ATTACHMENT 21: NUMBERING

This Attachment 21: Numbering sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Parties will coordinate with respect to NXX assignments.

1. NUMBERING

- 1.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or otherwise adversely impact in any manner either Party's right to employ or to request and be assigned any North American Numbering Plan (NANP) number resources from the numbering administrator including, but not limited to, central office (NXX) codes pursuant to the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, or to establish, by tariff or otherwise, Exchanges and Rating Points corresponding to such NXX codes. Each Party is responsible for administering the NXX codes it is assigned.
- 1.2 At a minimum, where the CLEC is properly certified by the appropriate regulatory body and intends to assign numbers to its subscribers for local exchange service, the CLEC shall obtain a separate NXX code or thousand number code block for each SBC-MISSOURI rate center, as required to ensure compliance with the industry-approved Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (most current version) or other industry approved numbering guidelines and the FCC's Second Report & Order in CC Docket 95-116, released August 18, 1997 (Local Number Portability). This will enable CLEC and SBC-MISSOURI to identify the jurisdictional nature of traffic for intercompany compensation until such time as both Parties have implemented billing and routing capabilities to determine traffic jurisdiction on a basis other than NXX codes.
- 1.3 Pursuant to Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) Guidelines for the Administration of Telephone Numbers, revised August 15, 2003 (INC 01-0515-028), the Parties agree that CO Codes/blocks allocated to a wireline Service Provider are to be utilized to provide service to a customer's premise located in the same rate center that the CO Codes/blocks are assigned. Tariffed foreign exchange service (FX) is an exception to the provisions above.
- 1.4 Each Party is responsible to program and update its own switches and network systems to recognize and route traffic to the other Party's assigned NXX codes at all times. Neither Party shall impose fees or charges on the other Party for such required programming and updating activities.
- 1.5 Each Party is responsible to input required data into the Telcordia Business Integrated Routing and Routing Database Systems (BIRRDS) and other appropriate system(s) necessary to update the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG), unless negotiated otherwise.
- 1.6 Neither Party is responsible for notifying the other Parties' End Users of any changes in dialing arrangements, including those due to NPA exhaust.

1.7 NXX Migration

1.7.1 Where either Party has activated an entire NXX for a single end user, or activated more than half of an NXX for a single end user with the remaining numbers in that NXX either reserved for future use or otherwise unused, and such End-User chooses to receive service from the other Party, the first Party shall cooperate with the second Party to have the entire NXX reassigned in the LERG (and associated industry databases, routing tables, etc.) to an End Office operated by the second Party provided that the requested rate center is the same rate center that physically serves the customer in a non-foreign exchange arrangement. Such transfer will require development of a transition process to minimize impact on the Network and on the end user(s)' service and will be subject to appropriate industry lead times (currently forty-five (45) days) for movements of NXXs from one switch to another. The Party to whom the NXX is migrated will pay NXX migration charges per NXX to the Party formerly assigned the NXX as described in the Appendix Pricing under "OTHER". Where no charge is listed in Appendix Pricing, the parties agree to negotiate a rate prior to executing a request for NXX Migration.

1.8 Test Numbers

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1.8.1 Each Party is responsible for providing to the other, valid test numbers. One number terminating to a VOICE announcement identifying the Company and one number terminating to a milliwatt tome providing answer supervision and allowing simultaneous connection from multiple test lines. Both numbers should remain in service indefinitely for regressive testing purposes.