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TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

THE OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a AT&T OHIO

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Between

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and

Bascom Mutual Telephone Company

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This Interconnection and/or Resale Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Agreement), by and between the AT&T Inc. owned ILEC, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, (only to the extent that the agent for each such AT&T-owned ILEC executes this Agreement for such AT&T-owned ILEC and only to the extent that such AT&T-owned ILEC provides Telephone Exchange Services as an ILEC in each of the state(s) listed below) and Bascom Mutual Telephone Company ("CLEC"), (a Ohio corporation), shall apply to the state of Ohio.

WHEREAS, CLEC represents that it is, or intends to become, a provider of Telephone Exchange Service to residential and business End Users offered exclusively over its own Telephone Exchange Service facilities.

WHEREAS, the Parties want to Interconnect their networks at mutually agreed upon points of interconnection to provide Telephone Exchange Services and Exchange Access to residential and business End Users over their respective Telephone Exchange Service facilities in the state or states which are subject to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are entering into this Agreement to set forth the respective obligations of the Parties and the terms and conditions under which the Parties will Interconnect their networks and facilities and provide to each other services as required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 as specifically set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Agreement, CLEC intends to operate where The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio is the incumbent Local Exchange Carrier(s) and CLEC, a competitive Local Exchange Carrier, has or, prior to the provisioning of any Interconnection, Telecommunications Services or any other functions, facilities, products or services hereunder, will have been granted authority to provide certain local Telephone Exchange Services in the foregoing ILEC Service areas by the appropriate State Commission(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

This Agreement is composed of General Terms and Conditions, which are set forth below, together with certain Appendices, Attachments, Schedules, Exhibits and Addenda which immediately follow this Agreement, all of which are hereby incorporated in this Agreement by this reference and constitute a part of this Agreement.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. DEFINITIONS

Capitalized Terms used in this Agreement shall have the respective meanings specified below, in Section 1 of each Appendix attached hereto, and/or as defined elsewhere in this Agreement.

1.1 General Definitions

- 1.1.1 "**Act**" means the Communications Act of 1934 [47 U.S.C. 153], as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) codified throughout 47 U.S.C.
- 1.1.2 "**Access Compensation**" is the compensation paid by one Party to the other Party for the origination/termination of intraLATA toll calls to/from its End User. Access compensation is in accordance with the LEC's tariffed access rates.
- 1.1.3 "**Access Service Request**" (ASR) is an industry standard form used by the Parties to add, establish, change or disconnect trunks for the purposes of Interconnection.
- 1.1.4 "**Accessible Letters**" are correspondence used to communicate pertinent information regarding AT&T-13STATE to the client/End User community.
- 1.1.5 "**Advanced Services**" means intrastate or interstate wireline Telecommunications Services, such as ADSL, IDSL, xDSL, Frame Relay, Cell Relay and VPOP-Dial Access Service (an AT&T-13STATE Frame Relay-based service) that rely on packetized technology and have the capability of supporting transmissions speeds of at least 56 kilobits per second in both directions. This definition of Advanced Services does not include:
 - 1.1.5.1 Data services that are not primarily based on packetized technology, such as ISDN,
 - 1.1.5.2 x.25-based and x.75-based packet technologies, or
 - 1.1.5.3 Circuit switched services (such as circuit switched voice grade service) regardless of the technology, protocols or speeds used for the transmission of such services.
- 1.1.6 "**Affiliate**" is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.7 "**Alternate Billing Service**" (ABS) or "**Alternately Billed Traffic**" (ABT) means a service that allows End Users to bill calls to accounts that may not be associated with the originating line. There are three types of ABS calls: calling card, collect and third number billed calls.
- 1.1.8 "**Applicable Law**" means all laws, statutes, common law, regulations, ordinances, codes, rules, guidelines, orders, permits, tariffs and approvals, including those relating to the environment or health and safety, of any Governmental Authority that apply to the Parties or the subject matter of this Agreement.
- 1.1.9 "**As Defined in the Act**" means as specifically defined by the Act.
- 1.1.10 "**As Described in the Act**" means as described in or required by the Act.
- 1.1.11 "**AT&T Inc.**" (AT&T) means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone, Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.

- 1.1.12 "AT&T-10STATE" - As used herein, AT&T-10STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE (and previously referred to as "AT&T-10STATE"), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.13 "AT&T-12STATE" - As used herein, AT&T-12STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T-2STATE (and previously referred to as "AT&T-12STATE"), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.14 "AT&T-13STATE" - As used herein, AT&T-13STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T-2STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT (and previously referred to as "AT&T-13STATE"), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.15 "AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE" - As used herein, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin (and previously referred to as "AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE"), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.1.16 "AT&T OHIO" - As used herein, AT&T OHIO means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio (and previously referred to as "AT&T Ohio"), the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.1.17 "**Automated Message Accounting**" (AMA) is a structure inherent in switch technology that initially records Telecommunication message information. AMA format is contained in the Automated Message Accounting document published by Telcordia (formerly known as Bellcore) as GR-1100-CORE, which defines and amends the industry standard for message recording.
- 1.1.18 "**Bona Fide Request**" (BFR) is the process described in the applicable Appendix Lawful UNEs.
- 1.1.19 "**Business Day**" means Monday through Friday, excluding holidays on which the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC does not provision new retail services and products.
- 1.1.20 "**Busy Line Verification**" (BLV) means a service whereby an End User requests an operator to confirm the busy status of a line.
- 1.1.21 "**CABS**" means the Carrier Access Billing System.
- 1.1.22 "**Calling Name Delivery Service**" (CNDS) means a service that enables a terminating End User to identify the calling party by a displayed name before a call is answered. The calling party's name is retrieved from a Calling Name Database and delivered to the End User's premise between the first and second ring for display on compatible End User premises equipment.
- 1.1.23 "**Central Automatic Message Accounting (CAMA) Trunk**" means a trunk that uses Multi-Frequency (MF) signaling to transmit calls from CLEC's switch to an AT&T-13STATE E911 Selective Router.
- 1.1.24 "**Centralized Message Distribution System**" (CMDS) means the transport system that LECs use to exchange outcollect and Carrier Access Billing System "CABS" access messages among each other and other Parties connected to CMDS.
- 1.1.25 "**Central Office Switch**" (Central Office) is a switching entity within the public switched telecommunications network, including but not limited to:

1.1.25.1 "End Office Switch" or "End Office" is a switching machine that **directly** terminates traffic to and receives traffic from purchasers of local exchange services. An End Office Switch does not include a PBX.

1.1.25.2 "Tandem Office Switch" or "Tandem(s)" are used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among other Central Office Switches. A Tandem Switch does not include a PBX.

1.1.26 "Charge Number" is a CCS signaling parameter that refers to the number transmitted through the network identifying the billing number of the calling party.

1.1.27 "Claim" means any pending or threatened claim, action, proceeding or suit.

1.1.28 "Collocation" is an arrangement where a CLEC leases space at an AT&T-13STATE premises for the placement of equipment necessary for interconnection or access to AT&T-13STATE Lawful UNEs.

1.1.29 "Commercial Mobile Radio Services" (CMRS) means Commercial Mobile Radio Service, As Defined in the Act and FCC rules.

1.1.30 "Commission" means the applicable State agency with regulatory authority over Telecommunications. Unless the context otherwise requires, use of the term "Commissions" means all of the thirteen agencies listed in this Section. The following is a list of the appropriate State agencies:

1.1.30.1 the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUC-OH).

1.1.31 "Common Channel Signaling" (CCS) means an out-of-band, packet-switched, signaling network used to transport supervision signals, control signals, and data messages. It is a special network, fully separate from the transmission path of the public switched network. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the CCS protocol used by the Parties shall be SS7.

1.1.32 "Common Language Location Identifier" (CLLI) codes provide a unique 11-character representation of a network interconnection point. The first 8 characters identify the city, state and building location, while the last 3 characters identify the network component.

1.1.33 "Consequential Damages" means Losses claimed to have resulted from any indirect, incidental, reliance, special, consequential, punitive, exemplary, multiple or any other Loss, including damages claimed to have resulted from harm to business, loss of anticipated revenues, savings, or profits, or other economic Loss claimed to have been suffered not measured by the prevailing Party's actual damages, and regardless of whether the Parties knew or had been advised of the possibility that such damages could result in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted, or done hereunder or related hereto, including willful acts or omissions.

1.1.34 "Customer Usage Data" means the Telecommunications Services usage data of a CLEC End User measured in minutes, sub-minute increments, message units, or otherwise, that is recorded by AT&T-13STATE and forwarded to CLEC.

1.1.35 "Custom Local Area Signaling Service Features" (CLASS) means certain call-management service features that are currently available from AT&T-13STATE's local networks. These could include: Automatic Call Back; Automatic Recall; Call Trace; Caller Identification and related blocking features; Calling Number Delivery; Customer Originated Trace; Distinctive Ringing/Call Waiting; Selective Call Forward; and Selective Call Rejection.

1.1.36 "Customer Name and Address Information" (CNA) means the name, service address and telephone numbers of a Party's End Users for a particular Exchange Area. CNA includes nonpublished listings, coin telephone information and published listings.

1.1.37 "**Data Interexchange Carrier**" (DIXC) is a process designed to facilitate the reciprocal exchange of voice traffic load data between the AT&T-13STATE and CLECs interconnecting with its network. This reciprocal exchange of data enables AT&T-13STATE and each CLEC to have a complete view of traffic loads on both ends of two-way trunk groups. The knowledge of call attempt and overflow data counts on both ends of a two-way trunk group enables each company to more accurately estimate the offered, and thereby better estimate, the required quantities of trunks.

1.1.38 "**Declassified**" or "**Declassification**" means the situation where a network element, including a network element referred to as a Lawful UNE under this Agreement, ceases to be a Lawful UNE under this Agreement because it is no longer required by Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, as determined by lawful and effective FCC rules and associated lawful and effective FCC and judicial orders. Without limitation, a Lawful UNE that has ceased to be a Lawful UNE may also be referred to as "**Declassified**".

1.1.39 "**Delaying Event**" means any failure of a Party to perform any of its obligations set forth in this Agreement, caused in whole or in part by:

- 1.1.39.1 the failure of the other Party to perform any of its obligations set forth in this Agreement, including but not limited to a Party's failure to provide the other Party with accurate and complete Service Orders;
- 1.1.39.2 any delay, act or failure to act by the other Party or its End User, agent or subcontractor; or
- 1.1.39.3 any Force Majeure Event.

1.1.40 "**Dialing Parity**" is As Defined in the Act. As used in this Agreement, Dialing Parity refers to both Local Dialing Parity and Toll Dialing Parity.

1.1.41 "**Digital Signal Level**" is one of several transmission rates in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.

- 1.1.41.1 "**Digital Signal Level 0**" (DS-0) is the 64 Kbps zero-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.
- 1.1.41.2 "**Digital Signal Level 1**" (DS-1) is the 1.544 Mbps first-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.
- 1.1.41.3 "**Digital Signal Level 3**" (DS-3) is the 44.736 Mbps third-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.

1.1.42 "**Digital Subscriber Line**" (DSL) is as defined in the applicable Appendix DSL and/or the applicable tariff, as appropriate.

1.1.43 "**Electronic File Transfer**" is any system or process that utilizes an electronic format and protocol to send or receive data files.

1.1.44 "**End Users**" means a third-party residence or business that subscribes to Telecommunications Services provided by any of the Parties at retail. As used herein, the term "**End Users**" does not include any of the Parties to this Agreement with respect to any item or service obtained under this Agreement.

1.1.45 "**Enhanced Service Provider**" (ESP) is a provider of enhanced services as those services are defined in 47 CFR Section 64.702.

1.1.46 "**Exchange Access**" is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.47 "**Exchange Area**" means an area, defined by the Commission, for which a distinct local rate schedule is in effect.

- 1.1.48 **"Exchange Message Interface" (EMI)** (formerly Exchange Message Record - EMR) is the standard used for exchange of Telecommunications message information among Telecommunications Carriers for billable, non-billable, sample, settlement and study data. EMI format is contained in Telcordia Practice BR-010-200-010, CRIS Exchange Message Record.
- 1.1.49 **"Exchange Service"** means Telephone Exchange Service, As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.50 **"Feature Group A" (FGA)** means calls either originated by, or delivered to, an End User who has purchased switched access FGA service from the interstate or intrastate tariffs of either Party. FGA also includes, but is not limited to, FGA-like services provided by either Party, where calls are originated from and/or delivered to numbers which are assigned to a Rate Center within one LATA but where the Party receiving the call is physically located in a LATA different than the LATA of the Party originating the call.
- 1.1.51 **"Feature Group D" (FGD)** is access available to all customers, providing trunk side access to a Party's End Office Switches with an associated uniform 101XXXX access code for customer's use in originating and terminating communications.
- 1.1.52 **"FCC"** means the Federal Communications Commission.
- 1.1.53 **"Fiber Meet"** means an Interconnection architecture method whereby the Parties physically Interconnect their networks via an optical fiber interface (as opposed to an electrical interface) at a mutually agreed upon location, at which one Party's responsibility or service begins and the other Party's responsibility ends.
- 1.1.54 **"Foreign Exchange" (FX) or "FX-like"** service means a retail service offering which allows FX customers to obtain exchange service from a mandatory local calling area other than the mandatory local calling area where the FX customer is physically located, but within the same LATA as the number that is assigned. FX service enables particular end-user customers to avoid what might otherwise be toll calls between the FX customer's physical location and customers in the foreign exchange. **"FX Telephone Numbers"** are those telephone numbers with rating and routing point that are different from those of the geographic area in which the end user is physically located. FX Telephone Numbers that deliver second dial tone and the ability for the calling party to enter access codes and an additional recipient telephone number remain classified as Feature Group A (FGA) calls, and are subject to the originating and terminating carrier's tariffed Switched Exchange Access rates (also known as "Meet Point Billed" compensation).
- 1.1.55 **"Fraud Monitoring System"** means an off-line administration system that monitors suspected occurrences of ABT-related fraud.
- 1.1.56 **"Governmental Authority"** means any federal, state, local, foreign, or international court, government, department, commission, board, bureau, agency, official, or other regulatory, administrative, legislative, or judicial authority with jurisdiction over the subject matter at issue.
- 1.1.57 **"Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier" (ILEC)** is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.58 **"Intellectual Property"** means copyrights, patents, trademarks, trade secrets, mask works and all other intellectual property rights.
- 1.1.59 **"Integrated Digital Loop Carrier"** means a subscriber loop carrier system that is twenty-four (24) local Loop transmission paths combined into a 1.544 Mbps digital signal which integrates within the switch at a DS1 level.
- 1.1.60 **"Integrated Services Digital Network" (ISDN)** means a switched network service that provides end-to-end digital connectivity for the simultaneous transmission of voice and data. Basic Rate Interface-ISDN (BRI-ISDN) provides for a digital transmission of two 64 Kbps bearer channels and one 16 Kbps data channel (2B+D).

