

KANSAS

AGREEMENT FOR INTERCONNECTION  
AND RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION

by and between

Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc.

and

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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**AGREEMENT FOR INTERCONNECTION  
AND RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION**

This Agreement, entered into this 14 day of Dec 1998, is by and between Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, a Missouri corporation ("SWBT") and Panhandle Telecommunication Systems Inc., an Oklahoma corporation ("Carrier") (collectively, the "Parties") for Interconnection in Kansas.

WHEREAS, SWBT is a Local Exchange Carrier in the State of Kansas;

WHEREAS, Carrier is a Commercial Mobile Radio Service provider operating within the state of Kansas and, specifically, the Geographic Service Areas set forth in Appendix GSA;

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into an agreement for the interconnection of their networks and reciprocal compensation for the termination of Local Traffic (as defined below) between their respective networks pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), and other applicable state laws;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

**1. DEFINITIONS**

Definitions of the terms used in this Agreement are listed below. The Parties agree that certain terms may be defined elsewhere in this Agreement, as well. Terms not defined shall be construed in accordance with their customary meaning in the telecommunications industry as of the effective date of this Agreement.

"Act" means the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. Section 151 et seq.), as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as may be subsequently amended or, as from time to time interpreted in the duly authorized rules and regulations of the FCC or the Commission having authority to interpret the Act within its state of jurisdiction.

"Area Wide Calling Plan" or "AWCP" means a billing option available to CMRS providers where the CMRS provider compensates SWBT for land to mobile traffic in lieu of toll charges that would normally be billed to SWBT's end user.

"Calling Party Number" or "CPN" is a feature of signaling system 7 ("SS7") protocol whereby the 10 digit number of the calling party is forwarded from the end office.

"Carrier" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"Cell Site" means the location of fixed radio transmitting and receiving facilities associated with the origination and termination of wireless traffic to a wireless end user and may be used as a point of interconnection to the landline network.

"Collocation" has the meanings given to the term in the Act, applicable rules of the FCC and Commission, and the Commission's arbitration awards.

"Commercial Mobile Radio Service" or "CMRS" has the meaning given to the term in the Act.

"Commission" or "PUC" or "PSC" means the state administrative agency to which the United States Congress or state legislature has delegated authority to regulate the operations of Local Exchange Carriers ("LECs") as defined in the Act.

"Common Channel Signaling" or "CCS" means a special network, fully separate from the transmission path of the public switched network, that digitally transmits call setup and network control data.

"Connecting Facilities" means dedicated facilities provided either under this Agreement or separate contract used to connect Carrier's network and SWBT's network for the purposes of interchanging traffic.

"Conversation Time" means the time (in full second increments) that both Parties' equipment is used for a call, measured from the receipt of answer supervision to disconnect supervision.

"Customer" means, whether or not capitalized, any business, residential or governmental customer of services covered by the Agreement, and includes the term "End User". More specific meanings of either of such terms are dependent upon the context in which they appear in the Agreement and the provisions of the Act.

"End Office" means a local SWBT switching point where SWBT exchange service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to the network.

"End User" means, whether or not capitalized, any business, residential or governmental customer of services covered by the Agreement and includes the term "Customer". More specific meanings of either of such terms are dependent upon the context in which they appear in the Agreement and the provisions of the Act.

"Exchange Access" has the meaning given the term in the Act.

"FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission.

"Independent Local Exchange Carrier" has the meaning given the term in the Act.

"Interconnection" has the meaning given the term in the Act and refers to the connection of separate pieces of equipment, facilities, or platforms between or within networks for the purpose of transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic and Exchange Access traffic.

"Interexchange Carrier" or "IXC" means a carrier other than a CMRS provider or a LEC that provides, directly or indirectly, interLATA and/or intraLATA, for-hire telecommunications service.

"InterLATA" has the meaning given the term in the Act.

"InterMTA Traffic" means all calls which originate in one MTA and terminate in another MTA.

"IntraLATA Toll Traffic" means all IntraLATA calls other than Local Traffic.

"Local Access and Transport Area" or "LATA" has the meaning given to the term in the Act.

"Local Exchange Carrier" or "LEC" has the meaning given to the term in the Act.

"Local Service Provider" means a carrier licensed by the Commission with the appropriate certification (e.g., a Certificate of Authorization or Service Provider Certificate of Authorization).

"Local Traffic", for the application of reciprocal compensation, means telecommunications traffic between a LEC and a CMRS provider that, at the beginning of the call, originates and terminates within the same Major Trading Area ("MTN"), as defined in 47 CFR Section 24.202(A).

"Mobile Switching Center" or "MSC" means a Carrier's facilities and related equipment used to route, transport and switch Wireless Calls to and from the public switched telephone network.

"Major Trading Area" or MTA" has the meaning given to the term in 47 CFR Section 24.202(A).

"NXX", "NXX Code", "Central Office Code", or "CO Code" is the 3-digit switch indicator that is defined by the D, E, and F digits of a 10-digit telephone number within the NANP. Each NXX Code contains 10,000 telephone numbers.

"Party" means either SWBT or Carrier, and "Parties" means SWBT and Carrier.

"Reciprocal Compensation" means the arrangement between two carriers in which each of the two carriers receives compensation from the other carrier for the transport and termination on each carrier's network of Local Traffic that originates on the network of the other carrier.

"Service Area" means the geographic area, e.g., Major Trading Area, Basic Trading Area, Metropolitan Service Area, Geographic Service Area, Rural Service Area, served by the cellular system within which Carrier is licensed to provide service.



"Signaling System 7" or "SS7" means a signaling protocol used by the CCS network.

"Signaling Transfer Point" or "STP" means the point where a party interconnects, either directly or through facilities provided by SWBT, or a Third Party Provider, with the CCS/SS7 network.

"SWBT" has the meaning set for in the preamble.

"Synchronous Optical Network" or "SONET" means an optical interface standard that allows inter-networking of transmission products from multiple vendors.

"Tandem" means the following:

"Access Tandem" means a switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between end offices, other tandems and Third Party Providers.

"Wireless Tandem" means a switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function for originating and terminating traffic between the wireless MSCs and the landline network and has the software necessary to provide wireless interconnection services.

"Telecommunications" and "Telecommunications Carrier" have the meanings given to those terms in the Act.

"Termination" means the switching of Local Traffic at the terminating carrier's end office switch, or equivalent facility, and delivery of such traffic to the called party.

"Territory" means the five states of Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma in which SWBT was originally given the ability to operate its business following divestiture.

"Third Party Provider" shall mean any other facilities-based telecommunications carrier, including, without limitation, interexchange carriers, independent telephone companies, competitive local exchange carriers, or CMRS providers. The term shall not mean resellers of a LEC's local exchange services or resellers of a CMRS provider's services.

"Transiting Traffic" means intermediate transport and switching of traffic between two parties, one of which is not a Party to this Agreement, carried by a Party that neither originates nor terminates that traffic on its network while acting as an intermediary.

"Transport" means the transmission (not including tandem switching) of Local Traffic subject to Section 251 (b)(5) of the Act from the interconnection point between two carriers to the terminating carrier's end office switch that directly serves the called party, or equivalent facility provided by Third Party Provider.

"Trunk Group" means a set of trunks of common routing, origin and destinations, and which serve a like purpose or function.

"Trunk Side" means a Party's connection that is capable of, and has been programmed to treat the circuit as, connecting to another switching entity, for example another SWBT to Carrier switch. Trunk Side connections offer those transmission and signaling features appropriate for the connections of switching entities.

"V and H Coordinates Method" means the computing of airline miles between two points utilizing an established formula which is based on the vertical and horizontal coordinates of the two points used in the rating of calls.

"Wireless Calls" for the application of reciprocal compensation, means all calls originating from or terminating to the Carrier's network.

## **2. INTERCONNECTION**

This Section 2 describes the network architecture with which the Parties to this Agreement may interconnect their respective networks for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service and Exchange Access as required by Section 251 (c)(2) of the Act.

### **2.1 Interconnection Facilities**

- 2.1.1 Type 1: Facilities which provide a trunk side connection (line side treatment) between a SWBT end office and Carrier's Mobile Switching Center ("MSC") within that end office boundary. Type I facilities provide the capability to access all SWBT end offices within the LATA and Third Party Providers.
- 2.1.2 Type 2A : Facilities which provide a trunk side connection between Carrier's MSC and a SWBT Wireless Tandem. Type 2A facilities provide the capability to access all SWBT end offices within the LATA and Third Party Providers, excluding IXC's.
- 2.1.3 Type 2B: One-way facilities which provide a trunk side connection from a Carrier's MSC to a SWBT end office. Type 2B facilities provide the capability to access only subscribers served by that end office.
- 2.1.4 Type S: Facilities provisioned to provide out of band signaling between SWBT STPs and Carrier MSCs or STPs.
- 2.1.5 Equal Access Facilities: One-way facilities which provide a trunk side connection between Carrier's MSC and a SWBT Access Tandem. Equal Access Trunks provide the capability to pass interexchange traffic to IXC's.

- 2.1.6 **Miscellaneous Facilities:** Facilities which provide the transmission and routing of various types of traffic, such as 800/888 traffic, 911/E911 traffic, Operator Services traffic, and Directory Assistance traffic.
- 2.1.7 Carrier may develop additional Points of Presence (POP) other than the actual location of their MSC through the use of either SWBT's Special Access facilities, their own facilities, or facilities of a third party.
- 2.1.8 The Parties shall provide each other a forecast of projected mobile to land or land to mobile usage for each point of interconnection when significant changes in traffic patterns are anticipated. The Parties agree to work cooperatively to determine the number of trunks needed to handle the estimated traffic. Type I and Type 2A facilities may be either one-way or two-way when both Parties agree to share the facility; Type 2B facilities are restricted to one-way mobile to land. For one-way, or two-way facilities, terms, conditions, recurring and nonrecurring charges will apply as specified in Section 7 of the applicable interstate or intrastate Special Access Tariffs. When both Parties agree to utilize two-way facilities charges will be shared by the Parties on a proportional (percentage) basis as specified in Appendix PRICING. The Parties shall review actual billed minutes accrued on shared two-way facilities and modify, six (6) months from the Effective Date of this Agreement and every twelve (12) months thereafter, the percentages specified in Appendix PRICING.

## 2.2 **Facility Locations**

### 2.2.1 Technical Feasibility

- 2.2.1.1 As required by Section 251 of the Act, Carrier may interconnect with SWBT's network at any technically feasible point. The Parties acknowledge for purposes of this requirement that the locations listed in Appendix DCO constitute the technically feasible points of interconnection for the Carrier to pass traffic to SWBT for transport and termination by SWBT on its network or for transport to a Third Party Provider.
- 2.2.1.2 If Carrier requires interconnection at a location not listed in Appendix DCO, then it shall submit a Special Request pursuant to section 6.1.2. 1.
- 2.2.1.3 The Parties recognize that SWBT, in its sole discretion, may remove a location from Appendix DCO in the normal course of its business, thus rendering interconnection at the location technically infeasible; provided, however, that SWBT shall provide Carrier at least 120 days written notice and shall work cooperatively with Carrier to reestablish the interconnection at another SWBT location within the 120 days. SWBT agrees to waive nonrecurring charges associated

with SWBT initiated rehoming of facilities; provided, however, that Carrier shall be responsible for any other costs associated with the reconfiguration of the Carrier's network. In addition, SWBT may add a location to Appendix DCO at any time, and shall notify Carrier of such addition in writing, which shall be considered an amendment to Appendix DCO.

#### 2.2.2 Per LATA Requirement

Carrier acknowledges that SWBT is restricted in its ability to pass traffic from one LATA to another under the Act. As a result, Carrier agrees to interconnect to at least one SWBT facility in each LATA in which it desires to pass traffic to SWBT for transport and termination within such LATA. When SWBT is engaged in the transport of interLATA traffic in the state of Kansas, the Parties shall thereafter negotiate the rates, terms and conditions of SWBT transporting such traffic for Carrier in such state.

#### 2.2.3 Incumbent LEC Requirement

The Parties acknowledge that the terms and conditions specified in this Agreement do not apply to the provision of services or facilities by SWBT in those areas where SWBT is not the incumbent LEC.

### 2.3 **Additional Interconnection Methods Available to Carrier**

2.3.1 Carrier may provide its own facilities and transport for the delivery of traffic from its MSC (or other mutually agreed upon point on Carrier's network) to the interconnection point on SWBT's network. Alternatively, Carrier may purchase an entrance facility and transport from a third party or from SWBT for the delivery of such traffic. Rates for entrance facilities and transport purchased from SWBT are specified in Section 7 of the applicable interstate or intrastate Special Access Tariffs.

2.3.2 Carrier may request virtual collocation from SWBT at the rates, terms and conditions specified in FCC Tariff No. 73, Section 25, and physical collocation as specified in applicable tariff (or in the absence of an applicable tariff, on an individual case basis). Alternatively, Carrier may collocate at a SWBT facility with a third party with whom SWBT has already contracted for collocation. When Carrier collocates at a SWBT facility, it shall provide for the transport of traffic from its network to the appropriate interconnection point on SWBT's network pursuant to section 2.3.1 above. SWBT shall provide collocation space to Carrier only for equipment used for the purposes of interconnecting to SWBT's network. SWBT is not required to permit collocation of equipment used to provide enhanced services. If Carrier causes SWBT to build a collocation cage and

then Carrier does not use the facility (or all the facility), Carrier shall reimburse SWBT as if Carrier was using the entire facility.

2.3.3 Carrier may request SONET Based Interconnection ("SBI") pursuant to SWBT's tariff terms and conditions in FCC No. Tariff 73, Section 30.

2.3.4 Carrier and SWBT may share SWBT's interconnection facilities at the rates specified in Section 7 of the applicable interstate or intrastate Special Access Tariffs. Charges will be shared by the Parties based on their proportional (percentage) use of such facilities as specified in Appendix PRICING.

## **2.4 Interconnection Methods Available to SWBT**

2.4.1 Carrier locations listed in Appendix DCO constitute the technically feasible points of interconnection Carrier shall provide for SWBT to pass traffic to Carrier for transport and termination on Carrier's network.

