OC3 Loop

- 7.2.6.1 The OC3 155.520 Mbps loop provides an optical transmission facility from the **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and/or **SBC CALIFORNIA** central office to the end user premises. OC3 concatenated service is also available.

#### 7.2.7 OC12 Loop

- 7.2.7.1 The OC12 622.080 Mbps loop provides an optical transmission facility from the **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and/or **SBC CALIFORNIA** central office to the end user premise. OC12 concatenated service is also available.

#### 7.2.8 OC48 Loop

- 7.2.8.1 The OC48 2488.320 Mbps loop provides an optical transmission facility from the **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and/or **SBC CALIFORNIA** central office to the end user premise. OC48 concatenated service is also available.

- 7.3 Unbundled DS1, DS3, and/or optical loops may not be employed in combination with transport facilities to replace special access services or facilities, except consistently with the certification and other requirements of the Supplemental Order released and adopted by the FCC on November 24, 1999 in Docket No. 96-98 ("In the Matter of the Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996"), including but not limited to the requirement that significant local exchange traffic, in addition to exchange access service, be provided to a particular customer over the facilities in compliance with the Supplemental Order, and with **SBC-13STATE**'s processes implementing the Supplemental Order.

## 8. SUB-LOOP ELEMENTS

- 8.1 **SBC-12STATE** will provide sub-loop elements as unbundled network elements as set forth in this Appendix. Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, **SBC SNET** does not offer Subloop elements under this Agreement. Rather, Subloop elements are available as described in Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff.
- 8.1.1 A sub-loop unbundled network element is defined as any portion of the loop from **SBC-12STATE's** central office Main Distribution Frame (MDF) to the point at the customer premise that can be accessed at a terminal in **SBC-12STATE's** outside plant. An accessible terminal is a point on the loop where technicians can access the wire or fiber within the cable without removing a splice closure to reach the wire within.
- 8.2 Definitions pertaining to the Sub-Loop:
- 8.2.1 "Dead Count" refers to those binding posts which have cable spliced to them but which cable is not currently terminated to any terminal to provide service.
- 8.2.2 "Demarcation Point" is defined as the point on the loop where the ILEC's control of the wire ceases and the subscriber's control (or on the case of some multiunit premises, the landlord's control) of the wire begins.
- 8.2.3 "Digital Subloop" May be deployed on non-loaded copper cable pairs, channels of a digital loop carrier system, channels of a fiber optic transport system or other technologies suitable for the purpose of providing 160 Kbps and 1.544 Mbps subloop transport.
- 8.2.4 "Distribution Cable" is defined as the cable from the SAI/FDI to the terminals from which an end user can be connected to the ILEC's network. "Feeder cable" is defined as that cable from the MDF to a point where it is cross connected in a SAI/FDI for neighborhood distribution.
- 8.2.5 "MDF-to-SAI/FDI" is that portion of the loop from the MDF to the SAI/FDI.
- 8.2.6 "MDF-to-Term" is that portion of the loop from the MDF to an accessible terminal.
- 8.2.7 "Network Terminating Wire (NTW)" is the service wire that connects the ILEC's distribution cable to the NID at the demarcation point.
- 8.2.8 "SAI/FDI-to-Term" is that portion of the loop from the SAI/FDI to an accessible terminal.
- 8.2.9 "SAI/FDI-to-NID" is that portion of the loop from the SAI/FDI to the Network Interface Device (NID), which is located an end user's premise.
- 8.2.10 "SPOI" is defined as a Single Point of Interconnection. When there is a single Demarcation Point in a Multi-Tenant Environment, the SPOI is the Demarcation Point and the SPOI will allow ILECs and CLECs to interconnect to wiring owned or controlled by the property owner of their agent. When there is multiple Demarcation Points in a Multi-Tenant Environment, the SPOI will allow ILECs and CLECs to interconnect to wiring that is part of the regulated network and is owned and controlled by the ILEC.
- 8.2.11 "SAI/FDI" is defined as the point in the ILEC's network where feeder cable is cross connected to the distribution cable. "SAI" is Serving Area Interface. "FDI" is Feeder Distribution Interface. The terms are interchangeable.
- 8.2.12 "Term-to-NID" is that portion of the loop from an accessible terminal to the NID, which is located at an end user's premise. Term-to-NID includes use of the Network Terminating Wire (NTW).
- 8.3 **SBC-12STATE** will offer the following subloop types:
- 8.3.1 2-Wire Analog Subloop provides a 2-wire (one twisted pair cable or equivalent) capable of transporting analog signals in the frequency range of approximately 300 to 3000 hertz (voiceband).



- 8.3.2 4-Wire Analog Subloop provides a 4-wire (two twisted pair cables or equivalent, with separate transmit and receive paths) capable of transporting analog signals in the frequency range of approximately 300 to 3000 hertz (voiceband).
- 8.3.3 4-Wire DS1 Subloop provides a transmission path capable of supporting a 1.544 Mbps service that utilizes AMI or B8ZS line code modulation.
- 8.3.4 DS3 Subloop provides DS3 service from the central office MDF to an Interconnection Panel at the RT. The loop facility used to transport the DS3 signal will be a fiber optical facility.
- 8.3.5 2-Wire / 4-Wire Analog DSL Capable Subloop that supports an analog signal based DSL technology (such as ADSL). It will have twisted copper cable that may be loaded, have more than 2,500 feet of bridged tap, and may contain repeaters.
- 8.3.6 2-Wire / 4-Wire Digital DSL Capable Subloop that supports a digital signal based DSL technology (such as HDSL or IDSL). It will have twisted copper cable that may be loaded, have more than 2,500 feet of bridged tap, and may contain repeaters.
- 8.3.7 ISDN Subloop is a 2-Wire digital offering which provides a transmission path capable of supporting a 160 Kbps, Basic Rate ISDN (BRI) service that utilizes 2B1Q line code modulation with end user capacity up to 144 Kbps.
- 8.4 Left Blank Intentionally.
- 8.5 Subloops are provided “as is” unless CLEC requests loop conditioning on xDSL Subloops for the purpose of offering advanced services. xDSL subloop conditioning will be provided at the rates, terms, and conditions set out in the state specific Appendix Pricing.
- 8.6 A subloop unbundled network element is an existing spare portion of the loop that can be accessed via cross-connects at accessible terminals. An accessible terminal is a point on the loop where technicians can access the copper or fiber within the cable without removing a splice case to reach the copper or fiber within.
- 8.7 Twisted-pair Copper Subloops:
- 8.7.1 Access to terminals for twisted-pair copper subloops is defined to include:
- any technically feasible point near the customer premises accessible by a cross-connect (such as the pole or pedestal, the NID, or the minimum point of entry (MPOE) to the customer premises),
  - the Feeder Distribution Interface (FDI) or Serving Area Interface (SAI), where the “feeder” leading back to the central office and the “distribution” plant branching out to the subscribers meet,
  - the Main Distributing Frame (MDF),
  - the Terminal (underground or aerial).
- 8.8 CLEC may request access to the following twisted-pair copper subloop segments:
- | <u>FROM:</u>                         | <u>TO:</u>                |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Main Distributing Frame           | Serving Area Interface or |
| Feeder Distribution Interface        |                           |
| 2. Main Distributing Frame           | Terminal                  |
| 3. Serving Area Interface or         |                           |
| Feeder Distribution Interface        | Terminal                  |
| 4. Serving Area Interface or         |                           |
| Feeder Distribution Interface        | Network Interface Device  |
| 5. Terminal                          | Network Interface Device  |
| 6. NID                               | Stand Alone               |
| 7. *SPOI (Single Point of Interface) | Stand Alone               |

- \* Provided using the BFR Process. In addition, if a CLEC requests an Interconnection Point which has not been identified, the CLEC will need to submit a BFR.

8.9 High Capacity Subloops:

8.9.1 Access to terminals for high capacity subloops is defined to include:

any technically feasible point near the customer premises accessible by a cross-connect (such as the pole or pedestal or the minimum point of entry (MPOE) to the customer premises), the Remote Terminal (RT), only when cross-connect access is available at that RT the Terminal (underground or aerial).

8.9.2 CLEC may request access to the high-capacity subloop segment between the Central Office Point of Termination (POT) and the Remote Terminal Point of Termination (POT).

8.10 Unbundled DS1 and DS3 subloops may not be utilized in combination with transport facilities to replace special access services or facilities, except consistently with the certification and other requirements of the Supplemental Order released and adopted by the FCC on November 24, 1999 in Docket No. 96-98 ("In the Matter of the Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996"), including but not limited to the requirement that significant local exchange traffic in addition to exchange access service, be provided to a particular customer over the facilities in compliance with the Supplemental Order, and with processes implementing the Supplemental Order.

8.11 Provisioning:

8.11.1 Connecting Facility Arrangement (CFA) assignments must be in-place prior to ordering and assigning specific subloop circuit(s).

8.11.2 Spare subloop(s) will be assigned to CLEC only when an LSR/ASR is processed. LSR/ASRs will be processed on a "first come first serve" basis.

8.12 Maintenance:

8.12.1 The Parties acknowledge that by separating switching, feeder plant and distribution plant, the ability to perform mechanized testing and monitoring of the subloop from the **SBC-12STATE** switch/testing equipment will be lost.

8.12.2 CLEC shall isolate trouble to the **SBC-12STATE** Subloop portion of the CLEC's service before reporting trouble to **SBC-12STATE**.

8.12.3 **SBC-12STATE** shall charge the CLEC a Maintenance of Service Charge (MSC) when CLEC dispatches **SBC-12STATE** on a trouble report and the fault is determined to be in the CLEC's portion of the loop. Such charges may be found in the individual state pricing appendices or tariffs.

8.12.4 Once all subloop access arrangements have been completed and balance of payment due **SBC-12STATE** is received, the CLEC may place a LSR for subloops at this location. Prices at which **SBC-12STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with Unbundled Network Elements (UNE) are contained in the state specific Appendix Pricing.

8.12.5 In the event of Catastrophic Damage to the RT, SAI/FDI, Terminal, or NID where CLEC has a SAA, **SBC-13STATE** repair forces will restore service in a non-discriminatory manner which will allow the greatest number of all customers to be restored in the least amount of time. Should the CLEC cabling require replacement, **SBC-13STATE** will provide prompt notification to CLEC for CLEC to provide the replacement cable to be terminated as necessary.

8.13 Subloop Access Arrangements:

8.13.1 Prior to ordering subloop facilities, CLEC will establish Collocation using the Collocation process as set forth in the Collocation Appendix, or will establish a Subloop Access Arrangement utilizing the Special Construction Arrangement (SCA), either of which are necessary to interconnect to the **SBC-12STATE** subloop network.

- 8.13.2 The space available for collocating or obtaining various Subloop Access Arrangements will vary depending on the existing plant at a particular location. The CLEC will initiate an SCA by submitting a Sub-loop Access Arrangement Application.
- 8.13.3 Upon receipt of a complete and correct application, **SBC-12STATE** will provide to CLEC within 30 days a written estimate for the actual construction, labor, materials, and related provisioning costs incurred to fulfill the SCA on a Time and Materials basis. When CLEC submits a request to provide a written estimate for sub-loop(s) access, appropriate rates for the engineering and other associated costs performed will be charged.
- 8.13.4 The assignment of subloop facilities will incorporate reasonable practices used to administer outside plant loop facilities. For example, where SAI/FDI interfaces are currently administered in 25 pair cable complements, this will continue to be the practice in assigning and administering subloop facilities.
- 8.13.5 Subloop inquiries do not serve to reserve subloop(s).
- 8.13.6 Several options exist for Collocation or Subloop Access Arrangements at technically feasible points. Sound engineering judgment will be utilized to ensure network security and integrity. Each situation will be analyzed on a case-by-case basis.
- 8.13.7 CLEC will be responsible for obtaining rights of way from owners of property where **SBC-12STATE** has placed the equipment necessary for the SAA prior to submitting the request for SCA.
- 8.13.8 Prior to submitting the Sub-loop Access Arrangement Application for SCA, the CLEC should have the "Collocation" and "Poles, Conduit, and Row" appendices in the Agreement to provide the guidelines for both CLEC and ILEC to successfully implement subloops, should collocation, access to poles/conduits or rights of way be required.
- 8.13.9 Except as set forth below in this Section 8.13.9, construction of the Subloop Access Arrangement shall be completed within 90 days of CLEC submitting to **SBC-12STATE** written approval and payment of not less than 50% of the total estimated construction costs and related provisioning costs after an estimate has been accepted by the carrier and before construction begins, with the balance payable upon completion. **SBC-12STATE** will not begin any construction under the SCA until the CLEC has provided proof that it has obtained necessary rights of way as defined in Section 8.13.7. In the event CLEC disputes the estimate for an SAA in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures set forth in the General Terms and Conditions, Section 10, of this Agreement, **SBC-12STATE** will proceed with construction of the SAA upon receipt from CLEC of notice of the dispute and not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total estimated costs, with the balance payable by CLEC upon completion of the SAA. Such payments may be subject to any "true-up", if applicable, upon resolution of the dispute in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures.
- 8.13.10 Upon completion of the construction activity, the CLEC will be allowed to test the installation with a **SBC-12STATE** technician. If the CLEC desires test access to the SAA, the CLEC should place its own test point in its cable prior to cable entry into **SBC-12STATE**'s interconnection point.
- 8.13.11 A non-binding CLEC forecast shall be required as a part of the request for SAA, identifying the subloops required for line-shared and non line-shared arrangements to each subtending SAI. This will allow **SBC-12STATE** to properly engineer access to each SAI and to ensure **SBC-12STATE** does not provide more available terminations than the CLEC expects to use.
- 8.13.12 In order to maximize the availability of terminations for all CLECs, the CLEC shall provide CFA for their subloop pairs utilizing the same 25-pair binder group. The CLEC would begin utilizing the second 25-pair binder group once the first 25-pair binder group reached its capacity.
- 8.13.13 Unused CLEC terminations (in normal splicing increments such as 25-pair at a SAI/FDI) which remain unused for a period of one year after the completion of construction shall be subject to removal at CLEC expense.

- 8.13.14 In the event a CLEC elects to discontinue use of an existing SAA, or abandons such arrangement, CLEC shall pay **SBC-12STATE** for removal of their facilities from the SAA.
- 8.14 Subloop Access Arrangement (SAA) Access Points:
- 8.14.1 SAI/FDI or Terminal
- 8.14.1.1 CLEC cable to be terminated in a **SBC-12STATE** SAI/FDI, or Terminal, shall consist of 22 or 24-gauge copper twisted pair cable bonded and grounded to the power company Multi Grounded Neutral (MGN). Cable may be filled if buried or buried to aerial riser cable. CLEC's Aerial cables should be aircore.
- 8.14.1.2 The CLEC may elect to place their cable to within 3 feet of the SAA site and coil up an amount of cable, defined by the engineer in the design phase, that **SBC-12STATE** will terminate on available binding posts in the SAI/FDI or Terminal.
- 8.14.1.3 The CLEC may "stub" up a cable at a prearranged meet point, defined during the engineering site visit, and **SBC-12STATE** will stub out a cable from the SAI/FDI or Terminal, which **SBC-12STATE** will splice to the CLEC cable at the meet point.
- 8.14.1.4 Dead counts will be offered as long as they have not been placed for expansion **purposes** planned within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the inquiry LSR.
- 8.14.1.5 Exhausted termination points in a SAI/FDI - When a SAI/FDI's termination points are all terminated to assignable cable pairs, **SBC-12STATE** may choose to increase capacity of the SAI/FDI by the method of it's **choice**, for which the CLEC will be charged a portion of the expense to be determined with the engineer, for the purpose of allowing the CLEC to terminate it's cable at the SAI/FDI.
- 8.14.1.6 Exhausted Termination Points in a Terminal- When a terminal's termination points are all terminated to assignable cable pairs, **SBC-13STATE** may choose to increase the capacity of the Terminal or to construct an adjacent termination facility to accommodate the CLEC facilities for which the CLEC will be charged.
- 8.15 Relocation of Existing ILEC/CLEC Facilities involved in a SAA at a RT, SAI/FDI, Terminal or NID:
- 8.15.1 **SBC-12STATE** shall notify CLEC of pending relocation as soon as **SBC-12STATE** receives such notice.
- 8.15.2 CLEC shall notify **SBC-12STATE** of it's intentions to remain, or not, in the SAA by way of a new Subloop Access Arrangement Application for a new SCA.
- 8.15.3 **SBC-12STATE** shall then provide the CLEC an estimate to terminate their facilities as part of the relocation of the site including the applicable SAA. This process may require a site visit with the CLEC and **SBC-12STATE** engineer.
- 8.15.4 CLEC shall notify **SBC-12STATE** of acceptance or rejection of the new SCA within 10 business days of it's receipt of **SBC-12STATE**'s estimate.
- 8.15.5 Upon acceptance of the **SBC-12STATE** estimate, CLEC shall pay at least 50% of the relocation costs at the same time as they notify **SBC-12STATE** of their acceptance of estimate costs.
- 8.15.6 Should CLEC decide not to continue the SAA, CLEC will notify **SBC-12STATE** as to the date that **SBC-12STATE** may remove CLEC's facilities from that SAA. CLEC will pay **SBC-12STATE** for all costs associated with the removal of the CLEC's SAA.
- 8.15.7 In the event that CLEC does not respond to **SBC-12STATE** in time to have their facilities relocated, **SBC-12STATE** shall move CLEC facilities and submit a bill for payment to the CLEC for the costs associated with the relocation. Should CLEC elect not pay this bill, then CLEC facilities will be removed from the site upon 30 days notice to the CLEC.

8.16 RT (for DS3 Subloop):

- 8.16.1 The CLEC may elect to place their cable (fiber or coax) to within 3 feet of the RT and coil up an amount of cable, defined by the engineer in the design phase, that **SBC-12STATE** will terminate on a fiber/coax interconnection block to be constructed in the RT.
- 8.16.2 The CLEC may “stub” up a cable (fiber or coax) at a prearranged meet point, defined during the engineering site visit, and **SBC-12STATE** will stub out a cable from the RT, which **SBC-12STATE** will splice to the CLEC cable at the meet point.

**9. ENGINEERING CONTROLLED SPLICE (ECS)**

- 9.1 Although under no obligation to do so at non-Pronto sites, as a voluntary offering, **SBC-13STATE** will also make available an Engineering Controlled Splice (ECS), which will be owned by **SBC-13STATE**, for CLECs to gain access to subloops at or near remote terminals. This voluntary service is in addition to FCC UNE Remand requirements.
- 9.2 The ECS shall be made available for Subloop Access Arrangements (SAA) utilizing the Special Construction Arrangement (SCA).
  - 9.2.1 CLEC requesting such a SCA shall pay all of the actual construction, labor, materials and related provisioning costs incurred to fulfill its SCA on a Time and Materials basis, provided that **SBC-13STATE** will construct any Subloop Access Arrangement requested by a telecommunications carrier in a cost-effective and efficient manner. If **SBC-13STATE** elects to incur additional costs for its own operating efficiencies and that are not necessary to satisfy an SCA in a cost-effective and efficient manner, the requesting telecommunications carrier will not be liable for such extra costs.
  - 9.2.2 CLEC shall be liable only for costs associated with cable pairs that it orders to be presented at an engineering controlled splice (regardless of whether the requesting carrier actually utilizes all such pairs), even if **SBC-13STATE** places more pairs at the splice.
  - 9.2.3 **SBC-13STATE** will either use existing copper or construct new copper facilities between the SAI(s) and the ECS, located in or at the remote terminal site. Although **SBC-13STATE** will construct the engineering controlled splice, the ECS maybe owned by **SBC-13STATE** or the CLEC (depending on the specific arrangement) at the option of **SBC-13STATE**.
  - 9.2.4 If more than one requesting telecommunications carrier obtains space in expanded remote terminals or adjacent structures and obtains an SAA with the new copper interface point at the ECS, the initial telecommunications carrier which incurred the costs of construction of the engineering controlled splice and/or additional copper/fiber shall be reimbursed those costs in equal proportion to the space or lines used by the requesting carriers.
  - 9.2.5 **SBC-13STATE** may require a separate SCA for each remote terminal site.
  - 9.2.6 Except as set forth below in this Section 9.2.6, written acceptance and at least 50% of payment for the SCA must be submitted at least 90 days before access to the copper subloop is to be provisioned by **SBC-13STATE**. If an augment of cabling is required between the ECS and the SAI, the interval for completion of the SCA will be determined on an individual case basis. **SBC-12STATE** will not begin any construction of the ECS until the CLEC has provided proof that it has obtained the necessary rights of way as defined in Section 9.3. In the event CLEC disputes the estimate for the ECS in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures set forth in the General Terms and Conditions, Section 10, of this Agreement, **SBC-13STATE** will proceed with construction of the ECS upon receipt from CLEC of notice of the dispute and not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total estimated costs, with the balance payable by CLEC upon completion of the ECS. Such payments may be subject to any “true-up”, if applicable, upon resolution of the dispute in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures.
- 9.3 CLECs will have two (2) options for implementing the ECS: a “Dedicated Facility Option” (DFO) and a “Cross-connected Facility Option” (CFO).

#### 9.3.1 Dedicated Facility Option (DFO)

- 9.3.1.1 CLEC may request **SBC-13STATE** splice the existing cabling between the ECS and the SAI to the CLEC's SAA facility. This facility will be "dedicated" to the CLEC for subsequent subloop orders.
- 9.3.1.2 CLEC must designate the quantity of subloops they desire to access via this spliced, dedicated facility, specified by subtending SAI. This designation must differentiate cabling desired for access to the HFPL subloop from the cabling desired for access to non-line shared subloops.
- 9.3.1.3 CLECs will compensate **SBC-13STATE** for each of the dedicated subloop facilities, based on recurring subloop charges, for the quantity of subloops dedicated to the CLEC between the ECS and the SAI.

#### 9.3.2 Cross-connected Facility Option (CFO)

- 9.3.2.1 CLEC may request **SBC-13STATE** build an ECS cross-connect junction on which to terminate CLEC's SAA facility.
- 9.3.2.2 The SCA associated with this option will include the charges associated with constructing the cross-connect device, including the termination of **SBC-13STATE** cabling between the ECS and the RT and/or SAI, and the inventorying of that **SBC-13STATE** cabling.
- 9.3.2.3 CLEC must designate the quantity of subloops they desire to access via this cross-connectable, dedicated facility, specified by subtending SAI. This designation must differentiate cabling desired for access to the HFPL subloop from the cabling desired for access to non-line shared subloops.
- 9.3.2.4 CLECs will compensate **SBC-13STATE** for the charges incurred by **SBC-13STATE** derived from the CLEC's request for the SCA.

### 10. PACKET SWITCHING

- 10.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC unbundled packet switching if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- 10.1.1 **SBC-13STATE** has deployed digital loop carrier systems, including but not limited to, integrated digital loop carrier or universal digital loop carrier systems; or has deployed any other system in which fiber optic facilities replace copper facilities in the distribution section (e.g., end office to remote terminal, pedestal or environmentally controlled vault);
- 10.1.2 There are no spare copper loops capable of supporting the xDSL services the requesting carrier seeks to offer;
- 10.1.3 **SBC-13STATE** has not permitted a requesting carrier to deploy DSLAM at the remote terminal, pedestal or environmentally controlled vault or **other** interconnection point, nor has the requesting carrier obtained a virtual collocation arrangement at these sub-loop interconnection points as defined by 47 CFR §51.319(b); and
- 10.1.4 **SBC-13STATE** has deployed packet switching capability for its own use.

### 11. LOCAL SWITCHING

- 11.1 The Unbundled Local Switching (ULS) capability, to be provided on an unbundled basis pursuant to this Agreement, is defined as set forth in FCC Rule 51.319. Pursuant to that Rule, ULS includes:
  - 11.1.1 line-side facilities, which include the connection between a Loop termination at the Main Distribution Frame and a switch line card;
  - 11.1.2 trunk-side facilities, which include the connection between trunk termination at a trunk-side cross-connect panel and a switch trunk card; and

- 11.1.3 all features, functions, and capabilities of the switch available from the specific port type (line side or trunk side port), which include:
  - 11.1.3.1 the basic switching function of connecting lines to lines, lines to trunks, trunks to lines, and trunks to trunks, as well as the same basic capabilities made available to ILEC customers, such as a telephone number, white page listing, and dial tone;
  - 11.1.3.2 access to OS/DA and 9-1-1; and
  - 11.1.3.3 all other features that the switch provides, including custom calling, CLASS features and Centrex.