- 1.1.61 **"Interconnection"** is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.62 **"Interconnection Activation Date"** is the date that the construction of the joint facility Interconnection arrangement has been completed, trunk groups have been established, joint trunk testing is completed and trunks have been mutually accepted by the Parties.
- 1.1.63 **"Interexchange Carrier"** (IXC) means a carrier that provides, directly or indirectly, interLATA or intraLATA Telephone Toll Services.
- 1.1.64 **"InterLATA"** is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.65 **"Intermediate Distribution Frame"** (IDF) is a second frame that augments an existing Main Distribution Frame. Lines or outside cables do not terminate on the IDF.
- 1.1.66 **"Internet Service Provider"** (ISP) is an Enhanced Service Provider that provides Internet Services, and is defined in paragraph 341 of the FCC's First Report and Order in CC Docket No. 97-158.
- 1.1.67 **"ISP-Bound Traffic"** shall mean telecommunications traffic, in accordance with the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order, In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Compensation 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"), "ISP-Bound Traffic" shall mean exchanged between CLEC and **AT&T-13STATE** in which the originating End User of one Party and the ISP served by the other Party are:
 - a. both physically located in the same ILEC Local Exchange Area as defined by the ILEC's Local (or "General") Exchange Tariff on file with the applicable state commission or regulatory agency; or
 - b. both physically located within neighboring ILEC Local Exchange Areas that are within the same common mandatory local calling area. This includes, but it is not limited to, mandatory Extended Area Service (EAS), mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS) or other types of mandatory expanded local calling scopes.
- 1.1.68 **"IntraLATA Toll Traffic"** means the IntraLATA traffic between two locations within one LATA where one of the locations lies outside of the normal local calling area as defined by the applicable Commission.
- 1.1.69 **"Jurisdictional Identification Parameter"** (JIP) is an existing six (6) digit (NPA-NXX) field in the SS7 message. This field designates the first point of switching.
- 1.1.70 **"Lawful,"** when used in relation to unbundling, unbundled network elements, network elements and/or UNEs or activities involving UNEs, means required by Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, as determined by lawful and effective FCC rules and associated lawful and effective FCC and judicial orders.
- 1.1.71 **"Line Information Data Base"** (LIDB) means a transaction-oriented database system that functions as a centralized repository for data storage and retrieval.
- 1.1.72 **"Local Access Transport Area"** (LATA) is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.73 **"Local Exchange Carrier"** (LEC) is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.74 **"Local Exchange Routing Guide"** (LERG) is a Telcordia Reference document used by Telecommunications Carriers to identify NPA-NXX routing and homing information as well as Network element and equipment designations.
- 1.1.75 **"Local Interconnection Trunks/Trunk Groups"** are used for the termination of Local Exchange Traffic, pursuant to Telcordia Technical Reference GR-317-CORE.

- 1.1.76 **"Local Loop Transmission", "Lawful Unbundled Local Loop", "Loop"** means the transmission path which extends from the Network Interface Device or demarcation point at an End User's premise to the Main Distribution Frame or other designated frame or panel in the AT&T-13STATE Serving Wire Center.
- 1.1.77 **"Local Number Portability" (LNP)** means the ability of users of Telecommunications Services to retain, at the same location, the presence of a previously existing telephone number(s).
- 1.1.78 **"Location Routing Number" (LRN)** is a ten (10) digit number that is assigned to the network switching elements (Central Office – Host and Remotes as required) for the routing of calls in the network. The first six (6) digits of the LRN will be one of the assigned NPA NXX of the switching element. The purpose and functionality of the last four (4) digits of the LRN have not yet been defined but are passed across the network to the terminating switch.
- 1.1.79 **"Local Service Provider" (LSP)** is the LEC that provides retail local Exchange Service to an End User. The LSP may or may not provide any physical network components to support the provision of that End User's service.
- 1.1.80 **"Loss" or "Losses"** means any and all losses, costs (including court costs), claims, damages (including fines, penalties, and criminal or civil judgments and settlements), injuries, liabilities and expenses (including attorneys' fees).
- 1.1.81 **"MECAB"** refers to the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing document prepared by the Billing Committee of the Ordering and Billing Forum "OBF", which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee "CLC of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions "ATIS". The MECAB document, published by ATIS as ATIS/OBF- MECAB- Issue 6, February 1998, contains the recommended guidelines for the billing of access services provided to an IXC by two or more LECs, or by one LEC in two or more states within a single LATA.
- 1.1.82 **"MECOD"** refers to the Multiple Exchange Carriers Ordering and Design Guidelines for Access Services - Industry Support Interface, a document developed by the Ordering/Provisioning Committee of the OBF, which functions under the auspices of the CLC of ATIS. The MECOD document, published by ATIS as ATIS/OBF- MECAB- Issue 3, February 1993, establishes methods for processing orders for access service which is to be provided to an IXC by two or more telecommunications providers.
- 1.1.83 **"Meet-Point Billing" (MPB)** refers to the billing associated with interconnection of facilities between two or more LECs for the routing of traffic to and from an IXC with which one of the LECs does not have a direct connection. In a multi-bill environment, each Party bills the appropriate tariffed rate for its portion of a jointly provided Switched Exchange Access Service.
- 1.1.84 **"Multiple Bill/Single Tariff"** is a billing method used when Switched Exchange Access Services is jointly provided by the Parties. As described in the MECAB document, each Party will render a bill in accordance with its own tariff for that portion of the service it provides. Each Party will bill its own network access service rates.
- 1.1.85 **"Network Data Mover" (NDM)** is an industry standard protocol for transferring information electrically.
- 1.1.86 **"Network Element"** is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.87 **"North American Numbering Plan" (NANP)** A numbering architecture in which every station in the NANP Area is identified by a unique ten-digit address consisting of a three-digit NPA code, a three digit central office code of the form NXX, and a four-digit line number of the form XXXX.
- 1.1.88 **"Numbering Plan Area" (NPA)** also called area code. An NPA is the 3-digit code that occupies the A, B, C positions in the 10-digit NANP format that applies throughout the NANP Area. NPAs are of the form NXX, where N represents the digits 2-9 and X represents any digit 0-9. In

the NANP, NPAs are classified as either geographic or non-geographic. a) Geographic NPAs are NPAs which correspond to discrete geographic areas within the NANP Area. b) Non-geographic NPAs are NPAs that do not correspond to discrete geographic areas, but which are instead assigned for services with attributes, functionalities, or requirements that transcend specific geographic boundaries. The common examples are NPAs in the N00 format, e.g., 800.

- 1.1.89 **"Number Portability"** is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.90 **"NXX"** or **"Central Office Code"** is the three-digit switch entity indicator that is defined by the fourth through sixth digits of a 10-digit telephone number within the NANP. Each NXX Code contains 10,000 station numbers.
- 1.1.91 **"Operator Services Questionnaire (OSQ)"** - provides the information required for establishing Operator Services for Wholesale customers.
- 1.1.92 **"Ordering and Billing Forum" (OBF)** is a forum comprised of local telephone companies and inter-exchange carriers whose responsibility is to create and document Telecommunication industry guidelines and standards.
- 1.1.93 **"Out of Exchange LEC"** (OE-LEC) means Bascom Mutual telephone Company operating within AT&T-13STATE's incumbent local exchange area and provides telecommunications services utilizing NPA-NXXs identified to reside in a Third Party Incumbent LEC's local exchange area.
- 1.1.94 **"Out of Exchange Traffic"** is defined as local, transit, or intraLATA traffic to or from a non-AT&T ILEC exchange area.
- 1.1.95 **"Party"** means either CLEC or the AT&T-owned ILEC; use of the term "Party" includes each of the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) that is a party to this Agreement. **"Parties"** means both CLEC and the AT&T-owned ILEC; use of the term "Parties" includes each of the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) that is a party to this Agreement.
- 1.1.96 **"Permanent Number Portability" (PNP)** is a long term method of providing LNP using LRN.
- 1.1.97 **"Person"** means an individual or a partnership, an association, a joint venture, a corporation, a business or a trust or other entity organized under Applicable law, an unincorporated organization or any Governmental Authority.
- 1.1.98 **"Physical Collocation"** is as defined in Appendix Physical Collocation.
- 1.1.99 **"Plain Old Telephone Service" (POTS)** means telephone service for the transmission of human speech.
- 1.1.100 **"Point of Interconnection" (POI)** is a point on the AT&T-13STATE network (End Office or Tandem building) where the Parties deliver Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic to each other, and also serves as a demarcation point between the facilities that each Party is responsible to provide.
- 1.1.101 **"Port"** is the point of interface/access connection to the AT&T-13STATE public switched network. This may be a switch line side interface or switch trunk side interface.
- 1.1.102 **"Rate Center Area"** means the following in each applicable area:
 - 1.1.102.1 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**
 - 1.1.102.1.1 "Rate Center" means the specific geographic point that has been designated by a given LEC as being associated with a particular NPA-NXX code that has been assigned to the LEC for its provision of Telephone Exchange Service. The Rate Center is the finite geographic point identified by a specific V&H coordinate, which is used by that LEC to

measure, for billing purposes, distance sensitive transmission services associated with the specific Rate Center.

1.1.103 "**Rating Point**" means the V&H coordinates associated with a particular telephone number for rating purposes.

1.1.104 "**Referral Announcement**" refers to a process by which calls are routed to an announcement that states the new telephone number of an End User.

1.1.105 "**Routing Point**" is a location which a LEC has designated on its own network as the homing or routing point for traffic inbound to Exchange Service provided by the LEC which bears a certain NPA-NXX designation. The Routing Point is employed to calculate mileage measurements for the distance-sensitive transport element charges of Switched Access services. The Routing Point need not be the same as the Rating Point, nor must it be located within the Rate Center area, but must be in the same LATA as the NPA-NXX.

1.1.106 "**Section 251(b)(5) Traffic**" shall mean telecommunications traffic in which the originating End User of one Party and the terminating End User of the other Party are:

both physically located in the same ILEC Local Exchange Area as defined by the ILEC Local (or "General") Exchange Tariff on file with the applicable state commission or regulatory agency; or

both physically located within neighboring ILEC Local Exchange Areas that are within the same common mandatory local calling area. This includes but is not limited to, mandatory Extended Area Service (EAS), mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS), or other types of mandatory expanded local calling scopes.

1.1.107 "**Service Provider Number Portability**" (SPNP) is synonymous with Permanent Number Portability "PNP".

1.1.108 "**Service Switching Point**" (SSP) is a telephone central office switch equipped with a Signaling System 7 (SS7) interface.

1.1.109 "**Signaling System 7**" (SS7) means a signaling protocol used by the CCS Network.

1.1.110 "**Signal Transfer Point**" (STP) performs a packet switching function that routes signaling messages among Service Switching Points (SSP), Service Control Points (SCP), Signaling Points (SP), and other STPs in order to set up calls and to query databases for Advanced Services.

1.1.111 "**State Abbreviation**" means the following:

1.1.111.1 "OH" means Ohio

1.1.112 "**Switched Access Detail Usage Data**" means a category 1101xx record as defined in the EMI Telecordia Practice BR 010-200-010.

1.1.113 "**Switched Exchange Access Service**" means the offering of transmission or switching services to Telecommunications Carriers for the purpose of the origination or termination of telephone toll service. Switched Exchange Access Services include: Feature Group A, Feature Group B, Feature Group D, 800/888 access, and 900 access and their successors or similar Switched Exchange Access Services.

1.1.114 "**Synchronous Optical Network**" (SONET) is an optical interface standard that allows inter-networking of transmission products from multiple vendors. The base rate is 51.84 Mbps ("OC-1/STS-1") and higher rates are direct multiples of the base rate, up to 13.22 Gbps.

1.1.115 "**Telecommunications**" is As Defined in the Act.

1.1.116 "**Telecommunications Carrier**" is As Defined in the Act.

- 1.1.117 "Telecommunications Service" is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.118 "Telephone Exchange Service" is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.119 "Telephone Toll Service" is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.1.120 "Third Party" means any Person other than a Party.
- 1.1.121 "Toll Billing Exception Service" (TBE) means a service that allows End Users to restrict third number billing or collect calls to their lines.
- 1.1.122 "Trunk" means a communication line between two switching systems.
- 1.1.123 "Trunk-Side" refers to a Central Office Switch connection that is capable of, and has been programmed to treat the circuit as connecting to another switching entity (for example another Central Office switch). Trunk-Side connections offer those transmission and signaling features appropriate for the connection of switching entities and cannot be used for the direct connection of ordinary telephone station sets.
- 1.1.124 "Wire Center" is the location of one or more local switching systems. A point at which End User's loops within a defined geographic area converge. Such local loops may be served by one (1) or more Central Office Switches within such premises.

1.2 Definitions Applicable to AT&T-12STATE Only

- 1.2.1 "Main Distribution Frame" (MDF) is termination frame for outside facility and inter-exchange office equipment at the central office for DS-0 and DSL services.
- 1.2.2 "Serving Wire Center" (SWC) means a Wire Center that serves the area in which the other Party's or a third party's Wire Center, aggregation point, point of termination, or point of presence is located.
- 1.2.3 "Universal Digital Loop Carrier" (UDLC) describes a DLC system that has a Central Office terminal channel bank that is connected to the CO switches on the analog side.

1.3 Definitions Applicable to AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE Only

- 1.3.1 "Line Side" refers to the switch port toward the CLEC's side of the equipment.

2. INTERPRETATION, CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

2.1 Definitions

- 2.1.1 For purposes of this Agreement, certain terms have been defined in this Agreement to encompass meanings that may differ from, or be in addition to, the normal connotation of the defined word. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, any term defined or used in the singular will include the plural. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation" and/or "but not limited to". The words "will" and "shall" are used interchangeably throughout this Agreement and the use of either connotes a mandatory requirement. The use of one or the other will not mean a different degree of right or obligation for either Party. A defined word intended to convey its special meaning is capitalized when used. Other terms that are capitalized and not defined in this Agreement will have the meaning in the Act, or in the absence of their inclusion in the Act, their customary usage in the Telecommunications industry as of the Effective Date.

2.2 Headings Not Controlling

- 2.2.1 The headings and numbering of Sections, Parts, Appendices Schedules and Exhibits to this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be construed to define or limit any of the terms herein or affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

2.2.2 This Agreement incorporates a number of Appendices which, together with their associated Attachments, Exhibits, Schedules and Addenda, constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties. In order to facilitate use and comprehension of the Agreement, the Appendices have been grouped under broad headings. It is understood that these groupings are for convenience of reference only, and are not intended to limit the applicability that any particular appendix, attachment, exhibit, schedule or addenda may otherwise have.

2.3 Referenced Documents

2.3.1 Unless the context shall otherwise specifically require, and subject to Section 23, whenever any provision of this Agreement refers to a technical reference, technical publication, CLEC Practice, AT&T-13STATE Practice, any publication of telecommunications industry administrative or technical standards, or any other document specifically incorporated into this Agreement (collectively, a "Referenced Instrument"), it will be deemed to be a reference to the then-current version or edition (including any amendments, supplements, addenda, or successors) of each Referenced Instrument that is in effect, and will include the then-current version or edition (including any amendments, supplements, addenda, or successors) of any other Referenced Instrument incorporated by reference therein.

2.4 References

2.4.1 References herein to Sections, Paragraphs, Exhibits, Parts, Schedules, and Appendices shall be deemed to be references to Sections, Paragraphs and Parts of, and Exhibits, Schedules and Appendices to, this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require.

2.5 Tariff References

2.5.1 To the extent a tariff provision or rate is incorporated or otherwise applies between the Parties due to the provisions of this Agreement, it is understood that said tariff provision or rate applies only in the jurisdiction in which such tariff provision or rate is filed, and applies to the CLEC and only the AT&T-13STATE ILEC(s) that operates within that jurisdiction. Further, it is understood that any changes to said tariff provision or rate are also automatically incorporated herein or otherwise hereunder, effective hereunder on the date any such change is effective.