2.4.2 If SWBT requires interconnection at a location not listed in Appendix DCO, then it shall submit a Special Request pursuant to section 6.1.2. 1.

2.4.3 SWBT may provide its own facilities and transport for the delivery of traffic from its point of interconnection to the interconnection point on Carrier's network. Alternatively, SWBT may purchase an entrance facility and transport from a third party or from Carrier for the delivery of such traffic. Rates for entrance facilities and transport purchased from Carrier are specified in Appendix PRICING.

2.4.4 SWBT may request virtual or physical collocation from Carrier at the rates, terms and conditions which Carrier receives from SWBT for such services. Alternatively, SWBT may collocate at a Carrier facility with a third party with whom Carrier has already contracted for collocation. When SWBT collocates at a Carrier facility, it shall provide for the transport of traffic from its network to the appropriate interconnection point on Carrier's network pursuant to section 2.4.3 above.

2.4.5 SWBT may request SONET Based Interconnection ("SBI") pursuant to rates, terms and conditions which Carrier receives from SWBT for such services.

2.4.6 Carrier and SWBT may share Carrier's interconnection facilities at the rates specified in Appendix PRICING. Charges will be shared by the Parties based on a proportional (percentage) basis as specified in Appendix PRICING.

## **2.5 Technical Requirements and Standards**

2.5.1 Each Party will provide the services in this Agreement to the other Party at a standard at least equal in quality and performance to that which the Party provides itself. Either Party may request, and the other Party will provide, to the extent

technically feasible, services that are superior or lesser in quality than the providing Party provides to itself, provided, however, that such services shall be considered Special Requests.

2.5.2 Nothing in this Agreement will limit either Party's ability to modify its network, including, without limitation, the incorporation of new equipment, new software or otherwise. Each Party will provide the other Party reasonable written notice, of any such modifications to 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. Carrier 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 SWBT modifications, including, without limitation, changes in facilities, operations or procedures, minimum network protection criteria, or operating or maintenance characteristics of facilities.

## **2.6 Unbundled Network Elements**

SWBT will offer Network Elements to Carrier on an unbundled basis on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory in accordance with the Federal Act and applicable State regulations or orders for the provision by Carrier of a wireless telecommunications service.

## **3. TRANSMISSION AND ROUTING OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(C)(2)**

This Section 3 provides the terms and conditions for the exchange of traffic between the Parties' respective networks for the transmission and routing by the Parties of Local Traffic and Transiting Traffic.

### **3.1 Basic Terms**

#### **3.1.1 Mobile to Land Traffic**

3.1.1.1 Carrier shall be responsible for the delivery of traffic from its network to the appropriate point of interconnection on its network for the transport and termination of such traffic by SWBT to a SWBT end user or for delivery by SWBT to a Third Party Provider.

3.1.1.2 Unless Carrier elects to provision its own facilities under section 2.3, SWBT shall provide the physical plant facilities that interconnect Carrier's point of interconnection with SWBT's point of interconnection. SWBT shall provision mobile to land connecting facilities for Carrier under the terms and conditions specified in Section 7 of the applicable interstate or intrastate

## Special Access Tariffs.

### 3.1.2 Land to Mobile Traffic

3.1.2.1 SWBT shall be responsible for the delivery of traffic from its network to the appropriate point of interconnection (within the serving wire center boundary of the end office in which the tandem, providing Type 2A Interconnection, is located, or within the serving wire center boundary of the end office providing Type 1 Interconnection) on its network for the transport and termination of such traffic by Carrier to the handset of a Carrier end user.

3.1.2.2 Unless SWBT elects to have Carrier or a third party provision facilities under section 2.4, SWBT shall provide the physical plant facilities that interconnect SWBT's point of interconnection with Carrier's point of interconnection. SWBT shall be responsible for the physical plant facility from its network to the appropriate point of interconnection within the serving wire center boundary of the end office in which the tandem, providing Type 2A Interconnection, is located, or within the serving wire center boundary of the end office providing Type 1 Interconnection on its network.

### 3.1.3 Traffic To Third Party Providers

Carrier and SWBT shall compensate each other for traffic that transits their respective systems to any Third Party Provider, as specified in Appendix PRICING. The Parties agree to enter into their own agreements with Third Party Providers. In the event that Carrier does send traffic through SWBT's network to a Third Party Provider with whom Carrier does not have a traffic interchange agreement, then Carrier agrees to indemnify SWBT for any termination charges rendered by a Third Party Provider for such traffic.

### 3.1.4 Transiting Traffic Factor

The Parties have agreed upon the land to mobile transiting traffic factor specified in Appendix PRICING paragraph 5.3, which represents the percentage of land to mobile minutes which will be considered as transiting minutes. The Parties have agreed to use the factor developed as a reasonable representation of the land to

mobile traffic which is originated by a Third Party Provider and transits SWBT's network. This factor will be used to reduce the total minutes delivered to Carrier from SWBT, before the application of the interMTA factor outlined in section 4.2.2, to determine the minutes subject to reciprocal compensation. SWBT agrees to review the factor upon Carrier request, but no more often than once every six (6) months after the effective date of this Agreement. SWBT will make the results of the factor development available to Carrier to ensure the Parties are using an accurate transiting traffic factor.

## 3.2 Reciprocal Compensation

### 3.2.1 Rates

The Parties shall provide each other Reciprocal Compensation for the transport and termination of Local Traffic at the rates specified in Appendix PRICING. SWBT shall compensate Carrier for the transport and termination of Local Traffic originating on SWBT's network; Carrier shall compensate SWBT for the transport and termination of Local Traffic originating on Carrier's network. Compensation shall vary based on the method of interconnection used by the Parties, as specified in Appendix PRICING. Additional charges may also apply (on a non-reciprocal basis) as provided for in this Agreement. The Parties acknowledge that the rates set forth in Appendix PRICING are interim and shall be replaced by final rates as adopted by the Commission, or the FCC, based on final and unappealable costing rules adopted by the FCC, as further described below and in Section 14.

### 3.2.2 True Up

The Parties recognize that rates, among other things, provided for under this Agreement may be affected by subsequent rulings of state or federal legislative bodies, courts, or regulatory agencies of competent jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Parties agree that in the event of such a final, nonappealable ruling, the Parties shall true up the Reciprocal Compensation provided for in this section once such a ruling, decision or other mandate becomes effective, final and non-appealable (the "True Up Date"). The Parties shall complete the true up 60 days after the True Up Date.

### 3.2.3 Exclusions

Reciprocal Compensation shall apply solely to the transport and termination of Local Traffic, and shall not apply to any other traffic or services, including without limitation:

- 3.2.3.1 interMTA traffic;
- 3.2.3.2 Transiting Traffic;
- 3.2.3.3 traffic which neither originates nor terminates on Carrier's network;
- 3.2.3.4 non-local traffic associated with SWBT's Area Wide Calling Plan; and
- 3.2.3.5 Paging Traffic.



### 3.2.4 Measuring Calls as Local Traffic

In order to measure whether traffic is Local Traffic for purposes of calculating Reciprocal Compensation, the Parties agree as follows; for SWBT, the origination or termination point of a call shall be the end office which serves, respectively, the calling or called party. For Carrier, the origination or termination point of a call shall be the cell site/base station which serves, respectively, the calling or called party at the time the call begins.

### 3.2.5 Conversation Time

For purposes of billing compensation for the interchange of Local Traffic, billed minutes will be based upon conversation time. Conversation time will be determined from actual usage recordings. Conversation time begins when the terminating Party's network receives answer supervision and ends when the terminating Party's network receives disconnect supervision.

## 3.3 **Additional Compensation**

In addition to any other charges specified in this Agreement, the following charges may be applicable as specified in this Agreement at the rates listed in Appendix PRICING. Charges listed are in addition to, not exclusive of, any other charges that may be applicable under this Agreement.

3.3.1 Transiting Charge: Each Party shall compensate the other Party for traffic which transits the other Party's network destined to a Third Party Provider at rates specified in Appendix PRICING.

3.3.2 Facilities Charges: Each Party shall compensate the other (not on a reciprocal, symmetrical basis) for the use of the providing Party's facilities between Carrier and SWBT points of interconnection, in either direction, as the case may be.

3.3.3 Special Requests: All requests for (i) services covered by this Agreement for which facilities do not exist, (ii) facilities, equipment or technologies not in the providing Party's sole discretion, necessary to fulfill a request under this Agreement, or (iii) services not specifically enumerated in this Agreement, shall be handled as a Special Request, as described in Section 6.1.2.2. Special Requests under (ii) may include, without limitation, requests for fiber, microwave, alternate routing, redundant facilities and other non-standard facilities or services.

## 3.4 **Signaling**

SWBT will provide at Carrier's request Signaling System 7 ("SS7") in order to allow out of band signaling in conjunction with the exchange of traffic between the Parties' respective networks. SS7 Signaling may be provided in conjunction with Type 1 land to mobile traffic, or with Type 2A interconnecting facilities only. When SWBT provides SS7 Signaling services directly to Carrier, SWBT shall provide such service at the rates

specified in Appendix PRICING. This rate is for the use of multiple SWBT STPs in the provisioning of mobile to land traffic. Charges for STP Access Links and Port Terminations used to connect Carrier's MSC or STP (whichever is applicable) and SWBT's STP shall be shared by the Parties based on the proportional (percentage) basis as specified in Appendix PRICING and at rates specified in Section 23 of FCC Tariff No. 73.

#### **4. TRANSMISSION AND ROUTING OF EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(C)(2)**

This Section 4 provides the terms and conditions for the exchange of traffic between Carrier's network and SWBT's network for switched access to IXC's, thus enabling Carrier end users to access IXC's for the transmission and routing of interMTA and interLATA calls.

##### **4.1 General**

4.1.1 Carrier may order Equal Access Trunks in order to provide for access to IXC's through SWBT's network. Equal Access Trunks shall be used solely for the transmission and routing of Exchange Access to allow Carrier's end users to access IXC's, and shall not be used by Carrier for any other purpose.

4.1.2 For as long as SWBT may require, Carrier shall provide SWBT the appropriate call data to allow SWBT to bill IXC's for Originating Access (as defined below). Such data shall be provided in a form mutually agreed to by the Parties. SWBT shall notify Carrier in writing when it no longer requires Carrier to provide such data.

##### **4.2 Access Charges**

###### **4.2.1 When Applicable**

Carrier shall pay SWBT Switched Access charges (including Carrier Common Line, Local Switching and Transport) for any and all traffic which crosses an MTA boundary (as defined by the cell site/base station at which the call originates or terminates and the SWBT end user's serving wire center at which the call originates or terminates). Switched Access charges are specified in Appendix PRICING paragraph 5.2 as interMTA rates.

Both Parties recognize that legislative and regulatory activities may impact the rates, terms and conditions associated with interstate Switched Access services. The Parties agree that any rate changes associated with interstate Switched Access services will flow through to the interMTA rates specified in Appendix PRICING as stated in Section 14 of this Agreement.

If traffic is handed from SWBT directly to an IXC, from Carrier to an IXC via equal access trunks, or from an IXC directly to SWBT, access charges shall not apply to Carrier.

#### 4.2.2 InterMTA Factor

The Parties have agreed upon the interMTA factor specified in Appendix PRICING, which represents the percent of total minutes to be billed access charges. Carrier represents that the factor is based on a reasonable traffic study conducted by Carrier, and shall make such study available to SWBT upon request. Six months after the effective date of this Agreement, and every twelve (12) months thereafter, Carrier shall conduct a study (available to SWBT on request) to ensure the Parties are using an accurate interMTA factor.

The Parties agree that if the percent of land to mobile interMTA traffic is less than three percent (3%) of total land to mobile traffic, then such traffic will be deemed as de minimis and the land to mobile factor will be set at zero percent (0%). If the land to mobile interMTA traffic exceeds three percent (3%) then the actual percentage reported will be used in billing the interMTA rates shown in Appendix PRICING.

#### 4.2.3 Examples

Following are two examples of traffic for which Carrier shall be required to pay access charges. They are examples only and in no way shall be deemed limiting or exhaustive of the applicability of access charges under this Agreement.

4.2.3.1 When a SWBT end user calls a Carrier end user (a land to mobile call), SWBT delivers the call to Carrier, and Carrier transports the call across MTA boundaries (either directly or through an IXQ access charges shall apply to Carrier ("Originating Access").

4.2.3.2 When a Carrier end user calls a SWBT end user (a mobile to land call), the call crosses MTA boundaries, and Carrier transports the call across MTA boundaries, access charges shall apply to Carrier ("Terminating Access").

#### 4.3 **IXC Traffic Detail**

The Parties agree to work cooperatively to establish an interim and long-term arrangement for providing each other with IXC data and switched access detail usage data which contains the necessary information and is in an agreed upon format to enable each Party to bill for those switched access rate elements they provide in conjunction with the provisioning of IXC traffic that routes through a SWBT tandem for terminations on Carrier's network and for Carrier traffic routing through a SWBT tandem for delivery to

an IXC's network. Such Carrier and usage data shall be provided within time frames, to be agreed between the Parties, sufficient to permit each Party to timely bill for switched access.

## **5. TRANSMISSION AND ROUTING OF OTHER TYPES OF TRAFFIC**

This Section 5 provides the terms for the exchange of 800/888 traffic, 911/E911 traffic, and Directory Assistance traffic from an end user on Carrier's network to SWBT's network.

### **5.1 800/888 Traffic**

5.1.1 Carrier may order from SWBT Miscellaneous Facilities in order to deliver 800/888 Traffic from a Carrier end user to SWBT's network. Such Miscellaneous Facilities shall be used solely for the transmission and routing of 800/888 traffic to allow Carrier's end users to send calls to SWBT for completion to IXCs, LECs other than SWBT, or SWBT.

5.1.2 Charges for Miscellaneous Facilities are specified in Section 7 of the applicable interstate or intrastate Special Access Tariffs. Additional charges for services provided on Miscellaneous Facilities may also apply, including, without limitation, charges for directory assistance services and transport as well as other operator services.

