

APPENDIX OSS - RESALE & UNEs

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APPENDIX OSS (ACCESS TO OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEMS FUNCTIONS)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for nondiscriminatory access to Operations Support Systems (OSS) "functions" to CLEC for pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance/repair, and billing provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC). With respect to all matters covered by this Appendix, the Parties will comply with the final SBC/Ameritech POR for Uniform and Enhanced OSS (Uniform POR) as approved by FCC on September 22, 2000.
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, and/or AT&T Texas, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T-2STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-2STATE** means **AT&T CALIFORNIA** and **AT&T NEVADA**, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-13STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T-2STATE** and **AT&T CONNECTICUT**, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.5 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, **AT&T CONNECTICUT** means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.6 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.7 **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.8 **AT&T-13STATE** has established performance measurements to illustrate non-discriminatory access. These measurements are represented in Appendix Performance Measurements.
- 1.9 "LSC" means the Local Service Center (LSC) for **AT&T-13STATE**.
- 1.10 "LOC" means the Local Operations Center (LOC) for **AT&T-13STATE**.
- 1.11 "Service Bureau Provider" - For purposes of this Agreement, Service Bureau Provider (SBP) is a company which has been engaged by a CLEC to act on its behalf for purposes of accessing **AT&T-13STATE** OSS application-to-application interfaces via a dedicated connection over which multiple CLECs' local service transactions are transported.
- 1.12 "UNE" is as described in Appendix Lawful UNE.

2. **LAWFUL UNBUNDLING REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.1 This Appendix is for OSS transactions related to UNEs (as provided in Appendix Lawful UNE), and Resold service which AT&T-13STATE provides under this Interconnection Agreement (ICA service(s)). Should AT&T-13STATE no longer be obligated to provide a UNE under the terms of this Agreement, AT&T-13STATE shall no longer be obligated to offer access and use of OSS for that ICA service.

3. **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 3.1 Resale and Unbundled Network Elements (UNE) functions will be accessible via electronic interface(s), as described herein, where such functions are available. The Parties agree that electronic order processing is more efficient than manual order processing. During implementation the Parties will negotiate a threshold volume of orders after which electronic ordering is required. Once CLEC is submitting more than the agreed to threshold amount, but not later than twelve (12) months from the Effective Date of this Agreement, CLEC will no longer submit orders manually (and AT&T-13STATE shall not be required to accept and process manual orders) except when the electronic order processing is unavailable for a substantial period of time, or where a given order cannot be processed electronically.
- 3.2 **Proper Use of OSS Interfaces**
- 3.2.1 For AT&T-13STATE, CLEC agrees to utilize AT&T-13STATE electronic interfaces, as described herein, only for the purposes specifically provided herein. In addition, CLEC agrees that such use will comply with AT&T-13STATE's Data Connection Security Requirements as identified in Section 9 of this Appendix. Failure to comply with such security guidelines may result in forfeiture of electronic access to OSS functionality. In addition, CLEC shall be responsible for and indemnifies AT&T-13STATE against any cost, expense or liability relating to any unauthorized entry or access into, or use or manipulation of AT&T-13STATE's OSS from CLEC systems, workstations or terminals or by CLEC employees, agents, or any third party gaining access through information and/or facilities obtained from or utilized by CLEC and shall pay AT&T-13STATE for any and all damages caused by such unauthorized entry.
- 3.3 Within AT&T-13STATE regions, CLEC's access to pre-order functions described in 4.2.2 will only be utilized to view Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) of another carrier's End User where CLEC has obtained an authorization from the End User for release of CPNI.
- 3.3.1 In AT&T-13STATE regions, CLEC must maintain records of individual customers' authorizations for change in local exchange service and release of CPNI which adhere to all requirements of state and federal law, as applicable.
- 3.3.2 This section applies to AT&T CALIFORNIA ONLY. For consumer End Users, prior to accessing such information, CLEC shall, on its own behalf and on behalf of AT&T CALIFORNIA, comply with all applicable requirements of Section 2891 of the California Public Utilities Code and 47 USC 222 (and implementing FCC decisions thereunder), and, where accessing such information via an electronic interface, CLEC shall have obtained an authorization to become the End User's local service provider. Accessing such information by CLEC shall constitute certification that CLEC is in compliance with applicable requirements of Section 2891 and Section 222 (and implementing FCC decisions thereunder) and has complied with the prior sentence. CLEC shall receive and retain such information in conformance with the requirements of 47 USC 222 (and implementing FCC decisions thereunder). CLEC agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless AT&T CALIFORNIA against any claim made by a consumer End User or governmental entity against AT&T CALIFORNIA or CLEC under Section 2891 or Section 222 (and implementing FCC decisions thereunder) or for any breach by CLEC of this section.
- 3.3.3 Throughout AT&T-13STATE region, CLEC is solely responsible for determining whether proper authorization has been obtained and holds AT&T-13STATE harmless from any loss on account of CLEC's failure to obtain proper CPNI consent from an End User.