11.2 Specific Terms and Conditions for Unbundled Local Switching (ULS)

- 11.2.1 Unbundled Local Switching uses routing instructions resident in the **SBC-12STATE** switch to direct all CLEC traffic.
- 11.2.2 Vertical features, CLASS features, and other features resident in the **SBC-12STATE** switch providing the ULS port are available under ULS. Refer to state specific Appendix Pricing for **SBC-12STATE** and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for **SBC SNET**.
- 11.2.3 **SBC-12STATE** will allow CLEC to designate the features and functions that are available on a particular ULS port to the extent such features and functions are activated in that switch or as may be requested by the Bona Fide Request process. When CLEC purchases ULS in **SBC-12STATE**, CLEC will be required to designate the features and functions that are to be activated on each ULS port.
- 11.2.4 ULS as provided by **SBC-12STATE** includes standard Central Office treatments (e.g., busy tones, vacant codes, fast busy, etc.), supervision and announcements.
- 11.2.5 **SBC-12STATE** will control congestion points such as those caused by radio station call-ins and network routing abnormalities using appropriate network capabilities. CLEC agrees to respond to **SBC-12STATE's** notifications regarding network congestion.
- 11.2.6 **SBC-12STATE** will perform testing through ULS for CLECs in the same manner and frequency that it performs for its own customers for an equivalent service.
- 11.2.7 **SBC-12STATE** will repair and restore any **SBC-12STATE** equipment that may adversely impact ULS.
- 11.2.8 **SBC-12STATE** will provide usage detail for each ULS port via on a daily basis. Refer to state specific Appendix pricing.
- 11.2.9 **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC the functionality of blocking calls (e.g., 900 calls, international calls (IDDD), and toll calls) by line or trunk to the extent that **SBC-12STATE** provides such blocking capabilities to its End Users and to the extent required by federal and/or State law.
- 11.2.10 At **SBC-13STATE's** discretion and upon not less than ninety (90) days' written notice to CLEC, **SBC-13STATE** may elect to discontinue providing ULS or to provide ULS at market prices to CLECs serving end-users with four or more voice grade lines within any territory (each an "exception Territory") with respect to which **SBC-13STATE** can demonstrate that, as of the date on which CLEC receives notice (the "Exception Notice Date"), **SBC-13STATE** has satisfied each of the following conditions.
  - a) A territory shall constitute an "Exception Territory" if it constitutes the service area of **SBC-13STATE** offices that both are assigned to density zone 1 and are located within one of the Top 50 Metropolitan Statistical Areas ("MSAs"). The Parties shall determine density zone assignments by reference to the NECA Tariff No. 4, in effect on January 1, 1999. The Top 50 MSAs are those listed in Appendix B of the FCC Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket 96-98 ("UNE Remand Order"); and

b) In the Exception Territory where **SBC-13STATE** elects to offer the Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) in accordance with the UNE Remand Order, the EEL would be available to the CLEC in the Exception Territory at prices which are set in accordance with the pricing standards of Section 252 of the Act. Such prices would be specified in Appendix Pricing. **SBC-13STATE** may only exercise its rights to discontinue or market-price ULS under this Section for CLEC End Users involving four or more lines.

11.2.10.1 In determining whether **SBC-13STATE** may exercise its rights under this Section in any particular case, the CLEC shall be obligated to disclose customer account detail similar to customer service records that **SBC-13STATE** provides to the CLEC through pre-ordering process.

11.2.10.2 Nothing in this Section shall preclude CLEC from using its own facilities, resold services, or any other facilities, services or serving arrangements to provide additional services to an End User customer account with respect to which **SBC-13STATE** may exercise its rights under this Section.

### 11.3 Customized Routing

11.3.1 Subject to switch limitations, Custom Routing is available upon CLEC request to handle Operator Services, Directory Assistance, and/or other traffic as required by state jurisdiction. CLEC will pay the customized routing charges reflected in Appendix Pricing.

### 11.4 Unbundled Local Switching Usage Sensitive Rate Element

11.4.1 Usage rates will apply to ULS on a per minute basis. See the Appendix Pricing for the state specific ULS rates (**SBC-12STATE**) and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for **SBC SNET**.

### 11.5 Switch Ports

11.5.1 In **SBC-12STATE**, a Switch Port is a termination point in the end office switch. The charges for Switch Ports are reflected in state specific Appendix Pricing.

#### 11.5.1.1 Line Switch Ports – SBC-12STATE

11.5.1.1.1 The Basic Analog Line Port is a line side switch connection available in either a loop or ground start signaling configuration used primarily for switched voice communications.

11.5.1.1.2 The Analog Line Port can be provisioned with Centrex-like features and capabilities. When a CLEC wants to provide the Centrex-like port, a system establishment charge is applicable to translate the common block and system features in the switch.

11.5.1.1.3 The Analog Line Port can be provisioned with two-way, one-way-out, and one-way-in, directionality for PBX business applications.

11.5.1.1.4 ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Port is a 2-wire line side switch connection which provides two 64 kbps “B” (bearer) channels for circuit switched voice and/or data and on 16 kbps “D” (delta) channel for signaling.

#### 11.5.1.2 Trunk Side Switch Ports – SBC-12STATE

11.5.1.2.1 The Analog DID Trunk Port is a 2-wire trunk side switch port that supports Direct Inward Dialing (DID) capability for PBX business applications.

11.5.1.2.2 ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Trunk Side Port is a trunk side switch connection that provides twenty-three 64 kbps “B” channels for digital voice and data and one 64 kbps “D” channel.

11.5.1.2.3 DS1 Trunk Port is a trunk side DS1 interface intended for digital PBX business applications. Also this ULS Trunk Port is used to terminate



dedicated facilities associated with completing ULS Custom Routing calls in  
**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**.

11.5.2 Switch Ports are available for **SBC SNET** pursuant to the Connecticut Access Service Tariff.

## 11.6 **Tandem Switching**

11.6.1 Tandem Switching is defined as:

- 11.6.1.1 trunk-connect facilities, including but not limited to the connection between trunk termination at a cross-connect panel and a switch trunk card,
- 11.6.1.2 the basic switching function of connecting trunks to trunks; and
- 11.6.1.3 all technically feasible functions that are centralized in Tandem Office Switches (as distinguished from separate end-office switches), including but not limited to call recording, the routing of calls to operator services, and signaling conversion features.

11.6.2 The charges for Tandem Switching are reflected in Appendix Pricing (**SBC-12STATE**) and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for **SBC SNET**.

## 12. **SHARED TRANSPORT**

12.1 The Unbundled Shared Transport capability is defined as set forth in FCC Rule 51.319.

12.1.1 **SBC-12STATE** provides access to unbundled shared transport only when purchased in conjunction with a ULS port that CLEC subscribes to for the purpose of delivering traffic from/to a CLEC End User as set forth below.

12.1.1.1 Unbundled Local Switching is provided under Section 11 of this Appendix UNE.

12.1.1.2 "ULS-ST" refers to Unbundled Local Switching with Unbundled Shared Transport in **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**. ULS-ST is provided on a per ULS port basis.

12.1.1.3 Unbundled Network Element – Local Switching with Shared Transport is available for **SBC SNET** pursuant to the Connecticut Access Service Tariff.

12.1.2 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** provides to CLECs subscribing to ULS the function of shared transport (as defined in the Third Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 12 FCC Rcd 12460 (1997)), as described in Paragraph 56 of Attachment 1 in the August 27, 1999 *ex parte* to the FCC in *In the Matter of the SBC/Ameritech Merger*, CC Docket No. 98-141 ("FCC Conditions").

12.1.3 ULS-ST permits the CLEC to access the interoffice network of **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** for the origination from and completion to the associated ULS port of End User local traffic to and from **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** switches or third-party switches. ULS-ST also permits access to that network, using Common Transport and Tandem Switching, for the origination from and completion to the associated ULS port of End User toll traffic where a PIC'd/LPIC'd Interexchange Carrier for that ULS port is not directly connected to the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** switch providing that ULS port. **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will not require use of dedicated transport or customized routing to complete calls when using ULS-ST.

12.1.4 All CLEC's local traffic between **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** switches will use Shared Transport and all local CLEC's traffic to non-**SBC-12STATE** switches will use the transit function of Shared Transport (with this transit function being referred to as "Shared Transport-Transit"). All interexchange traffic will be routed to the interLATA (PIC) or intraLATA toll (LPIC) Interexchange Carrier, as appropriate, selected for that ULS port.

12.1.5 The Unbundled Shared Transport rate is a blend of Shared Transport and Shared Transport-Transit. **SBC-12STATE** reserves the right to seek separate rates for Shared Transport and Shared Transport-Transit in future negotiations to amend or replace this Agreement.

- 12.1.6 **SBC-12STATE**'s ability to provide ULS-ST is limited to existing switch and transmission facilities capacities of the **SBC-12STATE** network.
- 12.1.7 In providing ULS-ST, **SBC-12STATE** will use the existing **SBC-12STATE** routing tables contained in **SBC-12STATE** switches, as **SBC-12STATE** may change those tables from time to time including after CLEC purchases ULS-ST.
- 12.1.8 **SBC-12STATE** will provide SS7 signaling on interswitch calls originating from an ULS port. CLEC will be charged for the use of the **SBC-12STATE** signaling on a per-call basis.
- 12.2 Custom Routing of OS/DA with ULS-ST
  - 12.2.1 CLEC can only mix ULS-ST and custom routing within a **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** end office switch where CLEC chooses to custom route all of its OS and/or all of its DA (OS/DA) traffic for its End Users served by **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s ULS-ST ports in that **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** end office switch. If this custom routing for OS/DA is chosen in a given **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** end office switch, then all End Users served via ULS-ST ports in that switch will have their OS/DA traffic routed over the same custom route designated by CLEC.
  - 12.2.2 CLEC must provide **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** routing instructions necessary to establish such custom routing of OS/DA traffic in those end offices where CLEC has End Users served via ULS-ST ports. CLEC will be charged by **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** for the establishment of each custom route for OS or DA traffic in an end office switch.
  - 12.2.3 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will direct all custom routed local OS and/or local DA calls using the Advanced Intelligence Network programming developed to be compatible with ULS-ST to a specific trunk group associated with an ULS Trunk Port or over an existing dedicated trunk group designated by CLEC.
  - 12.2.4 CLEC will request custom OS/DA routing for use with ULS-ST other than described in this Section via the Bona Fide Request process.
- 12.3 ULS-ST Usage-Sensitive Rating
  - 12.3.1 **SBC-12STATE** will charge CLEC ULS usage rates for intraswitch and interswitch traffic originating from an ULS port and for interswitch traffic terminating to an ULS port.
  - 12.3.2 **SBC-12STATE** will charge CLEC using **SBC-12STATE**'s Shared Transport a usage-sensitive Blended Transport rate in addition to the originating ULS usage-sensitive rate for local interswitch calls. The Blended Transport rate is based upon a blend of direct and tandem-routed local traffic to/from either an **SBC-12STATE** end office or to/from a non-**SBC-12STATE** end office.
  - 12.3.3 The charges for Shared Transport are reflected in Appendix Pricing (**SBC-12STATE**) and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for **SBC SNET**.
- 12.4 Reciprocal Compensation associated with ULS-ST
  - 12.4.1 For the traffic to which reciprocal compensation applies and subject to the other provisions in this Agreement regarding reciprocal compensation:
  - 12.4.2 As to ULS-ST only, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will charge CLEC using **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s ULS-ST a Reciprocal Compensation rate specific to ULS-ST for interswitch local traffic originated from a ULS-ST port and terminated to a **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** end office.
  - 12.4.3 As to ULS-ST only, CLEC will reciprocally charge **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** for interswitch local traffic originated from a **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** end office and terminated to an ULS-ST port at the same rate as ULS usage rate associated with ULS-ST a Reciprocal Compensation rate.

12.4.4 CLEC will be solely responsible for establishing compensation arrangements with all telecommunications carriers to which ULS-ST traffic is delivered or from which ULS-ST traffic is received, including all ULS-ST traffic carried by Shared Transport-Transit.

12.5 IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll Rate Application

12.5.1 When ULS-ST is used to make or receive interLATA (including PIC) or intraLATA (including LPIC) toll traffic and that traffic is routed through **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** tandem switch(es) and transmission facilities, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will charge usage-sensitive Common Transport and Tandem Switching Rates in addition to other applicable ULS-ST charges. However, when that traffic is routed to and/or from an Interexchange Carrier directly connected at the **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** end office providing that ULS port, the Common Transport and Tandem Switching rates will not apply to such traffic.

12.5.2 The ULS-ST usage-sensitive charges (per minute of use) described in this Section are set forth in the Appendix Pricing.

12.6 Application of Usage Sensitive Charges for ULS-ST

12.6.1 ULS may include two usage sensitive components: originating ULS usage (ULS-O) and terminating ULS usage (ULS-T).

12.6.2 Intra Switch Calls - (calls originating and terminating in the same switch i.e., the same 11 digit Common Language Location Identifier (CLLI) end office):

12.6.2.1 CLEC will be charged ULS-O usage charges of use for a call originating from an CLEC ULS line port or trunk port that terminates to a **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** end user line, Resale line, or any unbundled line port or trunk port which is connected to the same end office switch.

12.6.2.2 CLEC will be charged ULS-O usage charges for a Centrex-like ULS intercom call in which CLEC's End User dials from one Centrex-like station to another Centrex-like station in the same common block defined system.

12.6.2.3 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will not bill ULS-T usage charges for Intraswitch calls that terminate to a CLEC ULS port.

12.6.3 Interswitch Calls - calls not originating and terminating in the same switch, i.e., not the same 11-digit Common Language Location Identifier (CLLI) end office:

12.6.3.1 Local Calls

12.6.3.1.1 General Principles

12.6.3.1.1.1 When a call originates from a CLEC ULS-ST port, CLEC will be charged ULS-O usage and SS7 signaling charges. If the call routes over **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s shared transport network, CLEC will pay charges for Blended Transport usage in addition to ULS-O usage charges.

12.6.3.1.1.2 The Parties agree that, for local calls originated over ULS-ST, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will not be required to record and will not bill actual tandem switching usage. Rather, CLEC will be charged the rate shown on Appendix Pricing UNE - Schedule of unbundled shared transport Prices labeled "ULS-ST Blended Transport," for each minute of use, whether or not the call actually traverses the tandem switch.

12.6.3.1.1.3 When a call terminates to a CLEC ULS-ST port, CLEC will pay ULS-T usage charges.

12.6.3.1.1.4 Illustrative Call Flows demonstrating the rate applications for ULS-ST are set forth in *Exhibit A*.

#### 12.6.3.2 IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll Calls

##### 12.6.3.2.1 General Principles

12.6.3.2.1.1 “1+” intraLATA calls from CLEC ULS-ST ports will be routed to the originating End User’s IntraLATA Primary Interexchange Carrier (LPIC) choice. When a “1+” interLATA call is initiated from an ULS-ST port, it will be routed to the End User’s interLATA (PIC) choice.

12.6.3.2.1.2 When an intraLATA or interLATA toll call originates from a CLEC ULS-ST port, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will not charge originating access charges to CLEC or the IXC except that **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** may bill the IXC for the access transport (FGD), in accordance with its access tariff, in cases where the IXC has chosen **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** as its transport provider.

12.6.3.2.1.3 When an intraLATA or interLATA toll call terminates to a CLEC ULS-ST port, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will not charge terminating access to CLEC or the IXC except that **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** may bill the IXC for the access transport (FGD), in accordance with its access tariff, in cases where the IXC has chosen **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** as its transport provider.

12.6.3.2.1.4 Illustrative Call Flows demonstrating the rate applications for ULS-ST are set forth in *Exhibit A*.

#### 12.6.3.3 Toll Free Calls

12.6.3.3.1 When CLEC uses an ULS-ST port to initiate an intraLATA 800-type call, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will perform the appropriate database query and will route the call to terminating **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** “Success 800” subscriber. CLEC will be charged the 800 database query, ULS-O usage, and SS7 signaling charges.

12.6.3.3.2 When CLEC uses an ULS-ST port to initiate an 800-type call where the terminating port is not an **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** “Success 800” subscriber, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will perform the appropriate database query and route the call to the indicated IXC. CLEC will pay the 800 database query, ULS-O usage, and SS7 signaling charges. If 800-type call is routed using **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** tandem, then **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will also charge ULS-ST Common Transport and ULS-ST Tandem Switching usage charges. **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will not charge originating access charges to CLEC or the IXC except that **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** may bill the IXC for the access transport (FGD), in accordance with its access tariff, in cases where the IXC has chosen **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** as its transport provider.

### 13. INTEROFFICE TRANSPORT

13.1 The Interoffice Transport (IOT) Unbundled Network Element is defined as **SBC-12STATE** interoffice transmission facilities dedicated to a particular CLEC that provide telecommunications between Wire Centers owned by **SBC-12STATE**, or requesting CLEC, or between switches owned by **SBC-12STATE** or CLEC. IOT will be provided only where such facilities exist at the time of CLEC request. Other than as

- specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, **SBC SNET** does not offer Interoffice Transport (IOT) under this agreement. Rather, IOT is available as described in Section 18 of the Connecticut Tariff FCC No. 39.
- 13.2 **SBC-12STATE** will be responsible for the engineering, provisioning, maintenance of the underlying equipment and facilities that are used to provide Interoffice Transport.
- 13.3 Unbundled Dedicated Transport
- 13.3.1 Unbundled Dedicated Transport (UDT) is an interoffice transmission path dedicated to a particular CLEC that provides telecommunications (when facilities exist and are technically feasible) between two Wire Centers or switches owned by **SBC-12STATE** or between a Wire Center or switch owned by **SBC-12STATE** and a CLEC owned or provided switch.
- 13.3.2 **SBC-12STATE** will provide Dedicated Transport as a point to point circuit dedicated to the CLEC at the following speeds: DS1 (1.544 Mbps), DS3 (44.736 Mbps), OC3 (155.52 Mbps) including OC3 concatenated (OC3-c), OC12 (622.08 Mbps) Including OC12 concatenated (OC12-c), and OC48 (2488.32 Mbps) including OC48 concatenated (OC48-c). **SBC-12STATE** will provide higher speeds to CLEC as they are deployed in the **SBC-12STATE** network. **SBC-12STATE** provides OCN Dedicated Transport and Entrance Facilities as point to point bit rates, when and where facilities exist.
- 13.3.3 UDT includes the following elements:
- 13.3.3.1 Interoffice Transport – a circuit between two **SBC12-STATE** Wire Centers.
- 13.3.3.2 Entrance Facility – a circuit from **SBC-12STATE** serving Wire Center to the CLEC's location.
- 13.3.3.3 Multiplexing – an option ordered in conjunction with dedicated transport which converts a circuit from higher to lower bandwidth, or from digital to voice grade. Multiplexing is only available when ordered at the same time as UDT entrance facility and/or interoffice transport.
- 13.3.3.4 Other Optional features are outlined in Appendix Pricing.
- 13.4 Diversity
- 13.4.1 When requested by CLEC and only where such interoffice facilities exist at the time of CLEC request, Physical diversity shall be provided for Unbundled Dedicated Transport. Physical diversity means that two circuits are provisioned in such a way that no single failure of facilities or equipment will cause a failure on both circuits.
- 13.4.2 **SBC-12STATE** shall provide the Physical separation between intra-office and inter-office transmission paths when technically and economically feasible. Physical diversity requested by the CLEC shall be subject to additional charges. When additional costs are incurred by **SBC-12STATE** for CLEC specific diversity. **SBC-12STATE** will advise CLEC of the applicable additional charges. **SBC-12STATE** will not process the request for diversity until CLEC accepts such charges. Any applicable performance measures will be abated from the time diversity is requested until CLEC accepts the additional charges.
- 13.5 Digital Cross-Connect System (DCS)
- 13.5.1 **SBC-12STATE** will offer Digital Cross-Connect System (DCS) as part of the unbundled dedicated transport element with the same functionality that is offered to interexchange carriers. DCS requested by CLEC shall be subject to additional charges as outlined in pricing schedule appendix.
- 13.6 Network Reconfiguration Service (NRS)
- 13.6.1 **SBC-12STATE** will offer reconfiguration service as part of the UDT element with the same functionality that is offered to interexchange carriers. Reconfiguration service requested by the CLEC shall be subject to additional charges as outlined in pricing schedule appendix.

## 13.7 **SBC CALIFORNIA**

### 13.7.1 **Cross Boundary UDT Meet Point Facilities Arrangements**

13.7.1.1 Cross Boundary UDT Facilities are arrangements that involve shared ownership of the Unbundled Dedicated Local Interconnection Facilities between **SBC CALIFORNIA** and another neighboring Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) **SBC CALIFORNIA** will be a willing participant in the CLEC's efforts to midspan join an UDT Facility ordered from **SBC CALIFORNIA** with one of the same ordered by the same CLEC from the neighboring ILEC. It is the responsibility of the CLEC to negotiate with each ILEC individually, and to order each piece of the Meet Point transmission facility from each individual ILEC separately in order to provide UDT from each ILEC's respective Central Office to the meet point. UDT Cross Boundary Meet Point Transmission Facilities are available at DS1 and DS3 transmission speeds and only where facilities exist and are available at the time of CLEC's order.

13.7.1.2 **Rates**: Charges applicable to Cross Boundary UDT Meet Point Facility arrangements are as follows:

13.7.1.2.1 Non Recurring Charges: 100% of **SBC CALIFORNIA** existing UDT Non Recurring Charges, i.e. service order charge, install (connect) charges, disconnect charges, etc. for its side of the facilities and without any compensation to the other ILEC. Each of these charges are found in Appendix Pricing.

13.7.1.2.2 Monthly Charges: **SBC CALIFORNIA** will charge full (100%) existing UDT monthly charges for the first (or Fixed) mile, plus 100% of the monthly charges for the additional miles in its territory. Each of these charges is found in Appendix Pricing. The additional miles are calculated by the total facility mileage multiplied by the percentage of the facilities that fall within **SBC CALIFORNIA** territory, as determined by the NECA 4 tariff. There will not be any compensation to the other ILEC.

13.7.1.2.3 **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s current intervals for the ordering and provisioning of the UDT will also be applicable to the ordering and provisioning of Cross Boundary UDT Meet Point Facilities. However, for end to end connectivity, the longer of the two ILEC's ordering and provisioning intervals will apply.

## 14. **DARK FIBER**

14.1 In **SBC-12STATE** Dark fiber is deployed, unlit fiber optic cable that connects two points within the incumbent LEC's network. Dark fiber is fiber that has not been activated through connection to the electronics that "light it", and thereby render it capable of carrying communications services. Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, **SBC SNET** does not offer Dark Fiber under this agreement. Rather, Dark Fiber is available to CLECs as described in Section 18.2.1E of the Connecticut Service Tariff.

14.1.1 Dark Fiber is fiber that is spliced in all segments from end to end and would provide continuity or "light" end to end. CLEC may only subscribe to dark fiber that is considered "spare," as defined in Sections 14.4.1 and 14.5.1, below.

### 14.2 Interoffice Dark Fiber

14.2.1 **SBC-12STATE** will provide dark fiber in the dedicated interoffice transport segment of the network as an unbundled network element. Interoffice dark fiber is between two different **SBC-12STATE** Central Offices (CO's) and terminates on a fiber distribution frame, or equivalent, in the CO. **SBC-12STATE** will offer its dark fiber to CLEC when CLEC has collocation space in each **SBC-12STATE** CO where the requested dark fiber(s) terminate.

#### 14.3 Loop Dark Fiber

- 14.3.1 **SBC-12STATE** will provide loop dark fiber as an unbundled network element. Loop dark fiber is a segment between a serving **SBC-12STATE** central office and an end user customer premise.

#### 14.4 Sub-Loop Dark Fiber

- 14.4.1 **SBC-12STATE** will provide sub-loop dark fiber as an unbundled network element. Sub-loop dark fiber is a segment between:

- 14.4.1.1 The serving **SBC-12STATE** central office and a remote terminal/CEV/Hut;  
or

- 14.4.1.2 a remote terminal/CEV/Hut and an end user customer premise.

- 14.4.2 Dark Fiber sub-loop segments are explicitly governed by Section 8 of this Appendix and are limited to remote terminal/CEV/Hut outlined below.

- 14.4.3 Upon receipt of a complete and correct Sub-loop Access Application, **SBC-12STATE** shall provide to CLEC within 30 days a written estimate for the actual construction, labor, materials, and related provisioning costs to be incurred to fulfill the SCA on a Time and Materials basis. CLEC agrees to pay **SBC-12STATE** appropriate rates for the engineering and other associated costs performed when CLEC submits a request to provide a written estimate for sub-loop(s).

- 14.4.4 At **SBC-12STATE** Central Offices' the dark fiber terminates on a fiber distribution frame, or equivalent, in the Central Office. CLEC access is provided pursuant Method One (Section 3.1.1.1, above) which allows for approved collocation access. The only method of access for Dark fiber is collocation.

#### 14.5 Spare Fiber Inventory Availability and Condition

- 14.5.1 All available spare dark fiber will be provided as is. No conditioning will be offered. Spare dark fiber is fiber that is spliced in all segments, point to point but not assigned, and spare dark fiber does not include maintenance spares, fibers set aside and documented for **SBC-12STATE**'s forecasted growth, defective fibers, or fibers subscribed to by other carriers. CLEC will not obtain any more than 25% of the spare dark fiber contained in the requested segment, during any two-year period.