### **5.2 E911/911 Traffic**

With respect to all matters relating to E911/911 traffic, the Parties shall: (i) continue to handle such services as they do today and (ii) work together to meet any and all applicable requirements mandated under law, including tariffs, and rules and regulations of the FCC. The Parties acknowledge and agree that as applicable requirements are met and implemented, additional charges for E911/911 traffic may apply and shall in no way delay implementation of such requirements.

### **5.3 Directory Assistance**

#### **5.3.1 Directory Assistance Service**

5.3.1.1 SWBT may provide Directory Assistance ("DA") service from directory assistance locations to Carrier's premises. SWBT DA service is provided when Carrier's customers reach a SWBT DA position.

5.3.1.2 DA calls will be completed over Type 1 end office connections for NPAs served within the LATA. For NPA 555-1212 calls, Carrier may pass those to IXCs over equal access facilities.

5.3.1.3 Carrier may combine DA calls over existing Type1 connecting circuits or may complete DA calls over a Miscellaneous Facility

group.

5.3.1.4 Rates listed in Appendix PRICING shall apply.

### 5.3.2 DA Call Completion

#### 5.3.2.1 General

5.3.2.1.1 DA Call Completion ("DACC") is a service that provides Carrier's customers the option of having their local or IntraLATA calls completed when requesting a telephone listing from a SWBT DA operator.

5.3.2.1.2 DACC is available when Carrier has elected to receive the service and has ordered the required dedicated operator service circuits to each of the DA locations within the LATA. DACC, when billed to Carrier, is only available on a fully automated basis.

5.3.2.1.3 In addition to the appropriate charges for DA and DACC, terminating usage charges, rated as Type 2A service, apply for all calls completed using DACC.

5.3.2.1.4 DACC is available under two billing applications, specified in the next sections: multiple rate option, and single rate option.

#### 5.3.2.2 Multiple Rate Option

5.3.2.2.1 Under the multiple rate option, Carrier is billed individually for DA and DACC when provided.

5.3.2.2.2 If Carrier chooses the multiple rate option, a ten digit Automatic Number Identification ("ANI") field following the called number is required from Carrier as prescribed in SWBT publication DACC Technical Requirements for Cellular Providers.

5.3.2.2.3 Carrier has the option of providing customer specific ANI for the purpose of directly billing for DACC or providing Carrier's billing number in the ANI field.

#### 5.3.2.3 Single Rate Option

With a single rate option, Carrier is charged a single fixed rate for the DA and DACC portion of a DA call. This rate applies for all DA calls including those where DACC was not requested by Carrier's customer.

#### 5.3.2.4 Manner of Provisioning

- 5.3.2.4.1 Operator Service Circuits: When Carrier requests DACC service, both DA and DACC services are provided over a dedicated trunk group from each Carrier MSC to the SWBT DA switch in the LATA.
- 5.3.2.4.2 Billing Information Tape: When Carrier chooses the multiple rate option, billing information tapes ("BIT") will be automatically provided on a daily basis detailing the call information associated with the ANI provided by Carrier. Carrier has the option of receiving the call information via a data circuit as detailed in section 5.3.2.4.3. The charge for BIT is listed in Appendix PRICING.
- 5.3.2.4.3 Electronic Data Transmission: Electronic Data Transmission ("EDT") provides Carrier the option of receiving detailed call information via a data circuit instead of the daily BIT. The EDT data circuit is established between SWBT's data center and Carrier's premises of choice. The type EDT data circuit required is dependent upon the volume of billing information and the type terminating equipment provided by Carrier at its premises. While there is no charge for EDT, Carrier is responsible for the data circuit charges.

#### 5.3.2.5 Rate Regulations

- 5.3.2.5.1 Terminating usage charges as found in paragraph I of Appendix PRICING, will apply for the duration of a call, and in addition to the DA and DACC rates, for any call completed using DACC.
- 5.3.2.5.2 Under the multiple rate option, the DA rates found in Appendix PRICING apply in addition to the multiple rate option charge in Appendix PRICING.
- 5.3.2.5.3 DACC and associated usage are charged only upon completion of calls under the multiple rate option. DA charges always apply for calls placed to a DA position.
- 5.3.2.5.4 Under the single rate option, the DA charges listed in Appendix PRICING apply to all calls placed to a DA position including those calls where DACC was not requested by Carrier's customer. The associated usage charges only apply when a call has been completed.

## **5.4 Operator Services**

Operator Service ("OS") calls will be limited to 0+ or 0- calls on an alternate billed basis only. The term "alternate billed" means that all calls must be paid for by Carrier's end user at the time the call is placed. This can be accomplished by using a telecommunications credit card, placing the call collect or billing the call to a third number. Charges for 0+ and 0- calls will be in accordance with applicable tariffs. No charges are incurred by Carrier. Alternate billed calls can be completed as follows:

- 5.4.1 Fully Automated: when Carrier's end user dials zero (0) plus a seven or ten digit telephone number and the call is completed without the assistance of a SWBT operator.
- 5.4.2 Semi-Automated: when Carrier's end user dials zero (0) plus a seven or ten digit telephone number and the call is completed with assistance of a SWBT operator.
- 5.4.3 Manual: when Carrier's end user dials zero (0) only, then places a call with the assistance of a SWBT operator.
- 5.4.4 Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interrupt may be provided as an 0--call, also billed on an alternate bill basis to Carrier's end user.

## **5.5 Area Wide Calling Plan**

Area Wide Calling Plan (AWCP) is an optional reverse billing arrangement which may be requested by Carrier. This optional service permits SWBT's end user to call certain Carrier end users from any location within the LATA without incurring an additional charge, i.e., no "toll" charges are applied to the SWBT's end user.

- 5.5.1 Subscribing to the AWCP, Carrier agrees to incur a per minute of use charge for all land to mobile calls, which terminate outside of the local calling scope of the SWBT local exchange, as defined by the Intrastate Local Exchange Tariff, serving the SWBT end user who originated the call.
- 5.5.2 The charges for this service are as specified in Appendix PRICING. Mileage charges shall be calculated or measured using the V & H Coordinates Method. Mileage will be determined by calculating the airline distance from the calling party's end office to the Carrier point of interconnection.
- 5.5.3 AWCP will be provisioned using a SWBT provided dedicated one-way land to mobile Type 2A Connecting Facility group established solely for the completion of AWCP calls. AWCP will only be provisioned utilizing a NXX code dedicated to this service.
- 5.5.4 No AWCP usage charges will apply for calls which originate and terminate within

the local calling scope of the SWBT local exchange as defined by the Intrastate Local Exchange Tariff, serving the SWBT end user who originated the call.

- 5.5.5 Carrier agrees not to charge SWBT for transport and termination of any call associated with an AWCP, when the call is terminated outside of the local calling scope of the SWBT local exchange serving the SWBT end user who originated the call. SWBT will pay compensation for traffic associated with an AWCP when traffic terminates within the local calling scope of the SWBT local exchange, as defined by the Intrastate Local Exchange Tariff, serving the SWBT end user who originated the call.

## **6. ADDITIONAL ORDERING AND BILLING PROVISIONS**

### **6.1 Ordering**

- 6.1.1 Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, this provision shall apply for the ordering of interconnection herein. Each Party shall be responsible for ordering from the other any interconnection or other facilities as specified in this Agreement. The Parties shall mutually agree upon the format for any orders and any required codes or other information that must be included in any particular order. Subject to the paragraph immediately below, orders shall be processed as follows: after the receipt of a request, a Party shall notify the ordering Party, in a timely manner and in agreement with published intervals, of any additional information it may require to determine whether it is technically feasible to meet the request. Within 45 days of its receipt of said information, the Party shall notify the ordering Party ("Notification") if the request is technically feasible. If the request is technically feasible, the Party shall activate the order as mutually agreed to by the Parties after Notification (the "Activation Date").

#### **6.1.2 Special Requests**

- 6.1.2.1 If either Party requires interconnection at a location not listed in Appendix DCO, then it shall submit a Special Request in writing to the other Party specifying (i) the point of interconnection, (ii) an estimated activation date, and (iii) a forecast of intended use. Within 20 days of its receipt of the ordering Party's request (the "Request Date"), the providing Party shall notify the ordering Party of any additional information it may require to determine whether it is technically feasible meet the request. Within 60 days of its receipt of said information (or 60 days from the Request Date if the providing Party does not ask for additional information), the providing Party shall notify the ordering Party ("Notification") if its request is technically feasible. If the request is technically feasible, the providing Party shall activate the interconnection at any time 15 days after Notification (the "Activation Date") as specified by the ordering Party. Upon activation the Parties shall be



deemed to have amended Appendix DCO to include the added location. Special Requests for interconnection locations not listed in Appendix DCO may involve additional charges.

6.1.2.2 The Parties recognize that Special Requests may be made of the other Party pursuant to section 3.3.3 herein. The providing Party shall have 75 days to notify the ordering Party ("Special Notification") if the ordering Party's Special Request, in the providing Party's sole discretion, will be fulfilled and what the cost of fulfilling such request will be. If the Special Request will be fulfilled, the providing Party shall activate the order at a time agreed to by the Parties.

6.1.2.3 An ordering Party may cancel a Special Request at any time, but will pay the providing Party's reasonable and demonstrable costs of processing and/or implementing the Special Request up to the date of cancellation.

## 6.2 **Billing**

6.2.1 Each Party shall deliver monthly settlement statements for terminating the other Party's traffic based on a mutually agreed schedule. Each Party will record its terminating minutes of use and identify those minutes by terminating trunk group. Bills rendered by either Party shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the bill date or by the next bill date.

### 6.2.2 Late Charges

Bills will be considered past due 30 days after the bill date or by the next bill date (i.e., same date as the bill date in the following month), whichever occurs first, and are payable in immediately available funds.

If the amount billed, exclusive of any amount disputed, is received by the billing Party after the payment due date or if any portion of the payment is received by the billing Party in funds which are not immediately available to the billing Party, then a late payment charge will apply to the unpaid balance. The late payment charge will be the lesser of:

The highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily and applied for each month or portion thereof that an outstanding balance remains; or

0.000657, compounded daily and applied for each month or portion thereof that an outstanding balance remains.

## 6.3 **Miscellaneous Nonrecurring Charges**

### 6.3.1 Maintenance of Service Charge

When Carrier reports trouble to SWBT for clearance and no trouble is found in SWBT's network, the Carrier shall be responsible for payment of a Maintenance of Service Charge for the period of time when SWBT personnel are dispatched. In the event of an intermittent service problem that is eventually found to be in SWBT's network, Carrier shall receive a credit for any Maintenance of Service Charges applied in conjunction with this service problem.

If the Carrier reports trouble to SWBT for clearance and SWBT personnel are not allowed access to the Carrier's premises, the Maintenance of Service Charge will apply for the time that SWBT personnel are dispatched; provided that SWBT and Carrier have arranged a specific time for the service visit.

### 6.3.2 Additional Engineering Charges

Additional Engineering charges will be billed to the Carrier when SWBT incurs engineering time to customize the Carrier's service at the Carrier's request.

### 6.3.3 Additional Labor Charges

Additional labor will be charged when SWBT installs facilities outside of normally scheduled working hours at the customers request. Additional labor also includes all time in excess of one-half (1/2) hour during which SWBT personnel stand by to make installation acceptance test or cooperative test with a Carrier to verify facility repair on a given service.

### 6.3.4 Access Order Charge

An Access Order charge applies whenever Carrier requests installation, addition, rearrangement, change or move of the interconnection services associated with this Agreement.

### 6.3.5 Design Change Charge

A Design Change Charge applies when SWBT personnel review Carrier's interconnection service to determine what changes in the design of the service are required as a result of request(s) by the Carrier. SWBT will notify Carrier when the Design Change Charge would apply.

### 6.3.6 Service Date Change Charge

The Service Date Change Charge applies when the Carrier requests a change in the date of installation or rearrangement of interconnection service. The customer

may request changes provided that the new date is no more than 45 calendar days beyond the original service date, unless the requested changes are associated with an order which has been designated as a "special project". If a change or rearrangement of interconnection is necessary beyond 45 days, then the order must be canceled and reordered.

**6.3.7 Access Customer Name and Address (ACNA), Billing Account Number (BAN) and Circuit Identification Change Charges**

These charges apply whenever the Carrier requests changes in their ACNA, their BAN number or their Circuit Ids, respectively.

**6.3.8 Supercedure**

This charge also applies when Carrier assumes the license of and incorporates the interconnection services provided to another carrier into Carrier's account.

**7. NETWORK MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Parties will work cooperatively to install and maintain a reliable network. The Parties will exchange appropriate information (e.g., maintenance contact numbers, network information, information required to comply with law enforcement and other security agencies of the government, etc.) to achieve this desired reliability, subject to the confidentiality provisions herein.

**7.1 Network Management Controls**

7.1.1 Each Party shall provide a 24-hour contact number for network traffic management issues to the other's surveillance management center. A fax number must also be provided to facilitate notifications for planned mass calling events. Each Party agrees, at a minimum, to maintain the network traffic management controls capabilities set forth in SWBT's Wireless Interconnection Handbook, a copy of which has been provided to Carrier. Carrier acknowledges that the Handbook may be amended by SWBT from time to time.

7.1.2 Neither Party will use any service provided under this Agreement in a manner that impairs the quality of service to other carriers or to either Party's subscribers. Either Party will provide the other Party notice of said impairment at the earliest practicable time.

7.1.3 Carrier's use of any SWBT facilities, or of its own equipment or that of a third party in conjunction with any SWBT facilities, shall not materially interfere with or impair service over any facilities of SWBT, its affiliated companies or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its services, cause damage to their plant, impair the privacy of any communications carrier over their facilities or create hazards to the employees of any of them or the public. Upon reasonable

written notice and opportunity to cure, SWBT may discontinue or refuse service if Carrier violates this provision, provided that such termination of service will be limited to Carrier's use of a facility, where appropriate.