2.5.2 Wherever any Commission ordered tariff provision or rate is incorporated, cited or quoted herein, it is understood that said incorporation or reference applies only to the entity within the state whose Commission ordered that tariff.

2.5.3 Any state or federal tariff references made within this Agreement, including all Attachments/Appendices, refer to tariffs filed by AT&T-13STATE, as such tariffs may be modified from time to time.

2.6 Conflict in Provisions

2.6.1 In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the Act, the provisions of the Act shall govern.

2.6.2 If any definitions, terms or conditions in any given Appendix, Attachment, Exhibit, Schedule or Addenda differ from those contained in the main body of this Agreement, those definitions, terms or conditions will supersede those contained in the main body of this Agreement, but only in regard to the services or activities listed in that particular Appendix, Attachment, Exhibit, Schedule or Addenda. In particular, if an Appendix contains a Term length that differs from the Term length in the main body of this Agreement, the Term length of that Appendix will control the length of time that services or activities are to occur under that Appendix, but will not affect the Term length of the remainder of this Agreement.

2.7 Joint Work Product

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

2.8 Severability

2.8.1 If any provision of this Agreement is rejected or held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, each Party agrees that such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent permissible so as to effect the intent of the Parties, and the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. If necessary to effect the intent of the Parties, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to amend this Agreement to replace the unenforceable language with enforceable language that reflects such intent as closely as possible. The Parties negotiated the terms and conditions of this Agreement for Interconnection and any other services provided hereunder, as a total arrangement and it is intended to be nonseverable.

2.9 Incorporation by Reference

2.9.1 All of the rates, terms and conditions ("Provisions") set forth in this Agreement (including any and all attachments, appendices and/or schedules hereto) and every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, are subject to all other Provisions contained in this Agreement (including any and all attachments, appendices and/or schedules hereto), and all such Provisions are integrally related.

2.10 Non-Voluntary Provisions

2.10.1 This Agreement incorporates certain rates, terms and conditions that were not voluntarily negotiated by AT&T-13STATE, but instead resulted from determinations made in arbitrations under Section 252 of the Act or from other requirements of regulatory agencies or state law (individually and collectively, a "Non-Voluntary Arrangement"). AT&T-13STATE has identified some, but not all, of the Non-Voluntary Arrangements contained in this Agreement, by designating such provisions with asterisks. If any Non-Voluntary Arrangement is modified as a result of any order or finding by the FCC, the appropriate Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction, any Party may, by providing written notice to the other Party, require that any affected Non-Voluntary Arrangement (and any related rates, terms and conditions) be deleted or renegotiated, as applicable, in good faith and this Agreement amended accordingly. If such modifications to this Agreement are not executed within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of such notice, a Party may pursue its rights under Section 12.

2.10.2 The Parties acknowledge that the Non-Voluntary Arrangements contained in this Agreement shall not be available in any state other than the state that originally imposed/required such Non-Voluntary Arrangement. By way of example only, the Parties acknowledge that the PUC-OH's imposition in Ohio of the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (and all terms and conditions relating thereto) shall not apply in or be "portable to" any state other than Ohio.

2.11 State-Specific Rates, Terms and Conditions

2.11.1 For ease of administration, this multistate Agreement contains certain specified rates, terms and conditions which apply only in a designated state ("state-specific terms"). To the extent that this Agreement contains specified rates, terms and conditions which apply only in a given state, such rates, terms and conditions shall not apply and shall have no effect in any other state(s) to which this Agreement is submitted for approval under Section 252(e) of the Act.

2.11.2 State-specific terms, as the phrase is described in Section 2.11.1 above, have been negotiated (or in the case of 2.10.2 above, included in the agreement per state requirement) by the Parties only as to the states where this Agreement has been executed, filed and approved. When the

Parties negotiate an agreement for an additional state, neither Party shall be precluded by any language in this Agreement from negotiating state-specific terms for the state in which are to apply.

2.11.3 Successor Rates. Certain of the rates, prices and charges set forth in the applicable Appendix Pricing have been established by the appropriate Commissions in cost proceedings or dockets initiated under or pursuant to the Act. If during the Term that Commission or the FCC changes a rate, price or charge in an order or docket that applies to any of the Interconnection, Resale Services, Network Elements, functions, facilities, products and services available hereunder, the Parties agree to amend this Agreement to incorporate such new rates, prices and charges, with such rates, prices and charges to be effective as of the date specified in such order or docket (including giving effect to any retroactive application, if so ordered). If either Party refuses to execute an amendment to this Agreement within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of such order or docket, the other Party may pursue its rights under Section 12.

2.12 Scope of Obligations

2.12.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein except for the Out of Exchange Appendix, AT&T-13STATE's obligations under this Agreement shall apply only to:

2.12.1.1 the specific operating area(s) or portion thereof in which AT&T-13STATE is then deemed to be the ILEC under the Act (the "ILEC Territory"), and only to the extent that the CLEC is operating and offering service to End Users identified to be residing in such ILEC Territory; and

2.12.1.2 assets that AT&T-13STATE owns or leases and which are used in connection with AT&T-13STATE's provision to CLEC of any Interconnection, functions, facilities, products or services provided or contemplated under this Agreement, the Act or any tariff or ancillary agreement referenced herein (individually and collectively, the "ILEC Assets").

2.12.1.3 The underlying Interconnection Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which AT&T-12STATE agrees to provide CLEC with Interconnection under Section 251(c)(2) of the Act in AT&T-12STATE's incumbent local exchange areas for the provision of CLEC's Telecommunications Services. The Parties acknowledge and agree that AT&T-12STATE is only obligated to make available Interconnection under Section 251(c)(2) of the Act to CLEC in AT&T-12STATE's incumbent local exchange areas. AT&T-12STATE has no obligation to provide such Interconnection to CLEC for the purposes of CLEC providing and/or extending service outside of AT&T-12STATE's incumbent local exchange areas. In addition, AT&T-12STATE is not obligated to provision Interconnection under Section 251(c)(2) of the Act and is not otherwise bound by any 251(c) obligations in geographic areas other than AT&T-12STATE's incumbent local exchange areas. Therefore, the Parties understand and agree that the rates, terms and conditions set forth in AT&T-12STATE's current Interconnection Agreement, and any associated provisions set forth elsewhere in CLEC's current Interconnection Agreement (including but not limited to the rates set forth in this Agreement associated with Interconnection under Section 251(c)(2) of the Act), shall only apply to the Parties and be available to CLEC for provisioning telecommunication services within an AT&T-12STATE incumbent local exchange area(s) in the State in which CLEC's current Interconnection Agreement with AT&T-12STATE has been approved by the relevant state Commission and is in effect.

2.12.1.4 Intentionally left blank.

2.13 Affiliates

2.13.1 These General Terms and Conditions and all attachments and Appendices hereto (this Agreement), including subsequent amendments, if any, shall bind AT&T-13STATE, CLEC and any entity that currently or subsequently is owned or controlled by or under common ownership or control with CLEC. CLEC further agrees that the same or substantially the same terms and conditions shall be incorporated into any separate agreement between AT&T-13STATE and any such CLEC Affiliate that continues to operate as a separate entity. This Agreement shall remain effective as to CLEC and any such CLEC Affiliate for the term of this Agreement as stated herein until either AT&T-13STATE or CLEC or any such CLEC Affiliate institutes renegotiation consistent with the provisions of this Agreement for renewal and term. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the existing Agreement will not supercede a currently effective interconnection agreement between any such CLEC Affiliate and AT&T-13STATE until the expiration of such other agreement.

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3. **NOTICE OF CHANGES -- SECTION 251(c)(5)**

3.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall limit either Party's ability to upgrade its network through the incorporation of new equipment, new software or otherwise or to otherwise change and/or modify its network including, without limitation, through the retirement and/or replacement of equipment, software or otherwise. Each Party agrees to comply with the Network Disclosure rules adopted by the FCC in CC Docket No. 96-98, Second Report and Order, codified at 47 C.F.R. 51.325 through 51.335, as such rules may be amended from time to time (the "Network Disclosure Rules"). AT&T-13STATE will not discontinue any Interconnection arrangement, function, facility, product or service that AT&T-13STATE is required to provide to CLEC under this Agreement unless and until: (i) AT&T-13STATE provides requisite notice of the planned network change and/or modification in accordance with the Network Disclosure Rules (when applicable) and no objection is made to AT&T-13STATE's proposed network modification(s) and/or change(s) or any objection(s) is denied or deemed denied under such Rules; or (ii) if and when applicable, following AT&T-13STATE's exercise of its rights under applicable law and/or this Agreement including, without limitation, the intervening law/change in law provisions in this Agreement; or (iii) to the extent otherwise permitted in this Agreement.

4. **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

- 4.1 Upon approval by the Commission, CLEC agrees to begin providing Telephone Exchange Service within its certificated service area to business End Users within _____ calendar days and to residential End Users within _____ calendar days.
- 4.2 AT&T-12STATE and CLEC shall each use their best efforts to meet the Interconnection Activation Dates.
- 4.3 Each Party is individually responsible to provide facilities within its network that are necessary for routing, transporting, measuring, and billing traffic from the other Party's network and for delivering such traffic to the other Party's network in the standard format compatible with AT&T-13STATE's network as referenced in Telcordia BOC Notes on LEC Networks Practice No. SR-TSV-002275, and to terminate the traffic it receives in that standard format to the proper address on its network. The Parties are each solely responsible for participation in and compliance with national network plans, including the National Network Security Plan and the Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- 4.4 The Parties shall exchange technical descriptions and forecasts of their Interconnection and traffic requirements in sufficient detail necessary to establish the Interconnections required to assure traffic completion to and from all End Users in their respective designated service areas.

4.5 Each Party is solely responsible for all products and services it provides to its End Users and to other Telecommunications Carriers.

5. INSURANCE

5.1 At all times during the term of this Agreement, each Party shall keep and maintain in force at its own expense the following minimum insurance coverage and limits and any additional insurance and/or bonds required by Applicable Law.

5.1.1 Workers' Compensation insurance with benefits afforded under the laws of each state covered by this Agreement and Employers Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 for Bodily Injury-each accident, \$1,000,000 for Bodily Injury by disease-policy limits and \$1,000,000 for Bodily Injury by disease-each employee

5.1.2 Commercial General Liability insurance with minimum limits of: \$2,000,000 General Aggregate limit; \$1,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for all bodily injury or property damage incurred in any one occurrence; \$1,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for Personal Injury and Advertising; \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate limit, with a \$1,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for Products/Completed Operations. AT&T-13STATE, its affiliates, officers, agents and employees, shall be listed as additional insured on the Commercial General Liability policy. Each Party shall cause their respective insurers to waive rights of subrogation against the other Party. The liability policies shall be primary and non-contributory from any insurance that is maintained by AT&T-13STATE.

5.1.3 If use of an automobile is required, Automobile Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limits per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, which coverage shall extend to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles.

5.1.4 Each Party shall require subcontractors providing services under this Agreement to maintain in force the insurance coverage and limits required in this Section.

5.1.5 The Parties agree that companies affording the insurance coverage required under this Section shall have a rating of A or better and a Financial Size Category rating of VIII or better, as rated in the A.M. Best Key Rating Guide for Property and Casualty Insurance Companies. Upon request from the other Party, each Party shall provide to the other Party evidence of such insurance coverage.

5.1.6 Each Party agrees to provide the other Party with at least thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice of cancellation, material reduction or non-renewal of any of the insurance policies required herein.

5.1.7 Each Party agrees to accept the other Party's program of self-insurance in lieu of insurance coverage if certain requirements are met. These requirements are as follows:

5.1.7.1 The Party desiring to satisfy its Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability obligations through self-insurance shall submit to the other Party a copy of its Certificate of Authority to Self-Insure its Workers' Compensation obligations issued by each state covered by this Agreement or the employer's state of hire; and

5.1.7.2 The Party desiring to satisfy its automobile liability obligations through self-insurance shall submit to the other Party a copy of the state-issued letter approving self-insurance for automobile liability issued by each state covered by this Agreement; and

5.1.7.3 The Party desiring to satisfy its general liability obligations through self-insurance must provide evidence acceptable to the other Party that it maintains at least an investment grade (e.g., B+ or higher) debt or credit rating as determined by a nationally recognized debt or credit rating agency such as Moody's, Standard and Poor's or Duff and Phelps.

- 5.1.8 This Section 5.1 is a general statement of insurance requirements and shall be in addition to any specific requirement of insurance referenced elsewhere in this Agreement or a Referenced Instrument.
- 5.2 Simultaneously with CLEC's execution of this Agreement, CLEC shall insert its appropriate state-specific authorized and nationally recognized OCN/AECNs for facilities-based (Interconnection).

6. ASSIGNMENT

- 6.1 Assignment of Contract
 - 6.1.1 CLEC may not assign or transfer this Agreement or any rights or obligations hereunder, whether by operation of law or otherwise, to a non-affiliated third party without the prior written consent of AT&T-13STATE. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void *ab initio*.
 - 6.1.2 CLEC may assign or transfer this Agreement and all rights and obligations hereunder, whether by operation of law or otherwise, to its Affiliate by providing sixty (60) calendar days' advance written notice of such assignment or transfer to AT&T-13STATE; provided that such assignment or transfer is not inconsistent with Applicable Law (including the Affiliate's obligation to obtain and maintain proper Commission certification and approvals) or the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CLEC may not assign or transfer this Agreement, or any rights or obligations hereunder, to its Affiliate if that Affiliate is a party to a separate agreement with AT&T-13STATE under Sections 251 and 252 of the Act. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void *ab initio*.
- 6.2 Corporate Name Change and/or change in "d/b/a" only
 - 6.2.1 Any assignment or transfer of an Agreement wherein only the CLEC name is changing, and which does not include a change to a CLEC OCN/ACNA, constitutes a CLEC Name Change. For a CLEC Name Change, CLEC will incur a record order charge for each CLEC CABS BAN. For resale or any other products not billed in CABS, to the extent a record order is available, a record order charge will apply per end user record. Rates for record orders are contained in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices. CLEC shall also submit a new Operator Service Questionnaire (OSQ) to update any OS/DA Rate Reference information and Branding pursuant to the rates terms and conditions of Appendices Resale and UNE, as applicable, at the rates specified in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices to this Agreement.
- 6.3 Company Code Change
 - 6.3.1 Any assignment or transfer of an Agreement associated with the transfer or acquisition of "assets" provisioned under that Agreement, where the OCN/ACNA formerly assigned to such "assets" is changing constitutes a CLEC Company Code Change. For the purposes of this Section, "assets" means any Interconnection, function, facility, product or service provided under that Agreement. CLEC shall provide AT&T-13STATE with ninety (90) calendar days advance written notice of any assignment associated with a CLEC Company Code Change and obtain AT&T-13STATE's consent. AT&T-13STATE shall not unreasonably withhold consent to a CLEC Company Code Change; provided, however, AT&T-13STATE's consent to any CLEC Company Code Change is contingent upon cure of any outstanding charges owed under this Agreement and any outstanding charges associated with the "assets" subject to the CLEC Company Code Change. In addition, CLEC acknowledges that CLEC may be required to tender additional assurance of payment if requested under the terms of this Agreement.
 - 6.3.2 For any CLEC Company Code Change, CLEC must submit a service order changing the OCN/ACNA for each end user record and/or a service order for each circuit ID number, as applicable. CLEC shall pay the appropriate charges for each service order submitted to accomplish a CLEC Company Code Change; such charges are contained in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices. In addition, CLEC shall submit a new OSQ to update any OS/DA

Rate Reference information and Branding at the rates specified in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices to this Agreement.