#### 14.6 Determining Spare Fibers:

- 14.6.1 **SBC-12STATE** will inventory dark fibers. Spare fibers do not include the following:

- 14.6.1.1 Maintenance spares. Maintenance spares shall be kept in inventory like a working fiber. Spare maintenance fibers are assigned as follows:

- Cables with 24 fibers and less: two maintenance spare fibers
- Cables with 36 and 48 fibers: four maintenance spare fibers
- Cables with 72 and 96 fibers: eight maintenance spare fibers
- Cables with 144 fibers: twelve maintenance spare fibers
- Cables with 216 fibers: 18 maintenance spares
- Cables with 288 fibers: 24 maintenance spares
- Cables with 432 fibers: 36 maintenance spares
- Cables with 864 fibers: 72 maintenance spares.

- 14.6.1.2 Defective fibers

- 14.6.1.3 **SBC-12STATE** growth fibers. Fibers documented as reserved by **SBC-12STATE** for utilization for growth within the 12 month-period following the carrier's request.

- 14.6.2 The appropriate **SBC-12STATE** engineering organization will maintain records on each fiber optic cable for which CLECs request dark fiber.

- 14.6.3 Defective fibers, if any, will be deducted from the total number of spare fibers that would otherwise be available to CLEC for use under this Agreement.
- 14.7 Quantities and Time Frames for ordering Dark Fiber:
  - 14.7.1 The minimum number of fiber strands that CLEC can order is one, and fiber strands must be ordered on a strand-by-strand basis. The maximum number of fiber strands that CLEC can order is no greater than 25% of the spare facilities in the segment requested. Should spare fiber fall below 8 strands in a given location, **SBC-12STATE** will provide the remaining spares one strand at a time and no more than a quantity of 2 strands. (See definition of spare facilities set forth in Sections 14.4.1 and 14.5.1 above.)
  - 14.7.2 If CLEC wishes to request dark fiber, it must submit a dark fiber facility inquiry, providing CLEC's specific point to point (A to Z) dark fiber requirements. When CLEC submits a dark fiber facility inquiry, appropriate rates for the inquiry will be charged as outlined in state specific Appendix Pricing.
    - 14.7.2.1 If spare dark fiber is available, as determined under this Agreement, **SBC-12STATE** will notify CLEC and CLEC may place an Access Service Request (ASR) for the dark fiber.
  - 14.7.3 Dark fiber will be assigned to CLEC only when an ASR is processed. ASRs will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis. Inquiry facility checks do not serve to reserve dark fiber. When CLEC submits the ASR, the ASR will be processed and the dark fiber facilities will be assigned. The charges which will be established as set forth in paragraph 14.6.2 will be applied.
- 14.8 Right of Revocation of Access to Dark Fiber
  - 14.8.1 Should CLEC not utilize the fiber strand(s) subscribed to within the 12-month period following the date **SBC-12STATE** provided the fiber(s), **SBC-12STATE** may revoke CLEC's access to the dark fiber and recover those fiber facilities and return them to **SBC-12STATE** inventory.
  - 14.8.2 **SBC-12STATE** may reclaim from the CLEC's the right to use dark fiber, whether or not the dark fiber is being utilized by CLEC, upon twelve (12) months' written notice to the CLEC. **SBC-12STATE** will provide an alternative facility for the CLEC with the same bandwidth the CLEC was using prior to reclaiming the facility. **SBC-12STATE** must also demonstrate to the CLEC that the dark fiber will be needed to meet **SBC-12STATE**'s bandwidth requirements within the 12 months following the revocation.
- 14.9 Access Methods specific to Dark Fiber
  - 14.9.1 The demarcation point for dark fiber at central offices, remote terminals and customer premises will be in an **SBC-12STATE** approved splitter shelf. This arrangement allows for non-intrusive testing.
  - 14.9.2 At CO's dark fiber terminates on a fiber distribution frame, or equivalent in the CO. CLEC access is provided pursuant to Method One (Section 3.1.1.1, above) which is the only method of access for dark fiber.
  - 14.9.3 At remote terminals, CEVs and Huts, CLEC access to the dark fiber will be provided via the network demarcation point at the end user customer premises and via a fiber distribution frame at the remote terminal/CEV/Hut.
    - 14.9.3.1 CLECs may collocate, providing collocation application and associated criteria are met, when seeking to interconnection and desire to place non-passive electronics in a remote terminal/CEV/Hut provided **SBC-12STATE** has existing and available space in these locations.
    - 14.9.3.2 CLECs have two (2) options for obtaining dark fiber subloop access. Prior to ordering subloop facilities, CLEC must establish Collocation using the Collocation process as set forth in Collocation Appendix, or must establish a Subloop Access Arrangement utilizing the Special Construction Arrangement (SCA), either or which are necessary to interconnect to the **SBC-12STATE** subloop network.



14.9.3.3 The space available for collocating or obtaining various Subloop Access Arrangements will vary depending on the existing plant at a particular location. The CLEC shall initiate an SCA by submitting a Sub-loop Access Arrangement Application.

14.9.3.4 At remote terminals, CEVs and Huts, CLEC access to the dark fiber will be provided via the network demarcation point at the End User premises and via a fiber distribution frame at the remote terminal/CEV/Hut. CLEC may elect to place his cable, defined by the engineer in the design phase, that **SBC-12STATE** will terminate on available demarcation points or terminal.

#### 14.10 Installation and Maintenance for Dark Fiber

14.10.1 **SBC-12STATE** will install demarcations and place the fiber jumpers from the fiber optic terminals to the demarcation point. CLEC will run its fiber jumpers from the demarcation point (1x2, 90-10 optical splitter) to the CLEC equipment.

### 15. OPERATOR SERVICES AND DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

15.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide access to operator service and directory assistance databases where technically feasible. (47 CFR § 51.319(g)). Operator Services and Directory Assistance (OS/DA) are available as described in Appendix DA, and Appendix OS.

### 16. SIGNALING NETWORKS AND CALL-RELATED DATABASES

16.1 Signaling Networks and Call-Related Databases are Network Elements that include Signaling Link Transport, Signaling Transfer Points, and Service Control Points and Call-Related Databases. Access to **SBC-13STATE**'s signaling network and call related databases on an unbundled basis will be provided as described in the following Appendices: SS7, LIDB AS, LIDB Service, 800, and AIN (refer to General Terms and Conditions, Section 46.7.2).

### 17. OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEMS FUNCTIONS

17.1 Operations Support Systems Functions consist of pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing functions supported by **SBC-13STATE**'s databases and information. **SBC-13STATE** will provide CLEC access to its Operations Support Systems Functions as outlined in Appendix OSS.

### 18. CROSS CONNECTS

18.1 The cross connect is the media between the **SBC-7STATE** UNE and a CLEC designated point of access as described in various sections of this Appendix, or the media between a **SBC-7STATE** UNE and a Collocation area for the purpose of permitting the CLEC to connect the **SBC-7STATE** UNE to other UNEs or to the CLECs own facilities. Where **SBC-7STATE** has otherwise committed to connect one UNE to another UNE on behalf of CLEC, or to leave connected one UNE to another UNE on behalf of CLEC the cross connect is the media between one **SBC-7STATE** UNE and another **SBC-7STATE** UNE. Nothing in this section is a commitment to connect or leave connected any two or more UNEs.

18.2 **SBC-7STATE** will provide cross connects at the rates, terms, and conditions set forth in Appendix Pricing. Pricing for Sections 18.3, 18.4 and 18.5 for **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC SNET** are provided as set forth in Appendix Pricing. For all other cross-connect pricing for **SBC SNET** refer to the applicable state tariff.

18.3 The applicable Loop cross connects to point of access for the purpose of CLEC combining a **SBC-13STATE** Loop with another **SBC-13STATE** UNE are as follows:

18.3.1 2-Wire Analog Loop to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.3.2 4 -Wire Analog Loop to UNE Connection Methods point of access

18.3.3 2 -Wire Digital Loop to UNE Connection Methods point of access

- 18.3.4 4 -Wire Digital Loop to UNE Connection Methods point of access
- 18.4 The applicable Unbundled Dedicated Transport cross connects to the UNE Connection Methods point of access for the purpose of CLEC combining. Unbundled Dedicated Transport to another **SBC-13STATE** UNE are as follows:
  - 18.4.1 DS-1 to UNE Connection Methods point of access
- 18.5 The applicable Switch Port cross connects to the UNE Connection Methods point of access for the purpose of CLEC combining Switch Ports to another **SBC-13STATE** UNE are as follows:
  - 18.5.1 Analog Line Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access
  - 18.5.2 ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Line Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access
  - 18.5.3 ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Trunk Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access
  - 18.5.4 Analog DID Trunk Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access
  - 18.5.5 DS-1 Trunk Port to UNE Connection Methods point of access
- 18.6 The applicable Loop cross connects for the purpose of CLEC connecting a **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC NEVADA** Loop UNE to a CLEC's Collocated facilities are as follows:
  - 18.6.1 2-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation
  - 18.6.2 2-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation (without testing)
  - 18.6.3 4-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation
  - 18.6.4 4-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation (without testing)
  - 18.6.5 2-Wire Digital Loop to Collocation
  - 18.6.6 2-Wire Digital Loop to Collocation (without testing)
  - 18.6.7 4-Wire Digital Loop to Collocation
  - 18.6.8 4-Wire Digital loop to Collocation (without testing)
  - 18.6.9 DSL Shielded Cross Connect to Collocation
  - 18.6.10 2-Wire DSL non-shielded cross connect to Collocation
  - 18.6.11 4-Wire DSL non-shielded cross connect to Collocation
- 18.7 The applicable dedicated transport cross connects for the purpose of CLEC connecting an **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC NEVADA** dedicated transport UNE to a CLEC's Collocated facilities are as follows:
  - 18.7.1 DS-1 to Collocation
  - 18.7.2 DS-3 Collocation
  - 18.7.3 OC-3 to Collocation
  - 18.7.4 OC-12 to Collocation
  - 18.7.5 OC-48 to Collocation
- 18.8 The applicable Port cross connects for the purpose of CLEC connecting an **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and Port UNE to a CLEC's Collocated facilities are as follows:
  - 18.8.1 Analog Line Port to Collocation
  - 18.8.2 ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Line Port to Collocation
  - 18.8.3 Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Trunk Port to Collocation
  - 18.8.4 Analog DID Trunk Port to Collocation
  - 18.8.5 DS- Trunk Port to Collocation

- 18.9\* The applicable cross connects for the purpose of a CLEC connecting a **SBC CALIFORNIA** Loop, UDT or Port UNE to a CLEC's Collocated facility are as follows:
- 18.9.1 Voice Grade/ISDN EISCC
  - 18.9.2 DS-0 EISCC
  - 18.9.3 DS-1 EISCC
  - 18.9.4 DS-3 EISCC
  - 18.9.5 DSL Shielded Cross Connect to Collocation
- 18.10 The applicable cross connects for **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** Loop, UDT or Port UNEs are as follows:
- 18.10.1 2-wire
  - 18.10.2 4-wire
  - 18.10.3 DS-1
  - 18.10.4 DS-3
  - 18.10.5 OC-3
  - 18.10.6 OC-12
  - 18.10.7 OC-48
  - 18.10.8 LT1
  - 18.10.9 LT3
- 18.11\* The applicable Loop cross connects to the Adjacent Location Method of Accessing UNEs for the purpose of a CLEC combining a **SBC CALIFORNIA** Loop with a CLEC's own facilities for are as follows:
- 18.11.1 2 -Wire Analog Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access
  - 18.11.2 4 -Wire Analog Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access
  - 18.11.3 2 -Wire Digital Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access
  - 18.11.4 4 -Wire Digital Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access
  - 18.11.5 DSL shielded Cross Connect to Adjacent Location point of access
- 18.12\* The applicable Unbundled Dedicated transport cross connects to the Adjacent Location Method of accessing UNEs for the purpose of a CLEC combining a **SBC CALIFORNIA** Unbundled Dedicated Transport with a CLEC's own facilities as follows:
- 18.12.1 DS-1 to the Adjacent Location Method point of access
- 18.13\* The applicable Switch Port cross connects to the Adjacent Location Method of Accessing UNEs for the purpose of a CLEC combining a **SBC CALIFORNIA** Port with a CLEC's own facilities point of access are as follows:
- 18.13.1 -Analog Line Port to Adjacent Location Method to point of access
  - 18.13.2 -ISDN BRI Port to Adjacent Location Method to point of access
  - 18.13.3 -ISDN PRI Trunk Port to Adjacent Location Method point of access
- 18.14 Cross Connects, required for the UNE platform, from UNE Loops to UNE Ports for the purpose of combining a **SBC-7STATE** 2 -Wire Loop \*with a **SBC-7STATE** Port are as follows:
- 18.14.1 -Wire Analog Loop to Analog line Port

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\* Sections 18.9 through 18.13 are available only in the State of California. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS Paragraph 2.10.1

\* Sections 18.9 and 18.11 through 18.13 are available only in the State of California. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS Paragraph 2.10.1

18.14.2 -Wire Digital Loop to ISDN BRI Port

18.15 Maintenance of Elements

- 18.15.1 If trouble occurs with unbundled network elements provided by **SBC-13STATE**, CLEC will first determine whether the trouble is in CLEC's own equipment and/or facilities or those of the End User. If CLEC determines the trouble is in **SBC-13STATE**'s equipment and/or facilities, CLEC will issue a trouble report to **SBC-13STATE**.
- 18.15.2 CLEC shall pay Time and Material charges (maintenance of service charges/additional labor charges) when CLEC reports a suspected failure of a Unbundled Network Element and **SBC-13STATE** dispatches personnel to the End User's premises or an **SBC-13STATE** Central Office and trouble was not caused by **SBC-13STATE**'s facilities or equipment. Time and Material charges will include all technicians dispatched, including technicians dispatched to other locations for purposes of testing.
- 18.15.3 CLEC shall pay Time and Material charges when **SBC-13STATE** dispatches personnel and the trouble is in equipment or communications systems provided an entity by other than **SBC-13STATE** or in detariffed CPE provided by **SBC-13STATE**, unless covered under a separate maintenance agreement.
- 18.15.4 CLEC shall pay Maintenance of Service charges when the trouble clearance did not otherwise require dispatch, but dispatch was requested for repair verification or cooperative testing, and the circuit did not exceed maintenance limits.
- 18.15.5 If CLEC issues a trouble report allowing **SBC-13STATE** access to the End User's premises and **SBC-13STATE** personnel are dispatched but denied access to the premises, then Time and Material charges will apply for the period of time that **SBC-13STATE** personnel are dispatched. Subsequently, if **SBC-13STATE** personnel are allowed access to the premises, these charges will still apply.
- 18.15.6 Time and Material charges apply on a first and additional basis for each half-hour or fraction thereof. If more than one technician is dispatched in conjunction with the same trouble report, the total time for all technicians dispatched will be aggregated prior to the distribution of time between the "First Half Hour or Fraction Thereof" and "Each Additional Half Hour or Fraction Thereof" rate categories. Basic Time is work-related efforts of **SBC-13STATE** performed during normally scheduled working hours on a normally scheduled workday. Overtime is work-related efforts of **SBC-13STATE** performed on a normally scheduled workday, but outside of normally scheduled working hours. Premium Time is work related efforts of **SBC-13STATE** performed other than on a normally scheduled workday.
- 18.15.7 If CLEC requests or approves a **SBC-13STATE** technician to perform services in excess of or not otherwise contemplated by the nonrecurring charges herein, CLEC will pay Time and Material charges for any additional work to perform such services, including requests for installation or conversion outside of normally scheduled working hours.

19. **RECONFIGURATION**

- 19.1 **SBC-13STATE** will reconfigure existing qualifying special access services to combinations of unbundled loop and transport upon terms and conditions consistent with the Supplemental Order Clarification released by the FCC on June 2, 2000 *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 00-183) and with **SBC-13STATE**'s processes to implement that Order, as set forth on the CLEC website.

20. **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

- 20.1 **SBC-13STATE**'s provision of UNEs identified in this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Federal Act, including but not limited to, Section 251(d). The Parties acknowledge and agree that on May 24, 2002,

the D.C. Circuit issued its decision in *United States Telecom Association, et. al v. FCC*, 290 F.3d 415 (D.C. Cir. 2002) ("USTA decision"), in which the Court granted the petitions for review of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-238) ("the UNE Remand Order") and the FCC's Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 98-147 and Fourth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-355) (rel. Dec. 9, 1999) ("the Line Sharing Order"), and vacated and remanded the UNE Remand and Line Sharing Orders in accordance with the decision. In addition, the FCC adopted its Triennial Review Order on February 20, 2003, on remand from the USTA decision and pursuant to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, CC Docket No. 01-338 (FCC 01-361) (rel. Dec. 20, 2001). Further, the FCC issued its Order *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, 15 FCC Rcd 1760, (FCC 99-370) (rel. Nov. 24, 1999), including its Supplemental Order Clarification, (FCC 00-183), (rel. June 2, 2000), in CC Docket 96-98 (collectively the "Orders"). In addition, on May 9, 2003, the Public Utilities Act of Illinois was amended to add Sections 13-408 and 13-409, 220 ILCS 5/13-408 and 13-409, and enacted into law ("Illinois Law"). The Illinois Law establishes a specific method for setting certain UNE rates in Illinois, mandates that the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") apply the method and determine the rates ("ICC Rates"), and expressly deems all interconnection agreements to be amended to contain the ICC Rates immediately upon the ICC's announcement of such adjusted rates, without further action. By entering into this Agreement which makes available certain UNEs, or any Amendment to this Agreement, neither Party waives any of its rights with respect to the Orders, the Illinois Law or any other government action, including but not limited each Party's right to dispute whether any UNEs identified in the Agreement must be provided under Section 251(c)(3) and Section 251(d) of the Act, and under this Agreement. In the event that a state or federal regulatory or legislative body or a court of competent jurisdiction, in any proceeding finds, rules and/or otherwise orders that any of the UNEs and/or UNE combinations provided for under this Agreement do not meet the necessary and impair standards set forth in Section 251(d)(2) of the Act, the affected provision will be immediately invalidated, modified or stayed as required to effectuate the subject order upon the written request of either Party ("Written Notice"). In addition, to the extent this Agreement is in effect in Illinois, the Parties agree that any ICC orders implementing the Illinois Law, including, without limitation, the ICC Rates, shall automatically apply to this Agreement (for the state of Illinois only) as of the effective date of any such order(s) upon Written Notice, and as soon as practical thereafter, SBC Illinois shall begin billing CLEC the ICC Rates; provided, however, the Parties acknowledge and agree that no later than sixty (60) days from the Written Notice, the Parties will execute a conforming Amendment to this Agreement so that the Agreement accurately reflects the ICC Rates and SBC Illinois will issue any adjustments, as needed, to reflect that the ICC Rates became effective between the Parties as of the effective date of the applicable ICC order(s).. With respect to all other Written Notices hereunder, the Parties shall have sixty (60) days from the Written Notice to attempt to negotiate and arrive at an agreement on the appropriate conforming modifications required to the Agreement. If the Parties are unable to agree upon the conforming modifications required within sixty (60) days from the Written Notice, any disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretations of the actions required or the provisions affected by such order shall be handled under the Dispute Resolution Procedures set forth in this Agreement.

## **21. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 21.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in

End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

## EXHIBIT A

### ILLUSTRATIVE CALL FLOWS (USAGE-SENSITIVE ULS-ST RATE ELEMENTS)

The following call flows provide examples of application of usage sensitive UNE charges and reciprocal compensation. The call flows below depict the charges between SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and CLEC A. Charges to or from CLEC B (e.g., reciprocal compensation) to or from SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE or CLEC A are pursuant to the charging arrangement(s) between the originating and terminating carriers.

#### Local Calls:

1. CLEC A (UNE) ULS-ST port originating and SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE port terminating:

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – O Usage
- Blended Transport Usage
- SS7 Signalling
- ULS-ST Reciprocal Compensation (equal to ULS-T rate)

2. SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE port originating and CLEC A (UNE) ULS-ST port terminating

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – T Usage

SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE is charged:

- ULS-ST Reciprocal Compensation (equal to ULS-T rate)

3. CLEC A (UNE) port originating and CLEC B (UNE) terminating

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – O Usage
- Blended Transport Usage
- SS7 Signaling

4. CLEC A (UNE) port originating and CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – O Usage
- Blended Transport Usage
- SS7 Signaling
- ULS - T Usage

5. CLEC B (UNE) port originating and CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – T Usage

6. CLEC (Resale services) Originating and CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – T Usage

7. CLEC A (UNE) port originating and CLEC (Resale services) terminating

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – O Usage
- Blended Transport Usage
- SS7 Signaling
- ULS-ST Reciprocal Compensation (equal to ULS-T rate)

8. CLEC A (UNE) port originating to CLEC (Facilities Based Network (FBN) terminating

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – O Usage
- Blended Transport Usage
- SS7 Signaling

9. CLEC (FBN) Originating to CLEC A (UNE) Terminating

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – T Usage

IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll Calls:

10. CLEC A (UNE) port originating to IXC

If call is routed to IXC POP via direct-route (IXC FGD Trunking)—

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – O Usage
- SS7 Signaling

If call is routed to IXC POP via **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** Tandem—

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – O Usage
- SS7 Signaling
- ULS-ST Common Transport Usage
- ULS-ST Tandem Usage

11. IXC to CLEC A (UNE) port terminating

If call is routed from IXC POP via direct-route (IXC FGD Trunking)—

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – T Usage

If call is routed from IXC POP via **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** Tandem—

CLEC A is charged:

- ULS – T Usage
- ULS-ST Common Transport Usage
- ULS-ST Tandem Usage



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## APPENDIX WP (WHITE PAGES DIRECTORY)

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions that shall apply to switched-based CLEC's or CLECs leasing unbundled switched ports for End User Listings in White Page directories provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **SBC-4STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 **SBC-7STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC NEVADA**, and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA** – As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

- 1.14 **SBC INDIANA** - As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN** - As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.17 **SBC MISSOURI** - As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.18 **SBC NEVADA** - As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.19 **SBC OHIO** - As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.21 **SBC SNET** - As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.23 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

## 2. SERVICE PROVIDED

- 2.1 **SBC-13STATE** publishes alphabetical White Pages (WP) directories for its geographic local service areas. CLEC provides local exchange telephone service in the same area(s) and wishes to include listing information for its end users in the appropriate **SBC-13STATE** WP directories
- 2.2 CLEC also desires distribution to its end users of the WP directories that include listings of CLEC's end users.
- 2.3 Subject to **SBC-13STATE**'s practices, as well as the rules and regulations applicable to the provision of WP directories, **SBC-13STATE** will include in appropriate WP directories the primary alphabetical listings of all CLEC end users located within the local directory scope. The rules, regulations and **SBC-13STATE** practices are subject to change from time to time.
- 2.4 When CLEC provides its subscriber listing information to **SBC-13STATE** listings database, CLEC will receive for its end user, one primary listing in **SBC-13STATE** WP directory and a listing in **SBC-13STATE**'s directory assistance database.
- 2.5 CLEC shall furnish to **SBC-13STATE**, in a form acceptable to both Parties, subscriber listing information pertaining to CLEC end users located within the local directory scope, along with such additional information as **SBC-13STATE** may require to prepare and print the alphabetical listings of said directory. CLEC will submit listing information within one (1) business day of installation, disconnection or other

- change in service (including change of nonlisted or nonpublished status) affecting the directory assistance database or the directory listing of an CLEC end user.
- 2.6 CLEC may provide CLEC's subscriber listing information to **SBC-8STATE** for inclusion in the WP directory via either a mechanical or manual feed of the listing information to **SBC-8STATE**'s directory listing database.
- 2.6.1 CLEC will provide **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, CLEC's subscriber listing information for inclusion in the White Page directory in either a mechanized or manual feed of the listing information to **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s directory listing database. CLEC agrees to submit all listing information via only a mechanized process within six (6) months of the effective date of this Appendix. Sixty (60) days prior to the directory close date for a particular directory, **SBC-8STATE** shall make available to CLEC, via the applicable electronic listing verification tool, its subscriber listings as such listings are to appear in the directory. CLEC shall review the listing information and shall submit to **SBC-8STATE** any necessary additions, deletions or modifications at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the directory close date. The listing information shall also include Directory Delivery Address information for each **SBC-8STATE** CLEC end user.
- 2.6.2 Forty-five (45) days prior to the directory close date for a particular directory, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** shall make available to CLEC, either electronically or manually, its subscriber listings as such listings are to appear in the directory. CLEC shall review the listing information and shall submit to **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** any necessary additions, deletions or modifications prior to the directory close date.
- 2.7 Each CLEC subscriber will receive one copy per primary End User listing of **SBC-8STATE** White Pages directory in the same manner and at the same time that they are delivered to **SBC-8STATE**'s subscribers during the annual delivery of newly published directories.
- 2.7.1 **SBC-7STATE** has no obligation to provide any additional White Page directories above the directories provided to CLEC or CLEC customers after each annual distribution of newly published White Pages. For White Page directories and/or White Page directories that are co-bound with Yellow Pages, CLEC may provide to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** written specifications of the total number of directories that it will require, at least sixty (60) days prior to the directory close. In that event, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will deliver the remaining directories included in the CLEC's order in bulk to an address specified by the CLEC.
- 2.7.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall not be required to deliver a directory to a CLEC End User until new White Page directories are published for that End User's location.
- 2.7.3 **SBC SNET** White Page directories will be provided in accordance to state and/or local regulations and orders governing White Page directory distribution.
- 2.7.4 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and SBC 2-STATE** shall direct its directory publishing affiliate to offer delivery of newly published WP directories and subsequent directory delivery to CLECs' end users pursuant to terms and conditions agreed to by the parties.
- 2.8 **SBC-8STATE** will provide CLEC with 1/8<sup>th</sup> page in each directory (where the CLEC has or plans to have local telephone exchange customers) for the CLEC to include CLEC specific-information (i.e., business office, residence office, repair bureau, etc.) in the White Pages directory on an "index-type" informational page. No advertising will be permitted on such informational page. This page will also include specific information pertaining to other CLECs. At its option, CLEC shall provide **SBC-8STATE** with its logo and information in the form of a camera-ready copy, sized at 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a page. The content of CLEC's camera-ready copy shall be subject to **SBC-8STATE** approval. In those directories in which **SBC-8STATE** includes Spanish Customer Guide Pages, this informational page will also be provided in Spanish at CLEC's request, subject to the guidelines set forth above.
- 2.8.1 For Directories covering the territory where CLEC is certified to provide local service, upon request **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will include in the "Information Pages", or comparable section of

its White Pages directories, information provided by CLEC for CLEC's installation, repair, customer service and local sales office information and, where required by regulatory bodies, payment address. Such information shall appear in the same manner as such information appears for **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and other LECs. **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s directory publishing affiliate will administer the charges, if any, for the inclusion of such information, which will be calculated on the same basis as the charges, if any, charged to **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**.