## **7.2 Law Enforcement and Civil Process**

SWBT and Carrier shall handle law enforcement requests as follows:

- 7.2.1 **Intercept Devices:** Local and federal law enforcement agencies periodically request information or assistance from local telephone service providers. When either Party receives a request associated with a customer of the other Party, it shall refer such request to the Party that serves such customer, unless the request directs the receiving Party to attach a pen register, trap-and-trace or form of intercept on the Party's facilities, in which case that Party shall comply with any valid request.
- 7.2.2 **Subpoenas:** If a Party receives a subpoena for information concerning an end user the Party knows to be an end user of the other Party it shall refer the subpoena back to the requesting Party with an indication that the other Party is the responsible company, unless the subpoena requests records for a period of time during which the Party was the end user's service provider, in which case the Party will respond to any valid request.
- 7.2.3 **Law Enforcement Emergencies:** If a Party receives a request from a law enforcement agency for a temporary number change, temporary disconnect or one way denial of outbound calls for an end user of the other Party by the receiving Party's switch, that Party will comply with any valid emergency request. However, neither Party shall be held liable for any claims or damages arising from compliance with such requests on behalf of the other Party's end user and the Party serving such end user agrees to indemnify and hold the other Party harmless against any and all such claims.

## **8. NUMBERING ISSUES**

### **8.1 Access to Numbering Resources**

Carrier shall have access to numbering resources in the same fashion as they are provided to other Telecommunications Carriers. Carrier may either pay SWBT the sum of \$110 per NXX in exchange for SWBT's input of required data necessary to update the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG") on Carrier's behalf, or Carrier may perform its own LERG updates at its own expense. SWBT shall not be liable for any losses or damages arising out of errors, defects, or failures associated with the input of Carrier's data into the LERG other than direct damages; provided, however, that Carrier's direct damages shall not exceed the amount of the charges paid to SWBT by Carrier for LERG input under this Agreement. Carrier agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless SWBT from any and all losses, damages, or other liabilities, including attorneys' fees, that it may incur as a

result of claims, demands, or other suits brought by any party that may arise out of the data submitted and/or the input of that data into the LERG by SWBT. Carrier shall defend against all end user claims just as if Carrier had performed its own input into the LERG.

## **8.2 Local Dialing Parity**

SWBT agrees that local dialing parity will be available to Carrier in accordance with the Act.

## **9. VERIFICATION REVIEWS**

- 9.1 Each Party will be responsible for the accuracy and quality of its data as submitted to the other Party. Upon reasonable written notice, each Party or its authorized representative (providing such authorized representative does not have a conflict of interest related to other matters before one of the Parties) shall have the right to conduct a review and verification of the other Party to give assurances of compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. This includes on-site verification reviews at the other Party's or the Party's vendor locations.
- 9.2 After the initial year of this Agreement verification reviews will normally be conducted on an annual basis with provision for staged reviews, as mutually agreed, so that all subject matters are not required to be reviewed at the same time. Follow up reviews will be permitted on a reasonable time schedule between annual reviews where significant deviations are found. During the initial year of the Agreement more frequent reviews may occur.
- 9.3 The review will consist of an examination and verification of data involving records, systems, procedures and other information related to the services performed by either Party as related to settlement charges or payments made in connection with this Agreement as determined by either Party to be reasonably required. Each Party, whether or not in connection with an on-site verification review, shall maintain reasonable records for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months and provide the other Party with reasonable access to such information as is necessary to determine amounts receivable or payable under this Agreement.
- 9.4 The Parties' right to access information for verification review purposes is limited to data not in excess of twenty-four (24) months in age. Once specific data has been reviewed and verified, it is unavailable for future reviews. Any items not reconciled at the end of a review will, however, be subject to a follow-up review effort. Any retroactive adjustments required subsequent to previously reviewed and verified data will also be subject to follow-up review. Information of either Party involved with a verification review shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement.
- 9.5 The Party requesting a verification review shall fully bear its costs associated with conducting a review. The Party being reviewed will provide access to required

information, as outlined in this section, at no charge to the reviewing Party. Should the reviewing Party request information or assistance beyond that reasonably required to conduct such a review, the Party being reviewed may, at its option, decline to comply with such request or may bill actual costs incurred in complying subsequent to the concurrence of the reviewing Party.

## **10. LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION**

- 10.1 With respect to any claim or suit for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, defects in transmission, interruptions, failures, delays or errors occurring in the course of furnishing any service hereunder, the liability of the Party furnishing the affected service, if any, shall not exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the other Party for the period of that particular service during which such mistake, omissions, defect in transmission, interruption, failures, delay or error occurs and continues; provided, however, that any such mistakes, omissions, defects in transmission, interruptions, failures, delays, or errors which are caused or contributed to by the negligence or willful act of the complaining Party or which arise from the use of the complaining Party's facilities or equipment shall not result in the imposition of any liability whatsoever upon the Party furnishing service. No such limitation of liability shall apply, however, if the cause of the claim is due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Party furnishing the service.

Carrier understands that it is responsible for obtaining any license or right-to-use agreement associated with a network element purchase from SWBT, and further agrees to provide SWBT, prior to using any such network elements, with either: (1) a copy of the applicable license or right-to-use agreement (or letter from the licensor attesting as such); or (2) an affidavit signed by Carrier attesting to the acquisition of any known and necessary licensing and right-to-use agreements. SWBT agrees to provide a list of all known and necessary licenses or right-to-use agreements applicable to the subject network element(s) within seven days of a request for such a list by Carrier. SWBT agrees to use its best efforts to facilitate the obtaining of any necessary license or right-to-use agreement. In the event such an agreement is not forthcoming for a network element ordered by Carrier, the parties commit to negotiate in good faith for the provision of alternative elements or services which shall be equivalent to or superior to the elements for which Carrier is unable to obtain such license or agreement.

Both Carrier and SWBT agree to defend at the other's request, to indemnify and hold each other harmless, together with each of its officers, directors, employees, and agents (each, an "Indemnitee") against and in respect of any loss, debt, liability, damage, obligation, claim, demand, judgment, or settlement of any nature or kind, known or unknown, liquidated or applicable to the subject network element(s) within seven days of a request for such a list by Carrier.

## 10.2 NO CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES

NEITHER SWBT NOR CARRIER SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, RELIANCE, OR SPECIAL DAMAGES SUFFERED BY SUCH OTHER PARTY (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, DAMAGES FOR HARM TO BUSINESS, LOST REVENUES, LOST SAVINGS, OR LOST PROFITS SUFFERED BY SUCH OTHER PARTY), REGARDLESS OF THE FORM OF ACTION, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, WARRANTY, STRICT LIABILITY, OR TORT, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, NEGLIGENCE WHETHER ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE

PARTIES KNEW OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH DAMAGES COULD RESULT. EACH PARTY HEREBY RELEASES THE OTHER PARTY (AND SUCH OTHER PARTY'S SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS) FROM ANY SUCH CLAIM. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION WILL LIMIT SWBT'S OR CARRIER'S LIABILITY TO THE OTHER FOR (i) WILLFUL OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT (INCLUDING GROSS NEGLIGENCE) OR (ii) BODILY INJURY, DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO TANGIBLE REAL OR TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TO THE EXTENT PROXIMATELY CAUSED BY SWBT OR CARRIER'S NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION OR THAT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS OR EMPLOYEES, NOR WILL ANYTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION LIMIT THE PARTIES' INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS, AS SPECIFIED HEREIN.

- 10.3 Each Party shall be indemnified and held harmless by the other Party against claims and damages by third parties arising from (i) any act or omission of the indemnifying Party in connection with its performance or non-performance under this Agreement; (ii) actual or alleged infringement by the indemnifying Party of any patent, trademark, copyright, service mark, trade name, trade secret or intellectual property right (now known or later developed); and (iii) provision of the indemnifying Party's services or equipment, including but not limited to claims arising from the provision of the indemnifying Party's services to its end users (e.g., claims for interruption of service, quality of service or billing disputes). Each Party shall also be indemnified and held harmless by the other Party against claims and damages of persons furnished by the indemnifying Party or by any of its subcontractors, under worker's compensation laws or similar statutes.
- 10.4 The Parties agree to release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the other Party from any claim, demand or suit that asserts any infringement or invasion of privacy or confidentiality of any person or persons caused or claimed to be caused, directly or indirectly, by the other Party's employees and equipment associated with the provision of any service herein. This provision includes but is

not limited to suits arising from disclosure of the telephone number, address, or name associated with the telephone called or the telephone used in connection with any services herein.

- 10.5 When the lines or services of other companies and carriers are used in establishing connections to and/or from points not reached by a Party's lines, neither Party shall be liable for any act or omission of the other companies or carriers.

## **11. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

- 11.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, confidential information ("Confidential Information") means confidential or proprietary technical or business information given by one Party (the "Discloser") to the other (the "Recipient"). All information which is disclosed by one Party to the other in connection with this

Agreement, during negotiations and the term of this Agreement will automatically be deemed proprietary to the Discloser and subject to this Section 11, unless otherwise confirmed in writing by the Discloser. The Recipient agrees (i) to use Confidential Information only for the purpose of performing under this Agreement, (ii) to hold it in confidence and disclose it to no one other than its employees having a need to know for the purpose of performing under this Agreement, and (iii) to safeguard it from unauthorized use or disclosure using at least the same degree of care with which the Recipient safeguards its own Confidential Information. If the Recipient wishes to disclose the Discloser's Confidential Information to a third-party agent or consultant, such disclosure must be agreed to in writing by the Discloser, and the agent or consultant must have executed a written agreement of nondisclosure and nonuse comparable in scope to the terms of this section.

- 11.2 The Recipient may make copies of Confidential Information only as reasonably necessary to perform its obligations under this Agreement. All such copies will be subject to the same restrictions and protections as the original and will bear the same copyright and proprietary rights notices as are contained on the original.
- 11.3 The Recipient agrees to return all Confidential Information in tangible form received from the Discloser, including any copies made by the Recipient, within thirty (30) days after a written request is delivered to the Recipient, or to destroy all such Confidential Information if directed to do so by Discloser except for Confidential Information that the Recipient reasonably requires to perform its obligations under this Agreement; the Recipient shall certify destruction by written letter to the Discloser. If either Party loses or makes an unauthorized disclosure of the other Party's Confidential Information, it will notify such other Party immediately and use its best efforts to retrieve the lost or wrongfully disclosed information.
- 11.4 The Recipient shall have no obligation to safeguard Confidential Information: (i) which was in the possession of the Recipient free of restriction prior to its receipt from the



Discloser; (ii) after it becomes publicly known or available through no breach of this Agreement by the Recipient; (iii) after it is rightfully acquired by the Recipient free of restrictions on its disclosure; or (iv) after it is independently developed by personnel of the Recipient to whom the Discloser's Confidential Information had not been previously disclosed. In addition, either Party will have the right to disclose Confidential Information to any mediator, arbitrator, state or federal regulatory body, or a court in the conduct of any mediation, arbitration or approval of this Agreement, as long as, in the absence of an applicable protective order, the Discloser has been previously notified by the Recipient in time sufficient for the Recipient to undertake all lawful measures to avoid disclosing such information and for Discloser to have reasonable time to seek or negotiate a protective order before or with any applicable mediator, arbitrator, state or regulatory body or a court.

- 11.5 The Parties recognize that an individual end user may simultaneously seek to become or be a customer of both Parties. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to  
  
limit the ability of either Party to use customer specific information lawfully obtained from end users or sources other than the Discloser.
- 11.6 Each Party's obligations to safeguard Confidential Information disclosed prior to expiration or termination of this Agreement will survive such expiration or termination.
- 11.7 No license is hereby granted under any patent, trademark, or copyright, nor is any such license implied solely by virtue of the disclosure of any Confidential Information.
- 11.8 Each Party agrees that the Discloser may be irreparably injured by a disclosure in breach of this Agreement by the Recipient or its representatives and the Discloser will be entitled to seek equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance, in the event of any breach or threatened breach of the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement. Such remedies will not be deemed to be the exclusive remedies for a breach of this Agreement, but will be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity.

## **12. PUBLICITY**

- 12.1 The Parties agree not to use in any advertising or sales promotion, press release or other publicity matter any endorsement, direct or indirect quote, or picture implying endorsement by the other Party or any of its employees without such Party's prior written approval. The Parties will submit to each other for written approval, and obtain such approval, prior to publication, all publicity matters that mention or display one another's name and/or marks or contain language from which a connection to said name and/or marks may be inferred or implied.
- 12.2 Neither Party will offer any services using the trademarks, service marks, trade names, brand names, logos, insignia, symbols or decorative designs of the other Party or its affiliates without the other Party's written authorization.

## **13. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

### **13.1 Finality of Disputes**

No claims shall be brought for disputes arising from this Agreement more than twenty-four (24) months from the date of occurrence which gives rise to the dispute, or beyond the applicable statute of limitations, whichever is shorter.

### **13.2 Alternative to Litigation**

The Parties desire to resolve disputes arising out of this Agreement without litigation. Accordingly, except for action seeking a temporary restraining order or an injunction related to the purposes of this Agreement, or suit to compel compliance with this dispute resolution process, the Parties agree to use the following alternative dispute resolution procedure as their sole remedy with respect to any controversy or claim of \$25,000 or less, arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach.

#### **13.2.1 Resolution of Disputes Between Parties to the Agreement**

At the written request of a Party, each Party will appoint a knowledgeable, responsible representative to meet and negotiate in good faith to resolve any dispute arising under this Agreement. The location, form, frequency, duration and conclusion of these discussions shall be left to the discretion of the representatives. Upon agreement, the representatives may utilize other alternative dispute resolution procedures such as mediation to assist in the negotiations. Discussions and correspondence among the representatives for purposes of settlement are exempt from discovery and production and shall not be admissible in the arbitration described below or in any lawsuit without the concurrence of all Parties. Documents identified in or provided with such communications, which are not prepared for purposes of the negotiations, are not so exempted and, if otherwise admissible, may be admitted in evidence in the arbitration or lawsuit.

#### **13.2.2 Arbitration**

13.2.2.1 If the negotiations do not resolve the dispute within sixty (60) days of the initial written request, the dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration by a single arbitrator pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. A Party may demand such arbitration in accordance with the procedures set out in those rules. Discovery shall be controlled by the arbitrator and shall be permitted to the extent set out in this section. Each Party may submit in writing to a Party, and that Party shall so respond, to a maximum of any combination of thirty-five (35) (none of which may have subparts) of the following: interrogatories; demands to produce documents; requests for admission.