- 3.4 By utilizing electronic interfaces to access OSS functions, CLEC agrees to perform accurate and correct ordering including Resale services and UNEs. Rates and charges are subject to the terms of this Agreement and applicable tariffs are dependent on region of operation. CLEC is also responsible for all actions of its employees using any of AT&T-13STATE's OSS systems. As such, CLEC agrees to accept and pay all reasonable costs or expenses, including labor costs, incurred by AT&T-13STATE caused by any and all inaccurate ordering or usage of the OSS, if such costs are not already recovered through other charges assessed by AT&T-13STATE to CLEC. In addition, CLEC agrees to indemnify and hold AT&T-13STATE harmless against any claim made by an End User of CLEC or other third parties against AT&T-13STATE caused by or related to CLEC's use of any AT&T-13STATE OSS.
- 3.5 In the event AT&T-13STATE has good cause to believe that CLEC has used AT&T-13STATE OSS in a way that conflicts with this Agreement or Applicable Law, AT&T-owned ILEC in whose territory CLEC is doing business shall give CLEC written notice describing the alleged misuse ("Notice of Misuse"). CLEC shall immediately refrain from the alleged misuse until such time that CLEC responds in writing to the Notice of Misuse, which shall be provided to AT&T-13STATE within twenty (20) calendar days after receipt of the Notice of Misuse. In the event CLEC agrees with the allegation of misuse, CLEC shall refrain from the alleged misuse during the term of this Agreement.
- 3.6 In the event CLEC does not agree that the CLEC's use of AT&T-13STATE OSS is inconsistent with this Agreement or Applicable Law, then the parties agree to the following steps:
- 3.6.1 If such misuse involves improper access of pre-order applications or involves a violation of the security guidelines contained herein, or negatively affects another OSS user's ability to use OSS, CLEC shall continue to refrain from using the particular OSS functionality in the manner alleged by AT&T-13STATE to be improper, until CLEC has implemented a mutually agreeable remedy to the alleged misuse.
- 3.6.2 To remedy the misuse for the balance of the agreement, the Parties will work together as necessary to mutually determine a permanent resolution for the balance of the term of the agreement.
- 3.7 In order to determine whether CLEC has engaged in the alleged misuse described in the Notice of Misuse, and for good cause shown, AT&T-13STATE shall have the right to conduct an audit of CLEC's use of the AT&T-13STATE OSS. Such audit shall be limited to auditing those aspects of CLEC's use of the AT&T-13STATE OSS that relate to the allegation of misuse as set forth in the Notice of Misuse. AT&T-13STATE shall give ten (10) calendar days advance written notice of its intent to audit CLEC ("Audit Notice") under this Section 3.7, and shall identify the type of information needed for the audit. Such Audit Notice may not precede the Notice of Misuse. Within a reasonable time following the Audit Notice, but no less than fourteen (14) calendar days after the date of the notice (unless otherwise agreed by the Parties), CLEC shall provide AT&T-13STATE with access to the requested information in any reasonably requested format, at an appropriate CLEC location, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. The audit shall be at AT&T-13STATE's expense. All information obtained through such an audit shall be deemed proprietary and/or confidential and subject to confidential treatment without necessity for marking such information confidential. AT&T-13STATE agrees that it shall only use employees or outside parties to conduct the audit who do not have marketing, strategic analysis, competitive assessment or similar responsibilities within AT&T-13STATE.
- 3.8 When Resale service and UNE order functions are not available via an electronic interface for the pre-order, ordering and provisioning processes, AT&T-13STATE and CLEC will use manual processes. Should AT&T-13STATE develop electronic interfaces for these functions for itself, AT&T-13STATE will make electronic access available to CLEC within the specific operating region.
- 3.9 The Information Services (I.S.) Call Center for the AT&T-13STATE region provides for technical support function of electronic OSS interfaces. CLEC will also provide a single point of contact for technical issues related to the CLEC's electronic interfaces.