- 2.9 At its request, CLEC may purchase one (1) one-sided "Informational Page" in the informational section of the WP directory covering a geographic area where CLEC provides local telecommunications exchange service. Such page shall be no different in style, size, color and format than **SBC-8STATE** "Informational Pages". Sixty (60) calendar days prior to the directory close date, the CLEC shall provide to **SBC-8STATE** the "Informational Page" in the form of camera-ready copy.

### 3. USE OF SUBSCRIBER LISTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 CLEC authorizes **SBC-13STATE** to include and use the subscriber listing information provided to **SBC-13STATE** pursuant to this Appendix in **SBC-13STATE**'s WP directory and **SBC-13STATE**'s directory assistance databases. Included in this authorization is the exchange of extended area service listings **SBC-13STATE** provides for Independent Company directory publications and release of CLEC listings to requesting competing carriers as required by Section 271(c)(2)(B)(vii)(II) and Section 251(b)(3) and any applicable state regulations and orders. Also included in this authorization is **SBC-13STATE**'s use of CLEC's subscriber listing information in **SBC-13STATE**'s directory assistance, directory assistance related products and services, and directory publishing products and services.
- 3.2 At CLEC's written request, **SBC-13STATE** shall transmit CLEC's End User listing information to designated third party directory publishers (limited to publishers to which **SBC-13STATE** transmits its own listing information).

### 4. PRICING

- 4.1 **SBC-7STATE** will assess a per book copy, per subscriber line, charge at the time newly published directories are distributed to CLEC end users, plus an annual, per book copy charge at the time directories are delivered in bulk to CLEC. **SBC-7STATE** has no obligation to warehouse WP directories for CLEC or provide WP directories to CLEC's end users subsequent to the annual distribution of newly published directories. The rates for the services described herein are identified on Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
- 4.1.1 The rates, if any, for **SBC SNET** WP directories will be in accordance to any applicable tariffs, state and/or local regulations or orders governing the rates for WP directories.
- 4.1.2 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - The rates for **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** White Page directories will be in accordance with a separate directory services agreement with **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s directory publishing affiliate.
- 4.2 **SBC-7STATE** has no obligation to provide any additional WP directories above the number of directories forecast by CLEC per Section 2.7 above. While **SBC-7STATE** has no obligation to provide WP directories to CLEC or CLEC End Users after the annual distribution of newly published directories, **SBC-7STATE** will in good faith attempt to accommodate CLEC requests for "Subsequent" directory orders (orders placed after the initial order/forecast is provided - see Section 2.7 above). Orders for directories above the forecast number(s) will be filled subject to availability. In such event, **SBC-7STATE** will provide the directories in bulk to CLEC and will assess a per book charge.
- 4.2.1 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** – **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s directory delivery practices are discussed above in Section 2.7.4.

- 4.3 Where a CLEC End User requires foreign, enhanced or other listings in addition to the primary listing to appear in the WP directory, **SBC-13STATE** will assess CLEC a charge for such listings at existing **SBC-13STATE** tariff rates. An additional charge at **SBC-13STATE**'s tariff rate applies when CLEC wishes to list an End User in **SBC-13STATE**'s directory assistance database but does not wish to have its End-User listed in **SBC-13STATE**'s WP directory. In addition, for those CLEC End Users served by CLEC via a **SBC-13STATE** unbundled switch port, CLEC may elect to have its End User unlisted and the listing not published in **SBC-13STATE**'s WP directory at **SBC-13STATE**'s tariff rate for those nonpublished, nonlisted services.

## 5. ASSIGNMENT

- 5.1 Except as stated in Section 3 herein, CLEC shall not sublicense, assign, sell or transfer the subscriber listing information provided hereunder, nor shall CLEC authorize any other company or any person to use the subscriber listing information for any other purpose. CLEC shall take appropriate measures to guard against any unauthorized use of the listings provided to it hereunder (at least the same measures CLEC takes to protect its own listings from unauthorized use), whether by CLEC, its agents, employees or others.

## 6. LIABILITY

- 6.1 CLEC hereby releases **SBC-13STATE** from any and all liability for damages due to errors or omissions in CLEC's subscriber listing information as provided to **SBC-13STATE** under this Appendix, and/or CLEC's subscriber listing information as it appears in the WP directory, including, but not limited to, special, indirect, consequential, punitive or incidental damages.
- 6.2 CLEC shall indemnify, protect, save harmless and defend **SBC-13STATE** (and/or **SBC-13STATE**'s officers, employees, agents, assigns and representatives) from and against any and all losses, liability, damages and expense arising out of any demand, claim, suit or judgment by a third party in any way related to any error or omission in CLEC's subscriber listing information, including any error or omission related to non-published or non-listed subscriber listing information. CLEC shall so indemnify regardless of whether the demand, claim or suit by the third party is brought jointly against CLEC and **SBC-13STATE**, and/or against **SBC-13STATE** alone. However, if such demand, claim or suit specifically alleges that an error or omission appears in CLEC's subscriber listing information in the WP directory, **SBC-13STATE** may, at its option, assume and undertake its own defense, or assist in the defense of the CLEC, in which event the CLEC shall reimburse **SBC-13STATE** for reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses incurred by **SBC-13STATE** in handling and defending such demand, claim and/or suit.
- 6.3 This Appendix shall not establish, be interpreted as establishing, or be used by either Party to establish or to represent their relationship as any form of agency, partnership or joint venture. Neither Party shall have any authority to bind the other nor to act as an agent for the other unless written authority, separate from this Appendix, is provided. Nothing in the Appendix shall be construed as providing for the sharing of profits or losses arising out of the efforts of either or both of the Parties. Nothing herein shall be construed as making either Party responsible or liable for the obligations and undertakings of the other Party.

## 7. BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 7.1 If either Party is found to have materially breached this Appendix, the non-breaching Party may terminate the Appendix by providing written notice to the breaching Party, whereupon this Appendix shall be null and void with respect to any issue of **SBC-13STATE**'s WP directory published sixty (60) or more calendar days after the date of receipt of such written notice.

## 8. TERM

- 8.1 This Appendix will continue in force for the length of the Interconnection Agreement to which this Appendix is attached. Either Party may terminate this Appendix upon one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days written notice to the other Party.

- 8.2 Upon termination, this Appendix will be null and void with respect to any issue of directory published thereafter, except that the indemnification provided by Section 6 herein shall continue with respect to any directory published.

## **9. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 9.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.



**APPENDIX WP**  
**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**  
**EXHIBIT I**  
**PRICE LIST**

Directory White Pages Price Sheet				
Directory	Price Per Book Copy Delivered in Bulk to CLEC	Price Per Book Copy Delivered to CLEC End User	Price Per Single Sided Informational Page	Price Per Book Copy <sup>1</sup> Ordered After Initial Order

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to Availability

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## APPENDIX CLEARINGHOUSE (CH)

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the rates, terms, and conditions, which are made available for CLECs by **SBC-12STATE** to participate in the Clearinghouse (CH).
- 1.2 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
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- 1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.23 **SBC TEXAS** - As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.
- 1.25 In **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, the exchange of certain alternately billed intrastate intraLATA message toll call records and the reporting of appropriate settlement revenues owed by and among participating LECs, CLECs, and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** is facilitated via the existing LEC Settlement process in each state.
- 1.26 In **SBC-2STATE**, the exchange of certain alternately billed intrastate intraLATA message toll call records and the reporting of appropriate settlement revenues owed by and among participating LECs, CLECs and **SBC-2STATE** is facilitated via the Message Exchange Appendix.
- 1.27 The exchange of certain alternately billed intrastate intraLATA message toll call records and the reporting of appropriate settlement revenues owed by and among participating LECs, CLECs and **SBC SNET**, is **technically infeasible** in **SBC SNET**.

## 2. CLEARINGHOUSE DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** operates a CH for the purpose of facilitating the exchange of certain alternatively billed intrastate intraLATA message toll call records and the reporting of settlement revenues owed by and among participating LECs and CLECs, including **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and CLEC.

## 3. QUALIFYING MESSAGE CRITERIA

- 3.1 The only toll call messages that qualify for submission to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** for CH processing are: (a) intrastate intraLATA sent collect (including calling card, collect and third number) messages which are originated in one LEC or CLEC exchange, exclusively carried by a LEC or CLEC over

LEC or CLEC facilities and billed to a customer located in a second LEC's or CLEC exchange within the same state; or (b) intrastate intraLATA sent collect (but limited to calling card and third number) messages originated in one of **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s operating areas (located in parts of Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri or Oklahoma), exclusively carried by a LEC or CLEC over LEC or CLEC facilities, and billed to a customer located in a second LEC's or CLEC exchange and not in the originating State.

#### **4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

- 4.1 CLEC agrees that it will provide **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** with billing records for CH processing that are in an industry standard format acceptable to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and at a minimum will display the telephone number of the end user to whom the call is to be billed, and data about the call sufficient for a carrier to comply with all applicable state regulatory requirements. For purposes of this Attachment, these records ("CH Records") will detail intraLATA toll calls which were originated by use of the single digit access code (i.e., 0+ and 0-) in one LEC or CLEC exchange but are to be billed to an end user in a second LEC's or CLEC exchange. Such records are referred to as category ninety-two (92) records for CH processing purposes. The term "CH Record" will mean the call detail attributed to a single completed toll message.
- 4.2 CLEC agrees that all CH Records it generates will display indicators denoting whether category ninety-two (92) Records should be forwarded to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s CH. CLEC will retain its originating records for ninety (90) days such that the category ninety-two (92) Records can be retransmitted to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** for CH processing, if needed.
- 4.3 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will provide and maintain such systems as it believes are required to furnish the CH service described herein. **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, in its capacity as operator of the CH, agrees to retain all CH Records processed through the CH for two (2) years.
- 4.4 CLEC will timely furnish to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** all CH Records required by **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** to provide the CH service in accordance with the Technical Exhibit Settlement Procedures (TESP) dated DD/MM/YEAR, or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by the Parties. **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will provide the CH service in accordance with the TESP, and such modifications as are subsequently agreed upon.
- 4.5 Presently, in operating the CH, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** relies upon NXX codes to identify messages for transmission to participating billing companies. To the extent any subprocesses are required to settle CH messages due to the use of ported numbers, such subprocessing will be the responsibility of the porting entity.

#### **5. PROCESSING CHARGE**

- 5.1 CLEC agrees to pay **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** a processing charge in consideration of **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s performance of CH services. This charge is located in Appendix Pricing under "Other" listed as CH Processing Charge.

#### **6. BILLING CHARGE**

- 6.1 CLEC agrees to pay a per message charge to the CLEC responsible for billing the message, including **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, when **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** bills the message. This charge is located in Appendix Pricing under "Other" listed as Billing Charge.

#### **7. SETTLEMENT REPORT**

- 7.1 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will issue monthly reports containing the results of the processing of CH Records to each participating LEC and CLEC. These reports list the: (a) amounts owed by CLEC for billing messages originated by others; (b) amounts due to CLEC for CLEC originated messages billed by others; (c) applicable billing charges; and (d) processing charges.

## 8. RETROACTIVE AND LOST MESSAGES

- 8.1 The Parties agree that processing of retroactive messages through the CH is acceptable, if such messages utilize the industry standard format for call records, pursuant to Section III of this Attachment. The Parties agree that lost messages are the complete responsibility of the originating LEC or CLEC. If messages are lost by any Party, and cannot be recreated or retransmitted, the originating LEC or CLEC will estimate messages, minutes, and associated revenues based on the best available data. No estimate will be made for messages, which are more than two years old at the time the estimate is made. The estimates will be off-line calculations (i.e., not part of the routine CH processing) and will be included as a supplement to the monthly settlement report.

## 9. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 9.1 By agreeing to operate the CH, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** assumes no liability for any LEC's or CLEC's receipt of appropriate revenues due to it from any other entity. CLEC agrees that **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will not be liable to it for damages (including, but not limited to, lost profits and exemplary damages) which may be owed to it as a result of any inaccurate or insufficient information resulting from any entity's actions, omissions, mistakes, or negligence and upon which **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** may have relied in preparing settlement reports or performing any other act under this Attachment.
- 9.2 CLEC agrees to indemnify and hold **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** harmless against and with respect to any and all third party claims, demands, liabilities or court actions arising from any of its actions, omissions, mistakes or negligence occurring during the course of **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's** performance of CH processing pursuant to this Attachment.
- 9.3 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will not be liable for any losses or damages arising out of errors, interruptions, defects, failures, or malfunction of the CH services provided pursuant to this Attachment, including those arising from associated equipment and data processing systems, except such losses or damages caused by the sole negligence of **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**. Any losses or damage for which **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** is held liable under this Attachment will in no event exceed the amount of processing charges incurred by CLEC for the CH services provided hereunder during the period beginning at the time **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** receives notice of the error, interruption, defect, failure or malfunction, to the time service is restored.

## 10. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES

- 10.1 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to any warranty as to merchantability or fitness for intended or particular purpose with respect to services provided hereunder. Additionally, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** assumes no responsibility with regard to the correctness of the data supplied by CLEC when this data is accessed and used by a third party.

## 11. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 11.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions; interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third

party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.



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## APPENDIX HOSTING

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Hosting Company will perform hosting responsibilities for a CLEC for data received from such CLECs for distribution to the appropriate billing and/or processing location or for data received from other Local Exchange Carriers/CLECs to be distributed to such CLEC via the Hosting company's in-region network or via the nationwide Centralized Message Distribution System (**CMDS**).
- 1.2 This Appendix sets forth the terms for the provision of 1) Message Distribution Services; 2) Intercompany Revenue Settlement Services; and (**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** only) 3) In-Region Non-Intercompany Revenue Settlement Services ("Agreement").
  - 1.2.1 Hosting out of region is only available to a CLEC that is a Full Status Revenue Accounting Office (**RAO**) company.
- 1.3 **SBC SNET** - The hosting function described herein is facilitated via the LEC-LINK agreement if the CLEC chooses **SBC SNET** as its CMDS HOST. The LEC-LINK service is de-regulated in **SBC SNET**.
  - 1.3.1 CLECs interested in CMDS Hosting by **SBC SNET** may contact:  
**SBC SNET** Diversified Group, Inc.  
530 Preston Ave.  
Meriden, CT 06450  
[Ls5275@ctmail.snet.com](mailto:Ls5275@ctmail.snet.com)  
203-634-6370
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## 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **“Bellcore Client Company Calling Card and Third Number Settlement System” (BCC CATS)** – Nationwide system used to produce information reports that are used in the settlement of Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) revenues originated by one BCC (or within the territory of that BCC) and billed to a customer

- of another BCC (or Local Exchange Carrier within the territory of that BCC) as described in accordance with the Telcordia Practice BR 981-200-110. The CATS Report cycle is the 26<sup>th</sup> of the current month through the 25<sup>th</sup> of the following month.
- 2.2 **“Centralized Message Distribution System” (CMDS)** – means the industry-wide data collection system located in Kansas City, Missouri which handles the daily exchange of toll message details between LECs that are Direct Participants of the systems.
- 2.3 **“Direct Participants” (DP)** -- the 24 pre-divestiture Bell Operating Companies that interface directly with CMDS. Following is a list of the Direct Participants:
- 2.3.1 New England Telephone Company
  - 2.3.2 New York Telephone Company
  - 2.3.3 Bell Atlantic, NJ
  - 2.3.4 Bell Atlantic, PA
  - 2.3.5 Bell Atlantic, DE
  - 2.3.6 Bell Atlantic, DC
  - 2.3.7 Bell Atlantic MD
  - 2.3.8 Bell Atlantic VA
  - 2.3.9 Bell Atlantic WV
  - 2.3.10 Southern Bell Telephone Company
  - 2.3.11 South Central Bell Telephone Company
  - 2.3.12 The Ohio bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio
  - 2.3.13 Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan
  - 2.3.14 Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana
  - 2.3.15 Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois
  - 2.3.16 Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Wisconsin
  - 2.3.17 Northwestern Bell Telephone Company
  - 2.3.18 Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas
  - 2.3.19 Mountain Bell Telephone Company
  - 2.3.20 Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California
  - 2.3.21 Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada
  - 2.3.22 The Southern New England Telephone Company
  - 2.3.23 Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company
- 2.4 **“Exchange Message Interface” (EMI)** -the format used for the exchange of telecommunications message information. EMI format is contained in the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) document that defines industry guidelines for exchange message records.
- 2.5 **“Full Status Revenue Accounting Office” (RAO)** – CLEC that is provided a separate RAO code. Responsible for formatting EMI records, editing and packing of such detail records into files for distribution.
- 2.6 **“In Region Hosting” (SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE only)** - The transport of 1) LEC transported data that originates in the region and are delivered by the CLEC to the Hosting Company to be sent another Local Exchange Carrier for billing; and 2) data received from CMDS or another LEC to be delivered to the CLEC for billing to its End User located within the five state territory of the Host Company.
- 2.7 **“Intercompany Settlements” (ICS)** - a revenue exchange process for messages that originate (earning company) by one Direct Participant (or LEC within the territory of that Direct Participant) and billed to a customer of another Direct Participant (or LEC within the territory of the other Direct participant). ICS consists of third number billed and calling card revenues.
- 2.8 **“Local Exchange Carriers” (LECs) or “Exchange Carriers” (ECs)** - facilities-based providers of local telecommunication services.

- 2.9 **"Message Distribution" (Transmission)** is a collection of data designated to be delivered to the CLEC. Message distribution includes collection of data from the CLEC designated to be delivered to other LECs.
- 2.10 **"Non-Intercompany Settlement (NICS)"** (**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** only) is a revenue exchange process for messages which originate from CLEC and bill to **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and message which originate from **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and bill to CLEC. NICS messages must originate and bill within the same **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** Company.
- 2.11 **"Non-Full Status Revenue Accounting Office" (RAO)** - Contracting Company that has assigned responsibility to the Hosting Company for editing, sorting and placing billing message record detail and/or access usage record detail into packs for distribution.

### 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 3.1 All data forwarded from the CLEC must be in the industry standard format in accordance with the ATIS EMI document. The CLEC is responsible to ensure all appropriate settlement plan indicators are included in the message detail, i.e., the Bellcore Client Company Calling Card and Third Number Settlement (BCC CATS) System. The CLEC acknowledges that the only message records subject to this Hosting Agreement are those that arise from Local Exchange Carrier transported data.
- 3.2 (**SBC-7STATE**) - When CLEC delivers messages to the Hosting Company which must be forwarded to another location for billing purposes, the Hosting Company will accept data from the CLEC, perform edits required to ensure the records are consistent with CMDS specifications, and use its in region data network to forward this data to the appropriate billing company or to access the national CMDS network in order to deliver this data to the appropriate billing and/or processing company.
- 3.3 If CLEC is non- Full Status RAO Company, the Hosting Company will also sort billable message detail and access usage record detail by Revenue Accounting Office, Operating Company Number or Service Bureau and split data into packs for invoicing prior to using its in region network to forward this data to the appropriate billing company or to access the national CMDS network in order to deliver such data to the appropriate billing company.
- 3.4 (**SBC-7STATE** only) For billable message data and/or access usage data received by the Hosting Company for delivery to a CLEC location, the Hosting Company will use its in region data network to receive this data from other Local Exchange Carriers or from CMDS in order to deliver such billable message data and/or access usage data to the agreed upon billing Contract Company location.

### 4. DESCRIPTION OF BILLING SERVICES

- 4.1 (**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**) Monthly Billing
  - 4.1.1 Each month, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** shall calculate the total amount due. This calculation will include:
    - 4.1.1.1 Transmission fee
    - 4.1.1.2 ICS settlement processing fee
    - 4.1.1.3 ICS revenue, originated by Ameritech and ICS revenue originated by CLEC
    - 4.1.1.4 NICS revenue, originated by Carrier and NICS revenue originated by Ameritech
  - 4.1.2 CATS and NICS reports include a payment by the originating company to the billing company for compensation of Billing and Collecting (B&C).
  - 4.1.3 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** shall provide collection and distribution of messages that are designated to be delivered to the CLEC.
  - 4.1.4 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** shall provide collection and distribution of messages that originate with the CLEC and are designated to be delivered to other LECs.

- 4.1.5 CLEC must provide **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** a Non-Hosted Nationwide Revenue Accounting Office (RAO) code which has been assigned by Telcordia Technologies (previously Bellcore). **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** advise Telcordia Technologies to convert the RAO code.
- 4.1.6 CLEC subscribing to Hosting services with **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** prior to the effective date of this agreement and sharing an **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** RAO may continue this service using **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** RAO. One exception is when the CLEC is providing Hosting service using **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** as an intermediary. In this situation, a Full Status RAO is required.
- 4.1.7 If access records are received from the CMDS system, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** shall collect these records and distribute to the CLEC. Such records may be either detail or summary access records.
- 4.1.8 All data will be forwarded on a daily basis to the CLEC or their designated billing agent. Both **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and CLEC shall send/receive data in EMI format. **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and CLEC shall be responsible for packing the data and shall be subject to Telcordia Technologies CMDS packing and editing requirements.
- 4.1.9 CLEC may return to **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** any messages which are unbillable provided that such returns are made within ninety (90) days of message date. All such returned unbillable messages shall be accepted by **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and the charges therefore deducted for reimbursement amount owing to **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**. CLEC shall be responsible for packing such unbillable messages subject to Telcordia Technologies CMDS packing and editing requirements.
- 4.2 (**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**) INTERCOMPANY SETTLEMENT (ICS)
  - 4.2.1 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will provide Intercompany Settlement (ICS) for alternately billed (third number billed and calling card) messages. Using the following criteria:
    - 4.2.1.1 The call must be transported by a LEC.
    - 4.2.1.2 The message must be billed in a DP's territory different from the DP's territory where the call originated.
    - 4.2.1.3 ICS does not extend to the 900 or 976 calls or to other pay per call services.
    - 4.2.1.4 The Telcordia Technologies CATS report is the source for revenue to be settled between **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and CLEC. ICS settlement will be incorporated into the CLEC's monthly invoice.
- 4.3 (**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**) NON-INTERCOMPANY SETTLEMENT (NICS)
  - 4.3.1 Non-Intercompany Settlement (NICS) shall apply only to alternately billed messages (calling card, third number billed and collect calls) originated by **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and billed by the CLEC, or messages originated by the CLEC and billed by **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** within the same **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** State. For example, an alternately billed call originating within **SBC ILLINOIS** territory and billed to a CLEC within **SBC ILLINOIS** would be covered by this section; a call originating within **SBC MICHIGAN** but billing outside of **SBC MICHIGAN** would not be NICS.
  - 4.3.2 NICS does not extend to 900 or 976 calls or to other pay per call services.
  - 4.3.3 The Telcordia Technologies NICS report is the source for revenue to be settled between **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and CLEC. NICS settlement will be incorporated into the CLEC's monthly invoice.
  - 4.3.4 CLECs subscribing to Hosting services with **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** prior to the effective date of this agreement and sharing an **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** RAO, may continue this

service using **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s RAO. One exception is when the CLEC is providing Hosting service using **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** as an intermediary. In this situation, a Full Status RAO is required.

- 4.3.5 For calls originating and billing within a non- **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** state, CLEC should obtain NICS agreements with the LECs in that state.