- 6.4 Assignment of any Interconnection, function, facility, product or service.
 - 6.4.1 Any assignment or transfer of any Interconnection, function, facility, product or service provisioned pursuant to this Agreement without the transfer or the assignment of this Agreement shall be deemed a CLEC to CLEC Mass Migration. The CLEC that is a Party to this Agreement shall provide AT&T-13STATE with ninety (90) calendar days advance written notice of any CLEC to CLEC Mass Migration. CLEC's written notice shall include the anticipated effective date of the assignment or transfer. The acquiring CLEC must cure any outstanding charges associated with any Interconnection, function, facility, product or service to be transferred. In addition, the acquiring CLEC may be required to tender additional assurance of payment if requested under the terms of the acquiring CLEC's agreement.
 - 6.4.2 Both CLECs involved in any CLEC to CLEC Mass Migration shall comply with all Applicable Law relating thereto, including but not limited to all FCC and state Commission rules relating to notice(s) to end users. The acquiring CLEC shall be responsible for issuing all service orders required to migrate any Interconnection, function, facility, product or service provided hereunder. The appropriate service order charge or administration fee (for interconnection) will apply as specified in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices to the acquiring CLEC's agreement. The acquiring CLEC shall also submit a new OSQ to update any OS/DA Rate Reference information and Branding at the rates specified in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices to the acquiring CLEC's agreement.
- 6.5 Project Coordination
 - 6.5.1 AT&T-13STATE will provide project management support to effectuate changes of the types identified in Sections 6.5.2.
 - 6.5.2 AT&T-13STATE will provide project management support to minimize any possible service outages during any CLEC to CLEC Mass Migration. Should AT&T-13STATE's most current version of LSOR or ASOR guidelines not support the required order activity, AT&T-13STATE will issue service orders at the manual rate, as specified in the Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices to this Agreement, based upon type of service provided, and on the condition that CLEC provides to AT&T-13STATE any and all information AT&T-13STATE reasonably requests to effectuate such changes.
- 6.6 When an End User changes its service provider from AT&T-13STATE to CLEC or from CLEC to AT&T-13STATE and does not retain its original telephone number, the Party formerly providing service to such End User shall furnish a referral announcement ("Referral Announcement") on the original telephone number that specifies the End User's new telephone number.
- 6.7 The following applies to AT&T OHIO only:
 - 6.7.1 Referral Announcements shall be provided by a Party to the other Party for the period of time specified in Rule 4901:1-5-12, Ohio Administrative Code and at the rates set forth in the referring Party's tariff(s). However, if either Party provides Referral Announcements for a period longer than the above period(s) when its End Users change their telephone numbers, such Party shall provide the same level of service to End Users of the other Party.
- 6.8 Each Party shall be responsible for labor relations with its own employees. Each Party agrees to notify the other Party as soon as practicable whenever such Party has knowledge that a labor dispute concerning its employees is delaying or threatens to delay such Party's timely performance of its obligations under this Agreement and shall endeavor to minimize impairment of service to the other Party (for example, by using its management personnel to perform work or by other means) in the event of a labor dispute to the extent permitted by Applicable Law.

- 6.9 Each Party shall act in good faith in its performance under this Agreement and, in each case in which a Party's consent or agreement is required or requested hereunder, such Party shall not unreasonably withhold or delay such consent or agreement.
- 6.10 Intentionally left blank.
- 6.11 The Parties acknowledge and agree that they do not intend to include products and services in this Agreement that do not have corresponding rates and charges. Accordingly, if this Agreement is executed and/or approved by the Commission and the Parties later discover that a product or service is included in this Agreement without an associated rate or charge, the Parties agree that they will agree upon a rate or charge to include in this Agreement before the product or service is provided or performed. If the Parties cannot agree, either Party may pursue dispute resolution under the applicable provisions of this Agreement.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM AND TERMINATION

- 7.1 In AT&T-13STATE, with the exception of AT&T OHIO, the Effective Date of this Agreement shall be ten (10) calendar days after the Commission approves this Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act or, absent such Commission approval, the date this Agreement is deemed approved under Section 252(e)(4) of the Act. In AT&T OHIO, based on the PUC-OH, the Agreement is Effective upon filing and is deemed approved by operation of law on the 91st day after filing.
- 7.2 The term of this Agreement shall commence upon the Effective Date of this Agreement and shall expire on December 3, 2008, provided; however, should CLEC implement (i.e. provided assurance of payment, ordered facilities, and submitted ASRs for trunking) this Agreement within six (6) months of the Effective Date, then this Agreement will automatically renew for one additional year and expire on December 3, 2009 (the "Term"). Absent the receipt by one Party of written notice from the other Party within 180 calendar days prior to the expiration of the Term to the effect that such Party does not intend to extend the Term, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect on and after the expiration of the Term until terminated by either Party pursuant to Section 7.3 or 7.4.
- 7.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, either Party may terminate this Agreement and the provision of any Interconnection, functions, facilities, products or services provided pursuant to this Agreement, at the sole discretion of the terminating Party, in the event that the other Party fails to perform a material obligation or breaches a material term of this Agreement and the other Party fails to cure such nonperformance or breach within forty-five (45) calendar days after written notice thereof. Any termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 7.3 shall take effect immediately upon delivery of written notice to the other Party that it failed to cure such nonperformance or breach within forty-five (45) calendar days after written notice thereof.
- 7.4 If pursuant to Section 7.2, this Agreement continues in full force and effect after the expiration of the Term, either Party may terminate this Agreement after delivering written notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement, subject to Sections 7.5 and 7.6. Neither Party shall have any liability to the other Party for termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 7.4 other than its obligations under Sections 7.5 and 7.6.
- 7.5 Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement in accordance with Sections 7.2, 7.3 or 7.4:
 - 7.5.1 Each Party shall continue to comply with its obligations set forth in Section 42, Scope of this Agreement; and
 - 7.5.2 Each Party shall promptly pay all amounts owed under this Agreement or place any Disputed Amounts into an escrow account that complies with Section 10.4 hereof;
 - 7.5.3 Each Party's confidentiality obligations shall survive; and
 - 7.5.4 Each Party's indemnification obligations shall survive.

- 7.6 If either Party serves notice of expiration pursuant to Section 7.2 or Section 7.4, CLEC shall have ten (10) calendar days to provide AT&T-13STATE written confirmation if CLEC wishes to pursue a successor agreement with AT&T-13STATE or terminate its agreement. CLEC shall identify the action to be taken on each applicable (13) state(s). If CLEC wishes to pursue a successor agreement with AT&T-13STATE, CLEC shall attach to its written confirmation or notice of expiration/termination, as applicable, a written request to commence negotiations with AT&T-13STATE under Sections 251/252 of the Act and identify each of the state(s) the successor agreement will cover. Upon receipt of CLEC's Section 252(a)(1) request, the Parties shall commence good faith negotiations on a successor agreement.
- 7.7 If written notice is not issued pursuant to Section 7.2, the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the earlier of (i) the effective date of its successor agreement, whether such successor agreement is established via negotiation, arbitration or pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act; or (ii) the date that is ten (10) months after the date on which AT&T-13STATE received CLEC's Section 252(a)(1) request.
- 7.8 If at any time during the Section 252(a)(1) negotiation process (prior to or after the expiration date or termination date of this Agreement), CLEC withdraws its Section 252(a)(1) request, CLEC must include in its notice of withdrawal a request to adopt a successor agreement under Section 252(i) of the Act or affirmatively state that CLEC does not wish to pursue a successor agreement with AT&T-13STATE for a given state. The rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the later of: 1) the expiration of the term of this Agreement, or 2) the expiration of ninety (90) calendar days after the date CLEC provides notice of withdrawal of its Section 252(a)(1) request. If the Term of this Agreement has expired, on the earlier of (i) the ninety-first (91st) calendar day following AT&T-13STATE's receipt of CLEC's notice of withdrawal of its Section 252(a)(1) request or (ii) the effective date of the agreement following approval by the Commission of the adoption of an agreement under 252(i), the Parties shall, have no further obligations under this Agreement except those set forth in Section 7.5 of this Agreement.
- 7.9 If CLEC does not affirmatively state that it wishes to pursue a successor agreement with AT&T-13STATE in its, as applicable, notice of expiration or termination or the written confirmation required after receipt of the AT&T-owned ILEC's notice of expiration or termination, then the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the later of 1) the expiration of the Term of this Agreement, or 2) the expiration of ninety (90) calendar days after the date CLEC provided or received notice of expiration or termination. If the Term of this Agreement has expired, on the ninety-first (91st) day following CLEC provided or received notice of expiration or termination, the Parties shall have no further obligations under this Agreement except those set forth in Section 7.5 of this Agreement.
- 7.10 In the event of termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 7, AT&T-13STATE and CLEC shall cooperate in good faith to effect an orderly transition of service under this Agreement; provided that CLEC shall be solely responsible (from a financial, operational and administrative standpoint) to ensure that its End Users have been transitioned to a new LEC by the expiration date or termination date of this Agreement.

8. END USER FRAUD

- 8.1 AT&T-13STATE shall not be liable to CLEC for any fraud associated with CLEC's End User's account, including 1+ IntraLATA toll, ported numbers, and Alternate Billing Traffic (ABT). ABT is a service that allows End Users to bill calls to account(s) that might not be associated with the originating line. There are three types of ABT calls: calling card, collect, and third number billed calls.
- 8.2 The Parties agree to cooperate with one another to investigate, minimize, and take corrective action in cases of fraud involving 1+ IntraLATA toll calls, ABT, and ported numbers. The Parties' fraud

minimization procedures are to be cost-effective and implemented so as not to unduly burden or harm one Party as compared to the other.

- 8.3 In cases of suspected fraudulent activity by an End User, at a minimum, the cooperation referenced in Section 8.2 will include providing to the other Party, upon request, information concerning Customers who terminate services to that Party without paying all outstanding charges. The Party seeking such information is responsible for securing the End User's permission to obtain such information.
- 8.4 AT&T-10STATE will provide notification messages to CLEC on suspected occurrences of ABT-related fraud on CLEC accounts stored in the applicable LIDB. AT&T-10STATE will provide via fax.
 - 8.4.1 CLEC understands that Fraud Monitoring System alerts only identify potential occurrences of fraud. CLEC understands and agrees that it will need to perform its own investigations to determine whether a fraud situation actually exists. CLEC understands and agrees that it will also need to determine what, if any, action CLEC should take as a result of a Fraud Monitoring System alert.
 - 8.4.2 The Parties will provide contact names and numbers to each other for the exchange of Fraud Monitoring System alert notification.

9. ASSURANCE OF PAYMENT

- 9.1 Upon request by AT&T-13STATE, CLEC will provide AT&T-13STATE with adequate assurance of payment of amounts due (or to become due) to AT&T-13STATE.
- 9.2 Assurance of payment may be requested by AT&T-12STATE if:
 - 9.2.1 at the Effective Date CLEC had not already established satisfactory credit by having made at least twelve (12) consecutive months of timely payments to AT&T-13STATE for charges incurred as a CLEC; or
 - 9.2.2 in AT&T-12STATE's reasonable judgment, at the Effective Date or at any time thereafter, there has been an impairment of the established credit, financial health, or credit worthiness of CLEC. Such impairment will be determined from information available from financial sources, including but not limited to Moody's, Standard and Poor's, and the Wall Street Journal. Financial information about CLEC that may be considered includes, but is not limited to, investor warning briefs, rating downgrades, and articles discussing pending credit problems; or
 - 9.2.3 CLEC fails to timely pay a bill rendered to CLEC by AT&T-12STATE (except such portion of a bill that is subject to a good faith, bona fide dispute and as to which CLEC has complied with all requirements set forth in Section 11.3); or
 - 9.2.4 CLEC admits its inability to pay its debts as such debts become due, has commenced a voluntary case (or has had an involuntary case commenced against it) under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or any other law relating to insolvency, reorganization, winding-up, composition or adjustment of debts or the like, has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors or is subject to a receivership or similar proceeding.
- 9.3 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the assurance of payment will consist of
 - 9.3.1 a cash security deposit in U.S. dollars held by AT&T-12STATE ("Cash Deposit") or
 - 9.3.2 an unconditional, irrevocable standby bank letter of credit from a financial institution acceptable to AT&T-12STATE naming the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) designated by AT&T-12STATE as the beneficiary(ies) thereof and otherwise in form and substance satisfactory to AT&T-12STATE ("Letter of Credit").
 - 9.3.3 The Cash Deposit or Letter of Credit must be in an amount equal to three (3) months anticipated charges (including, but not limited to, recurring, non-recurring and usage sensitive charges,

termination charges and advance payments), as reasonably determined by AT&T-12STATE, for the Interconnection or any other functions, facilities, products or services to be furnished by AT&T-12STATE under this Agreement.

- 9.4 To the extent that AT&T-12STATE elects to require a Cash Deposit, the Parties intend that the provision of such Cash Deposit shall constitute the grant of a security interest in the Cash Deposit pursuant to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in any relevant jurisdiction.
- 9.5 A Cash Deposit will accrue interest, however, AT&T-12STATE will not pay interest on a Letter of Credit.
- 9.6 AT&T-12STATE may, but is not obligated to, draw on the Letter of Credit or the Cash Deposit, as applicable, upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:
 - 9.6.1 CLEC owes AT&T-12STATE undisputed charges under this Agreement that are more than thirty (30) calendar days past due; or
 - 9.6.2 CLEC admits its inability to pay its debts as such debts become due, has commenced a voluntary case (or has had an involuntary case commenced against it) under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or any other law relating to insolvency, reorganization, winding-up, composition or adjustment of debts or the like, has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors or is subject to a receivership or similar proceeding; or
 - 9.6.3 The expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 9.7 If AT&T-12STATE draws on the Letter of Credit or Cash Deposit, upon request by AT&T-12STATE, CLEC will provide a replacement or supplemental letter of credit or cash deposit conforming to the requirements of Section 9.3.
- 9.8 Notwithstanding anything else set forth in this Agreement, if AT&T-12STATE makes a request for assurance of payment in accordance with the terms of this Section, then AT&T-12STATE shall have no obligation thereafter to perform under this Agreement until such time as CLEC has furnished AT&T-12STATE with the assurance of payment requested; provided, however, that AT&T-12STATE will permit CLEC a minimum of ten (10) Business Days to respond to a request for assurance of payment before invoking this Section.
 - 9.8.1 If CLEC fails to furnish the requested adequate assurance of payment on or before the date set forth in the request, AT&T-12STATE may also invoke the provisions set forth in Section 11.5 through Section 11.7.
- 9.9 A cash deposit held by AT&T-12STATE shall be returned to CLEC at the expiration of twelve months from the date the CLEC receives its first bill under this Agreement after paying the cash deposit, so long as CLEC made satisfactory payment of all charges billed under this Agreement during that twelve month period. For purposes of the preceding sentence, "satisfactory payment" shall mean that payment was made after the date the bill is due no more than one time during the twelve month period and that no payment was made by a check that was subsequently dishonored. If the CLEC does not meet these refund criteria, the deposit may be retained for an additional six months, at the end of which another review will be made to determine whether CLEC has made satisfactory payment (as defined in the preceding sentence) of all charges within the twelve months immediately preceding that review.
- 9.10 The fact that a Cash Deposit or Letter of Credit is requested by AT&T-12STATE shall in no way relieve CLEC from timely compliance with all payment obligations under this Agreement (including, but not limited to, recurring, non-recurring and usage sensitive charges, termination charges and advance payments), nor does it constitute a waiver or modification of the terms of this Agreement pertaining to disconnection or re-entry for non-payment of any amounts required to be paid hereunder.