- 3.10 The Parties will follow the final adopted guidelines of “AT&T 13-State Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) OSS Interface Change Management Process”, developed in collaboration with CLECs. This plan may be modified from time to time in accordance with the Change Management principles.
- 3.11 AT&T-13STATE will and CLEC may participate in the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF) to establish and conform to uniform industry guidelines for electronic interfaces for pre-order, ordering, and provisioning. Neither Party waives its rights as participants in such forums or in the implementation of the guidelines. To achieve system functionality as quickly as possible, the Parties acknowledge that AT&T-13STATE may deploy interfaces with requirements developed in advance of industry guidelines. Thus, subsequent modifications may be necessary to comply with emerging guidelines. CLEC and AT&T-13STATE are individually responsible for evaluating the risk of developing their respective systems in advance of guidelines and agree to support their own system modifications to comply with new requirements. In addition, AT&T-13STATE has the right to define Local Service Request (LSR) Usage requirements according to the General Section 1.0, paragraph 1.4 of the practices in the OBF Local Service Ordering Guidelines (LSOG), which states: “Options described in this practice may not be applicable to individual providers tariffs; therefore, use of either the field or valid entries within the field is based on the providers tariffs/practices.”
- 3.12 Due to enhancements and on-going development of access to AT&T-13STATE OSS functions, certain interfaces described in this Appendix may be modified, temporarily unavailable or may be phased out after execution of this Appendix. AT&T-13STATE shall provide proper notice of interface phase-out as required by the Change Management Process.
- 3.13 CLEC is responsible for obtaining operating system software and hardware to access AT&T-13STATE OSS functions. All hardware and software requirements are specified in: “Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) Operations Support System Interconnection Procedures”, or any other documents or interface requirements subsequently generated by AT&T-13STATE for any of its regions.

4. PRE-ORDERING

- 4.1 AT&T-13STATE will provide real time access to pre-order functions to support CLEC ordering of Resale services and UNES. The Parties acknowledge that ordering requirements necessitate the use of current, real time pre-order information to accurately build service orders. The following lists represent pre-order functions that are available to CLEC so that CLEC order requests may be created to comply with AT&T-13STATE region-specific ordering requirements.
- 4.2 **Pre-Ordering Functions for Resale Services and UNES Include**
- 4.2.1 Feature/Service Availability
- 4.2.1.1 Feature Inquiry provides feature and service availability by WTN, NPA/NXX, and CLLI Code (as applicable).
- 4.2.1.2 PIC/LPIC Inquiry provides Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) options for intraLATA toll and interLATA toll.
- 4.2.2 Customer Service Information - CSI Inquiry
- Access to AT&T-13STATE retail or resold CPNI and account information for pre-ordering will include: billing name, service address, billing address, service and feature subscription, directory listing information, and long distance carrier identity. CLEC agrees that CLEC’s representatives will not access the information specified in this subsection until after the CLEC has obtained authorization from the End User for release of CPNI which complies with conditions as described in section 3.3 of this Appendix.
- 4.2.3 Telephone Number Inquiry
- AT&T-13STATE provides a Telephone Number Reservation Inquiry, a Cancel Reservation function, and also provides a Telephone Number Confirmation Inquiry function.

- 4.2.4 Scheduling Inquiry/Availability
 - 4.2.4.1 Due Date Inquiry provides next available dates for the End User (where available).
 - 4.2.4.2 Dispatch Inquiry provides information to indicate whether dispatch is required.
- 4.2.5 Address Validation Inquiry
AT&T-13STATE provides address validation function.
- 4.3 **The Following are Pre-Order Functions Specific to UNEs**
 - 4.3.1 Loop Pre-Qualification Inquiry
AT&T-13STATE provides a loop pre-qualification inquiry function.
 - 4.3.2 Loop Qualification Inquiry
AT&T-13STATE provides a loop qualification inquiry function.
 - 4.3.3 Common Language Location Indicator (CLLI) Inquiry
AT&T-13STATE provides CLLI code inquiry function.
 - 4.3.4 Connecting Facility Assignment (CFA) Inquiry
AT&T-13STATE provides a CFA inquiry function.
 - 4.3.5 Network Channel/Network Channel Interface (NC/NCI) Inquiry
AT&T-13STATE provides a NC/NCI inquiry function.
- 4.4 **Electronic Access to Pre-Order Functions**
 - 4.4.1 **Resale and UNE Pre-Order Interface Availability**
 - 4.4.1.1 Enhanced Verigate is the 13-state uniform pre-order GUI interface available in AT&T-13STATE to provide the pre-ordering functions listed in sections 4.2 and 4.3. Enhanced Verigate is accessible via a web-based Toolbar.
 - 4.4.1.2 An industry standard EDI/CORBA Pre-ordering Gateway is provided by AT&T-13STATE. This pre-ordering gateway supports two structural protocols, EDI and CORBA, as recommended by the technical industry committees. EDI/CORBA, is the 13-state uniform pre-order application-to-application interface that can be integrated with the CLEC's own negotiation system and that supports both Resale services and UNEs.
- 4.5 **Other Pre-Order Function Availability**
 - 4.5.1 Where pre-ordering functions are not available electronically, CLEC will manually request this information from the LSC, dependent on operating region, for inclusion on the service order request.
 - 4.5.2 Data Validation Files are available for the purpose of providing requesting CLECs with an alternate method of acquiring pre-ordering information that is considered relatively static. Upon request, AT&T-13STATE will provide CLECs with any of the following Data Validation Files via Connect:Direct, CD-ROM, or downloadable via the pre-order GUI – Enhanced Verigate. Due to its size, the Street Address Guide (SAG) will be available only via Connect:Direct, and CD-ROM.
 - Data Validation Files:
 - SAG (Street Address Guide)
 - Feature/Service Availability by Switch
 - Directory Names
 - Class of Service Codes
 - USOC (Universal Service Order Codes)
 - Community Names
 - Yellow Page Headings
 - PIC/LPIC (InterLATA/IntraLATA)