13.2.2.2 Additional discovery may be permitted upon mutual agreement of the Parties. The arbitration hearing shall be commenced within sixty (60) days of the demand for arbitration. The arbitration shall be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The arbitrator shall control the scheduling so as to process the matter expeditiously. The Parties shall submit written briefs five days before the hearing. The arbitrator shall rule on the dispute by issuing a written opinion within thirty (30) days after

the close of hearings. The arbitrator has no authority to order punitive or consequential damages. The times specified in this section may be extended upon mutual agreement of the Parties or by the arbitrator upon a showing of good cause. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

#### 13.2.3 Costs

Each Party shall bear its own costs of these procedures. The Parties shall equally split the fees of the arbitration and the arbitrator.

### 14. INTERVENING LAW

- 14.1 This Agreement is entered into as a result of both private negotiation between the Parties, acting pursuant to the Act, and/or other applicable state laws or Commission rulings. If the actions of state or federal legislative bodies, courts, or regulatory agencies of competent jurisdiction invalidate, modify, or stay the enforcement of laws or regulations that were the basis for a provision of the contract, the affected provision will be invalidated, modified, or stayed as required by action of the legislative body, court, or regulatory agency. In such event, the Parties shall expend diligent efforts to arrive at an agreement respecting the modifications to the Agreement required. If negotiations fail, disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation of the actions required or provisions affected by such governmental actions will be resolved pursuant to any remedy available to the Parties under law; provided that the Parties may mutually agree to use the dispute resolution process provided for in this Agreement.
- 14.2 In the event a court or regulatory agency of competent jurisdiction should determine that modifications of this Agreement are required to bring the services being provided hereunder into compliance with the Act, the affected Party shall promptly give the other Party written notice of the modifications deemed required. Upon delivery of such notice, the Parties shall expend diligent efforts to arrive at an agreement respecting such modifications required, and if the Parties are unable to arrive at such agreement within sixty (60) days after such notice, either Party may seek any remedy available to it under law; provided that the Parties may mutually agree to invoke the dispute resolution process set forth in this Agreement.

**15. SECTION 252 (i) OBLIGATIONS**

If SWBT enters into an agreement approved by the Commission providing for Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation with another Wireless Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Kansas (a "Third Party Agreement"), then Carrier shall have the option to avail itself of the terms and conditions of the

Third Party Agreement in its entirety, without picking and choosing less than all of the provisions of the Third Party Agreement. Carrier acknowledges that other agreements are or will be on file with the Commission and that such agreements are available to the public. If Carrier desires to avail itself of a Third Party Agreement, it shall provide SWBT written notice of such desire, and the Parties shall be deemed to have adopted the Third Party Agreement, in place of this Agreement, upon SWBT's receipt of Carrier's notice. The Parties agree to make arrangements to pay one another retroactively based upon the adopted Third Party Agreement for the period from the adoption date of the adopted agreement to the date on which both Parties can implement changes in their respective billing systems or arrangements. The Parties agree that the implementation of changes to billing systems or arrangements will not exceed sixty (60) days from receipt of Carrier's notice by SWBT.

**16. ACCESS TO RIGHTS OF WAY**

SWBT will provide Carrier nondiscriminatory access to poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way on rates, terms, and conditions that are consistent with the Pole Attachment Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 224. SWBT has prepared a Master Agreement for Access to Poles, Ducts, Conduits, and Rights-of-Way so as to comply with the Pole Attachment Act and applicable rules, regulations and Commission orders, including prior ruling of state commissions in interconnection arbitration proceedings. Carrier may execute the Master Agreement as a stand alone agreement or as an integral part of this Interconnection Agreement. SWBT will continue to negotiate specific contract language with Carrier if Carrier elects to execute the Master Agreement on an interim basis only.

**17. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Carrier warrants that it has obtained all necessary jurisdictional certification required in those jurisdictions in which Carrier has ordered services pursuant to this Agreement. Upon request by any governmental entity, Carrier shall provide proof of certification to SWBT.

**18. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**18.1 Effective Date**

The Parties shall effectuate all the terms of this Agreement upon final approval of this Agreement by the relevant state Commission when it has determined that this Agreement is in compliance with Section 252 of the Act (the "Effective Date"), provided, however,

the Parties agree to make arrangements to pay one another for the period from the Effective Date of the Agreement to the date on which both Parties can implement changes in their respective billing systems. The Parties

agree that the implementation of changes to billing systems will not exceed sixty (60) days.

## **18.2 Term and Termination**

18.2.1 SWBT and Carrier agree to interconnect pursuant to the terms defined in this Agreement for an initial period terminating January 12, 2000 , and thereafter the Agreement shall continue in force and effect unless and until terminated as provided herein. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of termination to the other Party, such written notice to be provided at least sixty (60) days in advance of the date of termination; provided, however, that no such termination shall be effective prior to the date one year from the Effective Date of this Agreement. By mutual agreement, SWBT and Carrier may amend this Agreement in writing to modify its terms.

18.2.2 Either Party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice of a material breach of this Agreement by the other Party to this Agreement, which material breach remains uncured for the thirty (30) day period after written notice of the material breach by the non-breaching Party to the breaching Party.

## **18.3 Binding Effect**

This Agreement will be binding on and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and permitted assigns of the Parties.

## **18.4 Assignment**

Neither Party may assign, subcontract, or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement except under such terms and conditions as are mutually acceptable to the other Party and with such Party's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed, or conditioned, provided that either Party may assign its rights and delegate its benefits, and delegate its duties and obligations under this Agreement without the consent of the other Party to a 100 per cent owned affiliate of that Party for the continued provisioning of a wireless telecommunications service under this Agreement.

## **18.5 Third Party Beneficiaries**

This Agreement shall not provide any non-party with any remedy, claim, cause of action or other right.

#### **18.6 Force Majeure**

Neither Party shall be responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from acts or occurrences beyond the reasonable control of such Party, regardless of whether such delays or failures in performance were foreseen or foreseeable as of the date of this Agreement, including, without limitation: fire, explosion, power failure, acts of God, war, revolution, civil commotion, or acts of public enemies; any law, order, regulation, ordinance or requirement of any government or legal body; or labor unrest, including, without limitation strikes, slowdowns, picketing or boycotts; or delays caused by the other Party or by other service or equipment vendors; or any other circumstances beyond the Party's reasonable control. In such event, the Party affected shall, upon giving prompt notice to the other Party, be excused from such performance on a day-to-day basis to the extent of such interference (and the other Party shall likewise be excused from performance of its obligations on a day-for-day basis to the extent such Party's obligations relate to the performance so interfered with). The affected Party shall use its reasonable commercial efforts to avoid or remove the cause of non-performance and both Parties shall proceed to perform with dispatch once the causes are removed or cease.

#### **18.7 DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES**

SWBT 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, SWBT ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO THE CORRECTNESS OF DATA OR INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY CARRIER WHEN THIS DATA OR INFORMATION IS ACCESSED AND USED BY A THIRD PARTY.

#### **18.8 Survival of Obligations**

Any liabilities or obligations of a Party for acts or omissions prior to the cancellation or termination of this Agreement, any obligation of a Party under the provisions regarding indemnification, Confidential Information, limitations on liability, and any other provisions of this Agreement which, by their terms, are contemplated to survive (or to be performed after) termination of this Agreement, will survive cancellation or termination thereof.

#### **18.9 Waiver**

The failure of either Party to enforce or insist that the other Party comply with the terms or conditions of this Agreement, or the waiver by either Party in a particular instance of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, shall not be construed as a general waiver or relinquishment of the terms and conditions, but this Agreement shall be and remain at all times in full force and effect.

## **18.10 Trademarks and Trade Names**

Nothing in this Agreement will grant, suggest, or imply any authority for one Party to use the name, trademarks, service marks, or trade names of the other for any purpose whatsoever, absent written consent of the other Party.

## **18.11 Payment and Collection of Taxes**

This Section 18. 11 applies only to taxes or other governmental assessments which may become due with respect to resold services or with respect to the provision of Unbundled Network Elements pursuant to Section 2.6. The payment and collection of taxes and other governmental assessments on services and facilities other than those on the provision of Unbundled Network Elements or on services provided for resale shall be governed by applicable law.

- 18.11.1 With respect to purchases of services or facilities for resale or with respect to purchase of Unbundled Network Elements pursuant to Section 2.6 of this Agreement, if any Federal, State or Local government tax, fee, surcharge, or other tax-like charge (a "Tax") is required or permitted by the applicable law or ordinance to be collected from a purchasing Party by the providing Party, then (subject to the purchasing Party's rights under Section 18.11.4 and 18.11.5), (i) the providing Party will bill the purchasing party for such Tax, as a separately stated item, (ii) the purchasing Party will timely remit the amount billed to the providing Party, and (iii) the providing Party will remit the collected Tax to the applicable taxing authority.
- 18.11.2 If the applicable law excludes or exempts a purchase of services under this Agreement from a Tax, and if the applicable law also provides an exemption procedure, such as an exemption certificate requirement, then, subject to this Section 18.11, if the purchasing Party complies with the exemption procedure, the providing Party will not collect the Tax during the effective period of the exemption.
- 18.11.3 If the applicable law excludes or excepts a purchase of services under this Agreement from a Tax, but does not also provide an exemption procedure, then the providing Party will not collect the Tax if the purchasing Party furnishes the providing Party with a letter signed by an officer of the purchasing Party claiming an exemption and identifying the applicable law which allows the exemption.
- 18.11.4 If the providing Party does not collect a Tax because the purchasing Party asserts that it is not responsible for the tax, or is otherwise excepted from the obligation to pay the Tax, and the purchasing Party is later determined to be wrong in that assertion by a court or other governmental body with jurisdiction of the subject matter, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, the purchasing Party will be liable for the uncollected Tax and any interest or penalty

due or assessed on the uncollected Tax by the applicable taxing authority or governmental entity.

18.11.5 With respect to any Tax or Tax controversy covered by this Section 18.11, the purchasing Party will be entitled to contest, pursuant to applicable law, and at its own expense any Tax that it is alleged to be obligated to pay. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the purchasing Party particularly reserves the right to assert any right it may deem itself to have under the Act, Section 252(c), or to contest the proposition that the allocation of the proposed Tax burden by the providing party to the purchasing Party is unlawful. The purchasing Party will be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery resulting from a contest of the Tax. The providing Party will cooperate in any such contest.

18.11.6 If either Party is audited by a taxing authority or other governmental entity the other Party agrees to cooperate with the Party being audited in order to respond to any audit inquiries in a proper and timely manner.

#### **18.12 Relationship of the Parties**

This Agreement 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 or to act as an agent for the other unless written authority, separate from this Agreement, is provided. Nothing in the Agreement 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.

#### **18.13 Services**

Each Party is solely responsible for the services it provides to its end users and to other Telecommunications Carriers.

#### **18.14 Notices**

In an event any notices are required to be sent under the terms of this Agreement, they shall be sent by registered mail, return receipt requested to:

To SWBT:

Director - Wireless Marketing  
Southwestern Bell Telephone  
311 S. Akard  
Four Bell Plaza, Rm. 1810.0  
Dallas, TX 75002  
FAX: 214 - 858-0775

To Carrier:

Panhandle Telecommunications Systems  
P. O. Box 511, 2224 NW HW 64  
Guymon, OK 73942



with copy to:  
Keith E. Davis  
Southwestern Bell Telephone  
208 S. Akard  
One Bell Plaza, Room 2900  
Dallas TX 75202  
FAX: 214-464-1138

24 Hour Network Management Contact:

For SWBT:

1-800-662-2163  
1-800-982-7447  
1-800-472-1175

For Carrier:

580-468-2250

**18.15 Expenses**

Except as specifically set out in this Agreement, each Party will be solely responsible for its own expenses involved in all activities related to the subject of this Agreement.

**18.16 Headings**

The headings in this Agreement are inserted for convenience and identification only and will not be considered in the interpretation of this Agreement.

**18.17 Governing Law**

The validity of this Agreement, 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 the State of Kansas, without reference to conflict of laws provision, except insofar as federal law may control any aspect of this Agreement, in which case federal law will govern. The Parties submit to personal jurisdiction in Shawnee County, Kansas and waive any and all objections to such venue.

**18.18 Multiple Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which will together constitute but one and the same document.

**18.19 Complete Terms**

This Agreement together with its appendices and exhibits constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior discussions, representations or oral understandings reached between the Parties. Appendices and exhibits referred to herein are deemed attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Neither Party shall be bound by any amendment, modification or additional terms unless it is reduced to writing signed by an authorized representative of the Party sought to be bound.

If this Agreement is acceptable to Carrier and SWBT, both Parties will sign in the space provided below. This Agreement shall not bind Carrier and SWBT until executed by both Parties.\*

THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS A BINDING ARBITRATION PROVISION.

Ron Strecker  
Sign:

Sandy Kinney  
Sign:

Ron Strecker  
Print Name:

Sandy Kinney  
Print Name:

DGH  
SAR

Chief Executive Officer  
Position/Title  
Carrier: Panhandle Telecommunication System

President-Industry Markets  
Position/Title  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

Date: 11-16-98

Date: 12-14-98

\* This Agreement is based on an approved contract previously entered into by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and Dobson Cellular Systems. Thus, notwithstanding language in the body of the Agreement or any attachments thereto, rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall only apply after the Effective Date of the Agreement.

**APPENDIX GSA**

**Panhandle Telecommunication Systems**

**MARKET NAME**

**MARKET#**

**SID#**

Liberal KS

B253

KNLH350

Liberal KS

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KNLF993

## **APPENDIX DCO**

### **Panhandle Telecommunication Systems POIs**

Serving Kansas is the Panhandle Telecommunications switch located at 113 NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Guymon, OK 73942, interconnected with SWBT via IXC facilities at SWBT's Dodge City, KS tandem (DDCYKS0107T) located at 605 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Dodge City, KS 67801.