10. BILLING AND PAYMENT OF CHARGES

- 10.1 Unless otherwise stated, each Party will render monthly bill(s) to the other for Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services provided hereunder at the rates set forth in the applicable Appendix Pricing, as set forth in applicable tariffs or other documents specifically referenced herein and, as applicable, as agreed upon by the Parties or authorized by a Party.
 - 10.1.1 Remittance in full of all bills rendered by AT&T-10STATE is due within thirty (30) calendar days of each bill date (the "Bill Due Date"). Payment must be made in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 10.3 of this Agreement.
 - 10.1.2 Remittance in full of all bills rendered by CLEC is due within thirty (30) calendar days of each bill date (the "Bill Due Date").
 - 10.1.3 If CLEC fails to remit payment for any charges by the Bill Due Date, or if payment for any portion of the charges is received from CLEC after the Bill Due Date, or if payment for any portion of the charges is received in funds which are not immediately available to AT&T-12STATE as of the Bill Due Date (individually and collectively, "Past Due"), then a late payment charge will be assessed as provided below, as applicable.
 - 10.1.3.1 If any charge incurred under this Agreement that is billed out of any AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE billing system is Past Due, the unpaid amounts will accrue interest from the Bill Due Date at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month and (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law, compounded daily from the day following the Bill Due Date to and including the date that the payment is actually made and available.
- 10.2 If any charge incurred by AT&T-13STATE under this Agreement is Past Due, the unpaid amounts will accrue interest from the day following the Bill Due Date until paid. The interest rate applied will be the lesser of (i) the rate used to compute the Late Payment Charge contained in the applicable AT&T-13STATE intrastate access services tariff for that state and (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law, compounded daily from the Bill Due Date to and including the date that the payment is actually made and available.
- 10.3 CLEC shall make all payments to AT&T-12STATE via electronic funds credit transfers through the Automated Clearing House Association (ACH) network to the financial institution designated by AT&T-12STATE. Remittance information will be communicated together with the funds transfer via the ACH network. CLEC must use the CCD+ or the CTX transaction set. CLEC and AT&T-12STATE will abide by the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) Rules and Regulations. Each ACH credit transfer must be received by AT&T-12STATE no later than the Bill Due Date of each bill or Late Payment Charges will apply. AT&T-12STATE is not liable for any delays in receipt of funds or errors in entries caused by CLEC or Third Parties, including CLEC's financial institution. CLEC is responsible for its own banking fees.
 - 10.3.1 Processing of payments not made via electronic funds credit transfers through the ACH network may be delayed. CLEC is responsible for any Late Payment Charges resulting from CLEC's failure to use electronic funds credit transfers through the ACH network.
- 10.4 If any portion of an amount due to a Party (the "Billing Party") under this Agreement is subject to a bona fide dispute between the Parties, the Party billed (the "Non-Paying Party") must, prior to the Bill Due Date, give written notice to the Billing Party of the amounts it disputes ("Disputed Amounts") and include in such written notice the specific details and reasons for disputing each item listed in Section 12.4.1. The Disputing Party should utilize any existing and preferred form provided by the Billing Party to communicate disputes to the Billing Party. On or before the Bill Due Date, the Non-Paying Party must pay (i) all undisputed amounts to the Billing Party, and (ii) all Disputed Amounts [other than disputed

charges arising from Appendix Intercarrier Compensation] into an interest bearing escrow account with a Third Party escrow agent mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

10.5 Disputed Amounts in escrow will be subject to Late Payment Charges as set forth in Section 10.1.3.

10.6 Requirements to Establish Escrow Accounts.

10.6.1 To be acceptable, the Third Party escrow agent must meet all of the following criteria:

10.6.1.1 The financial institution proposed as the Third Party escrow agent must be located within the continental United States;

10.6.1.2 The financial institution proposed as the Third Party escrow agent may not be an Affiliate of either Party; and

10.6.1.3 The financial institution proposed as the Third Party escrow agent must be authorized to handle ACH (credit transactions) (electronic funds) transfers.

10.6.2 In addition to the foregoing requirements for the Third Party escrow agent, the disputing Party and the financial institution proposed as the Third Party escrow agent must agree in writing furnished to the Billing Party that the escrow account will meet all of the following criteria:

10.6.2.1 The escrow account must be an interest bearing account;

10.6.2.2 all charges associated with opening and maintaining the escrow account will be borne by the disputing Party;

10.6.2.3 that none of the funds deposited into the escrow account or the interest earned thereon may be used to pay the financial institution's charges for serving as the Third Party escrow agent;

10.6.2.4 all interest earned on deposits to the escrow account will be disbursed to the Parties in the same proportion as the principal; and

10.6.2.5 disbursements from the escrow account will be limited to those:

10.6.2.5.1 authorized in writing by both the disputing Party and the Billing Party (that is, signature(s) from representative(s) of the disputing Party only are not sufficient to properly authorize any disbursement); or

10.6.2.5.2 made in accordance with the final, non-appealable order of the arbitrator appointed pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.7; or

10.6.2.5.3 made in accordance with the final, non-appealable order of the court that had jurisdiction to enter the arbitrator's award pursuant to Section 12.7.

10.6.3 Disputed Amounts in escrow will be subject to Late Payment Charges as set forth in Section 10.1.3.

10.6.4 Issues related to Disputed Amounts shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures identified in the Dispute Resolution provisions set forth in Section 12.

10.7 If the Non-Paying Party disputes any charges and any portion of the dispute is resolved in favor of such Non-Paying Party, the Parties will cooperate to ensure that all of the following actions are completed:

10.7.1 the Billing Party will credit the invoice of the Non-Paying Party for that portion of the Disputed Amounts resolved in favor of the Non-Paying Party, together with any Late Payment Charges assessed with respect thereto no later than the second Bill Due Date after resolution of the dispute;

10.7.1.1 within ten (10) Business Days after resolution of the dispute, the portion of the escrowed Disputed Amounts resolved in favor of the Non-Paying Party will be released to the Non-Paying Party, together with any interest accrued thereon;

10.7.1.2 within ten (10) Business Days after resolution of the dispute, the portion of the escrowed Disputed Amounts resolved in favor of the Billing Party will be released to the Billing Party, together with any interest accrued thereon; and

10.7.1.3 no later than the third Bill Due Date after the resolution of the dispute, the Non-Paying Party will pay the Billing Party the difference between the amount of accrued interest the Billing Party received from the escrow disbursement and the amount of Late Payment Charges the Billing Party is entitled to receive pursuant to Section 10.1.3.

10.8 If the Non-Paying Party disputes any charges and the entire dispute is resolved in favor of the Billing Party, the Parties will cooperate to ensure that all of the actions required by Section 10.7.1.1 and Section 10.7.1.3 are completed within the times specified therein.

10.8.1 Failure by the Non-Paying Party to pay any charges determined to be owed to the Billing Party within the time specified in Section 10.7 shall be grounds for termination of the Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services provided under this Agreement.

10.9 If either Party requests one or more additional copies of a bill, the requesting Party will pay the Billing Party a reasonable fee for each additional copy, unless such copy was requested due to failure in delivery of the original bill or correction(s) to the original bill.

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10.11 When CLEC serves its end user via switch-based service, both Parties will settle tariffed ABT charges for calls accepted by each Party's end users. The originating Party will pay the Party that has the billable end user a Billing and Collection (B&C) fee per billed message as set forth in the pricing schedule.

11. NONPAYMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR DISCONNECTION

11.1 If a Party is furnished Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services under the terms of this Agreement in more than one (1) state, Sections 11.1 through 11.7, inclusive, shall be applied separately for each such state.

11.2 Failure to pay charges shall be grounds for disconnection of Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services furnished under this Agreement. If a Party fails to pay any charges billed to it under this Agreement, including but not limited to any Late Payment Charges or miscellaneous charges ("Unpaid Charges"), and any portion of such Unpaid Charges remain unpaid after the Bill Due Date, the Billing Party will notify the Non-Paying Party in writing that in order to avoid disruption or disconnection of the Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services furnished under this Agreement, the Non-Paying Party must remit all Unpaid Charges to the Billing Party within ten (10) Business Days following receipt of the Billing Party's notice of Unpaid Charges.

11.3 If the Non-Paying Party desires to dispute any portion of the Unpaid Charges, the Non-Paying Party must complete all of the following actions not later than ten (10) Business Days following receipt of the Billing Party's notice of Unpaid Charges:

11.3.1 notify the Billing Party in writing which portion(s) of the Unpaid Charges it disputes, including the total amount disputed ("Disputed Amounts") and the specific details listed in Section 12.4.1 of this Agreement, together with the reasons for its dispute; and

11.3.2 pay all undisputed Unpaid Charges to the Billing Party; and

11.3.3 pay all Disputed Amounts [other than disputed charges arising from Appendix Intercarrier Compensation] into an interest bearing escrow account that complies with the requirements set forth in Section 10.6; and

11.3.4 furnish written evidence to the Billing Party that the Non-Paying Party has established an interest bearing escrow account that complies with all of the terms set forth in Section 10.6 and

deposited a sum equal to the Disputed Amounts [other than disputed charges arising from Appendix Intercarrier Compensation] into that account. Until evidence that the full amount of the Disputed Charges [other than disputed charges arising from Appendix Intercarrier Compensation] has been deposited into an escrow account that complies with Section 10.6 is furnished to the Billing Party, such Unpaid Charges will not be deemed to be "disputed" under Section 12.

11.4 Issues related to Disputed Amounts shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures identified in the Dispute Resolution provision set forth in Section 12.

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11.5.1 If the Non-Paying Party fails to (a) pay any undisputed Unpaid Charges in response to the Billing Party's Section 11.2 notice, (b) deposit the disputed portion of any Unpaid Charges into an interest bearing escrow account that complies with all of the terms set forth in Section 10.6 within the time specified in Section 11.3, (c) timely furnish any assurance of payment requested in accordance with Section 9 or (d) make a payment in accordance with the terms of any mutually agreed payment arrangement, the Billing Party may, in addition to exercising any other rights or remedies it may have under Applicable Law, provide written demand to the Non-Paying Party for payment of any of the obligations set forth in (a) through (d) of this Section within ten (10) Business Days. On the day that the Billing Party provides such written demand to the Non-Paying Party, the Billing Party may also exercise any or all of the following options:

11.5.1.1 suspend acceptance of any application, request or order from the Non-Paying Party for new or additional Interconnection, functions, facilities, products or services under this Agreement; and/or

11.5.1.2 suspend completion of any pending application, request or order from the Non-Paying Party for new or additional Interconnection, functions, facilities, products or services under this Agreement.

11.5.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Billing Party's exercise of any of its options under Section 11.5.1, Section 11.5.1.1 and Section 11.5.1.2:

11.5.2.1 will not delay or relieve the Non-Paying Party's obligation to pay all charges on each and every invoice on or before the applicable Bill Due Date, and

11.5.2.2 will exclude any affected application, request, order or service from any otherwise applicable performance interval, Performance Benchmark or Performance Measure.

11.6 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE only

11.6.1 If the Non-Paying Party fails to pay the Billing Party on or before the date specified in the demand provided under Section 11.5.1 of this Agreement, the Billing Party may, in addition to exercising any other rights or remedies it may have under Applicable Law,

11.6.1.1 cancel any pending application, request or order from the Non-Paying Party for new or additional Interconnection, functions, facilities, products or services under this Agreement; and

11.6.1.2 discontinue providing any Interconnection, functions, facilities, products or services furnished under this Agreement.

11.6.1.2.1 The Billing Party has no liability to the Non-Paying Party or its End Users in the event of discontinuance of service.

11.6.1.2.2 Additional charges may become applicable under the terms of this Agreement following discontinuance of service.

11.7 Limitation on Back-billing and Credit Claims:

11.7.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, a Party shall be entitled to

11.7.1.1 Back-bill for or claim credit for any charges for services provided pursuant to this Agreement that are found to be unbilled, under-billed or over-billed, but only when such charges appeared or should have appeared on a bill dated within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date on which the Billing Party provided written notice to the Billed Party of the amount of the back-billing or the Billed Party provided written notice to the Billing Party of the claimed credit amount. The Parties agree that the twelve (12) month limitation on back-billing and credit claims set forth in the preceding sentence shall be applied prospectively only after the Effective Date of this Agreement, meaning that the twelve month period for any back-billing or credit claims may only include billing periods that fall entirely after the Effective Date of this Agreement and will not include any portion of any billing period that began prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement.

11.7.1.2 Back-billing and credit claims, as limited above, will apply to all Interconnection, facilities, functions, product and services purchased under this Agreement. Intercarrier Compensation is specifically excluded from this Section and is addressed separately in the Intercarrier Compensation Attachment.

12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

12.1 Finality of Disputes

12.1.1 Except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement, no claim may be brought for any dispute arising from this Agreement more than twenty-four (24) months from the date the occurrence which gives rise to the dispute is discovered or reasonably should have been discovered with the exercise of due care and attention.

12.1.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, a Party shall be entitled to dispute only those charges which appeared on a bill dated within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date on which the Billing Party received notice of such Disputed Amounts.

12.2 Alternative to Litigation

12.2.1 The Parties desire to resolve disputes arising out of this Agreement without litigation. Accordingly, the Parties agree to use the following Dispute Resolution procedures with respect to any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach.

12.3 Commencing Dispute Resolution

12.3.1 Dispute Resolution shall commence upon one Party's receipt of written notice of a controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach. No Party may pursue any claim unless such written notice has first been given to the other Party. There are three (3) separate Dispute Resolution methods:

12.3.1.1 Service Center (AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE) or Collocation Service Center (CSC);

12.3.1.2 Informal Dispute Resolution; and

12.3.1.3 Formal Dispute Resolution, each of which is described below.

12.4 LSC/Service Center/LEC-C or CSC Dispute Resolution - the following Dispute Resolution procedures will apply with respect to any billing dispute arising out of or relating to the Agreement. Written notice sent to AT&T-13STATE for Disputed Amounts must be made on the "13 Billing Claims Dispute Form".

12.4.1 If the written notice given pursuant to Section 12.3 discloses that a CLEC dispute relates to billing, then the procedures set forth in this Section 12.4 shall be used and the dispute shall first be referred to the appropriate AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE Service Center for resolution. In order to resolve a billing dispute, CLEC shall furnish AT&T-13STATE written notice of (i) the date of the bill in question, (ii) CBA/ESBA/ASBS or BAN number of the bill in question, (iii) telephone number, circuit ID number or trunk number in question, (iv) any USOC information relating to the item questioned, (v) amount billed and (vi) amount in question and (vii) the reason that CLEC disputes the billed amount. To be deemed a "dispute" under this Section 12.4, CLEC must provide evidence that it has either paid the disputed amount or established an interest bearing escrow account that complies with the requirements set forth in Section 10.6 of this Agreement and deposited all Unpaid Charges into that escrow account. Failure to provide the information and evidence required by this Section 12.4.1 not later than twenty-nine (29) calendar days following the Bill Due Date shall constitute CLEC's irrevocable and full waiver of its right to dispute the subject charges.