5. ORDERING/PROVISIONING

5.1 AT&T-13STATE provides access to ordering functions (as measured from the time AT&T-13STATE receives accurate service requests from the interface) to support CLEC provisioning of Resale services and UNEs via one or more electronic interfaces. To order Resale services and UNEs, CLEC will format the service request to identify what features, services, or elements it wishes AT&T-13STATE to provision in accordance with applicable AT&T-13STATE ordering requirements. AT&T-13STATE will provide CLEC access to one or more of the following systems or interfaces.

5.2 Service Order Request System Availability

5.2.1 AT&T-13STATE makes available to CLEC an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) application-to-application interface for transmission of Local Service Requests (LSR) as defined by the OBF, consistent with AT&T-13STATE Local Service Ordering Requirements (LSOR), and via EDI mapping as defined by TCIF. In ordering and provisioning of Resale services or UNEs, CLEC and AT&T-13STATE will utilize industry guidelines developed by OBF and TCIF EDI to transmit data based upon AT&T-13STATE Resale service and UNE ordering requirements, dependent on operating region. In addition, Local Number Portability (LNP) will be ordered consistent with the OBF LSR and EDI process.

5.2.2 For AT&T-13STATE, web-based LEX is the 13-state uniform ordering GUI interface that provides access to the uniform ordering functions for Resale services and UNEs. Web-based LEX is accessible via a web-based Toolbar.

5.2.3 In ordering and provisioning Unbundled Dedicated Transport and local interconnection trunks, CLEC and AT&T-13STATE will utilize industry ASR guidelines developed by OBF based upon AT&T-13STATE ordering requirements.

5.3 Provisioning for Resale Services and UNEs in AT&T-13STATE

AT&T-13STATE will provision Resale services and UNEs as detailed in CLEC order requests. Access to status on such orders will be provided via the following electronic interfaces:

5.3.1 For AT&T-13STATE, Order Status and Provisioning Order Status functionality is provided through the Enhanced Verigate interface which will allow CLEC to check service order status.

5.3.2 For EDI ordering, AT&T-13STATE will provide, and CLEC shall use, an EDI interface for transferring and receiving orders, Firm Order Confirmation (FOC), service completion, and, as available, other provisioning data and information.

6. MAINTENANCE/REPAIR

6.1 Two electronic interfaces are accessible in each region to place, and check the status of, trouble reports for both Resale services and UNEs. Upon request, CLEC may access these functions via the following methods:

6.1.1 In AT&T-13STATE, Electronic Bonding Trouble Administration - Graphical User Interface (EBTA-GUI) is the 13-state uniform GUI interface that allows CLEC to perform Mechanized Loop Testing (MLT), issue trouble tickets, view status, and view trouble history on-line.

6.1.2 In AT&T-13STATE, Electronic Bonding Trouble Administration (EBTA) is the 13-state uniform application-to-application interface that is available for trouble report submission and status updates. EBTA conforms to ANSI guidelines T1.227:1995, T1.228:1995 and T1.262:1998, Electronic Communications Implementation Committee (ECIC) Trouble Report Format Definition (TRFD) Number 1 as defined in ECIC document ECIC/TRA/95-003, and all guidelines referenced within those documents, as mutually agreed upon by CLEC and AT&T-13STATE. Functions currently implemented include Enter Trouble, Request Trouble Report Status, Add Trouble Information, Modify Trouble Report Attributes, Trouble Report Attribute Value Change Notification, and Cancel Trouble Report, as explained in 6 and 9 of ANSI T1.228:1995. CLEC and AT&T-13STATE will exchange requests over a mutually agreeable X.25-based network.

