

4.1 XO will establish a physical point of interconnection (POI) in each mandatory local calling area in which it has assigned telephone numbers (NPA/NXXs) in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG). Each Party shall be financially responsible for one hundred percent (100%) of the facilities, trunks, and equipment on its side of the POI.

(a) In California and Illinois, the Parties agree that this section is satisfied if XO (at its sole option) establishes a POI either:

(i) at each access or local tandem in which tandem serving area XO has established a working telephone number local to a rate center in that tandem serving area, and each end office where XO maintains a physical collocation arrangement (but only for those trunk groups associated with that end office); or

(ii) within 15.75 miles of the Vertical and Horizontal coordinate of each rate center where XO has established a working telephone number local to that rate center.

(b) In Connecticut, Indiana, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, and Wisconsin, the Parties agree that this section is satisfied if, XO (at its sole option), establishes a POI either:

(i) at each access or local tandem in which tandem serving area XO has established a working telephone number local to a rate center in that tandem serving area, and each end office where XO maintains a physical collocation arrangement (but only for those trunk groups associated with that end office); or

(ii) within each mandatory local calling area where XO has established a working telephone number local to a rate center in that calling area.

(c) The Parties agree that the waivers contained in Section 2.2 with respect to changes in law do not apply to state commission-required changes in the geographic scope or definition of local calling areas. Where the local calling scope has changed, either party may exercise the right to renegotiate the number and location of POIs required under this Further Amendment. This provision shall not be interpreted to affect how the Parties agree to exchange, and compensate one another for, Virtual Foreign Exchange traffic (as defined herein) pursuant to Sections 4, 5, and 6 during the term of this Further Amendment.

(d) XO may, at its sole option, establish a POI by obtaining dedicated Special Access services or facilities from SBC ILECs (without the need for XO equipment, facilities, or collocation at the SBC ILECs' offices), or services or facilities from a third party, by establishing collocation, by establishing a fiber meet, or by provisioning such services or facilities for itself.

4.2 Where XO leases facilities from SBC ILECs to establish a POI, XO shall be required to begin paying SBC ILEC for such facilities once the facilities are jointly tested and accepted at a trunk level.

4.3 XO agrees to abide by SBC ILECs' trunk engineering/administration guidelines as stated in the ICAs, including the following:

4.3.1 When interconnecting at SBC ILECs' digital End Offices, the Parties have a preference for use of B8ZS ESF two-way trunks for all traffic between their networks. Where available, such trunk equipment will be used for these Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. Where AMI trunks are used, either Party may request upgrade to B8ZS ESF when such equipment is available.

4.3.2 The Parties shall establish direct End Office primary high usage Local Interconnection trunk groups when end office traffic (actual or forecasted) requires twenty-four (24) or more trunks over three consecutive months for the exchange of IntraLATA Toll and Local traffic. These trunk groups will be two-way and will utilize Signaling System 7 ("SS7") signaling or MF protocol where required.

4.3.3 The Parties recognize that embedded one-way trunks may exist for Local/IntraLATA toll traffic via end point meet facilities. The Parties agree the existing architecture may remain in place and be augmented for growth as needed. The Parties may subsequently agree to a transition plan to migrate the embedded one-way trunks to two-way trunks via a method described in Appendix NIM. The Parties will coordinate any such migration, trunk group prioritization, and implementation schedule. SBC ILECs agree to develop a cutover plan and project manage the cutovers with XO participation and agreement.

4.4 Subject to Section 4.6, in order to qualify for receipt of reciprocal compensation in a given tandem serving area as provided in this Further Amendment, XO will achieve and maintain a network architecture within that tandem serving area such that Direct End Office Trunking ("DEOT") does not fall below 70% for two consecutive months. Subject to Section 4.6, if XO has not established a POI required by Section 4.0, XO shall not be entitled to reciprocal compensation for calls from that local calling area.