# SWBT APPENDIX DCO

## TANDEM POIs

LATA/SECTOR	VCOORD	HCOORD	CLLI	TYPE
532 - DODGE CITY	7641	4958	DDCYKS0107T	DMS100/200
532 - HUTCHINSON	7453	4644	HTSNKS0207T	DMS100/200
532 - PARSONS	7422	4159	PRSSKSWA07T	DMS100/200
532 - WICHITA	7489	4520	WCHTKSBR07T	DMS200
534 - HAYS	7374	4932	HAYSKS1107T	DMS100/200
534 - SALINA	7275	4656	SALNKSTA07T	DMS100/200
534 - TOPEKA	7110	4379	TPKAKSJA07T	DMS100/200
524 - KANSAS CITY	7049	4210	KSCYKSJO07T	DMS100/200

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## SWBT KANSAS EO POIS

CLLI	EXCHANGE	EQ TYPE	LATA	V-COORD	H-COORD	STREET ADDRESS
CFVLKS10DS0	COFFEYVILLE	DGTL/D100	532	7507	4190	214 W 10TH ST, COFFEYVILLE, KS 67337
CHNTKSSSDS0	CHANUTE	DGTL/D100	532	7367	4218	20 S STEUBEN, CHANUTE, KS 66720
CNCRKSBRDS0	CONCORDIA	DGTL/D1/2	534	7132	4722	1004 BROADWAY, CONCORDIA, KS 66901
DDCYKS01DS0	DODGE CITY	DGTL/D1/2	532	7641	4958	208 GUNSMOKE, DODGE CITY, KS 67801
EMPRKS08DS0	EMPORIA	DGTL/D100	532	7271	4394	28 W 8TH, EMPORIA, KS 66801
FTSCKS01DS0	FORT SCOTT	DGTL/D100	532	7285	4114	23 W 1ST, FORT SCOTT, KS 66701
GRCYKS07DS0	GARDEN CITY	DGTL/D100	532	7647	5112	409 N 7 ST, GARDEN CITY, KS 67846
GRTBKSSDTS0	GREAT BEND	DGTL/D100	532	7442	4803	1300 STONE ST, GREAT BEND, KS 67530
HAYSKS11DS0	HAYS	DGTL/D1/2	534	7374	4932	126 W 11TH, HAYS, KS 67601
HTSNKS02DS0	HUTCHINSON	DGTL/D1/2	532	7453	4644	101 E 2ND ST, HUTCHINSON, KS 67501
INDPKSMADS0	INDEPENDENCE	DGTL/D100	532	7475	4219	200 E MAPLE, INDEPENDENCE, KS 67301
KSCYKS10CG0	KC DREXEL	1SPC/1AAP	524	7028	4212	901 N 10TH, KANSAS CITY, KS 66101
KSCYKSBSDS0	KC BONNER SPRING	DGTL/5ES	524	7056	4246	163 NETTLETON, BONNER SPRINGS, KS 66011
KSCYKSCBDS0	KC CORPORATEWOOD	DGTL/5ES	524	7068	4203	8686 W COLLEGE, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210
KSCYKSJOCG0	KC HEDRICK	1SPC/1AAP	524	7049	4210	7400 JOHNSON DR, MISSION, KS 66202
KSCYKSJODS0	KC HEDRICK	DGTL/D1/2	524	7049	4210	7400 JOHNSON DR, MISSION, KS 66202
KSCYKSLEDS0	KC LENEXA	DGTL/5ES	524	7067	4215	9400 PFLUMM RD, LENEXA, KS 66215
KSCYKSNACG0	KC DUPONT	1SPC/1AAP	524	7060	4201	9444 NALL ST, KANSAS CITY, KS 66207
KSCYKSOLDS0	KC OLATHE	DGTL/5ES	524	7086	4220	114 N WATER ST, OLATHE, KS 66061
KSCYKSPADS0	KC BETHEL	DGTL/5ES	524	7032	4228	6425 PARALLEL ST, KANSAS CITY, KS 66102
KSCYKSSHDS0	KC SHAWNEE	DGTL/5ES	524	7055	4220	6120 PFLUMM, KANSAS CITY, KS 66216
KSCYKSSTD0	KC STANLEY	DGTL/D100	524	7082	4195	14969 METCALF, STANLEY, KS 66223
LBRLKS04DS1	LIBERAL	DGTL/D100	532	7839	5053	20 E 4 ST, LIBERAL, KS 67901
LVWOKSSHDS0	LEAVENWORTH	DGTL/D100	524	7006	4273	615 SHAWNEE ST, LEAVENWORTH, KS 66048
LWRNKSVEDS0	LAWRENCE	DGTL/5ES	534	7097	4293	732 VERMONT ST, LAWRENCE, KS 66044
MNHTKSFADS0	MANHATTAN	DGTL/D100	534	7141	4522	1640 FAIRCHILD ST, MANHATTAN, KS 66502
NWTNKS05DS0	NEWTON	DGTL/D100	532	7418	4550	131 W 5TH ST, NEWTON, KS 67114
PRSSKSWADS0	PARSONS	DGTL/D1/2	532	7422	4159	1631 WASHINGTON ST, PARSONS, KS 67357
PSBGKSLDS0	PITTSBURG	DGTL/D100	532	7370	4076	611 N LOCUST, PITTSBURG, KS 66762
SALNKSTADS0	SALINA	DGTL/D1/2	534	7275	4656	137 S 7TH ST, SALINA, KS 67401
SALNKSTADS1	SALINA	DGTL/5ES	534	7275	4656	137 S 7TH ST, SALINA, KS 67401
TPKAKS37DS0	TOPEKA AMHERST	DGTL/D100	534	7120	4366	420 W 37TH, TOPEKA, KS 66611
TPKAKSFADS0	TOPEKA CRESTWOOD	DGTL/D100	534	7118	4378	1825 FAIRLAWN, TOPEKA, KS 66604
TPKAKSJACG0	TOPEKA CENTRAL	1SPC/1AAP	534	7110	4369	812 JACKSON, TOPEKA, KS 66612
TPKAKSJADS0	TOPEKA CENTRAL	DGTL/D1/2	534	7110	4369	812 JACKSON, TOPEKA, KS 66612

TPKAKSNODS0	TOPEKA NORTH	DGTL/D100	534	7095	4374	635 NW 43RD, TOPEKA, KS 66617
WCHTKS47DS0	WC JACKSON	DGTL/5ES	532	7505	4513	400 E 47TH, WICHITA, KS 67216
WCHTKSAGDS0	WC AUGUSTA	DGTL/D100	532	7469	4462	1156 STATE, WICHITA, KS 67203
WCHTKSAHDS0	WC ROCK ROAD	DGTL/D100	532	7470	4510	8442 E 3RD ST NORTH, WICHITA, KS 67226
WCHTKSAMCG0	WC AMHERST	1SPC/1AAP	532	7489	4520	153 N TOPEKA, WICHITA, KS 67202
WCHTKSAMDS0	WC AMHERST	DGTL/D1/2	532	7489	4520	153 N TOPEKA, WICHITA, KS 67202
WCHTKSANDS0	WC ANDOVER	DGTL/D100	532	7479	4487	665 S 160TH E, WICHITA, KS 67230
WCHTKSBRDS0	WCHT TDM	DGTL/D1/2	532			154 N. BROADWAY, WICHITA KS 67202
WCHTKSCEDS0	WC PARKVIEW	DGTL/D100	532	7496	4541	10329 W CENTRAL, WICHITA, KS 67206
WCHTKSDEDS0	WC DERBY	DGTL/D100	532	7512	4499	1102 N BUCKNER, DERBY, KS 67037
WCHTKSKEDS0	WC KECHI	DGTL/D100	532	7464	4519	217 W KECHI RD, WICHITA, KS 67219
WCHTKSNWDS0	WC WHITEHALL	DGTL/D100	532	7492	4529	341 N W ST, WICHITA, KS 67203
WCHTKSOLCG0	WC MURRAY	1SPC/1AAP	532	7486	4511	118 S OLIVER, WICHITA, KS 67218



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### APPENDIX PRICING

#### 1.0 MOBILE TO LAND INTERCONNECTION RATES PER MINUTE OF USE

Type 2A	Type 1	Type 2B	Transiting
\$.01	\$.01	\$.004	\$.004

#### 2.0 LAND TO MOBILE INTERCONNECTION RATES PER MINUTE OF USE

All Interconnection Types	Transiting
\$.01	\$.004

#### 3.0 Carrier facilities will be provided at rates, terms, and conditions developed on an individual case basis.

#### 4.0 SHARED FACILITY (1)(2)

4.1	Shared Facility Factor - Carrier	.80
4.2	Shared Facility Factor - SWBT	.20

#### 5.0 INTER MTA / TRANSITING TRAFFIC

5.2	Inter MTA Traffic Factor (2)	.02
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Land to Mobile: if less than .03 is reported then factor will be set at .00, if greater than .03 then factor will be actual factor reported.

#### 5.2 Inter MTA Rates (to be paid to SWBT by Carrier on applicable Inter MTA calls)

Land to Mobile (originating)	\$.022463
Mobile to Land (terminating)	\$.022463

5.3	Transiting Traffic Factor (2)	.00
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- (1) These factors represent the percentage of the facility rate that each Party will pay for each shared connecting facility.
- (2) This is an interim factor agreed to by Carrier and SWBT. This factor is to be verified within six (6) months of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

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### APPENDIX PRICING (Continued)

#### 6.0 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

##### 6.1 Directory Assistance Rates (1)

Per Call	\$\$.3548
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##### Transport Per Call

0 -1 mile	\$.0039	>25 to 50 miles	\$.0263
>1 to 25 miles	\$.0060	>50 miles	\$.0562

##### 6.2 Directory Assistance Call Completion

6.2.2 Per Completed Call	\$.20
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##### 6.2.3 Operator Service Circuits

In addition to the Per Call Rates, Carrier must establish facilities between the Carrier's MSC and SWBT's TOPS tandem. Prices can be found in Section 7 of the applicable interstate or intrastate Access Services Tariffs.

#### 7.0 AREA WIDE CALLING PLAN (AWCP)

##### 7.1 AWCP Rates Per Minute of Use

Local Switching	\$.011833
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Local Transport	0 - 1 mile	\$.0060
	>1 to 25 miles	\$.0091
	>25 to 50 miles	\$.0399
	>50 miles	\$.0853

Carrier Common Line	\$.01697
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7.2 A nonrecurring charge of \$6450.00 applies to arrange a new AWCP NXX Code or to covert an existing NXX Code to an AWCP.

#### 8.0 SIGNALING SYSTEM 7 ("SS7") TRANSPORT

Rate per million octets	\$2.39
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- (1) If the Carrier chooses the Single Rate Option, then a rate of \$.50 shall apply for every DA call. With the Single Rate Option, DACC may be utilized by the Carrier's end user at no additional charge to the Carrier.

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## APPENDIX PRICING (Continued)

### 9.0 Selective Class of Call Screening Per Month Nonrecurring Charge

Per BAN per month	\$21.00	\$272.00
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### 10.0 MISCELLANEOUS NONRECURRING CHARGES

#### Maintenance of Service

Basic Time	1st 1/2 hr. \$ 26.24	Ea. add'l. 1/2 hr. \$ 21.32
Overtime	1st 1/2 hr. \$ 31.65	Ea. add'l. 1/2 hr. \$ 26.73
Premium Time	1st 1/2 hr. \$ 31.65	Ea. add'l. 1/2 hr. \$ 26.73

Access Order Charge	Switched Services	\$17.00
	Special Services	\$14.00

Design Change	\$32.96
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Service Date Change	\$14.77
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ACNA Change	\$ 22.00 per trunk group
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BAN Change	\$22.00 per Billing Account Number
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CKT ID Change	\$ 22.00 per trunk group
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#### Additional Engineering

Basic Time	1st 1/2 hr. \$ 34.59	Ea. add'l 1/2 hr. \$ 24.97
Overtime	1st 1/2 hr. \$ 41.37	Ea. add'l 1/2 hr. \$ 31.75

#### Additional Labor Rates

##### Installation

Basic Time	1st 1/2 hr. \$ 36.35	Ea. add'l. 1/2 hr. \$ 26.73
Overtime	1st 1/2 hr. \$ 41.77	Ea. add'l 1/2 hr. \$ 32.15

##### Testing & Mtce.

Basic Time	1st 1/2 hr. \$ 30.93	Ea. add'l. 1/2 hr. \$ 21.23
Overtime	1st 1/2 hr. \$ 36.35	Ea. add'l 1/2 hr. \$ 26.73

Supersede	Switched Services	\$ 17.00
	Special Services	\$14.00

## KANSAS

### APPENDIX PRICING (Continued)

#### 10.0 MISCELLANEOUS NONRECURRING CHARGES (CONTINUED)

Cancellation Charge	No. of business days from order application through the order cancellation multiplied by the average daily charge of the service ordered, plus the Access Order Charge.
Rollover Charges	A rollover is a Carrier initiated move that involves a change of a Point of Termination from an existing service within the same Carrier premises. The nonrecurring charge associated with the installation of that service applies when Carrier requests a rollover.
Conversion Charge	A nonrecurring charge of \$120.00 per end office applies when changing a Type 1 service arrangement to a Type 2A, where retranslations are required.

**BEFORE THE KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone    )  
 Company for Approval of Interconnection and    )  
 Reciprocal Compensation Agreement Under    ) Docket. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with        )  
 Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc.    )

**AFFIDAVIT OF BRETT SAYRE**

STATE OF KANSAS        )  
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 COUNTY OF SHAWNEE    )

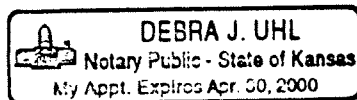
Before me, the Undersigned Authority, on the 13th day of January, 1999, personally appeared Brett Sayre of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) who, upon being by me duly sworn on oath depose and said the following:


1. My name is Brett Sayre. I am over the age of 21, of sound mind and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am the Area Manager-Regulatory Issues for SWBT, and I have knowledge concerning the Agreement for Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation (the Agreement) between SWBT and Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. (Panhandle), on behalf of SWBT. I have personal knowledge of the provisions of the Agreement. The parties conducted diligent negotiations under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, culminating in an executed agreement on December 14, 1998, in which Panhandle, pursuant to Section 252(i) requested to adopt the Dobson Cellular Systems approved Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement (Docket No. 98-SWBT-317-IAT).
2. The Agreement for Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation, together with the attachments incorporated therein are an integrated package and are the result of negotiation.
3. There are no outstanding issues between the parties that need the assistance of mediation and arbitration.

