

APPENDIX BCR

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APPENDIX BCR (Billing, Collecting and Remitting)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions that apply to those telecommunications services for which charges are billed and collected by one Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) or CLEC but earned by another LEC; and to establish procedures for the billing, collecting and remitting of such charges and for compensation for the services performed in connection with the billing, collecting and remitting of such charges.
- 1.2 **AT&T ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **AT&T ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.3 **AT&T KANSAS** - As used herein, **AT&T KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Kansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 1.4 **AT&T MISSOURI** - As used herein, **AT&T MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.5 **AT&T OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **AT&T OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.6 **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.7 **AT&T TEXAS** - As used herein, **AT&T TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.8 The prices at which **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with BCR services are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **"Telcordia 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 LEC revenues recorded by one BCC (or LEC) and billed to an End User of another BCC (or LEC) as described in accordance with the Telcordia Practice BR 981-200-110.
- 2.2 **"Charges"** - the amount approved or allowed by the appropriate regulatory authority to be billed to an End User for any of the services described in Section 3, rendered by a LEC to an End User.
- 2.3 **"Compensation"** - the amount to be paid by one Party to the other Party for billing, collecting and remitting of charges as set forth in Section 5.
- 2.4 **"IntraLATA"** - within a Local Access Transport Area (LATA) - IntraLATA messages are those messages, either intrastate or interstate, which originate and terminate within a LATA. The term "IntraLATA messages," as used herein, shall only include those that qualify for the Telcordia Client Company BCC CATS process.
- 2.5 **"InterLATA"** - between Local Access and Transport Areas (LATAs) as defined in the FCC's CC Docket No. 78-72. InterLATA messages are those messages, which originate in one LATA and terminate, in a different LATA. The term "InterLATA messages" as used herein, shall only include those that qualify for the Telcordia Client Company BCC CATS process.

- 2.6 **"Local Exchange Carrier" (LEC)** - as used in this Appendix shall mean those Local Exchange Carriers or Competitive Local Exchange Carriers using BCC CATS as a message tracking system.
- 2.7 **"Local Message"** - Local messages are those messages that originate and terminate within the area defined as the local service area of the station from which the message originates.
- 2.8 **"Revenues"** - the sum of all or part of the charges as defined above.

3. SCOPE OF APPENDIX

- 3.1 This Appendix shall apply to AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE procedures for the billing; collecting and remitting of revenues (and compensation to either Party for billing, collecting and remitting of such revenues) derived from the following services:
- 3.2 LEC-carried (traffic transported by facilities belonging to a LEC) local messages of the following types:
 - 3.2.1 Local Message Service Charges Billed to a Calling Card or to a Third Number.
 - 3.2.2 Directory Assistance Calls Charged to a Calling Card or to a Third Number.
 - 3.2.3 Public Land Mobile Radiotelephone Transient-Unit Local Message Service (Mobile Channel Usage Link Charge).
 - 3.2.4 Maritime Mobile Radiotelephone Service and Aviation Radiotelephone Service (Marine, Aircraft, High Speed Train Radio Link Charges).
- 3.3 LEC-carried Interstate IntraLATA and Interstate InterLATA telecommunications services that qualify for and flow through the BCC CATS process as addressed in the Telcordia Practice BR 981-200-110, of the following types: paragraph 3.3 is applicable) only when AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE company is the CMDS Host Company.
 - 3.3.1 Interstate IntraLATA Toll Service carried by an LEC and charged to a Calling Card or a Third Number.
 - 3.3.2 Interstate InterLATA Toll Service carried by an LEC and charged to a Calling Card or a Third Number.
 - 3.3.3 Radio Link Charges where service is provided by one LEC and billed by another LEC.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 4.1 CLEC agrees to bill, collect and remit to AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE the charges for the services described in Section 3.2 which charges are earned by any LEC (including AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE), but which are to be billed to End Users of the CLEC.
- 4.2 In those cases in which the charges for the services listed in Section 3.2 above are due any LEC other than AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE will arrange to transfer these and charges to the appropriate company in accordance with accepted industry standards.
- 4.3 Charges for the services listed in Section 3.2 above to be billed, collected and remitted by CLEC for AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE benefit, shall be remitted by CLEC to AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE bill to CLEC for such services.
- 4.4 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE agrees to bill and collect (or to have another LEC bill and collect, where appropriate), and to remit to CLEC, the charges for the services described in Section 3.2 above, which charges are earned by CLEC, but which are to be billed by another LEC (including AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE) to the End Users of that LEC.
- 4.5 Charges for the services listed in Section 3.2 above to be billed, collected and remitted by AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE or another LEC for CLEC's benefit, shall be remitted by AT&T

SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE to CLEC within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of CLEC's bill to AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE for such services.

- 4.6 The full amount of the charges transmitted to either Party for billing, collecting and remitting shall be remitted by the other Party, without setoff, abatement or reduction for any purpose, other than to deduct the compensation, as described in Section 5 below, due the Party for performing the End User billing function. The Party billing the End User shall be responsible for all uncollectible amounts related to the services described remitted in Section 3.2 and 3.3 above. Notwithstanding this paragraph, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE may net amounts due to CLEC under this Appendix against amounts owed to AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE when AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE renders a bill to CLEC hereunder.
- 4.7 Each Party will furnish to the other such information as may be required for monthly billing and remitting purposes.

5. **COMPENSATION**

- 5.1 A Party performing the services described in Section 3.2 and Section 3.3 above will compensate the other Party for each charge billed at the rates set forth in Appendix Pricing. Such compensation shall be paid (unless a Party has collected such compensation as described in Section 4.6 above) within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of a bill for such compensation by the Party performing (or which has another LEC perform for it), the billing, collecting and remitting functions described in Section 4.

6. **DISCLAIMER OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

- 6.1 AT&T 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. AT&T 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.