4.5 For new interconnections, XO will achieve the DEOT criteria identified in Section 4.4 no later than six (6) months (or such other period as may be agreed to by the Parties) after the parties first exchange traffic for each new interconnection arrangement.

4.6 Under no circumstances shall XO have any liability or otherwise be penalized under this Further Amendment for non-compliance with the applicable POI and DEOT criteria specified herein during the transition period identified in Section 4.5. Furthermore, XO will have no liability and will face no penalty for non-compliance with the POI and DEOT criteria specified herein at any time thereafter if such non-compliance results from SBC ILEC's inability to provide staffing, collocation space, trunking, or facilities necessary to satisfy the transition or from SBC ILEC's failure to perform

required network administration activities (including provisioning, activation, and translations), regardless of whether SBC ILEC's inability or failure to perform is related to a Force Majeure event as that term is described in the underlying ICAs.

4.6.1 Establishing a New POI in an Existing Local Calling Area (or other applicable serving area in California, Nevada, Connecticut, and Ameritech territory) where XO provides service as of the date of execution of this Further Amendment. XO will notify SBC ILEC of XO's intention to establish a new POI in an existing local calling area (or other applicable serving area in California, Nevada, Connecticut, and Ameritech territory) no later than 90 days prior to the end of the transition period by letter to the SBC ILEC Account Manager and project manager for XO. XO and SBC ILEC will meet within 10 business days of such notice to plan the transition to any new POI. This notice and subsequent meeting are intended to give both parties adequate time to plan, issue orders, and implement the orders in the transition period under Section 4.5. Nothing in this paragraph specifically or this Further Amendment generally shall prevent XO from ordering, or excuse SBC ILECs from provisioning, trunks with respect to an existing POI for new growth or augments during the time that a new POI is being established.

4.6.2 Establishing a POI in a New Local Calling Area (or other applicable serving area in California, Nevada, Connecticut, and Ameritech territory) where XO does not provide service as of the date of execution of this Further Amendment. XO will notify its SBC ILEC Account Manager no later than 90 days prior to the LERG effective date for the new NPA-NXXs it wishes to activate. Joint planning meetings for the new POI will be held within 10 business days of SBC ILEC's receipt of such notification. The outcome of the joint planning meeting will be orders for facilities and trunks for the new POI to complete the establishment of the POI as promptly as possible, and in any event, by the LERG effective date for the new NPA-NXX. The POI must be established in the applicable Local Calling Area (or other applicable serving area in California, Nevada, Connecticut, and Ameritech territory) prior to the exchange of live traffic.

4.7 At any time as a result of either Party's own capacity management assessment, the Parties may begin the provisioning process. The intervals used for the provisioning process will be the same as those used for SBC ILECs' Switched Access service.

4.8 The movement of existing trunks to new POIs, either on a rollover basis or a disconnect and add basis, will not be counted against any limitations otherwise placed on XO's ability to order and receive trunks in any given market.

4.9 In a blocking situation, XO may escalate to its SBC ILEC Account Manager in order to request a shorter interval. The SBC ILEC Account Manager will obtain the details of the request and will work directly with the SBC ILEC LSC and network

organizations in order to determine if XO's requested interval, or a reduced interval, can be met.

5.0 Compensable Traffic:

5.1 If XO designates different rating and routing points such that traffic that originates in one rate center terminates to a routing point designated by XO in a rate center that is not local to the calling party even though the called NXX is local to the calling party, such traffic ("Virtual Foreign Exchange" traffic) shall be rated in reference to the rate centers associated with the NXX prefixes of the calling and called parties' numbers, and treated as Local traffic for purposes of compensation.

5.2 Local, Virtual Foreign Exchange, Mandatory Local and Optional EAS traffic eligible for reciprocal compensation will be combined with traffic terminated to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to determine the Total Compensable Local Traffic.

5.2.1 In determining the Total Compensable Local Traffic, InterLATA toll and IXC-carried intraLATA toll are excluded, and will be subject to Meet Point Billing as outlined in the interconnection agreement and applicable tariffs.