4. The implementation of this Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. The Agreement will further the transition of telecommunications competition in the State of Kansas, a policy of this State and the United States. The Agreement allows diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and will increase customer choices for telecommunications services.
5. This Agreement does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement is available to any similarly situated provider in negotiating a similar agreement.
6. The negotiated and executed Agreement is consistent with Kansas law.

  
Brett Sayre

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of January, 1999.



  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: April 30, 2000.

**AMENDMENT**  
  
**to**  
  
**INTERCONNECTION AND RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT**  
  
**between**  
  
**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY**  
  
**and**  
  
**PANHANDLE TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC.**

The Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement ("the Agreement") approved on February 16, 1999 in the state of Kansas, by and between Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SBC") and Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. ("PTSI") (jointly referred to as "the Parties"), is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) The Area Wide Calling Plan (AWCP) billing option, described in Section 5.5 of the Agreement, and associated pricing in Section 7.0 of the Appendix Pricing, shall be discontinued and unavailable as an option to PTSI after September 30, 2002. The Parties agree to cooperate and take all steps necessary to effectuate this provision.
- (2) Section 18.2 Term and Termination, of the Agreement is amended to reflect a one-year extension and now reads as follows:

18.2.1 SWBT and Carrier agree to interconnect pursuant to the terms defined in this Agreement until January 12, 2003, and thereafter this Agreement shall continue in force and effect unless and until terminated as provided herein. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of termination to the other Party, such written notice to be provided at least sixty (60) days in advance of the date of termination; provided, however, that no such termination shall be effective prior to the date one year from the Effective Date of this Agreement. By mutual agreement, SWBT and Carrier may amend this Agreement in writing to modify its terms.

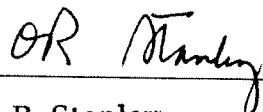
- (3) **EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT REMAIN UNCHANGED**, and all such terms and conditions are hereby incorporated by reference and the Parties hereby reaffirm the terms and provisions thereof.
- (4) This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the Public Utility Commission and shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commission.

This Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement was exchanged in triplicate on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002, by SBC, signing by and through its duly authorized representative, and PTSI, signing by and through its duly authorized representative.

**Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc.**

**\*Southwestern Bell Telephone Company**  
**By: SBC Telecommunications, Inc.,**  
**Its authorized agent**

Signature: 

Signature: 

Name: Ron Strecker  
(Print or Type)

Name: O. R. Stanley  
(Print or Type)

Title: Chief Executive Officer

 Title: President-Industry Markets

Date: March 21, 2002

Date: MAR 27 2002

\*On January 25, 1999, the United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in *AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Utilities Board*, 525 U.S. 366 (1999) (and on remand *Iowa Utilities Board v. FCC*, 219 F.3d 744 (8th Cir. 2000)) and on June 1, 1999, the United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Ameritech v. FCC*, No. 98-1381, 1999 WL 116994, 1999 Lexis 3671 (June 1, 1999). In addition, on July 18, 2000, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit issued its opinion in *Iowa Utilities Board v. FCC*, No. 96-3321, 2000 Lexis 17234 (July 18, 2000), which is the subject of a pending appeal before the Supreme Court. In addition, on November 5, 1999, the FCC issued its Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-96 (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), which is the subject of a pending request for reconsideration and a pending appeal. By executing this amendment, SBC does not waive any of its rights, remedies or arguments with respect to any such decisions or proceedings and any remands thereof, including its right to seek legal review or a stay of such decisions and its rights contained in the Interconnection Agreement. SBC further notes that on April 27, 2001, the FCC released its Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-bound Traffic* (the "ISP Intercarrier Compensation Order.") By executing this Amendment and carrying out the intercarrier compensation rates, terms and conditions herein, SBC does not waive any of its rights, and expressly reserves all of its rights, under the ISP Intercarrier Compensation Order, including but not limited to its right to exercise its option at any time in the future to invoke the Intervening Law or Change of Law provisions and to adopt on a date specified by SBC the FCC ISP terminating compensation plan, after which date ISP-bound traffic will be subject to the FCC's prescribed terminating compensation rates, and other terms and conditions.



**AMENDMENT TO  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN  
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE, L.P. d/b/a SBC KANSAS  
AND  
PANHANDLE TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC.**

Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P.<sup>1</sup> d/b/a SBC Kansas, as the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in Kansas, (hereafter, "ILEC") and Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc., as a Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") provider in Kansas, (referred to as "CARRIER"), in order to amend, modify and supersede any affected provisions of their Interconnection Agreement with ILEC in Kansas ("Interconnection Agreement"), hereby execute this Reciprocal Compensation Amendment for ISP-Bound Traffic and Federal Telecommunications Act Section 251(b)(5) Traffic (Adopting FCC's Interim ISP Terminating Compensation Plan) ("Amendment"). A CMRS provider is not a "LEC."

**1.0 Scope of Amendment**

- 1.1 ILEC made an offer to all telecommunications carriers in the state of Kansas (the "Offer") to exchange traffic on and after June 1, 2004 under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act pursuant to the terms and conditions of the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan of the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order, In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98, 99-68 (rel. April 27, 2001) ("FCC ISP Compensation Order") which was remanded but not vacated in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, No. 01-1218 (D.C. Cir. 2002).
- 1.2 The purpose of this Amendment is to include in CARRIER's Interconnection Agreement the rates, terms and conditions of the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan for the exchange of ISP-Bound traffic lawfully compensable under the FCC ISP Compensation Order ("ISP-Bound Traffic") and traffic lawfully compensable under Section 251(b)(5) ("Section 251(b)(5) Traffic").
- 1.3 This Amendment is intended to supercede any and all contract sections, appendices, attachments, rate schedules, or other portions of the underlying Interconnection Agreement that set forth rates, terms and conditions for the terminating compensation for all ISP-Bound Traffic and all Section 251(b)(5) Traffic exchanged between ILEC and CARRIER. Any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Amendment and provisions of the underlying Interconnection Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of this Amendment.

**2.0 Rates, Terms and Conditions of FCC's Interim Terminating Compensation Plan for ISP-Bound Traffic and Section 251(b)(5) Traffic.**

- 2.1 ILEC and CARRIER hereby agree that the following rates, terms and conditions shall apply to ISP-Bound Traffic and Section 251(b)(5) Traffic exchanged between the Parties on and after the date this Amendment becomes effective pursuant to Section 4.1 of this Amendment.
- 2.2 Reciprocal Compensation Rate Schedule for ISP-Bound Traffic and Section 251(b)(5) Traffic:
  - 2.2.1 The rates, terms, conditions in this section apply only to the termination of ISP-Bound Traffic and Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, and ISP-Bound Traffic is subject to the growth caps in Section 2.3, the new market restrictions in Section 2.4 and rebuttable presumption in Section 2.6. Notwithstanding anything contrary

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<sup>1</sup> On December 30, 2001, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (a Missouri corporation) was merged with and into Southwestern Bell Texas, Inc. (a Texas corporation) and, pursuant to Texas law, was converted to Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., a Texas limited partnership. Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. is now doing business in Kansas as SBC Kansas.

in this Amendment, the growth caps in Section 2.3, the new market restrictions in Section 2.4 and the rebuttable presumption in Section 2.6 only apply to LECs and ILEC.

- 2.2.2 The Parties agree to compensate each other for the transport and termination of ISP-Bound Traffic and Section 251(b)(5) Traffic on a minute of use basis, at \$.0007 per minute of use.

### 2.3 ISP-Bound Traffic Minutes Growth Cap

- 2.3.1 On a calendar year basis, as set forth below, LEC and ILEC agree to cap overall compensable Kansas ISP-Bound Traffic minutes of use in the future based upon the 1st Quarter 2001 ISP-Bound Traffic minutes for which LEC was entitled to compensation under its Kansas Interconnection Agreement(s) in existence for the 1st Quarter of 2001, on the following schedule.

Calendar Year 2001	1st Quarter 2001 compensable ISP-Bound minutes, times 4, times 1.10
Calendar Year 2002	Year 2001 compensable ISP-Bound minutes, times 1.10
Calendar Year 2003	Year 2002 compensable ISP-Bound minutes
Calendar Year 2004 and on	Year 2002 compensable ISP-Bound minutes

Notwithstanding anything contrary herein, in Calendar Year 2004, LEC and ILEC agree that ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between LEC and ILEC during the entire period from January 1, 2004 until December 31, 2004 shall be counted towards determining whether LEC has exceeded the growth caps for Calendar Year 2004.

- 2.3.2 ISP-Bound Traffic minutes that exceed the applied growth cap will be Bill and Keep. "Bill and Keep" refers to an arrangement in which neither of two interconnecting Parties charges the other for terminating traffic that originates on the other network.

### 2.4 Bill and Keep for ISP-Bound Traffic in New Markets

- 2.4.1 In the event LEC and ILEC have not previously exchanged ISP-bound Traffic in any one or more Kansas LATAs prior to April 18, 2001, Bill and Keep will be the reciprocal compensation arrangement for all ISP-bound Traffic between LEC and ILEC for the remaining term of this Agreement in any such Kansas LATAs.

- 2.4.2 Wherever Bill and Keep is the traffic termination arrangement between LEC and ILEC, both Parties shall segregate the Bill and Keep traffic from other compensable local traffic either (a) by excluding the Bill and Keep minutes of use from other compensable minutes of use in the monthly billing invoices, or (b) by any other means mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

- 2.5 The Growth Cap and New Market Bill and Keep arrangement applies only to ISP-Bound Traffic, and does not include Optional Calling Area traffic, IntraLATA Interexchange traffic, or InterLATA Interexchange traffic.

### 2.6 ISP-Bound Traffic Rebuttable Presumption

In accordance with Paragraph 79 of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order, LEC and ILEC agree that there is a rebuttable presumption that any of the combined Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between LEC and ILEC exceeding a 3:1 terminating to originating ratio is presumed to be ISP-Bound Traffic subject to the compensation and growth cap terms in this Section 2.0. Either party has the right to rebut the 3:1 ISP presumption by identifying the actual ISP-Bound Traffic by any means mutually agreed by the Parties, or by any method approved by the Commission. If a Party seeking to rebut the presumption takes appropriate action at the Commission pursuant to section 252 of the Act and the Commission agrees that such Party has rebutted the presumption, the methodology and/or means approved by the Commission for use in determining the ratio

shall be utilized by the Parties as of the date of the Commission approval and, in addition, shall be utilized to determine the appropriate true-up as described below. During the pendency of any such proceedings to rebut the presumption, LEC and ILEC will remain obligated to pay the presumptive rates (reciprocal compensation rates for traffic below a 3:1 ratio, the rates set forth in Section 2.2.2 for traffic above the ratio) subject to a true-up upon the conclusion of such proceedings. Such true-up shall be retroactive back to the date a Party first sought appropriate relief from the Commission.

### 3.0 Reservation of Rights

- 3.1 The Parties reserve the right to raise the appropriate treatment of Voice Over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") and traffic utilizing in whole or part Internet Protocol technology under the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Agreement, including but not limited, to any rights they may have as a result of the FCC's Order *In the Matter of Petition for Declaratory Ruling that AT&T's Phone-to-Phone IP Telephony Services are Exempt from Access Charges*, WC Docket No. 02-361 (Rel. April 21, 2004). The Parties acknowledge that there is an on-going disagreement between LECs and ILEC over whether or not, under the law, VoIP traffic or traffic utilizing in whole or part IP technology is subject to reciprocal compensation or switched access charges. The Parties therefore agree that neither one will argue or take the position before any regulatory commission or court that this Amendment constitutes an agreement as to whether or not reciprocal compensation or switched access charges apply to that traffic or a waiver by either party of their position or their rights as to that issue. The Parties further agree that they each have reserved the right to advocate their respective positions relating to the treatment and compensation for VoIP traffic and traffic utilizing in whole or part Internet Protocol technology before any state commission or the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") whether in bilateral complaint dockets, arbitrations under Section 252 of the Act, state commission or FCC established rulemaking dockets, or before any judicial or legislative body.


### 4.0 Miscellaneous

- 4.1 If this Amendment is executed by CARRIER and such executed Amendment is received by ILEC on or before June 28, 2004, this Amendment will be effective as of June 1, 2004, subject to any necessary state commission approval; provided, however, the rates will not be implemented in ILEC's billing system until after any necessary state commission approval, at which time the rates billed by the Parties beginning on June 1, 2004 will be subject to a true-up. If this Amendment is executed by CARRIER but such executed Amendment is not received by ILEC until after June 28, 2004, this Amendment will become effective ten (10) days following the date such Amendment is approved or is deemed to have been approved by the applicable state commission.
- 4.2 This Amendment is coterminous with the underlying Interconnection Agreement and does not extend the term or change the termination provisions of the underlying Interconnection Agreement.
- 4.3 EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.
- 4.4 Every rate, term and condition of this Amendment is legitimately related to the other rates, terms and conditions in this Amendment. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the change of law provisions of the underlying Interconnection Agreement, including but not limited to the "Intervening Law" or "Change of Law" or "Regulatory Change" section of the General Terms and Conditions of the Interconnection Agreement and as modified in this Amendment, are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and inextricably intertwined with this the other rates, terms and conditions of this Amendment.