## 5. BASIS OF COMPENSATION

- 5.1 In **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, CLEC agrees to pay Hosting Company a per record charge for billable message records an/or access usage records that are received from the CLEC and destined for delivery to another location for billing, at the rates listed in Appendix Pricing.
- 5.1.1 As part of this per record charge, the Hosting Company will provide Confirmation and /or Error Reports and any Intercompany Settlement (ICS) Reports, such as the Bellcore Client Company Calling Card and Third Number Settlement System (BCC CATS).
- 5.1.2 CLEC also agrees to pay Hosting Company a per record charge for billable message records an/or access usage records in those situations where the Hosting Company, performing a transfer service, provides this message data received from other Local Exchange Carriers or from CMDS on a magnetic tape or data file for delivery to the CLEC.
- 5.2 (**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** only)- CLEC shall pay a one-time set-up charge, half (½) due at contract signing and half (½) due with first billing and for services as set forth in Appendix Pricing.
- 5.3 (**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** only) CLEC shall be issued a monthly invoice that may be amended by Hosting Company from time to time at its sole discretion. Monthly charges shall be billed as set forth in Appendix Pricing. Payments shall be due within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice. A late payment charge of one and one half percent (1 1/2%) per month, or the highest amount allowed by law, whichever is greater, shall apply to past due amounts.

## 6. TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 6.1 Unless sooner terminated as herein provided, this Agreement will continue in force for a period of one (1) year from the effective date hereof and thereafter until terminated by sixty (60) days prior notice in writing form either party to the other.

## 7. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 7.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions; interpretation; construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.



**Exhibit A**  
**Change Request by Carrier**  
**SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**

1. For purposes of this Exhibit, Interfacing Company shall mean Ameritech.
2. When CLEC requests modifications to existing Interfacing Company systems or procedures, CLEC will provide complete written specifications for the requested change. The time and cost request should be directed to the CLEC's Account Manager.
3. Change Requests:
  - Both parties must agree that the specification accurately describes the work to be performed. CLEC will authorize the specifications in writing.
  - The authorized specifications will be distributed within the Interfacing Company to develop an estimate of the work effort involved to implement the change.
  - CLEC will have up to sixty (60) workdays from receipt of the time and cost to authorize implementation. If implementation is to proceed, CLEC will provide written authorization to the Interfacing Company.
  - Any changes to the approved specifications will be subject to re-evaluation by the Interfacing Company and CLEC.
4. General:
  - Interfacing Company will notify CLEC if it fails to implement a change on the agreed effective date. This notification will take place as soon as the Interfacing Company is aware of the problem.
  - CLEC will compensate Interfacing Company for changes only to the extent such changes have been authorized by Carrier in writing.
  - For cancelled requests, CLEC will compensate Interfacing Company for expense incurred up to the point of cancellation.
5. System Embargo:
  - Interfacing Company will notify CLEC in advance when Interfacing Company will be involved in a major project resulting in a billing system embargo for a period of time. Such embargo will not affect any existing request pending before Interfacing Company for which written authorization has been received. Change requests received during an embargo will be handled on an individual case basis.

# **APPENDIX DSL (Including Line Sharing or HFPL)**

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## APPENDIX DSL

### Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) Capable Loops

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for providing DSL and the High Frequency Portion of the Loop (HFPL) by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC).
- 1.2 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **SBC-4STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 **SBC-7STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.6 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC CALIFORNIA, SBC NEVADA, and SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.7 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, SBC-2STATE and SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **SBC ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 **SBC CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 1.13 **SBC ILLINOIS**- As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

- 1.14 **SBC INDIANA** - As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.15 **SBC MICHIGAN** - As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.16 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.17 **SBC MISSOURI** - As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.18 **SBC NEVADA** - As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.19 **SBC OHIO** - As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.20 **SBC OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.21 **SBC SNET** - As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.22 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.23 **SBC TEXAS** - As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 **SBC WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.
- 1.25 The prices, terms, and conditions herein are not applicable in **SBC SNET**. **SBC SNET**'s unbundled DSL offering may be found in the Commission-ordered Connecticut Access Service Tariff, Section 18.2.
- 1.26 **SBC-12STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with access to UNEs (including the unbundled xDSL Capable Loop and HFPL offerings) in accordance with the rates, terms and conditions set forth in this xDSL Attachment and the general terms and conditions applicable to UNEs under this Agreement, for CLEC to use in conjunction with its desired xDSL technologies and equipment to provide xDSL services to its end user customers.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 For purposes of this Appendix, a "loop" is defined as a transmission facility between a distribution frame (or its equivalent) in a central office and the loop demarcation point at an end user customer premises.
- 2.2 For purposes of this Appendix, a "subloop" is defined as any portion of the loop from **SBC-12STATE**'s F1/F2 interface to the demarcation point at the customer premise that can be accessed at a terminal in **SBC-12STATE**'s outside plant. An accessible terminal is a point on the loop where technicians can access the wire or fiber within the cable without removing a splice closure to reach the wire within. The Parties recognize that this is only one form of subloop (defined as the F1/F2 interface to the customer premise) as set forth in the FCC's Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-986 (FCC 99-238), including the FCC's Supplemental Order issued In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-

- 370) (rel. November 24, 1999) ("the UNE Remand Order"). Additional subloop types may be negotiated and agreed to by the Parties consistent with the UNE Remand Order. Subloops discussed in this Appendix will be effective in accordance with the dates set out in the UNE Remand Order.
- 2.3 Subject to Section 6.4.4 below, the term "**conditioning**" as used herein shall refer to the removal by SBC-12STATE of load coils, excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet), and/or repeaters on an xDSL capable loop, subloop or HFPL upon request by CLEC at the conditioning rates set forth in Appendix Pricing to this Agreement, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein below.
- 2.4 The term "**Digital Subscriber Line**" ("**DSL**") describes various technologies and services. The "x" in "xDSL" is a place holder for the various types of DSL services, including, but not limited to ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line), HDSL (High-Speed Digital Subscriber Line), IDSL (ISDN Digital Subscriber Line), SDSL (Symmetrical Digital Subscriber Line), UDSL (Universal Digital Subscriber Line), VDSL (Very High-Speed Digital Subscriber Line), and RADSL (Rate-Adaptive Digital Subscriber Line).
- 2.5 The term "**excessive bridged tap**" as used herein shall refer to bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet in total length.
- 2.6 "**High Frequency Portion of the Loop**" ("**HFPL**") is defined as the frequency above the voice band on a copper loop facility that is being used to carry traditional POTS analog circuit-switched voice band transmissions. The FCC's Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 98-147 and Fourth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-98 (rel. December 9, 1999) (the "Line Sharing Order") references the voice band frequency of the spectrum as 300 to 3000 Hertz (and possibly up to 3400 Hertz) and provides that DSL technologies which operate at frequencies generally above 20,000 Hertz will not interfere with voice band transmission. **SBC-12STATE** shall only make the HFPL available to CLEC in those instances where **SBC-12STATE** also is providing retail POTS (voice band circuit switched) service on the same local loop facility to the same end user.
- 2.7 The term "**non-excessive bridged tap**" as used herein shall refer to bridged tap less than 2,500 feet in total length.
- 2.8 A loop technology that is "**presumed acceptable for deployment**" is one that either complies with existing industry standards, has been successfully deployed by another carrier in any state without significantly degrading the performance of other services, or has been approved by the FCC, any state commission, or an industry standards body.
- 2.9 A "**non-standard xDSL-based technology**" is a loop technology that is not presumed acceptable for deployment under Section 2.5 of this Appendix.
- 2.10 "**Continuity**" shall be defined as a single, uninterrupted path along a circuit, from the Minimum Point of Entry (MPOE) or other demarcation point to the Point of Interface (POI) located on the horizontal side of the Main Distribution Frame (MDF).
- 2.11 "**Proof of Continuity**" shall be determined by performing a physical fault test from the MPOE or other demarcation point to the POI located on the horizontal side of the MDF by providing a short across the circuit on the tip and ring, and registering whether it can be received at the far end. This test will be known hereafter as "Proof of Continuity" or "Continuity Test."
- 2.12 "**xDSL Capable Loop**" is a loop that a CLEC may use to deploy xDSL technologies.
- 2.13 "**Acceptance Testing**" shall be defined as the joint testing for xDSL loops between **SBC-12STATE's** Technician, its Local Operations Center ("LOC"), and the CLECs designated test representative for the purpose of verifying Continuity as more specifically described in Section 8.
- 2.14 "**Line Share Turn-Up Test**" shall be defined as the testing for central office continuity as more specifically described in Section 8.7, which will be performed by SBC-12STATE when CLEC orders an HFPL from SBC-12STATE hereunder.

- 2.15 Plan of Record for Pre-Ordering and Ordering of xDSL and other Advanced Services ("**Plan of Record**" or "**POR**") refers to **SBC-12STATE**'s December 7, 1999 filing with the FCC, including any subsequent modifications or additions to such filing.
- 2.16 The "**Splitter**" is a device that divides the data and voice signals concurrently moving across the loop, directing the voice traffic through copper tie cables to the switch and the data traffic through another pair of copper tie cables to multiplexing equipment for delivery to the packet-switched network. The Splitter may be directly integrated into the Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer (DSLAM) equipment or may be externally mounted.
- 2.17 "**Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer**" ("**DSLAM**") is a piece of equipment that links end-user DSL connections to a single high-speed packet switch, typically ATM or IP.

### 3. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATING TO UNBUNDLED xDSL-CAPABLE LOOPS

- 3.1 Unless otherwise noted, all references to "loop" in Sections 3.1 - 3.8 includes **SBC-12STATE**'s HFPL offering unless otherwise noted.
- 3.2 **SBC-12STATE** will provide a loop for CLEC to deploy xDSL technologies presumed acceptable for deployment or non-standard xDSL technology as defined in this Appendix. **SBC-12STATE** will not impose limitations on the transmission speeds of xDSL services; provided, however, **SBC-12STATE** does not guarantee transmission speeds, available bandwidth nor imply any service level. Consistent with the Line Sharing Order, CLEC may only deploy xDSL technologies on HFPL loops that do not cause significant degradation with analog voice band transmission.
- 3.3 **SBC-12STATE** shall not deny CLEC's request to deploy any loop technology that is presumed acceptable for deployment pursuant to state or federal rules unless **SBC-12STATE** has demonstrated to the state commissions in accordance with FCC orders that CLEC's deployment of the specific loop technology will significantly degrade the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services.
- 3.4 In the event the CLEC wishes to introduce a technology that has been approved by another state commission or the FCC, or successfully deployed elsewhere, the CLEC will provide documentation describing that action to **SBC-12STATE** and the state commission before or at the time of its request to deploy such technology within **SBC-12STATE**. The documentation should include the date of approval or deployment, any limitations included in its deployment, and a sworn attestation that the deployment did not significantly degrade the performance of other services.
- 3.5 In the event the CLEC wishes to introduce a technology that does not conform to existing industry standards and has not been approved by an industry standards body, the FCC, or a state commission, the burden is on the CLEC to demonstrate that its proposed deployment meets the threshold for a presumption of acceptability and will not, in fact, significantly degrade the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services.
- 3.6 Liability
  - 3.6.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Appendix, each Party, whether a CLEC or **SBC-12STATE**, agrees that should it cause any non-standard xDSL technologies to be deployed or used in connection with or on **SBC-12STATE** facilities, the 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") facilities. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Appendix, each Party ("Indemnifying Party") shall release, defend and indemnify the other Party ("Indemnitee") and hold Indemnitee harmless against any loss, or claim made by the Indemnifying Party's end-user, arising out of the negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnitee, its agents, its end users, contractors, or others retained by such Party, in connection with Indemnitee's provision of splitter functionality under this Appendix.
  - 3.6.2 For any technology, CLEC's use of any **SBC-12STATE** network element, or its own equipment or facilities in conjunction with any **SBC-12STATE** network element, will not materially interfere with or impair service over any facilities of **SBC-12STATE**, its affiliated companies or connecting and

concurring carriers involved in **SBC-12STATE** services, cause damage to **SBC-12STATE**'s plant, impair the privacy of a communications carried over **SBC-12STATE**'s facilities or create hazards to employees or the public. Upon reasonable written notice and after a reasonable opportunity to cure, **SBC-12STATE** may discontinue or refuse service if CLEC violates this provision, provided that such termination of service will be limited to CLEC's use of the element(s) causing the violation. Subject to Section 9.3 for HFPL, **SBC-12STATE** will not disconnect the elements causing the violation if, after receipt of written notice and opportunity to cure, the CLEC demonstrates that their use of the network element is not the cause of the network harm. If **SBC-12STATE** does not believe the CLEC has made the sufficient showing that it is not the cause of the harm, or if CLEC contests the basis for the disconnection, either Party must first submit the matter to dispute resolution under the Dispute Resolution Procedures set forth in this Appendix. Any claims of network harm by **SBC-12STATE** must be supported with specific and verifiable supporting information.

### 3.7 Indemnification

- 3.7.1 Covered Claim: Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Appendix, each Party ("Indemnifying Party") will release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party ("Indemnatee") from and against any loss, liability, claim, or damage, including but not limited to direct, indirect or consequential damages, made against Indemnatee by any telecommunications .
- 3.7.2 service provider or telecommunications user (other than claims for damages or other losses made by an end-user of Indemnatee for which Indemnatee has sole responsibility and liability) caused, in whole or substantial part, by the use of non-standard xDSL technologies by the Indemnifying Party, or by the Indemnifying Party's provision of splitter functionality under this Appendix, or the Indemnifying Party's (i.e., CLEC's) retention of the loop used to provide the HFPL when the end user terminates voice service from Indemnatee (i.e., **SBC-12STATE**) and Indemnatee is requested by another telecommunications service provider to provide a voice grade service or facility to the end user.
- 3.7.3 Indemnifying Party is permitted to fully control the defense or settlement of any Covered Claim, including the selection of defense counsel. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Indemnifying Party will consult with Indemnatee on the selection of defense counsel and consider any applicable conflicts of interest. Indemnifying Party is required to assume all costs of the defense and any loss, liability, claim or damage indemnified pursuant to Section 3.7.1 above and Indemnatee will bear no financial or legal responsibility whatsoever arising from such claims.
- 3.7.4 Indemnatee agrees to fully cooperate with the defense of any Covered Claim. Indemnatee will provide written notice to the Indemnifying Party of any Covered Claim at the address for notice set forth herein within ten days of receipt, and, in the case of receipt of service of process, will deliver such process to the Indemnifying Party not later than 10 business days prior to the date for response to the process. Indemnatee will provide to Indemnifying Party reasonable access to or copies of any relevant physical and electronic documents or records related to the deployment of non-standard xDSL technologies in the area affected by the claim, or the Indemnifying Party's provision of splitter functionality under this Appendix, all other documents or records determined to be discoverable, and all other relevant documents or records that defense counsel may reasonably request in preparation and defense of the Covered Claim. Indemnatee will further cooperate with the Indemnifying Party's investigation and defense of the Covered Claim by responding to the reasonable requests to make its employees with knowledge relevant to the Covered Claim available as witnesses for preparation and participation in discovery and trial during regular weekday business hours. Indemnatee will promptly notify the Indemnifying Party of any settlement communications, offers or proposals received from claimants.
- 3.7.5 Indemnatee agrees that Indemnifying Party will have no indemnity obligation under 3.7.1 above, and Indemnatee will reimburse Indemnifying Party's defense costs, in any case in which Indemnifying Party's technology is determined not to be the cause of any of Indemnatee's liability and in any case in which the Indemnifying Party's provision of splitter functionality under this Appendix is determined not to be the cause of any of Indemnatee's liability.



- 3.8 Claims Not Covered: No Party hereunder agrees to indemnify or defend any other Party against claims based on the other Party's gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

#### 4. UNBUNDLED xDSL-CAPABLE LOOP OFFERINGS

- 4.1 DSL-Capable Loops: For each of the loop types described in Sections 4.1.1 - 4.1.4 below, CLEC will, at the time of ordering, notify **SBC-12STATE** as to the Power Spectral Density (PSD) mask of the technology the CLEC will deploy.
- 4.1.1 2-Wire xDSL Loop: A 2-wire xDSL loop for purposes of this section, is a copper loop over which a CLEC may provision various DSL technologies. A copper loop used for such purposes will meet basic electrical standards such as metallic connectivity and capacitive and resistive balance, and based upon industry standards, should not include load coils, mid-span repeaters or excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet in length). However removal of load coils, repeaters or excessive bridged tap on an existing loop is optional, subject to conditioning charges, and will be performed by **SBC-12STATE** at CLEC's request as more specifically provided in Sections 7.1 - 7.3 below. The rates set forth in Appendix Pricing shall apply to this 2-Wire xDSL Loop.
- 4.1.2 IDSL Loop: An IDSL Loop for purposes of this Section is a 2-Wire Digital Loop transmission facility which supports IDSL services. The terms and conditions for the 2-Wire Digital Loop are set forth in the Appendix UNE. This loop also includes additional acceptance testing to insure the IDSL technology is compatible with the underlying Digital Loop Carrier system if present. IDSL is not compatible with all Digital Loop Carrier Systems and therefore this offering may not be available in all areas. The rates set forth in Appendix Pricing shall apply to this IDSL Loop.
- 4.1.3 4-Wire xDSL Loop: A 4-Wire xDSL loop for purposes of this section, is a copper loop over which a CLEC may provision DSL technologies. A copper loop used for such purposes will meet basic electrical standards such as metallic connectivity and capacitive and resistive balance, and based upon industry standards, should not include load coils, mid-span repeaters or excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet in length). However removal of load coils, repeaters or excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet) on an existing loop is optional and will be performed by **SBC-12STATE** at CLEC's request as more specifically provided in Sections 7.1 - 7.3 below. The rates set forth in Appendix Pricing shall apply to this 4-Wire xDSL Loop.
- 4.1.4 Sub-Loop: In locations where **SBC-12STATE** has deployed: (1) Digital Loop Carrier systems and an uninterrupted copper loop is replaced with a fiber segment or shared copper in the distribution section of the loop; (2) Digital Added Main Line ("DAML") technology to derive multiple voice-grade POTS circuits from a single copper pair; or (3) entirely fiber optic facilities to the end user, **SBC-12STATE** will make the following options available to CLEC:
- 4.1.5.1 Where spare copper facilities are available, and the facilities meet the necessary technical requirements for the provisioning of DSL, the CLEC has the option of requesting **SBC-12STATE** to make copper facilities available (subject to Section 4.6 below).
- 4.1.5.2 The CLEC has the option of collocating a DSLAM in **SBC-12STATE**'s Remote Terminal ("RT") at the fiber/copper interface point, pursuant to collocation terms and conditions. When the CLEC collocates its DSLAM at **SBC-12STATE** RTs, **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC with unbundled access to subloops to allow CLEC to access the copper wire portion of the loop.
- 4.1.5.3 Where the CLEC is unable to obtain spare copper loops necessary to provision a DSL service, and **SBC-12STATE** has placed a DSLAM in the RT, **SBC-12STATE** must unbundle and provide access to its packet switching. **SBC-12STATE** is relieved of this unbundling obligation only if it permits a requesting CLEC to collocate its DSLAM in **SBC-12STATE**'s remote terminal, on the same terms and conditions that apply to its own DSLAM. The rates set forth in Appendix Pricing shall apply to this subloop.

- 4.1.5 When **SBC-12STATE** is the provider of the retail POTS analog voice service on the same loop to the same end-user, HFPL access will be offered on loops that meet the loop requirements as defined in Sections 4.1.1-4.1.4 above. The CLEC will provide **SBC-12STATE** with the type of technology it seeks to deploy, at the time of ordering, including the PSD of the technology the CLEC will deploy. If the technology does not have a PSD mask, CLEC shall provide **SBC-12STATE** with a technical description of the technology (including power mask) for inventory purposes.
- 4.1.5.1 xDSL technologies may only reside in the higher frequency ranges, preserving a “buffer zone” to ensure the integrity of voice band traffic.
- 4.2 When **SBC-12STATE** traditional retail POTS services are disconnected, **SBC-12STATE** will notify the CLEC that POTS service is being disconnected. The CLEC will determine whether the broadband service will be converted from a Line Sharing Circuit, or HFPL, to a full stand alone UNE loop or disconnected. All appropriate recurring and nonrecurring charges for the rearrangement and/or disconnect shall apply pursuant to Appendix Pricing.. Upon request of either Party, the Parties shall meet to negotiate rates, terms and conditions for such notification and disconnection.
- 4.3 **SBC-12STATE** shall be under no obligation to provide multi-carrier or multi-service line sharing arrangements as referenced in FCC 99-35, paragraph 75.
- 4.4 HFPL is not available in conjunction with a combination of network elements known as the platform or UNE-P (including loop and switch port combinations) or unbundled local switching or any arrangement where **SBC-12STATE** is not the retail POTS provider.
- 4.5 CLEC may provide voice and data services over the same loop by engaging in “line splitting” as set forth in paragraph 323-29 of the FCC’s Texas 271 Order (CC Docket 00-65 (FCC 00-238), released June 30, 2000). Consistent with that Order, **SBC-12STATE** shall not be required to provide low frequency voice service to CLEC “A” and high frequency data service to CLEC “B” on the same loop. Any line splitting between two CLECs shall be accomplished between those parties and shall not utilize the HFPL product, as defined in this Appendix. CLEC shall provide any splitters used for line splitting. To implement line splitting, CLEC may order, including using supporting OSS, loops, unbundled switching, collocators-to-collocator connections, and available cross-connects, under the terms and conditions set forth in this Appendix.
- 4.6 **SBC-12STATE** shall be under no obligation to provision xDSL capable loops or the HFPL in any instance where physical facilities do not exist.
- 4.7 For each loop (including the HFPL), CLEC shall at the time of ordering notify **SBC-12STATE** as to the PSD mask of the technology the CLEC intends to deploy on the loop. If and when a change in PSD mask is made, CLEC will immediately notify **SBC-12STATE**. Likewise, **SBC-12STATE** will disclose to CLEC upon request information with respect to the number of loops using advanced services technology within the binder and type of technology deployed on those loops. **SBC-12STATE** will use this information for the sole purpose of maintaining an inventory of advanced services present in the cable sheath. If the technology does not fit within a national standard PSD mask (but still remains in the HFPL only), CLEC shall provide **SBC-12STATE** with a technical description of the technology (including power mask) for inventory purposes. Additional information on the use of PSD masks can be found in Section 10 below.
- 4.8 **SBC-12STATE** will not deny a requesting CLEC’s right to deploy new xDSL technologies that do not conform to the national standards and have not yet been approved by a standards body (or otherwise authorized by the FCC, any state commission or which have not been successfully deployed by any carrier without significantly degrading the performance of other services) if the requesting CLEC can demonstrate to the Commission that the loop technology will not significantly degrade the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services.
- 4.8.1 Upon request by CLEC, **SBC-12STATE** will cooperate in the testing and deployment of new xDSL technologies or may direct the CLEC, at CLEC’s expense, to a third party laboratory of CLEC’s choice for such evaluation.

- 4.8.2 If it is demonstrated that the new xDSL technology will not significantly degrade the other advanced services or traditional voice based services, **SBC-12STATE** will provide a loop to support the new technology for CLEC as follows:
- 4.8.2.1 If the technology requires the use of a 2-Wire or a 4-Wire xDSL loop (as defined above), then **SBC-12STATE** will provide an xDSL loop at the same rates listed for a 2-Wire or 4-Wire xDSL loop and associated loop conditioning as needed (pursuant to Sections 7.1 - 7.3 below); provided, however, conditioning on HFPL DSL circuits shall be provided consistent with the terms of Section 6.4.4 below.
- 4.8.2.2 In the event that a xDSL technology requires a loop type that differs from that of a 2-Wire or 4-Wire xDSL loop (as defined in this Attachment), the Parties make a good faith effort to arrive at an Agreement as to the rates, terms and conditions for an unbundled loop capable of supporting the proposed xDSL technology. If negotiations fail, any dispute between the Parties concerning the rates, terms and conditions for an unbundled loop capable of supporting the proposed xDSL technology shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution process provided for in this Appendix.
- 4.8.2.3 With the exception of HFPL access, which is addressed in Section 9 below, if **SBC-12STATE** or another CLEC claims that a service is significantly degrading the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services, then **SBC-12STATE** or that other CLEC must notify the causing carrier and allow that carrier a reasonable opportunity to correct the problem. Any claims of network harm must be supported with specific and verifiable supporting information. In the event that **SBC-12STATE** or a CLEC demonstrates to the Commission that a deployed technology is significantly degrading the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services, the carrier deploying the technology shall discontinue deployment of that technology and migrate its customers to technologies that will not significantly degrade the performance of such services.
- 4.8.3 Each Party must abide by Commission or FCC-approved spectrum management standards. **SBC-12STATE** will not impose its own standards for provisioning xDSL services. However, **SBC-12STATE** will publish non-binding Technical Publications to communicate current standards and their application as set forth in Paragraph 72 of FCC Order 99-48 (rel. March 31, 1999), FCC Docket 98-147.