12.4.2 The Parties shall attempt to resolve Disputed Amounts appearing on AT&T-13STATE's current billing statements thirty (30) to sixty (60) calendar days from the Bill Due Date (provided the CLEC furnishes all requisite information and evidence under Section 12.4.1 by the Bill Due Date). If not resolved within thirty (30) calendar days, upon request, AT&T-13STATE will notify CLEC of the status of the dispute and the expected resolution date.

12.4.3 The Parties shall attempt to resolve Disputed Amounts appearing on statements prior to the current billing statement within thirty (30) to ninety (90) calendar days, but resolution may take longer depending on the complexity of the dispute. If not resolved within thirty (30) calendar days from the date notice of the Disputed Amounts was received (provided that CLEC furnishes all requisite information and evidence under Section 12.4.1), AT&T-13STATE will notify CLEC of the status of the dispute and the expected resolution date.

12.4.4 Any notice of Disputed Amounts given by AT&T-13STATE to CLEC pursuant to Section 12.3 shall furnish CLEC written notice of: (i) the date of the bill in question, (ii) the account number or other identification of the bill in question, (iii) any telephone number, circuit ID number or trunk number in question, (iv) any USOC (or other descriptive information) questioned, (v) the amount billed, (vi) the amount in question, and (vii) the reason that AT&T-13STATE disputes the billed amount. The Parties shall attempt to resolve Disputed Amounts appearing on current billing statement(s) thirty (30) to sixty (60) calendar days from the Bill Due Date (provided AT&T-13STATE, furnishes all requisite information by the Bill Due Date) and Disputed Amounts appearing on statements prior to the current billing statement within thirty (30) to ninety (90) calendar days, but resolution may take longer depending on the complexity of the dispute. If not resolved within thirty (30) calendar days, CLEC will notify AT&T-13STATE of the status of the dispute and the expected resolution date.

12.4.5 If the Non-Paying Party is not satisfied by the resolution of the billing dispute under this Section 12.4, the Non-Paying Party may notify the Billing Party in writing that it wishes to invoke the Informal Resolution of Disputes afforded pursuant to Section 12.5 of this Agreement.

12.5 Informal Resolution of Disputes

12.5.1 Upon receipt by one Party of notice of a dispute by the other Party pursuant to Section 12.3 or Section 12.4.5, 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 will 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 the correspondence among the representatives for purposes of settlement are exempt from discovery and production and will not be admissible in the arbitration described below or in any

lawsuit without the concurrence of both Parties. Documents identified in or provided with such communications that were 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.

12.6 Formal Dispute Resolution

12.6.1 If the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute through the informal procedure described in Section 12.5, then either Party may invoke the formal Dispute Resolution procedures described in this Section 12.6. Unless agreed among all Parties, formal Dispute Resolution procedures, including arbitration or other procedures as appropriate, may be invoked not earlier than sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of the letter initiating Dispute Resolution under Section 12.3.

12.6.2 Claims Subject to Mandatory Arbitration. The following claims, if not settled through informal Dispute Resolution, will be subject to mandatory arbitration pursuant to Section 12.7 below:

12.6.2.1 Each unresolved billing dispute involving one percent (1%) or less of the amounts charged to the Disputing Party under this Agreement in the state in which the dispute arises during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding receipt of the letter initiating Dispute Resolution under Section 12.3. If the disputing Party has not been billed for a minimum of twelve (12) months immediately preceding receipt of the letter initiating Dispute Resolution under Section 12.3, the Parties will annualize the actual number of months billed.

12.6.3 Claims Subject to Elective Arbitration. Claims will be subject to elective arbitration pursuant to Section 12.7 if, and only if, the claim is not settled through informal Dispute Resolution and both Parties agree to arbitration. If both Parties do not agree to arbitration, then either Party may proceed with any remedy available to it pursuant to law, equity or agency mechanism.

12.6.4 Claims Not Subject to Arbitration. If the following claims are not resolved through informal Dispute Resolution, they will not be subject to arbitration and must be resolved through any remedy available to a Party pursuant to law, equity or agency mechanism.

12.6.4.1 Actions seeking a temporary restraining order or an injunction related to the purposes of this Agreement.

12.6.4.2 Actions to compel compliance with the Dispute Resolution process.

12.6.4.3 All claims arising under federal or state statute(s), including antitrust claims.

12.7 Arbitration

12.7.1 Disputes subject to mandatory or elective arbitration under the provisions of this Agreement will be submitted to a single arbitrator pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association or pursuant to such other provider of arbitration services or rules as the Parties may agree. The arbitrator shall be knowledgeable of telecommunications issues. Each arbitration will be held in Chicago, Illinois (**AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**), as appropriate, unless the Parties agree otherwise. The arbitration hearing will be requested to commence within sixty (60) calendar days of the demand for arbitration. The arbitrator will control the scheduling so as to process the matter expeditiously. The Parties may submit written briefs upon a schedule determined by the arbitrator. The Parties will request that the arbitrator rule on the dispute by issuing a written opinion within thirty (30) calendar days after the close of hearings. The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Secs. 1-16, not state law, shall govern the arbitrability of all disputes. Notwithstanding any rule of the AAA Commercial Arbitration Rules to the contrary, the Parties agree that the arbitrator will have no authority to award punitive damages, exemplary damages, Consequential Damages, multiple damages, or any other damages not measured by the prevailing Party's actual damages, and may not, in any event, make any ruling, finding or award that does not conform to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The times specified in this Section may be extended or shortened upon mutual

agreement of the Parties or by the arbitrator upon a showing of good cause. Each Party will bear its own costs of these procedures, including attorneys' fees. The Parties will equally split the fees of the arbitration and the arbitrator. The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding and may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

13. AUDITS – APPLICABLE IN AT&T-12STATE ONLY

- 13.1 Subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 22 "Confidentiality" and except as may be otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, a Party (the "Auditing Party") may audit the other Party's (the "Audited Party") books, records, data and other documents, as provided herein, once annually, with the audit period commencing not earlier than the date on which services were first supplied under this Agreement ("service start date") for the purpose of evaluating (i) the accuracy of Audited Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided hereunder and (ii) verification of compliance with any provision of this Agreement that affects the accuracy of Auditing Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided to Audited Party hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Auditing Party may audit the Audited Party's books, records and documents more than once annually if the previous audit found (i) previously uncorrected net variances or errors in invoices in Audited Party's favor with an aggregate value of at least five percent (5%) of the amounts payable by Auditing Party for audited services provided during the period covered by the audit or (ii) non-compliance by Audited Party with any provision of this Agreement affecting Auditing Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided to Audited Party with an aggregate value of at least five percent (5%) of the amounts payable by Audited Party for audited services provided during the period covered by the audit.
 - 13.1.1 The scope of the audit shall be limited to the period which is the shorter of (i) the period subsequent to the last day of the period covered by the audit which was last performed (or if no audit has been performed, the service start date and (ii) the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date the Audited Party received notice of such requested audit, but in any event not prior to the service start date. Such audit shall begin no fewer than thirty (30) calendar days after Audited Party receives a written notice requesting an audit and shall be completed no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the start of such audit.
 - 13.1.2 Such audit shall be conducted either by the Auditing Party's employee(s) or an independent auditor acceptable to both Parties; provided, however, if the Audited Party requests that an independent auditor be engaged and the Auditing Party agrees, the Audited Party shall pay one-quarter (1/4) of the independent auditor's fees and expenses. If an independent auditor is to be engaged, the Parties shall select an auditor by the thirtieth day following Audited Party's receipt of a written audit notice. Auditing Party shall cause the independent auditor to execute a nondisclosure agreement in a form agreed upon by the Parties.
 - 13.1.3 Each audit shall be conducted on the premises of the Audited Party during normal business hours. Audited Party shall cooperate fully in any such audit and shall provide the auditor reasonable access to any and all appropriate Audited Party employees and any books, records and other documents reasonably necessary to assess (i) the accuracy of Audited Party's bills and (ii) Audited Party's compliance with the provisions of this Agreement that affect the accuracy of Auditing Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided to Audited Party hereunder. Audited Party may redact from the books, records and other documents provided to the auditor any Audited Party information that reveals the identity of End Users of Audited Party.
 - 13.1.4 Each Party shall maintain reports, records and data relevant to the billing of any services that are the subject matter of this Agreement for a period of not less than twenty-four (24) months after creation thereof, unless a longer period is required by Applicable Law.
 - 13.1.5 If any audit confirms any undercharge or overcharge, then Audited Party shall (i) promptly correct any billing error, including making refund of any overpayment by Auditing Party in the

form of a credit on the invoice for the first full billing cycle after the Parties have agreed upon the accuracy of the audit results and (ii) for any undercharge caused by the actions of the Audited Party, immediately compensate Auditing Party for such undercharge, and (iii) in each case, calculate and pay interest as provided in Section 10.1 (depending on the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) involved), for the number of calendar days from the date on which such undercharge or overcharge originated until the date on which such credit is issued or payment is made and available.

- 13.1.6 Except as may be otherwise provided in this Agreement, audits shall be performed at Auditing Party's expense, subject to reimbursement by Audited Party of one-quarter (1/4) of any independent auditor's fees and expenses in the event that an audit finds, and the Parties subsequently verify, a net adjustment in the charges paid or payable by Auditing Party hereunder by an amount that is, on an annualized basis, greater than five percent (5%) of the aggregate charges for the audited services during the period covered by the audit.
- 13.1.7 Any disputes concerning audit results shall be referred to the Parties' respective personnel responsible for informal resolution. If these individuals cannot resolve the dispute within thirty (30) calendar days of the referral, either Party may request in writing that an additional audit shall be conducted by an independent auditor acceptable to both Parties, subject to the requirements set out in Section 13.1. Any additional audit shall be at the requesting Party's expense.

14. DISCLAIMER OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- 14.1 EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, NO PARTY MAKES OR RECEIVES ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE INTERCONNECTION, FUNCTIONS, FACILITIES, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IT PROVIDES UNDER OR IS CONTEMPLATED TO PROVIDE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND EACH PARTY DISCLAIMS THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND/OR OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. ADDITIONALLY, NO PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO THE CORRECTNESS OF DATA OR INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY ANY OTHER PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT WHEN SUCH DATA OR INFORMATION IS ACCESSED AND USED BY A THIRD PARTY.

15. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Except for indemnity obligations expressly set forth herein or as otherwise expressly provided in specific appendices, each Party's liability to the other Party for any Loss relating to or arising out of such Party's performance under this Agreement, including any negligent act or omission (whether willful or inadvertent), whether in contract, tort or otherwise, including alleged breaches of this Agreement and causes of action alleged to arise from allegations that breach of this Agreement also constitute a violation of a statute, including the Act, shall not exceed in total the amount AT&T-13STATE or CLEC has charged or would have charged to the other Party for the affected Interconnection, or functions, facilities, products and service(s) that were not performed or provided or were improperly performed or provided.
- 15.2 Except as otherwise expressly provided in specific appendices, in the case of any Loss alleged or claimed by a Third Party to have arisen out of the negligence or willful misconduct of any Party, each Party shall bear, and its obligation shall be limited to, that portion (as mutually agreed to by the Parties or as otherwise established) of the resulting expense caused by its own negligence or willful misconduct or that of its agents, servants, contractors, or others acting in aid or concert with it.
- 15.3 A Party may, in its sole discretion, provide in its tariffs and contracts with its End Users or Third Parties that relate to any Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services provided or contemplated under this Agreement that, to the maximum extent permitted by Applicable Law, such Party shall not be liable to such End User or Third Party for (i) any Loss relating to or arising out of this Agreement,

whether in contract, tort or otherwise, that exceeds the amount such Party would have charged the End User or Third Party for the Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services that gave rise to such Loss and (ii) any Consequential Damages. If a Party elects not to place in its tariffs or contracts such limitation(s) of liability, and the other Party incurs a Loss as a result thereof, the first Party shall indemnify and reimburse the other Party for that portion of the Loss that would have been limited had the first Party included in its tariffs and contracts the limitation(s) of liability described in this Section.

- 15.4 Neither CLEC nor AT&T-13STATE shall be liable to the other Party for any Consequential Damages suffered by the other Party, regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, tort or otherwise, including negligence of any kind, whether active or passive (and including alleged breaches of this Agreement and causes of action alleged to arise from allegations that breach of this Agreement constitutes a violation of the Act or other statute), and regardless of whether the Parties knew or had been advised of the possibility that such damages could result in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted, or done hereunder or related hereto, including willful acts or omissions; provided that the foregoing shall not limit a Party's obligation under Section 16 to indemnify, defend, and hold the other Party harmless against any amounts payable to a Third Party, including any Losses, and Consequential Damages of such Third Party; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 15.4 shall impose indemnity obligations on a Party for any Loss or Consequential Damages suffered by that Party's End User in connection with any affected Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services. Except as provided in the prior sentence, each Party ("Indemnifying Party") hereby releases and holds harmless the other Party ("Indemnitee") (and Indemnitee's Affiliates, and its respective officers, directors, employees and agents) against any Loss or Claim made by the Indemnifying Party's End User.
- 15.5 AT&T-13STATE shall not be liable for damages to an End User's premises resulting from the furnishing of any Interconnection, functions, facilities, products or services, including, if applicable, the installation and removal of equipment and associated wiring, and Collocation Equipment unless the damage is caused by AT&T-13STATE's gross negligence or willful misconduct. AT&T-13STATE does not guarantee or make any warranty with respect to Interconnection, functions, facilities, products or services when used in an explosive atmosphere.
- 15.6 CLEC hereby releases AT&T-13STATE from any and all liability for damages due to errors or omissions in CLEC's End User listing information as provided by CLEC to AT&T-13STATE under this Agreement, including any errors or omissions occurring in CLEC's End User listing information as it appears in the White Pages directory, including, but not limited to, special, indirect, Consequential, punitive or incidental damages.
- 15.7 AT&T-13STATE shall not be liable to CLEC, its End User or any other Person for any Loss alleged to arise out of the provision of access to 911 service or any errors, interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of 911 service.
- 15.8 This Section 15 is not intended to exempt any Party from all liability under this Agreement, but only to set forth the scope of liability agreed to and the type of damages that are recoverable. Both Parties acknowledge that they negotiated regarding alternate limitation of liability provisions but that such provisions would have altered the cost, and thus the price, of providing the Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services available hereunder, and no different pricing reflecting different costs and different limits of liability was agreed to.

16. INDEMNITY

- 16.1 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein or in specific appendices, each Party shall be responsible only for the Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services which are provided by that Party, its authorized agents, subcontractors, or others retained by such Parties, and neither Party shall bear any responsibility for the Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services provided by the other Party, its agents, subcontractors, or others retained by such Parties.