7. BILLING

- 7.1 AT&T-13STATE will bill CLEC for Resold services and UNES. AT&T-13STATE will send associated billing information to CLEC as necessary to allow CLEC to perform billing functions. At minimum AT&T-13STATE will provide CLEC billing information in a paper format, or via magnetic tape, as agreed to between CLEC and AT&T-13STATE. Other alternate bill media, such as CD-ROM and DVD, will be made available to CLEC consistent with the individual state tariff provisions.
- 7.2 Electronic access to billing information for Resale services will also be available via the following interfaces:
- 7.2.1 In AT&T-13STATE, CLEC may receive a mechanized bill format via the EDI 811 transaction set.
- 7.2.2 For Resale Services in AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, CLEC may receive Bill Plus™, an electronic version of its bill, as described in, and in accordance with, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE's Local Exchange Tariff.
- 7.2.3 For Resale Services in AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, CLEC may view billing information through the Bill Information interface. Bill Information will be accessible via AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Classic Toolbar.
- 7.2.4 In AT&T-13STATE, CLEC may receive electronically a Daily Usage Extract. On a daily basis, this feed provides information on the usage billed to its accounts for Resale services in the industry standardized EMI format.
- 7.2.5 AT&T-13STATE will provide Loss Notifications. This notification alerts CLEC that a change requested by another telecommunications provider has been completed and, as a result, the Local Service Provider associated with a given telephone number has been changed. It will be provided via the uniform ordering application-to-application interface using the EDI 836 transaction, and will also be available via the uniform ordering GUI interface, LEX.
- 7.3 Electronic access to billing information for UNES will also be available via the following interfaces:
- 7.3.1 In AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, CLEC may view billing information through the Bill Information interface. Bill Information will be accessible via AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Classic Toolbar.
- 7.3.2 In AT&T-13STATE, CLEC may receive a Daily Usage Extract electronically, on a daily basis, with information on the usage billed to its accounts for UNES in the industry standardized Exchange Message Interface (EMI) format.
- 7.3.3 In AT&T-13STATE, CLEC may receive a uniform loss notification via EDI 836 transaction or via the uniform GUI interface, LEX. For UNES this loss notification indicates when CLEC's End Users, utilizing AT&T-13STATE ports, change their Competitive Local Exchange Carrier.

8. REMOTE ACCESS FACILITY

- 8.1 CLEC must access OSS interfaces via a CLEC Remote Access Facility. For the AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE region, the LRAF located in Dallas, TX will be used. The PRAF in Fairfield, CA handles the AT&T-2STATE region. The ARAF, located in Northbrook, IL, serves AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and the SRAF in New Haven, CT, handles the AT&T CONNECTICUT region. Each of these four xRAFs will provide CLECs dedicated access to the uniform application-to-application and Graphical User Interfaces. Connection to these remote access facilities will be established via a "port" either through dial-up or direct connection as described in Section 8.2. CLEC may utilize a port to access AT&T-13STATE OSS interfaces to perform the supported functions in any AT&T-13STATE where CLEC has executed an Appendix OSS. OSS applications that are accessible through the Internet will also go through a secured Remote Access Facility.
- 8.2 For AT&T-13STATE, CLEC may use three types of access: Switched, Private Line, and Frame Relay. For Private Line and Frame Relay "Direct Connections," the connecting CLEC is responsible for providing CLEC router, and all network equipment (including Channel Service Units/Data Service Units (CSU/DSU))

- and circuit connection(s) up to the AT&T ILEC company point of demarcation. The demarcation point shall be the interface at the LRAF, PRAF, ARAF, or SRAF according to AT&T-13STATE "Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) Operations Support System Interconnection Procedures". Switched Access "Dial-up Connections" require CLEC to provide its own modems and connection to the AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE LRAF, AT&T-2STATE PRAF, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE ARAF, and AT&T CONNECTICUT SRAF. CLEC shall pay the cost of the call if Switched Access is used. Connections via the Public Internet require CLEC to connect to an ISP of their choice and use one of the HTTPS URLs associated with access to AT&T-13STATE OSS via the public internet.
- 8.3 For AT&T-13STATE, CLEC shall use TCP/IP to access AT&T-13STATE OSS via the LRAF, ARAF, SRAF, and the PRAF. In addition, each CLEC shall have one valid Internet Protocol (IP) network address per region. CLEC shall maintain a user ID / password unique to each individual for accessing an AT&T-13STATE OSS on CLEC's behalf. CLEC shall provide estimates regarding its volume of transactions, number of concurrent users, desired number of private line or dial-up (switched) connections, and length of a typical session.
- 8.4 For AT&T-13STATE, CLEC shall attend and participate in implementation meetings to discuss CLEC LRAF/PRAF/ARAF/SRAF access plans in detail and schedule testing of such connections.