5.2.2 The rates for the termination of intraLATA toll and Originating 8YY traffic are governed by the parties' switched access tariffs

5.2.3 In determining the Total Compensable Local Traffic, SBC ILECs-transited minutes of use (MOUs) will be excluded from these calculations.

5.2.4 The rates for SBC ILECs-transited MOUs will be governed by the interconnection agreement.

5.3 Subject to applicable confidentiality guidelines, SBC ILECs and XO will cooperate to identify toll and transiting traffic; originators of such toll and transiting traffic; and information useful for settlement purposes with such toll and transit traffic originators.

5.3.1 SBC ILECs and XO agree to explore additional options for management and accounting of toll and transit traffic, including, but not limited to the exchange of additional signaling/call-related information in addition to Calling Party Number.

5.3.2 The Parties agree to explore additional options for management and accounting of the jurisdictional nature of traffic exchanged between their networks.

6.0 Rate Structure and Rate Levels:

During the period from January 1, 2005 up through and including December 31, 2005, Total Compensable Local Traffic as defined herein will be exchanged in all

states at the rate of \$.0005 per minute of use. This rate shall be payable to the party on whose network the call is terminating, and shall apply symmetrically for traffic originated by one party and terminated on the other party's network.

7.0 Additional Terms and Conditions:

7.1 This Further Amendment contains provisions that have been negotiated as part of an entire Further Amendment and integrated with each other in such a manner that each provision is material to every other provision.

7.2 The Parties agree that each and every rate, term and condition of this Further Amendment is legitimately related to, and conditioned on, and in consideration for, every other rate, term and condition in the underlying ICAs or interconnection agreement. The Parties agree that they would not have agreed to this Further Amendment except for the fact that it was entered into on a 13-State basis and included the totality of rates, terms and conditions listed herein.

7.3 Except as specifically modified by this Further Amendment with respect to their mutual obligations herein and subject to Section 2.0, neither Party relinquishes, and each Party instead fully reserves, any and all legal rights that it had, has and may have to assert any position with respect to any of the matters set forth herein before any state or federal administrative, legislative, judicial or other legal body.

7.4 This Further Amendment is the joint work product of the Parties and has been negotiated by the Parties and their respective counsel and shall be fairly interpreted in accordance with its terms and, in the event of any ambiguities, no inferences shall be drawn against either Party.

7.5 The terms contained in this Further Amendment constitute the agreement with regard to the superseding, modification, and amendment of the ICAs and incorporation into future interconnection agreement(s) through December 31, 2005, and shall be interpreted solely in accordance with their own terms.

7.6 The headings of certain sections of this Further Amendment are for convenience of reference only, and shall in no way define, modify or restrict the meaning or interpretation of the terms or provisions of this Further Amendment.

7.7 This Further Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

7.8 SBC Telecommunications, Inc. hereby represents and warrants that it is authorized to act as agent for, and to bind in all respects as set forth herein, the individual SBC ILECs.

8.0 Intentionally Omitted.

XO Communications Services, Inc. on behalf of itself and any and all affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, predecessors and assigns which are, or in the case of predecessors, were, a Certified Local Exchange Carrier in California, Nevada, Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, or Connecticut (including, without limitation, XO Illinois, Inc., XO California, Inc., XO Texas, Inc., Allegiance Telecom of Texas, Inc., Allegiance Telecom of California, Inc.; Allegiance Telecom of Illinois, Inc., XO Long Distance Services, Inc., XO Ohio, Inc., XO Michigan, Inc., XO Missouri, Inc., Allegiance Telecom of Michigan, Inc., Allegiance Telecom of Indiana, Inc., Allegiance Telecom of Ohio, Inc., Allegiance Telecom of Oklahoma, Inc., Allegiance Telecom of Nevada, Inc., Allegiance Telecom of Wisconsin, Inc., Allegiance Telecom of Missouri and Coast to Coast Telecommunications, Inc.).

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