## 5. HFPL: SPLITTER OWNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 Splitter ownership:
- 5.1.1 CLEC will own and have sole responsibility to forecast, purchase, install, inventory, provision and maintain splitters. When physically collocating, splitters shall be installed in the CLECs collocation arrangement area (whether caged or cageless) consistent with **SBC-12STATE**'s standard collocation practices and procedure. When virtually collocated, **SBC-12STATE** will install, provision and maintain splitters under the terms of virtual collocation.
- 5.2 When physically collocated, CLEC-owned splitters will be placed in traditional collocation areas as outlined in the physical collocation terms and conditions in this Appendix or applicable Commission-ordered tariff. In this arrangement, the CLEC will have test access to the line side of the splitter when the splitter is placed in an area commonly accessible by CLECs. It is recommended that the CLEC provision splitter cards that provide test port capabilities. When virtually collocated, **SBC-12STATE** will install the splitter in an **SBC-12STATE** bay and **SBC-12STATE** will access the splitter on behalf of the CLEC for line continuity tests. Additional testing capabilities (including remote testing) may be negotiated by the Parties.
- 5.3 Splitter provisioning will use standard SBC configuration cabling and wiring in **SBC-12STATE** locations. The CLEC-owned splitter dataport and DSLAM will be hardwired to each other. Connecting Block layouts will reflect standard recognizable arrangements that will work with **SBC-12STATE** Operations Support Systems ("OSS").

- 5.4 Splitter technology shall adhere to established industry standards for technical, test access, common size, configurations and shelf arrangements.
- 5.5 All splitter equipment must be compliant with applicable national standards, including but not limited to ANSI T1.413 and NEBS Level 1 compliance.

## 6. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS: LOOP MAKEUP INFORMATION AND ORDERING

- 6.1 General: **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC with nondiscriminatory access by electronic or manual means, to its loop makeup information set forth in **SBC-12STATE**'s Plan of Record. Loop makeup data will be provided as set forth below. In accordance with the FCC's UNE Remand Order, CLEC will be given nondiscriminatory access to the same loop makeup information that **SBC-12STATE** is providing any other CLEC and/or **SBC-12STATE**'s retail operations or its advanced services affiliate.
- 6.2 Loop Pre-Qualification: Subject to 6.1 above, **SBC-12STATE**'s pre-qualification will provide a near real time response to CLEC queries. Until replaced with OSS access as provided in 6.1, **SBC-12STATE** will provide mechanized access to a loop length indicator via Verigate and DataGate in regions where Verigate/DataGate are generally available for use with xDSL-based, HFPL, or other advanced services. The loop length is an indication of the approximate loop length, based on a 26-gauge equivalent and is calculated on the basis of Distribution Area distance from the central office. This is an optional service to the CLEC and is available at no charge.
- 6.3 Loop Qualification: Subject to 6.1 above, **SBC-12STATE** will develop and deploy enhancements to its existing DataGate and EDI interfaces that will allow CLECs, as well as **SBC-12STATE**'s retail operations or its advanced services affiliate, to have near real time electronic access as a preordering function to the loop makeup information. As more particularly described below, this loop makeup information will be categorized by two separate pricing elements: mechanized and manual.
  - 6.3.1 Mechanized loop qualification includes data that is available electronically and provided via an electronic system. Electronic access to loop makeup data through the OSS enhancements described in 6.1 above will return information in all fields described in SBC's Plan of Record when such information is contained in **SBC-12STATE**'s electronic databases. CLEC will be billed a mechanized loop qualification charge for each xDSL capable loop order submitted at the rates set forth in Appendix Pricing.
  - 6.3.2 Manual loop qualification includes all fields as described in SBC's Plan of Record, when available. CLEC will be billed a manual loop qualification charge for each manual loop qualification requested at the rates set forth in Appendix Pricing.
- 6.4 Both categories of loop qualification are subject to the following:
  - 6.4.1 If load coils, repeaters or excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet) are present on a loop less than 12,000 feet in actual length, conditioning to remove these elements will be performed without request and at no charge to the CLEC.
  - 6.4.2 If a CLEC elects to have **SBC-12STATE** provide loop makeup through a manual process for information not available electronically, then the loop qualification interval will be 3-5 business days, or the interval provided to **SBC-12STATE**'s affiliate, whichever is less.
  - 6.4.3 If the results of the loop qualification indicate that conditioning is available on an xDSL capable loop, CLEC may request that **SBC-12STATE** perform conditioning to remove excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet), load coils and/or repeaters at the charges set forth in the Appendix Pricing. The CLEC may order the loop without conditioning or with partial conditioning if desired.
  - 6.4.4 For the HFPL, if the results of the loop qualification indicate that conditioning is available, CLEC may request that SBC-12STATE perform conditioning to remove load coils, excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet), and repeaters at the charges set forth in the Appendix Pricing. The CLEC may order the HFPL without conditioning or with partial conditioning if desired; provided,

however, that if CLEC's requested conditioning will degrade the customer's analog voice service, **SBC-12STATE** is not required to condition the loop.

## 7. PROVISIONING

- 7.1 Provisioning: **SBC-12STATE** will not guarantee that the local loop(s) ordered will perform as desired by CLEC for xDSL-based, HFPL, or other advanced services, but will guarantee basic metallic loop parameters, including continuity and pair balance. CLEC-requested testing by **SBC-12STATE** beyond these parameters will be billed on a time and materials basis at the applicable tariffed rates. On loops where CLECs have requested that no conditioning be performed, **SBC-12STATE**'s maintenance will be limited to verifying loop suitability based on POTS design. For loops having had partial or extensive conditioning performed at CLEC's request, **SBC-12STATE** will verify continuity, the completion of all requested conditioning that is available under this Appendix, and will repair at no charge to CLEC any gross defects which would be unacceptable based on current POTS design criteria and which do not result from the loop's modified design.
- 7.2 Subject to Section 6.4.4 above, CLEC shall designate, at the CLEC's sole option, what loop conditioning i.e. the removal of excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet), load coils and/or repeaters) **SBC-12STATE** is to perform in provisioning the xDSL loop(s), subloop(s), or HFPL on the loop order. A CLEC may request that SBC-12STATE condition a loop, or subloop(s), or HFPL to remove excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet), load coils and/or repeaters at the Loop conditioning rates set forth in the Appendix Pricing. The loop or subloop will be provisioned to meet the basic metallic and electrical characteristics such as electrical conductivity and capacitive and resistive balance. Any CLEC request for loop conditioning to remove bridged tap on a loop under this Appendix, shall be taken as a request for removal of excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet) on the loop only (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet) so that the loop is conditioned to meet applicable industry standards. The rates, terms and conditions set forth in this Appendix do not cover the conditioning of a loop to remove non-excessive bridged tap (bridged tap 2,500 feet in length or less) i.e., conditioning beyond industry standards. To the extent that CLEC should wish to have the option to request that a loop be conditioned to remove non-excessive bridged tap, the CLEC may elect to incorporate SBC-12STATE's separate, optional Removal of All or Non-Excessive Bridged Tap ("RABT") Attachment into its Interconnection Agreement and in such case, the terms and conditions in the RABT Attachment, and associated rates, would become effective between SBC-12STATE and CLEC following approval of such provisions by the applicable Commission.
- 7.3 The provisioning intervals are applicable to every xDSL loop and HFPL regardless of the loop length. The Parties will meet to negotiate and agree upon subloop provisioning intervals.
- 7.3.1 The provisioning and installation interval for xDSL-capable loops, where no conditioning is requested (including outside plant rearrangements that involve moving a working service to an alternate pair as the only possible solution to provide a DSL-capable loop), on orders for 1-20 loops per order or per end-user location, will be 5 business days, or the provisioning and installation interval applicable to **SBC-12STATE**'s tariffed xDSL-based services, or its affiliate's, whichever is less.
- 7.3.2 For CLEC orders of more than 20 xDSL-capable loops per order or per end user location where no conditioning is requested, the provisioning and installation interval will be negotiated between the Parties.
- 7.3.3 The provisioning and installation intervals for xDSL-capable loops where the conditioning (as provided above) is requested or outside plant rearrangements are necessary, as defined above, on orders for 1-20 loops per order or per end-user customer location, will be ten (10) business days, or the provisioning and installation interval applicable to **SBC-12STATE**'s tariffed xDSL-based services or its affiliate's xDSL-based services where conditioning is required, whichever is less.
- 7.3.4 Orders for more than 20 xDSL-capable loops per order which require conditioning (as provided above) will have a provisioning and installation interval agreed by the parties in each instance.

- 7.3.5 The provisioning and installation interval for the HFPL UNE, where no conditioning is requested (including outside plant rearrangements that involve moving a working service to an alternate pair as the only possible solution to provide the HFPL UNE), on orders for 1-24 loops per order or per end-user location, will be 3 business days, or the provisioning and installation interval applicable to **SBC-12STATE**'s tariffed xDSL-based services, or its affiliate's, whichever is less.
- 7.3.6 For CLEC orders of 25 to 48 HFPL per order or per end user customer location where no conditioning is requested, the provisioning and installation interval will be 6 business days or as agreed upon by the parties.
- 7.3.7 For CLEC orders of 48 up to 99 HFPL per order or per end user location where no conditioning is requested, the provisioning and installation interval will be 7 business days, or as agreed upon by the Parties.
- 7.3.8 For CLEC orders of more than 99 HFPL per order or per end user location where no conditioning is requested, the provisioning and installation interval will be as agreed upon by the Parties.
- 7.3.9 The provisioning and installation intervals for the HFPL UNE where conditioning (as provided above) is requested or outside plant rearrangements are necessary, as defined above, on orders for 1-24 HFPL per order or per end-user customer location, will be ten (10) business days, or the provisioning and installation interval applicable to **SBC-12STATE**'s tariffed xDSL-based services or its affiliate's xDSL-based services where conditioning is required, whichever is less.
- 7.3.10 For CLEC order of more than 24 HFPL per order or per end user location where conditioning (as provided above) is requested, the provisioning and installation interval will be as agreed upon by the Parties.
- 7.3.11 For HFPL orders, intervals are contingent upon CLEC's end user customer release of the voice grade circuit during normal working hours. In the event the end user customer should require conditioning during non-working hours, the due date may be adjusted consistent with end user release of the voice grade circuit and out-of-hours charges may apply.
- 7.3.12 Subsequent to the initial order for a xDSL capable loop, subloop, or HFPL additional conditioning for the removal of excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet), load coils and/or repeaters may be requested on such loop(s) at the rates set forth in the Appendix Pricing and the applicable service order charges will apply; provided, however, when requests to add or modify conditioning are received for a pending xDSL capable loop(s) order, no additional service order charges shall be assessed, but the due date may be adjusted if necessary to meet standard offered provisioning intervals. The provisioning interval for additional requests for conditioning pursuant to this subsection will be the same as set forth above. In addition, CLEC agrees that standard offered intervals do not constitute performance measurement commitments.
- 7.3.13 The CLEC, at its sole option, may request shielded cabling between network elements and frames within the central office for use with 2-wire xDSL loop or HFPL when used to provision ADSL over a DSL-capable loop or HFPL provided for herein at the rates set forth in the Appendix Pricing. Tight Twist cross-connect wire will be used on all identified DSL services on all central office frames.

## 8. TESTING

- 8.1 **SBC-12STATE** and the CLEC agree to implement Acceptance Testing during the provisioning cycle for xDSL loop delivery. When **SBC-12STATE** provides HFPL, continuity is generally assumed as **SBC-12STATE** retail POTS service is operating at the time of the order. Generally, **SBC-12STATE** would not dispatch to provision HFPL, thus would not have a technician at the customer site to perform an acceptance test. However, **SBC-12STATE** will perform the routine Line Sharing Turn-Up Testing prior to the completion of a HFPL order.
- 8.2 Should the CLEC desire Acceptance Testing, it shall request such testing on a per xDSL loop basis upon issuance of the Local Service Request (LSR). Acceptance Testing will be conducted at the time of installation of the service request.

- 8.2.1 If the LSR was placed without a request for Acceptance Testing, and the CLEC should determine that it is desired or needed during any subsequent phase of provisioning, the request may be added at any time; however, this may cause a new standard due date to be calculated for the service order.
- 8.3 Acceptance Testing Procedure:
- 8.3.1 Upon delivery of a loop to/for the CLEC, **SBC-12STATE**'s field technician will call the LOC and the LOC tester will call a toll free number provided by the CLEC so the CLEC can initiate performance of a series of Acceptance Tests.
- 8.3.1.1 For 2-wire digital loops that are not provisioned through repeaters or digital loop carriers, the **SBC-12STATE** field technician will provide a solid short across the tip and ring of the circuit and then open the loop circuit.
- 8.3.1.2 For 2-wire digital loops that are provisioned through repeaters or Digital Loop Carrier, the **SBC-12STATE** field technician will not perform a short or open circuit due to technical limitations.
- 8.3.2 If the loop passes the "Proof of Continuity" parameters, as defined by this Appendix for DSL loops, the CLEC will provide **SBC-12STATE** with a confirmation number and **SBC-12STATE** will complete the order. The CLEC will be billed for the Acceptance Test as specified below under Acceptance Testing Billing at the applicable rates as set forth in Appendix Pricing.
- 8.3.3 If the Acceptance Test fails loop Continuity Test parameters, as defined by this Appendix for DSL loops, the LOC technician will take any or all reasonable steps to immediately resolve the problem with the CLEC on the line including, but not limited to, calling the central office to perform work or troubleshooting for physical faults. If the problem cannot be resolved in an expedient manner, the technician will release the CLEC representative, and perform the work necessary to correct the situation. Once the loop is correctly provisioned, **SBC-12STATE** will re-contact the CLEC representative to repeat the Acceptance Test. When the aforementioned test parameters are met, the CLEC will provide **SBC-12STATE** with a confirmation number and **SBC-12STATE** will complete the order. If CLEC xDSL service does not function as desired, yet test parameters are met, **SBC-12STATE** will still close the order. **SBC-12STATE** will not complete an order that fails Acceptance Testing.
- 8.3.4 Until such time as the CLEC and **SBC-12STATE** agree, or industry standards establish, that their test equipment can accurately and consistently send signals through repeaters or Digital Loop Carriers, the CLEC agrees to accept 2-wire digital loops, designed with such reach extenders, without testing the complete circuit. Consequently, **SBC-12STATE** agrees that should the CLEC open a trouble ticket and an **SBC-12STATE** network fault be found by standard testing procedures on such a loop within ten (10) business days (in which it is determined by standard testing to be an **SBC-12STATE** fault), **SBC-12STATE**, upon CLEC request, will adjust the CLEC's bill to refund the recurring charge of such a loop until the fault has been resolved and the trouble ticket is closed.
- 8.3.5 **SBC-12STATE** will be relieved of the obligation to perform Acceptance Testing on a particular loop and will assume acceptance of the loop by the CLEC when the CLEC cannot provide a "live" representative (through no answer or placement on hold) for over ten (10) minutes. **SBC-12STATE** may then close the order utilizing existing procedures, document the time and reason, and may bill the CLEC as if the Acceptance Test had been completed and the loop accepted, subject to Section 8.4 below.
- 8.3.6 If, however, a trouble ticket is opened on the loop within 24 hours and the trouble resulted from **SBC-12STATE** error as determined through standard testing procedures, the CLEC will be credited for the cost of the Acceptance Test. Additionally, the CLEC may request **SBC-12STATE** to re-perform the Acceptance Test at the conclusion of the repair phase again at no charge. This loop will not be counted as a successful completion for the purposes of the calculations discussed in Section 8.4 below.

8.3.7 Both Parties declare they will work together, in good faith, to implement Acceptance Testing procedures that are efficient and effective. If the Parties mutually agree to additional testing, procedures and/or standards not covered by this Appendix or any Public Utilities Commission or FCC ordered tariff, the Parties will negotiate terms and conditions to implement such additional testing, procedures and/or standards. Additional charges may apply if any accepted changes in Acceptance Testing procedures require additional time and/or expense.

#### 8.4 Acceptance Testing Billing

8.4.1 The CLEC will be billed for Acceptance Testing upon the effective date of this Appendix for loops that are installed correctly by the committed interval without the benefit of corrective action due to acceptance testing.

#### 8.5 Cooperative Testing: (**SBC-13STATE**)

<b>REGION</b>	<b>TARIFF</b>
<b>SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE</b>	FCC No. 2; Sec. 13.3.4 (C)(1)(a)
<b>SBC NEVADA*</b>	FCC No. 1; Sec. 13.3.5 (B)(1)
<b>SBC CALIFORNIA</b>	FCC No. 128; Sec. 13.3.5 (C)(1)(a)
<b>SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE</b>	FCC No. 73; Sec. 13.4.8 (A)

\* Nevada Bell Charges represent I/R Technicians and Central Office Maintenance respectively.

\*\*Rates subject to tariff changes.

8.5.1 **SBC-13STATE** and CLEC agree to implement Cooperative Testing during the repair and maintenance cycle of xDSL capable loops delivery.

8.5.2 Should CLEC desire Cooperative Testing, it shall request such testing on a trouble ticket on each xDSL capable loop upon issuance of the trouble ticket.

8.5.3 If the trouble ticket was opened without a request for Cooperative Testing, and the CLEC should determine that it is desired or needed during any subsequent phase of maintenance and repair, the request may be added; however, a new due date will be calculated to account for the additional work.

#### 8.5.4 Cooperative Testing Procedure:

8.5.4.1 The **SBC-13STATE** field technician will call the LOC and the LOC will contact the CLEC for test and resolution of the trouble ticket and to verify basic metallic loop parameters including proof of continuity and pair balance.

8.5.4.2 If the loop passes the "Proof of Continuity" parameters, as defined by this Appendix for DSL capable loops, the technician will close out the trouble report and the LOC will bill for the cooperative testing.

8.5.4.3 If the Cooperative testing fails "Proof of Continuity" parameters, as defined by this Appendix for DSL capable loops, the LOC technician will take any reasonable steps to immediately resolve the problem with the CLEC on the line including, but not limited to, calling the central office to perform work or troubleshooting for physical faults. If the problem cannot be resolved in an expedient manner, the technician will release the CLEC representative, and perform the work reasonably necessary to bring the loop to standard continuity parameters as defined by this Appendix for xDSL capable loops. When the aforementioned test parameters are met, the LOC will contact the CLEC for another cooperative testing.

8.5.4.4 **SBC-13STATE** will be relieved of the obligation to perform Cooperative Testing on a particular loop and will assume acceptance of the test by the CLEC when the CLEC cannot provide a "live" representative (through no answer or placement on hold) for over ten (10) minutes. **SBC-13STATE** may then close the trouble ticket, document the time and reason, and may bill the CLEC as if the Cooperative Test had been completed.



- 8.6 The charges for Acceptance and Cooperative Testing are provided in Appendix PRICING and/or the applicable tariff.
- 8.6.1 If requested by the CLEC, Overtime or Premium time charges will apply for Acceptance Testing requests in off-hours at overtime time charges calculated at one and one half times the standard price and premium time being calculated at two times the standard price.
- 8.7 Line Sharing Turn-Up Testing Procedures:
- 8.7.1 The Line Sharing Turn-Up Test will be performed only on HFPL orders. Line Sharing Turn-Up Test is comprised of several work steps to be completed by **SBC-12STATE**'s central office technician to ensure that no loads are present on the loop, cross-connects are verified, and the correct telephone number is verified on the cable pair leaving the central office.
- 8.7.2 Line Sharing Turn-Up Test will be completed by close of business one (1) day prior to due date.
- 8.7.3 Detailed procedures of this Line Sharing Turn-Up Test can be located in SBC's CLEC Handbook. CLECs will not be billed for the Line Sharing Turn-Up Test described in 8.7.1 above.

## 9. MAINTENANCE /SERVICE ASSURANCE

- 9.1 If requested by either Party, the parties will negotiate in good faith to arrive at terms and conditions for Acceptance Testing on repairs.
- 9.2 Narrowband/voice service: If the narrowband, or voice, portion of the loop becomes significantly degraded due to the broadband or high frequency portion of the loop, certain procedures as detailed below will be followed to restore the narrowband, or voice service. Should only the narrowband or voice service be reported as significantly degraded or out of service, **SBC-12STATE** shall repair the narrowband portion of the loop without disturbing the broadband portion of the loop if possible. In any case, **SBC-12STATE** shall attempt to notify the end user and CLEC for permission any time **SBC-12STATE** repair effort has the potential of affecting service on the broadband portion of the loop. **SBC-12STATE** may proceed with repair of the voice circuit if unable to reach end- user after a reasonable attempt has been made to do so. When connected facility assignment or additional point of termination (CFA/APOT) change is required due to trouble, the pair change will be completed during the standard offered repair interval. CLEC agrees that standard offered intervals do not constitute performance measurement commitments.
- 9.3 **SBC-12STATE** will provide resolution of CLEC-referred trouble tickets for the HFPL in parity with repair intervals **SBC-12STATE** provides its advanced services affiliates for the HFPL.
- 9.3.1 If the CLEC opens a trouble ticket for the HFPL portion of the loop to **SBC-12STATE** and the problem is determined to be in the CLEC's network, the CLEC will pay **SBC-12STATE** the applicable commissioned-ordered tariffed rate for trouble isolation, maintenance, and repair (as specified in Section 8.5 above) upon closing the trouble ticket.
- 9.3.1.1 If **SBC-12STATE** isolates a trouble (causing significant degradation or out of service condition to the POTS service) caused by the CLEC data equipment or splitter, **SBC-12STATE** will notify the CLEC and request a trouble ticket and a committed restoration time from CLEC for clearing the reported trouble.
- 9.3.2 Either Party may offer the End User the option of restoring the POTS line if the End User is not satisfied with the repair interval provided by the CLEC. If the End User chooses to have the POTS line restored before the HFPL problem can be corrected and notifies either CLEC or **SBC-12STATE**, the contacted Party will notify the other and provide contact names prior to **SBC-12STATE** "cutting around" the POTS Splitter/DSLAM equipment to restore POTS.
- 9.3.3 When the CLEC resolves the trouble condition in its equipment, the CLEC will contact **SBC-12STATE** to restore the HFPL.
- 9.3.4 In the event the trouble is identified and corrected in the CLEC equipment, **SBC-12STATE** will charge the CLEC the applicable commissioned-ordered tariffed rate for trouble isolation, maintenance, and repair (as specified in Section 8.5 above) upon closing the trouble ticket.

- 9.4 Maintenance, other than assuring loop continuity and balance on unconditioned or partially conditioned loops greater than 12,000 feet, will only be provided on a time and material basis. On loops where CLEC has requested recommended conditioning not be performed, **SBC-12STATE**'s maintenance will be limited to verifying loop suitability for POTS. For loops having had partial or extensive conditioning performed at CLEC's request (i.e. excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet), load coil and/or repeaters removed), **SBC-12STATE** will verify continuity, the completion of all requested conditioning, and will repair at no charge to CLEC any gross defects which would be unacceptable for POTS and which do not result from the loop's modified design.
- 9.4.1 For loops currently in service where trouble ticket resolution has identified that excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet), load coils and/or repeaters are on the loop and transferring to a new loop is a solution identified by **SBC-12STATE** to resolve the trouble ticket, **SBC-12STATE**, at its sole option, may perform a line and station transfer ("LST") to resolve and close out the identified trouble. In the event that a request for conditioning is received from the CLEC on a loop currently in service and **SBC-12STATE** determines that an LST can be performed, the appropriate **SBC 12-STATE** Local Operations Center ("LOC") will contact the CLEC to inform that a LST will be performed in lieu of the CLEC's requested conditioning. In such cases that **SBC-12STATE** elects to perform an LST to resolve the identified trouble, CLEC will be billed and shall pay for such LST as outlined in the Pricing Appendix to this Agreement. If, however, the LST does not resolve the reported trouble and the trouble is determined to be an **SBC-12STATE** network-related problem, then CLEC will not be charged the LST rate or for **SBC-12STATE's** resolution of the trouble. If, however, the trouble is found to be a CPE or a non-**SBC-12STATE** network-related problem, then a Maintenance of Service and/or Time & Material charge will apply, in addition to the LST charge.
- 9.5 An **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLECs access to its legacy Mechanized Loop Testing (MLT) system and its inherent testing functions. Prior to a CLEC utilizing MLT intrusive test scripts, the CLEC must have established data service on that loop and have specifically informed the customer that service testing will interrupt both the data and voice telephone services served by that line. CLEC may not perform intrusive testing without having first obtained the express permission of the end user customer and the name of the person providing such permission. CLEC shall make a note on the applicable screen space of the name of the end user customer providing permission for such testing before initializing any intrusive test or so note such information on the CLEC's trouble documentation for non-mechanized tests.
- 9.6 CLEC hereby agrees to assume any and all liability for any such intrusive testing it performs, including the payment of all costs associated with any damage, service interruption, or other telecommunications service degradation or damage to **SBC-12STATE** facilities and hereby agrees to release, defend and indemnify **SBC-12STATE**, and hold **SBC-12STATE** harmless, from any claims for loss or damages, including but not limited to direct, indirect or consequential damages, made against **SBC-12STATE** by an end user customer, any telecommunications service provider or telecommunications user relating to such testing by CLEC.
- 9.7 **SBC-12STATE** will not guarantee that the local loop (s) ordered will perform as desired by CLEC for xDSL-based or other advanced services, but will guarantee basic metallic loop parameters, including continuity and pair balance. CLEC-requested testing by **SBC-12STATE** beyond these parameters will be billed on time and material basis as set forth in the tariff rates listed above.
- 9.8 The CLEC shall not rearrange or modify the retail-POTS within its equipment in any way without first coordinating with **SBC-12STATE**.