- 16.2 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein or in specific appendices, and to the extent not prohibited by Applicable Law and not otherwise controlled by tariff, each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall release, defend and indemnify the other Party (the "Indemnified Party") and hold such Indemnified Party harmless against any Loss to a Third Party arising out of the negligence or willful misconduct ("Fault") of such Indemnifying Party, its agents, its End Users, contractors, or others retained by such Parties, in connection with the Indemnifying Party's provision of Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement; provided, however, that (i) with respect to employees or agents of the Indemnifying Party, such Fault occurs while performing within the scope of their employment, (ii) with respect to subcontractors of the Indemnifying Party, such Fault occurs in the course of performing duties of the subcontractor under its subcontract with the Indemnifying Party, and (iii) with respect to the Fault of employees or agents of such subcontractor, such Fault occurs while performing within the scope of their employment by the subcontractor with respect to such duties of the subcontractor under the subcontract.
- 16.3 In the case of any Loss alleged or claimed by a End User of either Party, the Party whose End User alleged or claimed such Loss (the "Indemnifying Party") shall defend and indemnify the other Party (the "Indemnified Party") against any and all such Claims or Losses by its End User regardless of whether the underlying Interconnection, function, facility, product or service giving rise to such Claim or Loss was provided or provisioned by the Indemnified Party, unless the Claim or Loss was caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnified Party.
- 16.4 A Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other Party ("Indemnified Party") against any Claim or Loss arising from the Indemnifying Party's use of Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services provided under this Agreement involving:
 - 16.4.1 Any Claim or Loss arising from such Indemnifying Party's use of Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services offered under this Agreement, involving any Claim for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of Intellectual Property rights arising from the Indemnifying Party's or its End User's use.
 - 16.4.1.1 The foregoing includes any Claims or Losses arising from disclosure of any End User-specific information associated with either the originating or terminating numbers used to provision Interconnection, functions, facilities, products or services provided hereunder and all other Claims arising out of any act or omission of the End User in the course of using any Interconnection, , functions, facilities, products or services provided pursuant to this Agreement.
 - 16.4.1.2 The foregoing includes any Losses arising from Claims for actual or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property right of a Third Party to the extent that such Loss arises from an Indemnifying Party's or an Indemnifying Party's End User's use of Interconnection, functions, facilities, products or services provided under this Agreement; provided, however, that an Indemnifying Party's obligation to defend and indemnify the Indemnified Party shall not apply:
 - 16.4.1.2.1 where an Indemnified Party or its End User modifies Interconnection, functions, facilities, products or services; provided under this Agreement; and
 - 16.4.1.2.2 no infringement would have occurred without such modification.
 - 16.4.2 Any and all penalties imposed on either Party because of the Indemnifying Party's failure to comply with the Communications Assistance to Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (CALEA); provided that the Indemnifying Party shall also, at its sole cost and expense, pay any amounts necessary to modify or replace any equipment, facilities or services provided to the Indemnified Party under this Agreement to ensure that such equipment, facilities and services fully comply with CALEA.

16.5 CLEC acknowledges that its right under this Agreement to Interconnect with AT&T-13STATE's network may be subject to or limited by Intellectual Property rights (including without limitation, patent, copyright, trade secret, trade mark, service mark, trade name and trade dress rights) and contract rights of Third Parties.

16.5.1 The Parties acknowledge that on April 27, 2000, the FCC released its Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docket No. 96-98 (File No. CCBPol. 97-4), In the Matter of Petition of MCI for Declaratory *Ruling*. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that by executing this Agreement, neither Party waives any of its rights, remedies, or arguments with respect to such decision and any remand thereof, including its right to seek legal review or a stay pending appeal of such decision.

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16.5.2 AT&T-13STATE hereby conveys no licenses to use such Intellectual Property rights and makes no warranties, express or implied, concerning CLEC's (or any Third Parties') rights with respect to such Intellectual Property rights and contract rights, including whether such rights will be violated by such Interconnection in AT&T-13STATE's network or CLEC's use of other functions, facilities, products or services furnished under this Agreement.

16.5.3 AT&T-13STATE does not and shall not indemnify, defend or hold CLEC harmless, nor be responsible for indemnifying or defending, or holding CLEC harmless, for any Claims or Losses for actual or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property right or interference with or violation of any contract right that arises out of, is caused by, or relates to CLEC's Interconnection with AT&T-13STATE's network or CLEC's use of other functions, facilities, products or services furnished under this Agreement.

16.6 Reimbursement for Damages

16.6.1 Subject to Section 15 Limitation of Liability, CLEC shall reimburse AT&T-13STATE for damages to AT&T-13STATE's facilities utilized to Interconnect hereunder caused by the negligence or willful act of CLEC, its agents or subcontractors or CLEC's End User or resulting from CLEC's improper use of AT&T-13STATE's facilities, or due to malfunction of any facilities, functions, products, services or equipment provided by CLEC, its agents, vendors, or subcontractors. Upon reimbursement for damages, AT&T-13STATE will cooperate with CLEC in prosecuting a claim against the person causing such damage. CLEC shall be subrogated to the right of recovery by AT&T-13STATE for the damages to the extent of such payment.

16.6.2 Subject to Section 15 Limitation of Liability, AT&T-13STATE shall reimburse CLEC for damages to CLEC's facilities utilized to Interconnect hereunder caused by the negligence or willful act of AT&T-13STATE, its agents or subcontractors or AT&T-13STATE's End User or resulting from AT&T-13STATE's improper use of CLEC's facilities, or due to malfunction of any facilities, functions, products, services or equipment provided by AT&T-13STATE, its agents, vendors, or subcontractors. Upon reimbursement for damages, CLEC will cooperate with AT&T-13STATE in prosecuting a claim against the person causing such damage. AT&T-13STATE shall be subrogated to the right of recovery by CLEC for the damages to the extent of such payment.

16.7 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, each Party agrees that should it cause any non-standard digital subscriber line ("xDSL") technologies (as that term is defined in the applicable

Appendix DSL and/or the applicable commission-ordered tariff, as appropriate) to be deployed or used in connection with or on AT&T-13STATE facilities, that Party ("Indemnifying Party") will pay all costs associated with any damage, service interruption or other Telecommunications Service degradation, or damage to the other Party's ("Indemnitee's") facilities.

16.8 Indemnification Procedures

- 16.8.1 Whenever a claim shall arise for indemnification under this Section 16, the relevant Indemnified Party, as appropriate, shall promptly notify the Indemnifying Party and request in writing the Indemnifying Party to defend the same. Failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of any liability that the Indemnifying Party might have, except to the extent that such failure prejudices the Indemnifying Party's ability to defend such claim.
- 16.8.2 The Indemnifying Party shall have the right to defend against such liability or assertion, in which event the Indemnifying Party shall give written notice to the Indemnified Party of acceptance of the defense of such claim and the identity of counsel selected by the Indemnifying Party.
- 16.8.3 Until such time as Indemnifying Party provides written notice of acceptance of the defense of such claim, the Indemnified Party shall defend such claim, at the expense of the Indemnifying Party, subject to any right of the Indemnifying Party to seek reimbursement for the costs of such defense in the event that it is determined that Indemnifying Party had no obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Party for such claim.
- 16.8.4 Upon accepting the defense, the Indemnifying Party shall have exclusive right to control and conduct the defense and settlement of any such claims, subject to consultation with the Indemnified Party. So long as the Indemnifying Party is controlling and conducting the defense, the Indemnifying Party shall not be liable for any settlement by the Indemnified Party unless such Indemnifying Party has approved such settlement in advance and agrees to be bound by the agreement incorporating such settlement.
- 16.8.5 At any time, an Indemnified Party shall have the right to refuse a compromise or settlement, and, at such refusing Party's cost, to take over such defense; provided that, in such event the Indemnifying Party shall not be responsible for, nor shall it be obligated to indemnify the refusing Party against, any cost or liability in excess of such refused compromise or settlement.
- 16.8.6 With respect to any defense accepted by the Indemnifying Party, the Indemnified Party will be entitled to participate with the Indemnifying Party in such defense if the claim requests equitable relief or other relief that could affect the rights of the Indemnified Party, and shall also be entitled to employ separate counsel for such defense at such Indemnified Party's expense.
- 16.8.7 If the Indemnifying Party does not accept the defense of any indemnified claim as provided above, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ counsel for such defense at the expense of the Indemnifying Party.
- 16.8.8 In the event of a failure to assume the defense, the Indemnified Party may negotiate a settlement, which shall be presented to the Indemnifying Party. If the Indemnifying Party refuses to agree to the presented settlement, the Indemnifying Party may take over the defense. If the Indemnifying Party refuses to agree to the presented settlement and refuses to take over the defense, the Indemnifying Party shall be liable for any reasonable cash settlement not involving any admission of liability by the Indemnifying Party, though such settlement may have been made by the Indemnified Party without approval of the Indemnifying Party, it being the Parties' intent that no settlement involving a non-monetary

concession by the Indemnifying Party, including an admission of liability by such Party, shall take effect without the written approval of the Indemnifying Party.

16.8.9 Each Party agrees to cooperate and to cause its employees and agents to cooperate with the other Party in the defense of any such claim and the relevant records of each Party shall be available to the other Party with respect to any such defense, subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth in Section 22.

17. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

17.1 Attachment Performance Measures provides monetary payments for failure to meet specified performance standards. The provisions of that Attachment constitute the sole obligation of AT&T-13STATE to pay damages or financial penalties for failure to meet specified performance standards identified in such Attachment and all other Attachments to this Agreement.

18. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

18.1 Any Intellectual Property originating from or developed by a Party shall remain in the exclusive ownership of that Party.

19. NOTICES

19.1 Subject to Section 19.2, notices given by one Party to the other Party 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

19.1.1 delivered personally;

19.1.2 delivered by express overnight delivery service;

19.1.3 mailed, via certified mail or first class U.S. Postal Service, with postage prepaid, and a return receipt requested; or

19.1.4 delivered by facsimile; provided that a paper copy is also sent by a method described in sections 19.1.1, 19.1.2, or 19.1.3.

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

19.1.5.1 the date of actual receipt,

19.1.5.2 the next Business Day when sent via express overnight delivery service,

19.1.5.3 five (5) calendar days after mailing in the case of first class or certified U.S. Postal Service, or

19.1.5.4 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.

19.1.6 Notices will be addressed to the Parties as follows:

NOTICE CONTACT	CLEC CONTACT	<u>AT&T-13STATE</u> CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Dennis Depinet General Manager	Contract Management ATTN: Notices Manager
STREET ADDRESS	5990 West Tiffin Street PO Box 316	311 S. Akard, 9 th Floor Four AT&T Plaza
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Bascom, OH 44809	Dallas, TX 75202-5398
FACSIMILE NUMBER		(214) 464-2006

19.1.7 Either Party may unilaterally change its designated contact, address, telephone number and/or facsimile number for the receipt of notices by giving written notice to the other Party in compliance with this Section. Any notice to change the designated contact, address, telephone and/or facsimile number for the receipt of notices shall be deemed effective ten (10) calendar days following receipt by the other Party.

19.2 **AT&T-13STATE** communicates official information to CLECs via its Accessible Letter notification process. This process covers a variety of subjects, including updates on products/services promotions; deployment of new products/services; modifications and price changes to existing products/services; cancellation or retirement of existing products/services; and operational issues. Changes to this process will be developed through the CLEC User Forum process and will be implemented only with the concurrence of the CLEC User Forum Global Issues group.

19.3 In the **AT&T-13STATE**'s Accessible Letter notification will be via electronic mail ("e-mail") distribution. Accessible Letter notification via e-mail will be deemed given as of the date set forth on the e-mail message.

19.4 In **AT&T-13STATE** CLEC may designate up to a maximum of ten (10) recipients for Accessible Letter notification via e-mail.

20. PUBLICITY AND USE OF TRADEMARKS OR SERVICE MARKS

20.1 Neither Party nor its subcontractors or agents shall use in any advertising or sales promotion, press releases, or other publicity matters any endorsements, direct or indirect quotes, or pictures that imply endorsement by the other Party or any of its employees without such first Party's prior written approval. The Parties will submit to each other for written 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; the Party to whom a request is directed shall respond promptly. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed as preventing either Party from publicly stating the fact that it has executed this Agreement with the other Party.

20.2 Nothing in this Agreement shall grant, suggest, or imply any authority for one Party to use the name, trademarks, service marks, logos, proprietary trade dress or trade names of the other Party in any advertising, press releases, publicity matters, marketing and/or promotional materials or for any other commercial purpose without prior written approval from such other Party.

21. NO LICENSE

21.1 Except at otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no license under patents, copyrights or any other Intellectual Property right (other than the limited license to use consistent with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Agreement) is granted by either Party or shall be implied or arise by estoppel with respect to any transactions contemplated under this Agreement.

22. CONFIDENTIALITY

22.1 Each Party anticipates and recognizes that it will come into possession of technical or business information or data about the other Party and/or its customers (including without limitation its end user customers) as a result of this Agreement which will be considered confidential by such other Party. The Parties agree (1) to treat all such information and data as strictly confidential; and (2) to use such information only for purposes of performance under this Agreement. Each Party agrees not to disclose confidential information and/or data of or pertaining to the other Party or its customers (including without limitation its end user customers) to any third party without first securing the written consent of such Party. The foregoing shall not apply to information which is in the public domain. Nothing in this Agreement prevents either Party from disclosing operations results or other data that might reflect the results of this Agreement as a part of that Party's aggregate operating data as long as the disclosed

data is at a level of aggregation sufficient to avoid disclosing with specificity information obtained in the operation of this Agreement.

- 22.2 If a court or governmental agency orders or a third-party requests a Party to disclose or to provide any data or information covered by this section, that Party will immediately inform the other Party of the order or request before such data or information is provided and will inform the other Party both by telephone and certified mail. Notification and consent requirements described above are not applicable in cases where a court order requires the production of billing and/or usage records of or pertaining to an individual customer (including without limitation an end user customer).
- 22.3 This section will not preclude the disclosure by a Party of information or data subject to this Section to consultants, agents, or attorneys representing that Party, or the Office of the Public Counsel for a State, or appropriate State Commissions or staffs, or FCC Staff, provided that such representatives are informed of the confidential nature of the information and/or date prior to disclosure and are bound by confidentiality requirements that are at least as restrictive as applicable to the Parties to this Agreement.
- 22.4 The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration and/or termination of this Agreement, unless agreed to in writing by the Parties.

23. INTERVENING LAW

- 23.1 This Agreement is the result of negotiations between the Parties and may incorporate certain provisions that resulted from arbitration by the appropriate state Commission(s). In entering into this Agreement and any Amendments to such Agreement 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), which the Parties have not yet fully incorporated into this Agreement or which may be the subject of further review. 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/or otherwise affects the rights or obligations of either Party that are addressed by this Agreement, 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 reach agreement on appropriate conforming modifications to the Agreement. If the Parties are unable to agree upon the conforming modifications within sixty (60) days from the Written Notice, any disputes between the Parties concerning such actions shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution process provided for in this Agreement.

24. GOVERNING LAW

- 24.1 Unless otherwise provided by Applicable Law, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Act, the FCC Rules and Regulations interpreting the Act and other applicable federal law. To the extent that federal law would apply state law in interpreting this Agreement, the domestic laws of the state in which the Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services at issue are furnished or sought shall apply, without regard to that state's conflict of laws principles. The Parties submit to personal jurisdiction in Columbus, Ohio and waive any and all objection to any such venue.