9. DATA CONNECTION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1 CLEC agrees that interconnection of CLEC data facilities with AT&T-13STATE data facilities for access to OSS will be in compliance with AT&T-13STATE's "Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) Operations Support System Interconnection Procedures" document current at the time of initial connection to a RAF. The following additional terms in this Section 9 govern direct and dial up connections between CLEC and the PRAF, LRAF, ARAF and SRAF for access to OSS interfaces.
- 9.2 **Joint Security Requirements**
- 9.2.1 Both Parties will maintain accurate and auditable records that monitor user authentication and machine integrity and confidentiality (e.g., password assignment and aging, chronological logs configured, system accounting data, etc.).
- 9.2.2 Both Parties shall maintain accurate and complete records detailing the individual data connections and systems to which they have granted the other Party access or interface privileges. These records will include, but are not limited to, user ID assignment, user request records, system configuration, time limits of user access or system interfaces. These records should be kept until the termination of this Agreement or the termination of the requested access by the identified individual. Either Party may initiate a compliance review of the connection records to verify that only the agreed to connections are in place and that the connection records are accurate.
- 9.2.3 CLEC shall immediately notify the ISCC when a employee user ID is no longer valid (e.g. employee termination or movement to another department).
- 9.2.4 Both Parties shall use an industry standard virus detection software program at all times. The Parties shall immediately advise each other by telephone upon actual knowledge that a virus or other malicious code has been transmitted to the other Party.
- 9.2.5 All physical access to equipment and services required to transmit data will be in secured locations. Verification of authorization will be required for access to all such secured locations. A secured location is where walls and doors are constructed and arranged to serve as barriers and to provide uniform protection for all equipment used in the data connections which are made as a result of the user's access to either the CLEC or AT&T-13STATE network. At a minimum, this shall include: access doors equipped with card reader control or an equivalent authentication procedure and/or device, and egress doors which generate a real-time alarm when opened and which are equipped with tamper resistant and panic hardware as required to meet building and safety standards.
- 9.2.6 Both Parties shall maintain accurate and complete records on the card access system or lock and key administration to the rooms housing the equipment utilized to make the connection(s) to the

other Party's network. These records will include management of card or key issue, activation or distribution and deactivation.

9.3 Additional Responsibilities of Both Parties

- 9.3.1 Modem/DSU Maintenance And Use Policy: To the extent the access provided hereunder involves the support and maintenance of CLEC equipment on AT&T-13STATE's premises, such maintenance will be provided under the terms of the "Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) Operations Support System Interconnection Procedures" document cited above.
- 9.3.2 Monitoring: Each Party will monitor its own network relating to any user's access to the Party's networks, processing systems, and applications. This information may be collected, retained, and analyzed to identify potential security risks without notice. This information may include, but is not limited to, trace files, statistics, network addresses, and the actual data or screens accessed or transferred.
- 9.3.3 Each Party shall notify the other Party's security organization immediately upon initial discovery of actual or suspected unauthorized access to, misuse of, or other "at risk" conditions regarding the identified data facilities or information. Each Party shall provide a specified point of contact. If either Party suspects unauthorized or inappropriate access, the Parties shall work together to isolate and resolve the problem.
- 9.3.4 In the event that one Party identifies inconsistencies or lapses in the other Party's adherence to the security provisions described herein, or a discrepancy is found, documented, and delivered to the non-complying Party, a corrective action plan to address the identified vulnerabilities must be provided by the non-complying Party within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the identified inconsistency. The corrective action plan must identify what will be done, the Party accountable/responsible, and the proposed compliance date. The non-complying Party must provide periodic status reports (minimally monthly) to the other Party's security organization on the implementation of the corrective action plan in order to track the work to completion.
- 9.3.5 In the event there are technological constraints or situations where either Party's corporate security requirements cannot be met, the Parties will institute mutually agreed upon alternative security controls and safeguards to mitigate risks.
- 9.3.6 All network-related problems will be managed to resolution by the respective organizations, CLEC or AT&T-13STATE, as appropriate to the ownership of a failed component. As necessary, CLEC and AT&T-13STATE will work together to resolve problems where the responsibility of either Party is not easily identified.