## 10. SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT

- 10.1 CLEC will advise **SBC-12STATE** of the PSD mask approved or proposed by T1.E1 that reflect the service performance parameters of the technology to be used. The CLEC, at its option, may provide any service compliant with that PSD mask so long as it stays within the allowed service performance parameters. At the time of ordering a xDSL-capable loop, CLEC will notify **SBC-12STATE** as to the type of PSD mask

CLEC intends to use on the ordering form, and if and when a change in PSD mask is made, CLEC will notify **SBC-12STATE**. CLEC will abide by standards pertinent for the designated PSD mask type.

- 10.2 **SBC-12STATE** agrees that as a part of spectrum management, it will maintain an inventory of the existing services provisioned on the cable. **SBC-12STATE** may not segregate xDSL technologies into designated binder groups without Commission review and approval, or approved industry standard. **SBC-12STATE** shall not deny CLEC a loop based upon spectrum management issues, subject to 10.3 below. In all cases, **SBC-12STATE** will manage the spectrum in a competitively neutral manner consistent with all relevant industry standards regardless of whether the service is provided by a CLEC or by **SBC-12STATE**, as well as competitively neutral as between different xDSL services. Where disputes arise, **SBC-12STATE** and CLEC will put forth a good faith effort to resolve such disputes in a timely manner. As a part of the dispute resolution process, **SBC-12STATE** will, upon request from a CLEC, disclose within 3-5 business days information with respect to the number of loops using advanced services technology within the binder group and the type of technology deployed on those loops so that the involved parties may examine the deployment of services within the affected loop plant.
- 10.3 In the event that the FCC or the industry establishes long-term standards and practices and policies relating to spectrum compatibility and spectrum management that differ from those established in this Appendix, **SBC-12STATE** and CLEC agree to comply with the FCC and/or industry standards, practices and policies and will establish a mutually agreeable transition plan and timeframe for achieving and implementing such industry standards, practices and policies.
- 10.4 Within thirty (30) days after general availability of equipment conforming to applicable industry standards or the mutually agreed upon standards developed by the industry in conjunction with the Commission or FCC, then **SBC-12STATE** and/or CLEC must begin the process of bringing its deployed xDSL technologies and equipment into compliance with such standards at its own expense.

## 11. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

- 11.1 The Parties acknowledge and agree that on May 24, 2002, the D.C. Circuit issued its decision in *United States Telecom Association, et. al v. FCC*, 290 F.3d 415 (D.C. Cir. 2002) ("USTA decision"), in which the Court granted the petitions for review of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-238) ("the UNE Remand Order") and the FCC's Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 98-147 and Fourth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-355) (rel. Dec. 9, 1999) ("the Line Sharing Order"), and vacated and remanded the UNE Remand and Line Sharing Orders in accordance with the decision. In addition, the FCC adopted its Triennial Review Order on February 20, 2003, on remand from the USTA decision and pursuant to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, CC Docket No. 01-338 (FCC 01-361) (rel. Dec. 20, 2001). Further, the FCC has also issued the following orders: its Memorandum Opinion and Order, and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 98-188 in CC Docket No. 98-147, 13 FCC Rcd 24011 (rel. August 7, 1998), its First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 99-48 in CC Docket 98-147, 14 FCC Rcd 4761 (rel. March 31, 1999), its I Order *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, 15 FCC Rcd 1760 (FCC 99-370) (rel. Nov. 24, 1999), including its Supplemental Order Clarification, (FCC 00-183) (rel. June 2, 2000), in CC Docket 96-98, and its Third Report and Order on Reconsideration and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 98-147 and its Fourth Report and Order on Reconsideration and Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket 96-98, 16 FCC Rcd 2101 (rel. Jan. 19, 2001) (collectively the "Orders"). In addition, on May 9, 2003, the Public Utilities Act of Illinois was amended to add Sections 13-408 and 13-409, 220 ILCS 5/13-408 and 13-409, and enacted into law ("Illinois Law"). The Illinois Law establishes a specific method for setting certain UNE rates in Illinois, mandates that the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") apply the method and determine the rates ("ICC Rates"), and expressly deems all interconnection agreements to be amended to contain the ICC Rates immediately upon the ICC's announcement of such adjusted rates, without further action. By entering into this Agreement which makes available xDSL/HFPL and associated rates, terms and conditions, neither Party waives any of its rights with respect to the Orders,

the Illinois Law or any other government action. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that the rates, terms and conditions ("provisions") set forth herein are subject to any legal or equitable rights of review and remedies (including agency reconsideration and court review). If any reconsideration, agency order, appeal, court order or opinion, stay, injunction or other action by any state or federal regulatory or legislative body or court of competent jurisdiction stays, modifies, or otherwise affects any of the provisions set forth herein or elsewhere in this Agreement, specifically including but not limited to those arising with respect to the Orders, the affected provision(s) will be immediately invalidated, modified or stayed as required to effectuate the subject order upon the written request of either Party ("Written Notice"). In addition, to the extent this Agreement is in effect in Illinois, the Parties agree that any ICC orders implementing the Illinois Law, including, without limitation, the ICC Rates, shall automatically apply to this Agreement (for the state of Illinois only) as of the effective date of any such order(s) upon Written Notice, and as soon as practical thereafter, SBC Illinois shall begin billing CLEC the ICC Rates; provided, however, the Parties acknowledge and agree that no later than sixty (60) days from the Written Notice, the Parties will execute a conforming Amendment to this Agreement so that the Agreement accurately reflects the ICC Rates and SBC Illinois will issue any adjustments, as needed, to reflect that the ICC Rates became effective between the Parties as of the effective date of the applicable ICC order(s). With respect to all other Written Notices hereunder, the Parties shall have sixty (60) days from the Written Notice to attempt to negotiate and arrive at an agreement on the appropriate conforming modifications required to the Agreement. If the Parties are unable to agree upon the conforming modifications required within sixty (60) days from the Written Notice, any disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretations of the actions required or the provisions affected by such order shall be handled under the Dispute Resolution Procedures set forth in this Agreement.

## **12. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 12.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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## APPENDIX LIDB and CNAM - AS

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for storage and administration of data in the Line Information Data Base (LIDB) provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)-owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC SNET**, and **SBC NEVADA** do not own a LIDB. Additionally, **SBC SNET** does not own a Calling Name (CNAM) Database. Both **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC SNET** obtain data storage and administration for these Databases from SBC SNET Diversified Group (SBC SNET DG). SBC SNET DG is a third-party Database provider of LIDB and CNAM Database Services, which also provides Database storage for other carriers not a party to this Agreement. The terms, conditions, and prices for LIDB and/or CNAM Database data storage and administration in this Agreement will apply to CLEC's data storage and administration of CLEC's Line Records for accounts provided using **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s and/or **SBC SNET**'s unbundled local switch ports as well as to accounts provided by CLEC's own switches pursuant to an Interconnection Agreement between CLEC and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and/or **SBC SNET**. Data storage and administration for all other data on SBC SNET DG's LIDB and CNAM Database must be obtained pursuant to a separate agreement between CLEC and SBC SNET DG.
- 1.3 **SBC NEVADA** obtains data storage and administration for LIDB and CNAM Database from **SBC CALIFORNIA**, which also provides Database storage and administration for other carriers not a party to this Agreement. The terms, conditions and prices for LIDB and/or CNAM data storage and administration in this Agreement will apply to CLEC's data storage and administration of CLEC's Line Records for accounts provided using **SBC NEVADA**'s unbundled local switch ports as well as to accounts provided by CLEC's own switches and connected to **SBC NEVADA**'s network pursuant to an Interconnection Agreement between **SBC NEVADA** and CLEC. Data storage and administration for all other data on **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s LIDB and CNAM Database must be obtained pursuant to a separate agreement between CLEC and SBC CALIFORNIA.
- 1.4 Any use of the possessive in this Agreement as applied to **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC SNET**, and **SBC NEVADA** will not indicate ownership but shall have the relationship described in this Section 1.4.
- 1.5 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
- 1.6 **SBC-2STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.7 **SBC-4STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, and SBC Oklahoma the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.8 **SBC-7STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA** and **SBC NEVADA**, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.9 **SBC-8STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-8STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC NEVADA**, and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

- 1.10 **SBC-10STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-10STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** an the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.11 **SBC-12STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC-2STATE** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.12 **SBC-13STATE** - As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **SBC-2STATE** and **SBC SNET** the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.13 **SBC ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.14 **SBC CALIFORNIA** – As used herein, **SBC CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.15 **SBC KANSAS** - As used herein, **SBC KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 1.16 **SBC ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **SBC ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.17 **SBC INDIANA** - As used herein, **SBC INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.18 **SBC MICHIGAN** - As used herein, **SBC MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, the applicable SBC-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.19 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.20 **SBC MISSOURI** - As used herein, **SBC MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.21 **SBC NEVADA** - As used herein, **SBC NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.22 **SBC OHIO** - As used herein, **SBC OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.23 **SBC OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **SBC OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Oklahoma, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.24 **SBC SNET** - As used herein, **SBC SNET** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.25 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.26 **SBC TEXAS** – As used herein, **SBC TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Texas, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.



- 1.27 **SBC WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **SBC WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **"Billing Clearinghouse"** means a billing and collection service bureau for Interexchange Carriers and other telecommunication companies which become members and wish to arrange for the billing and collection of services provided to End Users.
- 2.2 **"Account Owner"** means a telecommunications company, including **SBC-13STATE** that provides an End User's local service and such company stores and/or administers the End User's associated Line Record Information and/or Group Record Information in a Party's LIDB and/or Calling Name Database.
- 2.3 **"Administer or Administration"** means, for the purpose of this Appendix, the ability of an Account Owner to create, modify, update, or delete its Line Record information in LIDB through interfaces agreed to between the Parties.
- 2.4 **"Assignment Authority"** means a nine- to thirty-digit code-set that identifies an authorization hierarchy (also known as an object identifier). The format of the nine-digit code set is A-B-CCCC-DDD where "A" represents an international standards body, "B" represents a national standards body, "CCCC" represents a network operator, and "DDD" represents a local assignment. For code-sets from ten to thirty digits, the "DDD" section of the code is expanded to include the extra digits. An Assignment Authority plus a Custom ID comprise the unique identifier of a LIDB Custom Data Element.
- 2.5 **"Complete Screen"** means that the Query-originator was denied access to all of the information it requested in its Query.
- 2.6 **"Custom Data Element"** means a Data Element that applies to a specific LIDB or to a specific Account Owner on a specific LIDB. Custom Data Elements do not have a Transaction Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) ID. Instead, they have a unique combination of Assignment Authority and Custom ID. Custom Data Elements are not defined by Telcordia Technologies' Generic Requirements. Validation, Originating Line Number Screening (OLNS), and CNAM Queries cannot retrieve custom Data Elements.
- 2.7 **"Custom ID"** means a unique two- to five-digit code-set assigned by a LIDB owner to each Custom Data Element stored in a LIDB. A Custom ID plus an Assignment Authority comprise the unique identifier of a LIDB Custom Data Element.
- 2.8 **"Data Clearinghouse"** means a service bureau for companies that arrange for the collection of data from various sources to arrange for the billing and/or provisioning of services that require data from multiple sources, including LIDB.
- 2.9 **"Data Element"** means a Line Record informational component that has a unique identifier. Data Elements are identified either as Custom Data Elements or as Standard Elements depending on the type of unique identifier.
- 2.10 **"Data Screening" (or LIDB Data Screening)** means a security capability administered by a LIDB owner that gives LIDB the ability to allow, deny, or limit the information returned to a Query-originator.
- 2.11 **"Database" (or Data Base)** means an integrated collection of related data. In the case of LIDB, the database is the line number and related line information as well as the service logic that provides the transactional processing capability.
- 2.12 **"GetData"** means the capability of a LIDB owner to process and respond to GetData Queries as well as to create Custom Data Elements and Standard Data Elements accessible via GetData Query processing logic.
- 2.13 **"GetData Query"** means a specific LIDB Query-type transmitted over the CCS/SS7 network that allows a Query-originator to invoke LIDB GetData query processing logic and thereby extract data from LIDB.

- 2.14 **“Level 1 Data Screening”** means a security capability administered by a LIDB owner that gives LIDB the ability to allow, deny, or limit the information it returns to a Query-originator on a per Data Element, per Query-Type, and per LIDB basis.
- 2.15 **“Level 2 Data Screening”** means a security capability that is Administered by a LIDB owner at the direction or request of an Account Owner or Query Originator. This capability gives LIDB the ability to allow, deny, or limit the information it returns to a Query-originator on a per Data Element, per Query-Type, per Account Owner, and per LIDB basis.
- 2.16 **“Originating Line Number Screening” (OLNS)** means a specific LIDB Query-type that requests the originating call processing, billing, and service profiles of an telephone number.
- 2.17 **“Originating Point Code” (OPC)** means a 9-digit code that identifies the Service Platform from which a Query originates and to which a Response is returned.
- 2.18 **“Partial Screen”** means that the Query-originator, as identified in the appropriate layer of the query/message, is denied access to some of the information it requested in its Query.
- 2.19 **“Personal Identification Number” (PIN)** means a confidential four-digit code number provided to a calling card customer to prevent unauthorized use of his/her calling card number. LIDB and/or the LIDB administrative system can store a PIN for those line numbers that have an associated calling card.
- 2.20 **“Query”** means a message that represents a request to a Database for information.
- 2.21 **“Query Transport Rate”** means a per-query usage rate that applies to certain Queries transported from an **SBC-12STATE** STP to the SCP where LIDB resides and back.
- 2.22 **“Response”** means a message that, when appropriately interpreted, represents an answer to a Query.
- 2.23 **“Standard Data Element”** means a data element in LIDB that has a unique Transaction Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) ID and is defined in Telcordia Technologies’ Generic Requirements documentation.
- 2.24 **“Terminating Point Code”** means a 9-digit code that identifies the network node that will receive a Query or a Response.
- 2.25 **“Service Platform”** means the physical platform that generates GetData Queries and is identified to LIDB by an Originating Point Code contained in the Query. A service platform may be a telephony switch, an SCP, or any other platform capable of correctly formatting and launching GetData Queries and receiving the associated Response.
- 2.26 **“Validation Information”** means an Account Owner’s records of all of its Calling Card Service and Toll Billing Exception Service.
- 2.27 **“Validation Query”** means collectively both Calling Card Query and Billed Number Screening (BNS) Query.

### 3. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- 3.1 **SBC-12STATE**’s LIDB is connected directly to a Service Management System (SMS) and a database editor (i.e., LIDB Editor) that provide **SBC-12STATE** with the capability of creating, modifying, changing, or deleting, Line Records in LIDB. **SBC-12STATE**’s LIDB is also connected directly to an adjunct fraud monitoring system.
- 3.2 From time-to-time, **SBC-12STATE** enhances its LIDB to create new services and/or LIDB capabilities. Such enhancements may involve the creation of new line-level or group-level data elements in LIDB. Both Parties understand and agree that some LIDB enhancements will require CLEC to update its Line Records with new or different information. Nothing herein shall require **SBC-12STATE** to make any enhancements to its LIDB except at its sole discretion.

#### 4. SERVICE DESCRIPTION

- 4.1 Unbundled electronic access to the LIDB SMS provides CLEC with the capability to access and Administer CLEC's Line Record Information in LIDB. Unbundled electronic access to the LIDB SMS is required for CLEC accounts associated with End Users that CLEC services from non-SBC end office switches and is optional for CLEC's accounts associated with unbundled local switch ports.
- 4.2 CLEC cannot use any of the unbundled, electronic interfaces **SBC-12STATE** provides under this Appendix to access any Line Records CLEC might have in **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB that are Administered by a company other than CLEC or that CLEC Administers through the Local Service Request (LSR) Process (as that term is discussed in Section 4.7).
- 4.3 Electronic Interfaces - Where available, **SBC-12STATE** has two unbundled electronic interfaces. These interfaces are the Service Order Entry Interface and the Interactive Interface.

##### 4.3.1 Service Order Entry Interface

- 4.3.1.1 The Service Order Entry Interface provides switch-based CLECs with unbundled access to **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB SMS that is equivalent to **SBC-12STATE**'s own service order entry process. Service Order Entry Interface allows CLEC to electronically transmit properly formatted records from CLEC's service order process or other data source into the LIDB SMS. **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** also provides the Service Order Entry Interface to requesting CLECs that use **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s UNE local switch ports. **SBC CALIFORNIA**, **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, and **SBC SNET** will also provide the Service Order Entry Interface to requesting CLECs that use those ILEC's UNE local switch ports within one hundred eighty days (180) upon request unless otherwise offered earlier.
- 4.3.1.2 CLEC will access the Service Order Entry Interface through a remote access facility (RAF). The RAF will provide **SBC-12STATE** with a security gateway for CLEC's access to the Service Order Entry Interface. The RAF will verify the validity of CLEC's transmissions and limit CLEC's access to **SBC-12STATE**'s Service Order Entry Interface. CLEC does not gain access to any other interface, database, operations support system, or other SMS.
- 4.3.1.3 **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC with the file transfer protocol specifications CLEC will use to Administer CLEC's data over the Service Order Entry Interface. CLEC acknowledges that transmission in such specified protocol is necessary for **SBC-12STATE** to provide CLEC with Data Base administration and storage.
- 4.3.1.4 CLEC can choose the Service Order Entry Interface as its only unbundled electronic interface to a **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB SMS or CLEC can choose to use this interface in conjunction with the Interactive Interface that **SBC-12STATE** provides under this Appendix. CLEC understands that if it chooses to use only the Service Order Entry Interface, CLEC will not have access to any data Administration capabilities available solely to the Interactive Interface that CLEC has chosen not to use (e.g., the ability to view Line Records in the SMS).
- 4.3.1.5 CLEC understands and agrees that its access to **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB SMS through the Service Order Entry Interface will be limited to its subscribers' Line Records that are not assigned to **SBC-12STATE** for Administration through the LSR Process.

##### 4.3.2 Interactive Interface

- 4.3.2.1 The Interactive Interface provides CLEC with unbundled access to **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s and **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s LIDB SMS that is equivalent to **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s and **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s access at its LIDB Data Base Administration Center (DBAC). Interactive Interface provides CLEC with the ability to have its own personnel access CLEC's records via an application screen that is presented on a computer monitor. Once CLEC has accessed one of its Line Records, CLEC can perform

all of the data Administration tasks **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s and/or **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s LIDB DBAC personnel can perform on **SBC CALIFORNIA**'s and/or **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s own Line Records. **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **SBC SNET** will provide CLEC with an Interactive Interface within one hundred twenty days (120) upon request unless otherwise offered earlier.

- 4.3.2.2 CLEC's access to the LIDB SMS through the Interactive Interface will be limited to CLEC's subscribers' Line Records that are not Administered through the LSR Process.
- 4.3.2.3 CLEC's access to the Interactive Interface will be through a remote access facility (RAF). The RAF will provide a security gateway for CLEC's access to the Interactive Interface. The RAF will verify the validity of CLEC's transmissions and limit CLEC's access to the Interactive Interface and the LIDB SMS. CLEC does not gain access to any other interface, database, operations support system, or other SMS through this Appendix.
- 4.3.2.4 CLEC will use hardware and software that is compatible with the LIDB administrative system CLEC will access through the Interactive Interface.
- 4.3.2.5 CLEC can choose to request the Interactive Interface as its only unbundled electronic interface to a LIDB SMS or CLEC can choose to use this interface in conjunction with the Service Order Entry Interface that **SBC-12STATE** provides under this Appendix. CLEC understands and agrees that if it chooses to use only the Interactive Interface, CLEC will not have access to any data Administration capabilities available solely to the Service Order Entry Interface that CLEC has chosen not to use.

#### 4.4 Data Migration Interface

- 4.4.1 The Data Migration Interface provides CLEC the ability to migrate its entire data store from **SBC-12STATE** to another LIDB and/or CNAM Database provider.
- 4.4.2 Data Migration Interface is available for Line Records associated with switch-based CLECs that have electronic unbundled access to **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB SMS.
- 4.4.3 When CLEC is migrating its Line Record information to another LIDB and/or CNAM Database provider, CLEC will coordinate its move with the new Database provider.
  - 4.4.3.1 CLEC will coordinate a meeting between its new Database provider and **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB system administrators to establish all dates for the exchange of Line Record information. CLEC is responsible for initiating all updates to network routing information such as the Calling Name Access Routing Guide (CNARG), LIDB Access Routing Guide (LARG), and Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC).
  - 4.4.3.2 CLEC will use its electronic unbundled interface(s) to delete all Line Records from **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB and/or CNAM Database according to the schedule established by its new Database provider. Alternatively, CLEC may request **SBC-12STATE** to delete its records, however, such requests must be made in writing and may require CLEC to provide a complete list of all telephone numbers to be deleted.
  - 4.4.3.3 In **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** only, CLEC will update its LIDB Ballot to indicate that Line Records associated with conversion activity will result in the deletion of the Line Record from **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s LIDB.
  - 4.4.3.4 **SBC-12STATE** will provide Data Migration information to CLEC's new LIDB and/or CNAM Database provider formatted as set forth in GR-2992-CORE, using a medium agreed to between **SBC-12STATE** and CLEC's new LIDB and/or CNAM Database provider.
- 4.4.4 When CLEC is migrating its LIDB and/or CNAM Line Record information to **SBC-12STATE**, **SBC-12STATE** will coordinate with CLEC to establish all dates for the exchange of Line Record information as well as updates to network routing information such as the Calling Name Access

Routing Guide (CNARG) and the LIDB Access Routing Guide (LARG). CLEC is responsible for all updates to the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) that will support its data migration.

- 4.4.5 **SBC-12STATE** will accept Data Migration information from CLEC's previous LIDB and/or CNAM Database provider in a format set forth in GR-2992-CORE using a medium agreed to between **SBC-12STATE** and CLEC's previous LIDB and/or CNAM Database provider.
- 4.4.6 CLEC is responsible for arranging for the deletion of its Line Record information from its prior LIDB and/or CNAM Database.
- 4.5 LIDB Editor Interface
  - 4.5.1 LIDB Editor Interface provides CLEC with unbundled access to **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB Editor that is equivalent to **SBC-12STATE**'s manner of access. LIDB Editor provides CLEC with emergency access to LIDB when a LIDB SMS is unable to access LIDB or is otherwise inoperable. **SBC-12STATE** will also provide CLEC with access to LIDB Editor if the remote access facility is inoperable or otherwise unable to allow CLEC to communicate with a LIDB SMS.
  - 4.5.2 LIDB Editor Interface is not an interface to a LIDB SMS. LIDB Editor is an SCP tool accessible only by authorized **SBC-12STATE** employees. CLEC will have access to such **SBC-12STATE** employees only for the same purposes that **SBC-12STATE** has access to LIDB Editor.
  - 4.5.3 **SBC-12STATE** limits the use of LIDB Editor Interface to emergency updates of Validation Information. Emergency updates involve Line Record updates to deny ABS requests due to fraud.
  - 4.5.4 CLEC understands that its record access through the LIDB Editor Interface is limited to its subscribers' Line Records.
  - 4.5.5 When CLEC uses the LIDB Editor Interface, CLEC agrees to complete all necessary documentation confirming its emergency update requests and submitting such documentation to **SBC-12STATE** at the time CLEC makes its update request. CLEC and **SBC-12STATE** will use such documentation to resolve any update disputes regarding CLEC's use of the LIDB Editor Interface.
  - 4.5.6 LIDB Editor Interface bypasses LIDB system administration. This bypass results in discrepancies between LIDB SMS data and LIDB data. CLEC agrees that it will confirm all LIDB Editor Interface updates over the administrative interface it uses to Administer its Line Records once SMS update capability is restored. CLEC understands that if it does not confirm such updates its updates might become reversed during audit processing.
- 4.6 Audits
  - 4.6.1 LIDB Audit
    - 4.6.1.1 This audit is between the LIDB SMS and LIDB. This audit verifies that the LIDB SMS records match LIDB records. The LIDB Audit is against all Line Records and Group Record information in the LIDB SMS and LIDB, regardless of account ownership.
    - 4.6.1.2 **SBC-12STATE** will run the LIDB audit on a daily basis.
    - 4.6.1.3 The Parties will investigate accounts they administer when such accounts fail the LIDB audit. The Parties will correct any discrepancies within fourteen (14) days after the discrepancy is identified. The Parties will use their interfaces to the LIDB administrative system to correct such discrepancies.
  - 4.6.2 Source Audit
    - 4.6.2.1 This audit verifies that an Account Owner's Line Records in the LIDB SMS match the source of the Account Owner's Line Records.
    - 4.6.2.2 For purposes of this audit, the source of CLEC's Line Records Administered through the LSR Process will be the **SBC-12STATE**'s billing system that contains the LIDB data for such Account Owners.