4.5 In entering into this Amendment and carrying out the provisions herein, neither Party waives, but instead expressly reserves, all of its rights, remedies and arguments with respect to any orders, decisions, legislation or proceedings and any remands thereof and any other federal or state regulatory, legislative or judicial action(s), including, without limitation, its intervening law rights (including intervening law rights asserted by either Party via written notice predating this Amendment) relating to the following actions, which the Parties have not yet fully incorporated into this Agreement or which may be the subject of further government review: *Verizon v. FCC*, et. al, 535 U.S. 467 (2002); *USTA v. FCC*, 290 F.3d 415 (D.C. Cir. 2002) and following remand and appeal, *USTA v. FCC*, 359 F.3d 554 (D.C. Cir. 2004); the FCC's Triennial Review Order, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, and 98-147 (FCC 03-36), and the FCC's Biennial Review Proceeding; the FCC's Supplemental Order Clarification (FCC 00-183) (rel. June 2, 2000), in CC Docket 96-98; and the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, 16 FCC Rcd 9151 (2001), (rel. April 27, 2001) ("ISP Compensation Order"), which was remanded in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, 288 F.3d 429 (D.C. Cir. 2002), and as to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking as to Intercarrier Compensation, CC Docket 01-92 (Order No. 01-132) (rel. April 27, 2001) (collectively "Government Actions"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement (including this and any other amendments to the Agreement), SBC Kansas shall have no obligation to provide UNEs, combinations of UNEs, combinations of UNE(s) and CARRIER's own elements or UNEs in commingled arrangements beyond those required by the Act, including the lawful and effective FCC rules and associated FCC and judicial orders. Further, neither Party will argue or take the position before any state or federal regulatory commission or court that any provisions set forth in this Agreement and this Amendment constitute an agreement or waiver relating to the appropriate routing, treatment and compensation for Voice Over Internet Protocol traffic and/or traffic utilizing in whole or part Internet Protocol technology; rather, each Party expressly reserves any rights, remedies, and arguments they may have as to such issues including but not limited, to any rights each may have as a result of the FCC's Order *In the Matter of Petition for Declaratory Ruling that AT&T's Phone-to-Phone IP Telephony Services are Exempt from Access Charges*, WC Docket No. 02-361 (rel. April 21, 2004). The Parties acknowledge and agree that SBC Kansas has exercised its option to adopt the FCC ISP terminating compensation plan ("FCC Plan") in Kansas and as of the date of that election by SBC Kansas, the FCC Plan shall apply to this Agreement, as more specifically provided for in this Amendment. If any action by any state or federal regulatory or legislative body or court of competent jurisdiction invalidates, modifies, or stays the enforcement of laws or regulations that were the basis or rationale for any rate(s), term(s) and/or condition(s) ("Provisions") of the Agreement and this Amendment and/or otherwise affects the rights or obligations of either Party that are addressed by the Agreement and this Amendment, specifically including but not limited to those arising with respect to the Government Actions, the affected Provision(s) shall be immediately invalidated, modified or stayed consistent with the action of the regulatory or legislative body or court of competent jurisdiction upon the written request of either Party ("Written Notice"). With respect to any 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 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 interpretation of the actions required or the provisions affected by such order shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution process provided for in this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Reciprocal Compensation Amendment for ISP-Bound Traffic and Federal Telecommunications Act Section 251(b)(5) Traffic (Adopting FCC Interim Terminating Compensation Plan) to the Interconnection Agreement was exchanged in triplicate on this 29th day of June, 2004, by SBC Kansas, signing by and through its duly authorized representative, and CARRIER, signing by and through its duly authorized representative.

Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc.

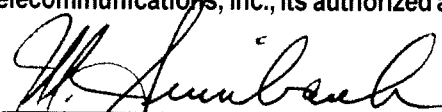
Signature: 

Name: RON STRECKER  
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Title: CEO  
(Print or Type)

Date: 6-22-04

Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas  
by SBC Telecommunications, Inc., its authorized agent

Signature: 

Name: Mike Auinbauh  
(Print or Type)

Title: For/President - Industry Markets

Date: JUN 29 2004

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# AT&T Wholesale Amendment

**AMENDMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T KANSAS**

**AND**

**PANHANDLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.**



Signature: eSigned - Shawn HansonSignature: eSigned - William BockelmanName: eSigned - Shawn Hanson  
(Print or Type)Name: eSigned - William Bockelman  
(Print or Type)Title: CEO  
(Print or Type)Title: DIR-INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS  
(Print or Type)Date: 07 Jun 2017Date: 07 Jun 2017

Panhandle Telecommunications Systems, Inc.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T  
KANSAS by AT&T Services, Inc., its authorized agent



**AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
PANHANDLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.  
AND  
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T KANSAS**

This Amendment (the "Amendment") amends the CMRS Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for Commercial Mobile Radio Service (the Agreement), by and between one or more of the AT&T Inc. owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers ("ILECs"), hereinafter referred to as BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T ALABAMA, AT&T FLORIDA, AT&T GEORGIA, AT&T KENTUCKY, AT&T LOUISIANA, AT&T MISSISSIPPI, AT&T NORTH CAROLINA, AT&T SOUTH CAROLINA and AT&T TENNESSEE, 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 and AT&T Wholesale, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T OHIO, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T CALIFORNIA, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T ARKANSAS, AT&T KANSAS, AT&T MISSOURI, AT&T OKLAHOMA and AT&T TEXAS, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T WISCONSIN, (only to the extent that the agent for each such AT&T Inc.-owned ILEC executes this Amendment for such AT&T Inc. owned ILEC and only to the extent that such AT&T Inc. owned ILEC provides Telephone Exchange Services as an ILEC in each of the State(s) listed below) (hereinafter referred to as "AT&T") and Panhandle Telecommunications Systems, Inc. ("CMRS Provider" or Panhandle Telecommunications Systems, Inc.), shall apply to the States of Kansas. AT&T and CMRS Provider are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party."

**WHEREAS**, CMRS Provider holds authority from the Federal Communications Commission to provide Commercial Mobile Radio Services ("CMRS") employing licensed frequency(ies); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") on November 18, 2011 (FCC 11-161), and as amended by the FCC on December 23, 2011 (FCC 11-189), the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to establish bill-and-keep as the compensation arrangement for IntraMTA Traffic exchanged between the Parties.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises and mutual agreements set forth herein, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. The Amendment is composed of the foregoing recitals, the terms and conditions, contained within, and Exhibit A – Pricing Sheet, all of which are hereby incorporated within this Amendment by this reference and constitute a part of this Amendment.
2. **DEFINITIONS**
  - 2.1 "End User(s)" means a retail third party subscriber to Telecommunications Services provided by any of the Parties. As used herein, the term "End User(s)" does not include any of the Parties to the Agreement with respect to any item or service obtained under the Agreement.
  - 2.2 "IntraMTA Traffic" means traffic which, at the beginning of the call, originates and terminates within the same MTA and is exchanged between the End User of AT&T and the CMRS Provider's End User. All references to local Telecommunications, Local Telecommunications Traffic, Local Traffic, local traffic, Local Calls, Local Calls Traffic, Local Calls traffic, Local CMRS Calls, Local CMRS calls, Section 251(b)(5) Calls, Section 251(b)(5) Calls Traffic, Section 251(b)(5) Calls traffic and/or Section 251(b)(5) Traffic in the Agreement are hereby replaced by the term "IntraMTA Traffic".
  - 2.3 "Third Party Carrier" means a Telecommunications Carrier that is not a Party to this Agreement.
  - 2.4 "Transit Traffic" means traffic originating on CMRS Provider's network that is switched and/or transported by AT&T and delivered to a Third Party Carrier, or traffic originating on a Third Party Carrier's network that is switched and/or transported by and delivered to CMRS Provider's network. Transit Traffic is limited to Section 251(b)(5) traffic and CMRS-bound traffic within the same LATA that is routed utilizing an AT&T tandem switch where an AT&T End User is neither the originating nor the terminating party. AT&T neither originates nor

terminates Transit Traffic on its network, but acts only as an intermediary. Transit Traffic does not include traffic to or from IXC's.

3. In accordance with the schedule in FCC Order 11-161, effective July 1, 2017, for terminating intrastate or interstate InterMTA Traffic, i.e. non-IntraMTA Traffic, Carrier shall pay a blended rate that consists of the average of AT&T's intrastate and interstate rates for the switched network access service rate elements, on a per minute of use basis, which are set forth in each, AT&T's Intrastate Access Services Tariff, and Interstate Access Services Tariff, as those tariffs may be amended from time to time.
4. The Parties agree to remove the terminating InterMTA Traffic rate and to replace the rate for 251(b)(5) Traffic per minute of use for transport and termination Mobile to Land per Minute of Use for Type 2A, Type 1 and Type 2B in Pricing Appendix of the Agreement with the rates contained in Exhibit A attached hereto. IntraMTA Traffic will continue to be referenced as Section 251(b)(5) Calls Transport and Termination in Exhibit A. In all other respects the Pricing Appendix shall remain the same.
5. Effective July 1, 2017 (in compliance with ¶8 of FCC Order 11-189), the Parties shall implement bill-and-keep for IntraMTA Traffic exchanged between the Parties over Type 2A, Type 2B or Type 1 interconnection trunks and facilities. Specifically, neither Party shall compensate the other Party for IntraMTA Traffic exchanged between the Parties.
6. This Amendment is not applicable to Transit Traffic.
7. The Parties agree to replace Section 18.14 from the Agreement with the following language:

**18.14. Notices**

18.14.1 Notices given by WSP to AT&T under this Agreement shall be in writing (unless specifically provided otherwise herein), and unless otherwise expressly required by this Agreement to be delivered to another representative or point of contact, shall be pursuant to at least one of the following methods:

18.14.1.1 delivered by electronic mail (email).

18.14.1.2 delivered by facsimile.

18.14.2 Notices given by AT&T to the WSP under this Agreement shall be in writing (unless specifically provided otherwise herein), and unless otherwise expressly required by this Agreement to be delivered to another representative or point of contact, shall be pursuant to at least one of the following methods:

18.14.2.1 delivered by electronic mail (email) provided WSP has provided such information in Section 18.14.4 below.

18.14.2.2 delivered by facsimile provided WSP has provided such information in Section 18.14.4 below.

18.14.3 Notices will be deemed given as of the earliest of:

18.14.3.1 the date of actual receipt.

18.14.3.2 notice by email shall be effective on the date it is officially recorded as delivered by delivery receipt and in the absence of such record of delivery, it shall be presumed to have been delivered on the date sent.

18.14.3.3 on the date set forth on the confirmation produced by the sending facsimile machine when delivered by facsimile prior to 5:00 p.m. in the recipient's time zone, but the next Business Day when delivered by facsimile at 5:00 p.m. or later in the recipient's time zone.

18.14.4 Notices will be addressed to the Parties as follows:

NOTICE CONTACT	WSP CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Kelley Wells Regulatory Affairs Manager
STREET ADDRESS	603 S .Main Street
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Guymon, OK 73942

PHONE NUMBER*	(580) 468-2179
FACSIMILE NUMBER	(580) 338-4213
EMAIL ADDRESS	kelley.wells@ptci.net
AT&T CONTACT	
NAME/TITLE	Contract Management ATTN: Notices Manager
FACSIMILE NUMBER	(214) 712-5792
EMAIL ADDRESS	The current email address as provided on AT&T's Prime Access website

\*Informational only and not to be considered as an official notice vehicle under this Section.

- 18.14.5 Either Party may unilaterally change its designated contact name, address, email address, and/or facsimile number for the receipt of Notices by giving written Notice to the other Party in compliance with this Section 18.14. Unless explicitly stated otherwise, any change to the designated contact name, address, email address, and/or facsimile number will replace such information currently on file. Any Notice to change the designated contact name, address, email address, and/or facsimile number for the receipt of Notices shall be deemed effective ten (10) calendar days following receipt by the other Party.
- 18.14.6 AT&T communicates official information to WSPs via its Accessible Letter, or other applicable, notification processes. These processes involve electronic transmission and/or posting to the AT&T Prime Access website, inclusive of a variety of subjects including declaration of a force majeure, changes on business processes and policies, and other product/service related notices not requiring an amendment to this Agreement.
8. The Parties agree that the terms and conditions of this Amendment shall apply only to IntraMTA Traffic, as defined herein. Further, the terms and conditions shall only apply to traffic originated by, or terminated to, a CMRS Provider's network; e.g., this Amendment specifically does not include traffic that only uses a CMRA Provider's FCC licensed CMRS services to relay the call from one wireline facility to another.
  9. There shall be no retroactive application of any provision of this Amendment prior to the Effective Date of an adopting Carrier's agreement.
  10. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.
  11. This Amendment shall be deemed to revise the terms and provisions of the Agreement only to the extent necessary to give effect to the terms and provisions of this Amendment. In the event of a conflict between the terms and provisions of this Amendment and the terms and provisions of the Agreement (including all incorporated or accompanying Appendices, Addenda, and Exhibits to the Agreement), this Amendment shall govern, provided, however, that the fact that a term or provision appears in this Amendment but not in the Agreement, or in the Agreement but not in this Amendment, shall not be interpreted as, or deemed grounds for finding, a conflict for purposes of this Amendment.
  12. In entering into this Amendment, neither Party waives, and each Party expressly reserves, any rights, remedies or arguments it may have at law, or under the intervening law, or regulatory change provisions, in the underlying Agreement (including intervening law rights asserted by either Party via written notice predating this Amendment) with respect to any orders, decisions, legislation or proceedings and any remands thereof, which the Parties have not yet fully incorporated into this Agreement or which may be the subject of further review.
  13. This Amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement, but rather, shall be coterminous with such Agreement.
  14. Signatures by all Parties to this Amendment are required to effectuate this Amendment. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts. Each counterpart shall be considered an original and such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.
  15. For Kansas: This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the applicable state Commission and

shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commission.

## PRICING SHEET

EXHIBIT A  
CMRS PROVIDER /AT&T  
Appendix Pricing

Attachment	State	Product	Rate Element Description	COS (Class of Service)	USOC	Zone	Monthly Recurring Charge (MRC)	Non- Recurring Charge (NRC) First	Non- Recurring Charge (NRC) Additional	Per Unit
W2	KS	Local Interconnection (Call Transport and Termination)	Section 251(b)(5) Calls Transport and Termination - Type 2A				\$0.00			MOU
W2	KS	Local Interconnection (Call Transport and Termination)	Section 251(b)(5) Calls Transport and Termination - Type 2B				\$0.00			MOU
W2	KS	Local Interconnection (Call Transport and Termination)	Section 251(b)(5) Calls Transport and Termination - Type 1				\$0.00			MOU