9.4 Information Security Policies And Guidelines For Access To Computers, Networks and Information By Non-Employee Personnel

- 9.4.1 Information security policies and guidelines are designed to protect the integrity, confidentiality and availability of computer, networks and information resources. Section 9.5 - 9.11 summarizes the general policies and principles for individuals who are not employees of the Party that provides the computer, network or information, but have authorized access to that Party's systems, networks or information. Questions should be referred to CLEC or AT&T-13STATE, respectively, as the providers of the computer, network or information in question.
- 9.4.2 It is each Party's responsibility to notify its employees, contractors and vendors who will have access to the other Party's network, on the proper security responsibilities identified within this Attachment. Adherence to these policies is a requirement for continued access to the other Party's systems, networks or information. Exceptions to the policies must be requested in writing and approved by the other Party's information security organization.

9.5 General Policies

- 9.5.1 Each Party's resources are for approved business purposes only.

- 9.5.2 Each Party may exercise at any time its right to inspect, record, and/or remove all information contained in its systems, and take appropriate action should unauthorized or improper usage be discovered.
- 9.5.3 Individuals will only be given access to resources that they are authorized to receive and which they need to perform their job duties. Users must not attempt to access resources for which they are not authorized.
- 9.5.4 Authorized users must not develop, copy or use any program or code which circumvents or bypasses system security or privilege mechanism or distorts accountability or audit mechanisms.
- 9.5.5 Actual or suspected unauthorized access events must be reported immediately to each Party's security organization or to an alternate contact identified by that Party. Each Party shall provide its respective security contact information to the other.
- 9.6 **User Identification**
 - 9.6.1 Access to each Party's corporate resources will be based on identifying and authenticating individual users in order to maintain clear and personal accountability for each user's actions.
 - 9.6.2 User identification shall be accomplished by the assignment of a unique, permanent user ID, and each user ID shall have an associated identification number for security purposes.
 - 9.6.3 User IDs will be revalidated on a monthly basis.
- 9.7 **User Authentication**
 - 9.7.1 Users will usually be authenticated by use of a password. Strong authentication methods (e.g. one-time passwords, digital signatures, etc.) may be required in the future.
 - 9.7.2 Passwords must not be stored in script files.
 - 9.7.3 Passwords must be entered by the user.
 - 9.7.4 Passwords must be at least 6-8 characters in length, not blank or a repeat of the user ID; contain at least one letter, and at least one number or special character must be in a position other than the first or last one. This format will ensure that the password is hard to guess. Most systems are capable of being configured to automatically enforce these requirements. Where a system does not mechanically require this format, the users must manually follow the format.
 - 9.7.5 Systems will require users to change their passwords regularly (usually every 31 days).
 - 9.7.6 Systems are to be configured to prevent users from reusing the same password for 6 changes/months.
 - 9.7.7 Personal passwords must not be shared. A user who has shared his password is responsible for any use made of the password.
- 9.8 **Access and Session Control**
 - 9.8.1 Destination restrictions will be enforced at remote access facilities used for access to OSS Interfaces. These connections must be approved by each Party's corporate security organization.
 - 9.8.2 Terminals or other input devices must not be left unattended while they may be used for system access. Upon completion of each work session, terminals or workstations must be properly logged off.
- 9.9 **User Authorization**
 - 9.9.1 On the destination system, users are granted access to specific resources (e.g. databases, files, transactions, etc.). These permissions will usually be defined for an individual user (or user group) when a user ID is approved for access to the system.

9.10 Software and Data Integrity

9.10.1 Each Party shall use a comparable degree of care to protect the other Party's software and data from unauthorized access, additions, changes and deletions as it uses to protect its own similar software and data. This may be accomplished by physical security at the work location and by access control software on the workstation.

9.10.2 Untrusted software or data shall be scanned for viruses before use on a Party's corporate facilities that can be accessed through the direct connection or dial up access to OSS interfaces.

9.10.3 Unauthorized use of copyrighted software is prohibited on each Party's corporate systems that can be accessed through the direct connection or dial up access to OSS Interfaces.

9.10.4 Proprietary software or information (whether electronic or paper) of a Party shall not be given by the other Party to unauthorized individuals. When it is no longer needed, each Party's proprietary software or information shall be returned by the other Party or disposed of securely. Paper copies shall be shredded. Electronic copies shall be overwritten or degaussed.