- 4.6.2.3 For purposes of this audit, the source of CLEC's Line Records Administered through direct unbundled electronic interfaces shall be CLEC's system or process as identified by CLEC.
- 4.6.2.4 **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC with a file containing all of CLEC's Line Records in LIDB that CLEC Administers through unbundled electronic interface(s). **SBC-12STATE** will deliver such file(s) to CLEC electronically over the Service Order Entry Interface.
- 4.6.2.5 CLEC will use the file **SBC-12STATE** provides in Section 4.6.2.4 to audit CLEC's LIDB accounts against CLEC's data source and correct any discrepancies within fourteen (14) days from receipt of the audit file. CLEC will correct all discrepancies using the unbundled electronic interface(s) CLEC has requested under this Appendix.
- 4.6.2.6 **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC with scheduled and unscheduled Source Audits as set forth following: (i) **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC with a source audit file once per year. Such audit files will represent CLEC's entire data store of Line Records to which CLEC has administrative access. CLEC is responsible for initiating all requests for Source Audits. The Parties will mutually agree upon the dates such audit files will be provided; (ii) CLEC can request additional source audit files and **SBC-12STATE** will work cooperatively to accommodate all reasonable CLEC requests for such additional source audit files.

#### 4.6.3 Data Screening Verification

- 4.6.3.1 **SBC 12STATE** will accept CLEC requests for verification of its Level 2 Data Screening requests only from CLEC's authorized source, as identified through passwords or other authorization process(es) designated by **SBC-12STATE** which the Parties agree **SBC-12STATE** may change from time to time.

#### 4.7 LSR Process

- 4.7.1 The LSR Process allows CLEC to create and Administer CLEC's data through a bundled **SBC-12STATE**'s service order flow. The LSR Process is only available to CLEC when CLEC is providing service to End Users using **SBC-12STATE**'s UNE local switch ports.
- 4.7.2 The LSR Process is not an interface to the LIDB SMS. CLEC can obtain access to **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB SMS only through the electronic unbundled interfaces **SBC-12STATE** offers in Section 4.3 of this Appendix.
- 4.7.3 CLEC will not have direct access to any of its records in the LIDB administrative system that CLEC Administers through the LSR Process.
- 4.7.4 CLEC will provide complete information in its LSR to **SBC-12STATE** so that the LSR Interface can populate CLEC's line record completely, accurately, and in a timely manner. If CLEC's LSR does not contain information needed to populate a Standard Data Element in LIDB, **SBC-12STATE** will populate such Data Element with **SBC-12STATE**-defined default information. Such default derivation will apply to all CLECs using the LSR Process that also omit such Standard Data Element(s). Use of default information does not relieve CLEC of its responsibility for providing **SBC-12STATE** complete and accurate information. In the event **SBC-12STATE** populates CLEC's Line Records with default information under this paragraph, **SBC-12STATE** will not be responsible for any claim or damage resulting from the use of such default information, except in the event of **SBC-12STATE**'s gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- 4.7.5 CLEC will provide to **SBC-12STATE** during the development process to create and Administer CLEC's Custom Data Element(s) what actions the LIDB SMS will take if CLEC omits Custom Data Element information from its LSR.
- 4.7.6 The following applies only to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**.
  - 4.7.6.1 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will transfer LIDB Line Records between local service providers (including **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**) based on conversion

activity either with changes to End User information or without changes to End User information. An example of non-End User information is the Account Owner field.

- 4.7.6.2 CLEC will identify through a registration form or ballot that **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will make available to CLEC, how CLEC's Line Records will be created, transferred, or administered.
- 4.7.6.3 New Connect Activity. If CLEC has operational unbundled electronic interfaces, CLEC can identify whether **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will create LIDB Line Records based on an LSR for new connect activity or CLEC will create such Line Records.
- 4.7.6.4 Conversion Activity. CLEC will identify whether **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will convert LIDB Line Records from a previous local service provider (including **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**) to CLEC with changes to End User information or without changes to End User information. If CLEC has operational, unbundled electronic interfaces and CLEC so desires, CLEC can choose to have **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** delete LIDB Line Records rather than transfer such records to CLEC from the previous local service provider (including **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**).
- 4.7.6.5 Ongoing Administration. CLEC will identify whether ongoing administration of its Line Records will be done by CLEC directly through its unbundled electronic interface or through the LSR Process.

#### 4.8 Fraud Monitoring

- 4.8.1 **SBC-12STATE**'s fraud monitoring system(s) provides CLEC with alert messages. Alert messages indicate potential incidences of ABS-related fraud for investigation. **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC with an alert as set forth in Sections 6.4 through 6.5 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement.

#### 4.9 LIDB Data Screening

- 4.9.1 LIDB Data Screening is a security application that provides CLEC with the capability of allowing, denying, or limiting a Query originator's access to CLEC's data that is stored on **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB(s). CLEC can apply such security application on a per-Originating Point Code, per-Query type, per-Data Element, and LIDB basis.
- 4.9.2 The ability to allow or limit Query originators to CLEC's data provides CLEC with the ability to use LIDB to create proprietary or custom services such as proprietary calling cards or other services based upon LIDB data.
- 4.9.3 **SBC-12STATE** will not share with CLEC the Level 2 Data Screening decisions of any other Account Owner in LIDB. However, **SBC-12STATE** will work cooperatively with CLEC to implement and manage CLEC's Data Screening needs.

### 5. **MANNER OF PROVISIONING**

- 5.1 **SBC-12STATE** will provide to CLEC, on request, **SBC-12STATE**-specific documentation regarding record formatting and associated hardware requirements of the interfaces **SBC-12STATE** provides for LIDB data Administration when CLEC chooses to use such interfaces.
- 5.2 CLEC will obtain, at its own expense, all necessary documentation, including documentation regarding record formatting and associated hardware requirements.
- 5.3 **SBC-12STATE** will input information provided by CLEC into LIDB for the NPA-NXXs and/or NXX-0/1XXs that CLEC will store in **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB. CLEC shall provide all information needed by **SBC-12STATE** to fully and accurately populate all Standard Data Elements in a LIDB Line Record. This information may include, but is not limited to, Calling Card Service information, Toll Bill Exception information (such as restrictions on collect and third number billing), class of service information, Originating

Line Number Screening information, ZIP code information, and Calling Name Information, depending on the LIDB.

5.4 **Forecasts**

- 5.4.1 CLEC will furnish, prior to the initial load of CLEC's data, and as requested by **SBC-12STATE** thereafter, the following forecast data:
  - 5.4.1.1 the number of working lines per account group;
  - 5.4.1.2 the number of working line numbers to be established;
  - 5.4.1.3 the average number of monthly changes to these records;
  - 5.4.1.4 the number of busy hour queries, by query type; and
  - 5.4.1.5 the number of annual queries by query type.
- 5.4.2 CLEC will furnish, prior to any development CLEC will undertake to create any Custom Data Element, the following forecast information:
  - 5.4.2.1 The size of the Data Element in terms of bytes;
  - 5.4.2.2 The frequency of updates on a per-Custom Data Element Basis;
  - 5.4.2.3 The number of Line Records to which the Custom Data Element will apply; and
  - 5.4.2.4 The number of monthly busy hour queries that will request the new Custom Data Element(s).
- 5.4.3 If **SBC-12STATE**, at its sole discretion, determines that it lacks adequate storage or processing capability, prior to the initial loading of CLEC information, **SBC-12STATE** will notify CLEC of **SBC-12STATE**'s inability to provide the Custom Data Element until such time as **SBC-12STATE** gains adequate SMS and/or LIDB data storage and Administration and/or processing capability. Customer will request such additional data storage and Administration and/or processing capability through the Bona Fide Request (BFR) process and **SBC-12STATE** will have no liability to CLEC while **SBC-12STATE** gains such needed data storage and administration and/or processing capability.
- 5.5 CLEC may submit updated or changed forecasts due to unforeseen events at any time and **SBC-12STATE** encourages CLEC to submit such forecasts as soon as practical. **SBC-12STATE** may request revised forecasts, but no more frequently than every six (6) months and then only if **SBC-12STATE** has reason to believe there may be significant error in CLEC's latest forecast.
- 5.6 CLEC will furnish all Line Records and Group Records in a format required by **SBC-12STATE** to establish records in LIDB for all working line numbers, not just line numbers associated with calling card PIN or Toll Billing Exceptions (TBE).
- 5.7 CLEC is solely responsible for all Line Records for which CLEC is the Account Owner. This includes all data, data Administration, Line Records that CLEC creates, Line Records that **SBC-12STATE** creates on CLEC's behalf, or Line Records that are transferred to CLEC as a result of CLEC becoming the provider of local service to the End User(s) associated with such Line Records.
- 5.8 The unbundled electronic interfaces offered in this Appendix are the sole means through which CLEC can directly administer its Line Records in **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB.
- 5.9 CLEC will Administer its data in **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB in such a manner that accuracy of response information and consistency of available data contained within the LIDB are not adversely impacted. CLEC's Administrative responsibility includes, but is not limited to:
  - 5.9.1 Populating all Standard Data Elements defined for **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB.
  - 5.9.2 Deleting Line Records from **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB when CLEC migrates Line Record from an **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB to another LIDB or LIDB-like Database unless CLEC otherwise arrange with **SBC-12STATE** to delete such records on CLEC's behalf.



- 5.9.3 Deleting Line Records from **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB associated with End Users that disconnect from or otherwise leave CLEC's service.
- 5.9.4 If CLEC resells the services associated with its Line Records to a third party, and those Line Records remain in an **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB, CLEC will administer those records through the unbundled electronic interfaces **SBC-12STATE** offers in Sections 4.3 through 4.3.2.5 of this Appendix, so that companies that query the **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB will receive correct and current information regarding the reseller's identity and the services the reseller provides to its subscribers.
- 5.9.5 If CLEC has operational unbundled electronic interfaces and CLEC has chosen to create its own records in LIDB, CLEC will create its records within twenty-four (24) hours of **SBC-12STATE**'s deletion of any previous Line Record or, if there is no previous Line Record, within twenty-four (24) hours of providing the End-User with dial tone.
- 5.9.6 If CLEC administers its Line Records directly through unbundled electronic interfaces and CLEC does not provide service using an **SBC-12STATE**'s UNE local switching port, CLEC will delete its LIDB Line Records associated with an End-User disconnecting telecommunications service. CLEC will delete such Line Records within twenty-four (24) hours of the End User's disconnection.
- 5.10 CLEC will use either the LSR Process or an unbundled electronic interface(s) for all accounts that use the same NECA, Inc. company code.
- 5.11 If CLEC begins providing local services before CLEC completes and returns to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** its LSR Process registration form, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will treat CLEC's LSRs as if CLEC has elected to Administer all activity on its Line Records directly through an unbundled electronic interface.
- 5.12 **SBC-12STATE** will provide the capability needed to perform query/response functions on a call-by-call basis for CLEC's Line Records residing in an **SBC-12STATE** LIDB.
- 5.13 With respect to all matters covered by this Appendix, each Party shall adopt and comply with **SBC-12STATE**'s standard operating methods and procedures and shall observe the rules and regulations that cover the Administration of the LIDB SMS and the fraud monitoring system, as set forth in **SBC-12STATE** practices. The Parties acknowledge that **SBC-12STATE** may change those practices from time to time.
- 5.14 Administration of the SCP on which LIDB resides, as well as any system or Query processing logic that applies to all data resident on an **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB is the responsibility of **SBC-12STATE**. CLEC acknowledges and agrees that **SBC-12STATE**, in its role as system administrator, may need to access any record in LIDB, including any such records administered by CLEC over unbundled electronic interfaces. **SBC-12STATE** will limit such access to those actions necessary, in its reasonable judgement, to ensure the successful operation and Administration of **SBC-12STATE**'s SCP and LIDB.
- 5.15 If CLEC creates its Line Records directly through unbundled electronic interfaces, CLEC will not have to provide on its LSR its end-user marketing and/or service information for LIDB on new connect and conversion activity LSRs. CLEC will also not have to provide its end-user marketing and/or service information for LIDB on an LSR if CLEC will perform ongoing Administration of its Line Records directly through unbundled electronic interfaces.
- 5.16 **SBC-12STATE** will, at its sole discretion, allow or negotiate any access to an **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB. CLEC does not gain any ability, by virtue of this Appendix, to determine what companies are allowed to access information in an **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB. CLEC acknowledges that when **SBC-12STATE** allows an entity to access **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB, such Query originators will also have access to CLEC's data that is also stored in such **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB unless CLEC otherwise invokes Level 2 Data Screening.
- 5.17 The following applies only to **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**
  - 5.17.1 **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will identify Line Records it transfers to CLEC's ownership without changes in end-user information by setting the record status indicator of the Line Record to a transitional value. CLEC must confirm that it provides the same services to the End-User as did the

previous local service provider by changing the record status indicator back to a value of stable. If CLEC does not make its confirmation within seven (7) days, of the transfer, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will convert all billing indicators of said Line Record to a denial value. If such Line Record continues to remain in transitional status, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will consider the Line Record abandoned by CLEC and delete such Line Record on the twenty-first (21) day after the record's creation. For purposes of calculating the seventh and twenty-first day, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will count the day of the record's creation as zero (0). **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**'s ability to delete such Line Records does not relieve CLEC of its responsibility to Administer its records accurately and in a timely manner.

- 5.17.2 If CLEC elects to have **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** transfer ownership of LIDB Line Records to CLEC as a result of routine LSR activity, and CLEC elects to have such records transferred without changes to end-user data, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will transfer all pre-existing end-user information, including calling card information, to CLEC's ownership. However, such transfers will result in changes to record ownership information such as Account Owner and Revenue Accounting Office (RAO) data as such information is entered by CLEC on its LSR, or default information created from a lack of CLEC's entry of data.
- 5.17.3 If CLEC elects to have **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** transfer ownership of LIDB Line Records to CLEC as a result of routine LSR activity and CLEC elects to have such records transferred with changes to end-user data, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will change every data element in the LIDB Line Record as part of the transfer of ownership. However, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will not mark such records as transitional. **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will change all LIDB Line Record Data Elements based on CLEC's LSR that initiated the Line Record's transfer of ownership. If CLEC did not populate all LIDB Standard Data Elements on its LSR, **SBC SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** will create default values for the Data Elements or derive the values for those Data Elements based on other LSR entries.

#### 5.18 LIDB Data Screening

- 5.18.1 **SBC-12STATE** is solely responsible for initiating, modifying, or deactivating Level 1 Data screening. CLEC is solely responsible for initiating, modifying, or deactivating Level 2 Data Screening.
- 5.18.2 CLEC understands that requests to allow, deny, or limit a Query originator's access to CLEC's data will apply to the point code associated with the service platform that launches the LIDB Query. As such, all entities that Query LIDB through a single originating point code will be affected by CLEC's Level 2 Data Screening decisions regarding such Originating Point Code.
- 5.18.3 CLEC will use an interface designated by **SBC-12STATE** to notify **SBC-12STATE** of CLEC's Level 2 Data Screening requests. **SBC-12STATE** will accept such blocking requests from CLEC only from CLEC's authorized source, as identified through passwords or other authorization process(es) designated by **SBC-12STATE**. CLEC will provide such Level 2 Data Screening requests according to time frames set forth in **SBC-12STATE**'s operating procedures, which the Parties agree **SBC-12STATE** may change from time to time at its sole discretion. **SBC-12STATE** shall not be responsible for any claims related to untimely or incorrect blocking requests.
- 5.18.4 CLEC will Administer its LIDB Data Screening Requests according to methods and procedures developed by **SBC-12STATE** which the Parties agree **SBC-12STATE** may change from time to time at its sole discretion. The Parties will work cooperatively to administer CLEC's Level 2 Data Screening in a timely and efficient manner.
- 5.18.5 If an entity with appropriate jurisdictional authority determines that **SBC-12STATE** cannot offer Level 2 Data Screening and/or determines that **SBC-12STATE** cannot comply with CLEC's request for Level 2 Data Screening, the Parties agree that **SBC-12STATE** will not abide by CLEC's requests for such Data Screening and **SBC-12STATE** will not have any liability to CLEC for not providing such Data Screening.

- 5.18.6 If CLEC, or CLEC's affiliate(s), also originate queries to **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB(s) and CLEC and/or CLEC's affiliate(s) has obtained a ruling from a regulatory or judicial entity having appropriate authority, that its Queries cannot be screened from the data of any or all Account Owner(s) in **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB, CLEC may not request Level 2 Data Screening to limit or restrict its data to any or all Query originators. If CLEC has already obtained Level 2 Data Screening prior to its or its affiliate obtaining such regulatory or judicial ban, the Parties agree that **SBC-12STATE** can remove any prior Level 2 Data Screening requests that CLEC has made in accordance with such jurisdictional or regulatory directive.
- 5.18.7 CLEC understands that LIDB Data Screening is a capability of a LIDB and can apply only to CNAM information when such information is part of a LIDB rather than a stand-alone CNAM Database.
- 5.18.8 CLEC understands that decisions to limit or deny its data to Query originators might result in denial of service or impairment of service to its End Users when such End Users attempt to use services provided by the Query originator and those services rely on LIDB data.
- 5.18.9 CLEC is responsible for resolving all disputes regarding its decision to deploy or not deploy Level 2 Data Screening with Query originators. CLEC agrees that, based upon a request from a Query originator, **SBC-12STATE** will identify to such Query originator the presence of Level 2 Data Screening.
- 5.18.10 CLEC understands that SBC may offer a reverse form of LIDB Data Screening to Query originators that allow such originators to limit or deny the data they receive from **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB on an Account Owner basis. CLEC further understands that where available, **SBC-12STATE** will honor such requests from Query originators.
- 5.19 **Custom Data Elements**
- 5.19.1 The Parties will work together for the creation of Custom Data Elements that are specific to CLEC's Line Records as set forth following:
- 5.19.2 **SBC-12STATE** will establish all Assignment Authorities and Custom Ids for all Account Owners for all Custom Data Elements.
- 5.19.3 The Parties will work cooperatively to develop Custom Data Elements in an efficient manner.
- 5.19.4 CLEC will confirm to **SBC-12STATE**'s SMS administrators that CLEC has established processes or procedures that will maintain the accuracy, consistency, and timeliness of the Custom Data Elements CLEC requests to create. **SBC-12STATE** will, upon request, work with CLEC to recommend processes and procedures that may assist CLEC in its efforts. To the extent that any new process or procedure will result in changes to **SBC-12STATE**'s SMS or its interfaces, including the LSR process, such changes will be done pursuant to the BFR Process.
- 5.19.5 Requests to create Custom Data Elements that require the addition of hardware and/or software on **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB and/or LIDB SMS will be provided pursuant to the BFR Process.
- 5.19.6 CLEC will abide by **SBC-12STATE** methods and procedures for creating Custom Data Elements.
- 5.19.7 CLEC will Administer all Custom Data Elements it creates through the same data administration interface it uses to administer its Standard Data Elements.
- 5.19.8 If CLEC uses the LSR Process to administer its data and CLEC requests creation of Custom Data Elements, CLEC is responsible for initiating, through Change Management, the needed changes to the LSR and Operations Support Systems that are needed, including audit processes, to support such data administration. All such changes will be made pursuant to the BFR Process.
- 5.19.9 The Parties agree that all Custom Data Elements are the proprietary property of the Account Owner associated with the Custom Data Element. CLEC will not ask for, and **SBC-12STATE** will not provide, CLEC with a list of other Account Owners' Custom Data Elements.

5.19.10 CLEC is responsible for identifying to **SBC-12STATE**, through a process or procedure established by **SBC-12STATE** what Originating Point Codes are allowed and/or not allowed, to access CLEC's Custom Data Elements.

5.19.11 CLEC will not create a Custom Data Element when a Standard Data Element has already been deployed on **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB. If CLEC has created a Custom Data Element and a Standard Data Element is subsequently deployed on **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB for the same Data Element, CLEC will convert its Custom Data Element to a Standard Data Element. The Parties will work cooperatively to effect such conversion as quickly as possible.

## **6. BILLING**

6.1 When **SBC-13STATE** or a third party queries CLEC's data in LIDB and receives a response verifying the End User's willingness to accept charges for the service being provided, CLEC will provide for billing as set forth in either Section 6.1.1 or 6.1.2 of this Appendix.

6.1.1 CLEC will bill the appropriate charges to its End Users, on behalf of **SBC-13STATE** or a third party.

6.1.2 CLEC will provide to **SBC-13STATE** or the third party all necessary billing information needed by **SBC-13STATE** or the third party to bill the End User directly.

6.2 CLEC understands that if CLEC chooses the option set forth in Section 6.1.2 of this Appendix, other providers, including **SBC-13STATE**, may choose to deny services to CLEC's subscribers.

6.3 **SBC SNET** will charge CLEC a One-Time Administrative Fee Charge ("One Time Charge") as set forth in Appendix Pricing. Additional Administrative Fee Charges ("Additional Charges"), approved in writing by CLEC and incurred by **SBC SNET** during Service set up shall be passed on to CLEC on an individual case basis. CLEC shall pay such One Time Charge upon execution of this Appendix and any approved Additional Charges at the time such charges are incurred by **SBC SNET** and billed to CLEC, in accordance with **SBC SNET**'s invoice.

## **7. PRICE AND PAYMENT**

7.1 **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will charge CLEC \$2.00 for every Line Record update it accepts from CLEC via a manual fax. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in this Agreement requires **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** to accept a faxed request for Line Record updates. All requests for faxed updates will be negotiated in advance between CLEC and **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**. **SBC MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** will not accept a fax for any Line Record associated with accounts provided on CLEC's own switches or accounts administered through CLEC's unbundled electronic interface(s).

## **8. CONFIDENTIALITY**

8.1 The Parties' Proprietary Information is subject to the terms and conditions of Section 20 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

## **9. LIABILITY**

9.1 In addition to any other limitations of liability set forth in this Agreement, **SBC-12STATE** will not be liable for any losses or damages arising out of errors, interruptions, defects, failures, or malfunctions of a LIDB administrative system, including any and all associated equipment and data processing systems, except such losses or damages caused by the willful misconduct or gross negligence of **SBC-12STATE**. Any such losses or damages for which **SBC-12STATE** is held liable under this Appendix shall be limited to actual direct damages, and shall in no event exceed the amount of charges incurred for a LIDB administrative system during the period beginning at the time **SBC-12STATE** receives notice of the error, interruption, defect, failure or malfunction to the time service is restored.

9.2 In addition to any other limitations of liability set forth in this Agreement, **SBC-12STATE** will not be liable for any losses or damages arising out of **SBC-12STATE**'s administration of fraud monitoring or Automatic Fraud Monitoring systems.

- 9.3 In addition to any other indemnity obligations set forth in this Agreement, CLEC agrees to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless **SBC-12STATE** from any and all claims, demands, or suits brought by a third party against **SBC-12STATE**, directly or indirectly, arising out of **SBC-12STATE**'s provision of service under this Appendix. This provision shall not apply to any losses, damages or other liability for which **SBC-12STATE** is found liable as a result of its sole negligence.
- 9.4 In addition to any other indemnity obligations set forth in this Agreement, CLEC further agrees to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless **SBC-12STATE** from any and all claims, demands, or suits brought by a third party against **SBC-12STATE**, directly or indirectly arising out of **SBC-12STATE**'s administration of **SBC-12STATE**'s fraud monitoring systems, including claims of invasion of privacy, defamation, slander, libel, or false prosecution. This provision shall not apply to any losses, damages, or other liability for which **SBC-12STATE** is found liable as a result of its gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- 9.5 In addition to any other indemnity obligations set forth in this Agreement, CLEC further agrees to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless **SBC-12STATE** from any and all claims, demands, or suits brought by a third party against **SBC-12STATE**, directly or indirectly, arising out of CLEC's administration of its data or failure to administer its data under this Appendix.
- 9.6 In addition to any other indemnity obligations set forth in this Agreement, CLEC further agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless **SBC-12STATE** from any and all claims, demands, or suits brought by a third party against **SBC-12STATE**, directly or indirectly, arising out of CLEC's refusal to provide billing as set forth in Section 6.1.2 of this Appendix.

## **10. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES**

- 10.1 **SBC-12STATE** MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTY AS TO MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR INTENDED OR PARTICULAR PURPOSE WITH RESPECT TO LIDB, LIDB ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM, THE FRAUD MONITORING SYSTEM, THE AUTOMATIC FRAUD MONITORING SYSTEM, OR ANY INTERFACES REFERENCED IN THIS APPENDIX. ADDITIONALLY, **SBC-12STATE** ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE DATA SUPPLIED BY CLEC WHEN THIS DATA IS ACCESSED AND USED BY A THIRD PARTY.

## **11. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 11.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions; interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.