9.11 Monitoring and Audit

9.11.1 To deter unauthorized access events, a warning or no trespassing message will be displayed at the point of initial entry (i.e., network entry or applications with direct entry points). Each Party should have several approved versions of this message. Users should expect to see a warning message similar to this one:

"This is a (AT&T-13STATE or CLEC) system restricted to Company official business and subject to being monitored at any time. Anyone using this system expressly consents to such monitoring and to any evidence of unauthorized access, use, or modification being used for criminal prosecution."

9.11.2 After successful authentication, each session will display the last logon date/time and the number of unsuccessful logon attempts. The user is responsible for reporting discrepancies.

10. OPERATIONAL READINESS TEST (ORT) FOR ORDERING/PROVISIONING AND REPAIR/ MAINTENANCE INTERFACES

10.1 Prior to live access to interface functionality, the Parties must conduct Operational Readiness Testing (ORT), which will allow for the testing of the systems, interfaces, and processes for the OSS functions. ORT will be completed in conformance with agreed upon processes and implementation dates.

11. OSS TRAINING COURSES

11.1 Prior to initial live OSS interface usage, a CLEC that intends to utilize AT&T-13STATE interfaces must complete user education classes for AT&T-13STATE-provided interfaces that affect the AT&T-13STATE network. A separate agreement will be required as a commitment to enroll in training classes and to pay for a specific number of CLEC students in each class. CLEC can obtain a copy of the proposed contract and price list for these OSS classes from their CLEC account manager. Course descriptions and class schedules, by region, are published on the CLEC website and/or will be available through their CLEC account manager. CLEC training schedules are subject to change, with class lengths varying. Classes are train-the-trainer format to enable CLEC to devise its own course work for its own employees.

12. OSS CHARGES FOR SYSTEM ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

12.1 To the extent AT&T-13STATE seeks to recover costs associated with OSS System Access and Connectivity, AT&T-13STATE shall not be foreclosed from seeking recovery of such costs via negotiation, arbitration, or generic proceeding during the term of this agreement.

13. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

13.1 For AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE region only, CLEC requesting the Bill Plus™, as described in 7.2.2, agrees to pay applicable tariffed rate, less Resale discount.

- 13.2 For AT&T-12STATE, CLEC requesting the billing function for the Daily Usage Extract which contains the usage billable records, as described in 7.2.4 and 7.3.2, agrees to pay established rates pursuant to Appendix Pricing.
- 13.3 For AT&T-13STATE, should CLEC request custom development of an exclusive interface to support OSS functions, such development will be considered by AT&T-13STATE on an Individual Case Basis (ICB) and priced as such.

14. SERVICE BUREAU PROVIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHARED ACCESS TO OSS

- 14.1 AT&T-13STATE shall allow CLEC to access its OSS via a Service Bureau Provider under the following terms and conditions:
- 14.2 Notwithstanding any language in this Agreement regarding access to OSS to the contrary, CLEC shall be permitted to access AT&T-13STATE OSS via a Service Bureau Provider as follows:
 - 14.2.1 CLEC shall be permitted to access AT&T-13STATE application-to-application OSS interfaces, via a Service Bureau Provider where CLEC has entered into an agency relationship with such Service Bureau Provider, and the Service Bureau Provider has executed an Agreement with AT&T-13STATE to allow Service Bureau Provider to establish access to and use of AT&T-13STATE's OSS.
 - 14.2.2 CLEC's use of a Service Bureau Provider shall not relieve CLEC of the obligation to abide by all terms and conditions of this Agreement. CLEC must ensure that its agent properly performs all OSS obligations of CLEC under this Agreement, which CLEC delegates to Service Bureau Provider.
 - 14.2.3 It shall be the obligation of CLEC to provide notice in accordance with the notice provisions of the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement whenever it established an agency relationship with a Service Bureau Provider or terminates such a relationship. AT&T-13STATE shall have a reasonable transition time to establish a connection to a Service Bureau Provider once CLEC provides notice. Additionally, AT&T-13STATE shall have a reasonable transition period to terminate any such connection after notice from CLEC that it has terminated its agency relationship with a Service Bureau Provider.
- 14.3 AT&T-13STATE shall not be obligated to pay liquidated damages or assessments for noncompliance with a performance measurement to the extent that such noncompliance was the result of actions or events beyond AT&T-13STATE's control associated with third-party systems or equipment including systems, equipment and services provided by a Service Bureau Provider (acting as CLEC's agent for connection to AT&T-13STATE's OSS) which could not be avoided by AT&T-13STATE through the exercise of reasonable diligence or delays or other problems resulting from actions of a Service Bureau Provider, including Service Bureau provided processes, services, systems or connectivity.