25. REGULATORY APPROVAL

- 25.1 The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement and any amendment or modification hereto will be filed with the Commission for approval in accordance with Section 252 of the Act and may thereafter be filed with the FCC. The Parties believe in good faith and agree that the services to be provided

under this Agreement are in the public interest. Each Party covenants and agrees to fully support approval of this Agreement by the Commission or the FCC under Section 252 of the Act without modification.

26. CHANGES IN END USER LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE PROVIDER SELECTION

26.1 Applies to AT&T-13STATE only

- 26.1.1 Each Party will abide by applicable federal and state laws and regulations in obtaining End User authorization prior to changing an End User's Local Exchange Carrier to itself and in assuming responsibility for any applicable charges as specified in the FCC's rules regarding Subscriber Carrier Selection Changes (47 CFR 64.1100 through 64.1170) and any applicable state regulation. Each Party shall deliver to the other Party a representation of authorization that applies to all orders submitted by a Party under this Agreement requiring a LEC change. A Party's representation of authorization shall be delivered to the other Party prior to the first order submitted to the other Party. Each Party shall retain on file all applicable letters and other documentation of authorization relating to its End User's selection of such Party as its LEC, which documentation shall be available for inspection by the other Party at its request during normal business hours and at no charge.
- 26.1.2 Only an End User can initiate a challenge to a change in its LEC. If an End User notifies one Party that the End User requests local exchange service, and the other Party is such End User's LEC, then the Party receiving such request shall be free to immediately access such End User's CPNI subject to the requirements of the applicable Appendix OSS restricting access to CPNI in order to immediately provide service to such End User.
- 26.1.3 When an End User changes or withdraws authorization from its LEC, each Party shall release End User-specific facilities belonging to the ILEC in accordance with the End User's direction or that of the End User's authorized agent.
- 26.1.4 Neither Party shall be obligated by this Agreement to investigate any allegations of unauthorized changes in local exchange service (slamming) at the request of the other Party; provided, however, that each Party shall cooperate with any investigation of a complaint alleging an unauthorized change in local exchange service at the request of the FCC or the applicable state Commission.

27. COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATION

- 27.1 Each Party shall comply at its own expense with all Applicable Laws that relate to that Party's obligations to the other Party under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring or permitting either Party to contravene any mandatory requirement of Applicable Law.
- 27.2 Each Party warrants that it has obtained all necessary state certification required in each state covered by this Agreement prior to ordering any Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services from the other Party pursuant to this Agreement. Upon request, each Party shall provide proof of certification.
- 27.3 Each Party shall be responsible for obtaining and keeping in effect all approvals from, and rights granted by, Governmental Authorities, building and property owners, other carriers, and any other Third Parties that may be required in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 27.4 Each Party represents and warrants that any equipment, facilities or services provided to the other Party under this Agreement comply with the CALEA.

28. LAW ENFORCEMENT

28.1 AT&T-12STATE and CLEC shall reasonably cooperate with the other Party in handling law enforcement requests as follows:

28.1.1 Intercept Devices:

28.1.1.1 Local and federal law enforcement agencies periodically request information or assistance from local telephone service providers. When either Party receives a request associated with an End User of the other Party, it shall refer such request to the Party that serves such End User, 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.

28.1.2 Subpoenas:

28.1.2.1 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 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 receiving Party was the End User's service provider, in which case that Party will respond to any valid request.

28.1.3 Emergencies:

28.1.3.1 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 by the receiving Party's switch for an End User of the other Party, that Receiving Party will comply with a valid emergency request. However, neither Party shall be held liable for any claims or Losses 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 or Losses.

29. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES/INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

29.1 Each Party is an independent contractor, and has and hereby retains the right to exercise full control of and supervision over its own performance of its obligations under this Agreement and retains full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of its employees assisting in the performance of such obligations. Each Party and each Party's contractor(s) shall be solely responsible for all matters relating to payment of such employees, including the withholding or payment of all applicable federal, state and local income taxes, social security taxes and other payroll taxes with respect to its employees, as well as any taxes, contributions or other obligations imposed by applicable state unemployment or workers' compensation acts and all other regulations governing such matters. Each Party has sole authority and responsibility to hire, fire and otherwise control its employees.

29.2 Nothing contained herein shall constitute the Parties as joint venturers, partners, employees or agents of one another, and neither Party shall have the right or power to bind or obligate the other. Nothing herein will be construed as making either Party responsible or liable for the obligations and undertakings of the other Party. Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a Party as a legal representative or agent of the other Party, nor shall a Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against or in the name or on behalf of the other Party unless otherwise expressly permitted by such other Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no Party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party, whether regulatory or contractual, or to assume any responsibility for the management of the other Party's business.

30. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES; DISCLAIMER OF AGENCY

30.1 This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their permitted assigns, and nothing herein expressed or implied shall create or be construed to create any Third Party beneficiary rights hereunder. This Agreement shall not provide any Person not a party hereto with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action, or other right in excess of those existing without reference hereto.

31. SUBCONTRACTING

31.1 If either Party retains or engages any subcontractor to perform any of that Party's obligations under this Agreement, each Party will remain fully responsible for the performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, including any obligations either Party performs through subcontractors.

31.2 Each Party will be solely responsible for payments due that Party's subcontractors.

31.3 No subcontractor will be deemed a Third Party beneficiary for any purposes under this Agreement.

31.4 No contract, subcontract or other agreement entered into by either Party with any Third Party in connection with the provision of Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services hereunder will provide for any indemnity, guarantee or assumption of liability by the other Party to this Agreement with respect to such arrangement, except as consented to in writing by the other Party.

31.5 Any subcontractor that gains access to Customer Proprietary Network Information ("CPNI") or Proprietary Information covered by this Agreement shall be required by the subcontracting Party to protect such CPNI or Proprietary Information to the same extent the subcontracting Party is required to protect such CPNI or Proprietary Information under the terms of this Agreement.

32. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION

32.1 Each Party shall be solely responsible at its own expense for the proper handling, use, removal, excavation, storage, treatment, transport, disposal, or any other management by such Party or any person acting on its behalf of all Hazardous Substances and Environmental Hazards introduced to the affected work location and will perform such activities in accordance with Applicable Law.

32.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement and to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, AT&T-13STATE shall, at CLEC's request, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CLEC, each of its officers, directors and employees from and against any losses, damages, costs, fines, penalties and expenses (including reasonable attorneys and consultant's fees) of every kind and nature to the extent they are incurred by any of those parties in connection with a claim, demand, suit, or proceeding for damages, penalties, contribution, injunction, or any other kind of relief that is based upon, arises out of, is caused by, or results from: (i) the removal or disposal from the work location of a Hazardous Substance by AT&T-13STATE or any person acting on behalf of AT&T-13STATE, or the subsequent storage, processing, or other handling of such Hazardous Substances after they have been removed from the work location, (ii) the Release of a Hazardous Substance, regardless of its source, by AT&T-13STATE or any person acting on behalf of AT&T-13STATE, or (iii) the presence at the work location of an Environmental Hazard for which AT&T-13STATE is responsible under Applicable Law or a Hazardous Substance introduced into the work location by AT&T-13STATE or any person acting on behalf of AT&T-13STATE.

32.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement and to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, CLEC shall, at AT&T-13STATE's request, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless AT&T-13STATE, each of its officers, directors and employees from and against any losses, damages, costs, fines, penalties and expenses (including reasonable attorney's and consultant's fees) of every kind and nature to the extent they are incurred by any of those parties in connection with a claim, demand, suit, or proceeding for damages, penalties, contribution, injunction, or any other kind of relief that is based upon, arises out of, is caused by, or results from: (i) the removal or disposal of a

Hazardous Substance from the work location by CLEC or any person acting on behalf of CLEC, or the subsequent storage, processing, or other handling of such Hazardous Substances after they have been removed from the work location, (ii) the Release of a Hazardous Substance, regardless of its source, by CLEC or any person acting on behalf of CLEC, or (iii) the presence at the work location of an Environmental Hazard for which CLEC is responsible under Applicable Law or a Hazardous Substance introduced into the work location by CLEC or any person acting on behalf of CLEC.

- 32.4 For the purposes of this agreement, "Hazardous Substances" means (i) any material or substance that is defined or classified as a hazardous substance, hazardous waste, hazardous material, hazardous chemical, pollutant, or contaminant under any federal, state, or local environmental statute, rule, regulation, ordinance or other Applicable Law dealing with the protection of human health or the environment, (ii) petroleum, oil, gasoline, natural gas, fuel oil, motor oil, waste oil, diesel fuel, jet fuel, and other petroleum hydrocarbons, or (iii) asbestos and asbestos containing material in any form, and (iv) any soil, groundwater, air, or other media contaminated with any of the materials or substances described above.
- 32.5 For the purposes of this agreement, "Environmental Hazard" means (i) the presence of petroleum vapors or other gases in hazardous concentrations in a manhole or other confined space, or conditions reasonably likely to give rise to such concentrations, (ii) asbestos containing materials, or (iii) any potential hazard that would not be obvious to an individual entering the work location or detectable using work practices standard in the industry.
- 32.6 For the purposes of this agreement, "Release" means any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, disposal, or other movement into (i) the work location, or (ii) other environmental media, including but not limited to, the air, ground or surface water, or soil.

33. FORCE MAJEURE

- 33.1 No Party shall be responsible for delays or failures in performance of any part of this Agreement (other than an obligation to make money payments) resulting from acts or occurrences beyond the reasonable control of such Party, including acts of nature, acts of civil or military authority, any law, order, regulation, ordinance of any Governmental Authority, embargoes, epidemics, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, hurricanes, floods, work stoppages, equipment failures, cable cuts, power blackouts, volcanic action, other major environmental disturbances, unusually severe weather conditions, inability to secure products or services of other persons or transportation facilities or acts or omissions of transportation carriers (individually or collectively, a "Force Majeure Event") or any Delaying Event caused by the other Party or any other circumstances beyond the Party's reasonable control. If a Force Majeure Event shall occur, the Party affected shall give prompt notice to the other Party of such Force Majeure Event specifying the nature, date of inception and expected duration of such Force Majeure Event, whereupon such obligation or performance shall be suspended to the extent such Party is affected by such Force Majeure Event during the continuance thereof or be excused from such performance depending on the nature, severity and duration of such Force Majeure Event (and the other Party shall likewise be excused from performance of its obligations to the extent such Party's obligations relate to the performance so interfered with). The affected Party shall use its reasonable efforts to avoid or remove the cause of nonperformance and the Parties shall give like notice and proceed to perform with dispatch once the causes are removed or cease.

34. TAXES

- 34.1 Each Party purchasing Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement shall pay or otherwise be responsible for all federal, state, or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts, municipal fees, transfer, transaction or similar taxes, fees, or surcharges (hereinafter "Tax") imposed on, or with respect to, the Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services under

this Agreement provided by or to such Party, except for (a) any Tax on either party's corporate existence, status, or income or (b) any corporate franchise Taxes. Whenever possible, Taxes shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice.

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- 34.3 With respect to any purchase of Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement if any Tax is required or permitted by Applicable Law to be collected from the purchasing Party by the providing Party, then: (i) the providing Party shall bill the purchasing Party for such Tax; (ii) the purchasing Party shall remit such Tax to the providing Party; and (iii) the providing Party shall remit such collected Tax to the applicable taxing authority. Failure to include Taxes on an invoice or to state a Tax separately shall not impair the obligation of the purchasing Party to pay any Tax. Nothing shall prevent the providing Party from paying any Tax to the appropriate taxing authority prior to the time: (i) it bills the purchasing Party for such Tax, or (ii) it collects the Tax from the purchasing Party. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the purchasing Party shall be liable for and the providing Party may collect Taxes which were assessed by or paid to an appropriate taxing authority within the statute of limitations period but not included on an invoice within four (4) years after the Tax otherwise was owed or due.
- 34.4 With respect to any purchase hereunder of Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement that are resold to a third party, if any Tax is imposed by Applicable Law on the End User in connection with any such purchase, then: (i) the purchasing Party shall be required to impose and/or collect such Tax from the End User; and (ii) the purchasing Party shall remit such Tax to the applicable taxing authority. The purchasing Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the providing Party for any costs incurred by the providing Party as a result of actions taken by the applicable taxing authority to collect the Tax from the providing Party due to the failure of the purchasing Party to pay or collect and remit such tax to such authority.
- 34.5 If the providing Party fails to bill or to collect any Tax as required herein, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party: (i) the purchasing Party shall remain liable for such uncollected Tax; and (ii) the providing Party shall be liable for any penalty and interest assessed with respect to such uncollected Tax by such authority. However, if the purchasing Party fails to pay any Taxes properly billed, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, the purchasing Party will be solely responsible for payment of the Taxes, penalty and interest.
- 34.6 If the purchasing Party fails to impose and/or collect any Tax from End Users as required herein, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, the purchasing Party shall remain liable for such uncollected Tax and any interest and penalty assessed thereon with respect to the uncollected Tax by the applicable taxing authority. With respect to any Tax that the purchasing Party has agreed to pay or impose on and/or collect from End Users, the purchasing Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the providing Party for any costs incurred by the providing Party as a result of actions taken by the applicable taxing authority to collect the Tax from the providing Party due to the failure of the purchasing Party to pay or collect and remit such Tax to such authority.
- 34.7 If either Party is audited by a taxing authority or other Governmental Authority, the other Party agrees to reasonably cooperate with the Party being audited in order to respond to any audit inquiries in a proper and timely manner so that the audit and/or any resulting controversy may be resolved expeditiously.
- 34.8 If Applicable Law excludes or exempts a purchase of Interconnection, functions, facilities, products and services under this Agreement from a Tax, but does not also provide an exemption procedure, then the providing Party will not collect such Tax if the purchasing Party (a) furnishes the providing Party with a letter signed by an officer of the purchasing Party claiming an exemption and identifying the Applicable Law that both allows such exemption and does not require an exemption certificate; and (b) supplies the providing Party with an indemnification agreement, reasonably acceptable to the providing Party,

which holds the providing Party harmless from any tax, interest, penalties, loss, cost or expense with respect to forbearing to collect such Tax.

- 34.9 With respect to any Tax or Tax controversy covered by this Section 34, the purchasing Party is entitled to contest with the imposing jurisdiction, pursuant to Applicable Law and at its own expense, any Tax that it is ultimately obligated to pay or collect. The purchasing Party will ensure that no lien is attached to any asset of the providing Party as a result of any contest. The purchasing Party shall be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery of amounts that it had previously paid resulting from such a contest. Amounts previously paid by the providing Party shall be refunded to the providing Party. The providing Party will cooperate in any such contest.
- 34.10 All notices, affidavits, exemption certificates or other communications required or permitted to be given by either Party to the other under this Section 34 shall be sent in accordance with Section 19 hereof.

35. NON-WAIVER

- 35.1 Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, no waiver of any provision of this Agreement and no consent to any default under this Agreement shall be effective unless the same is in writing and properly executed by or on behalf of the Party against whom such waiver or consent is claimed. Waiver by either Party of any default by the other Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other default. Failure of either Party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege hereunder shall not be construed as a continuing or future waiver of such term, condition, right or privilege. No course of dealing or failure of any Party to strictly enforce any term, right, or condition of this Agreement in any instance shall be construed as a general waiver or relinquishment of such term, right or condition.

36. NETWORK MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT

- 36.1 The Parties will work cooperatively to implement this Agreement. The Parties will exchange appropriate information (for example, maintenance contact numbers, network information, information required to comply with law enforcement and other security agencies of the Government, escalation processes, etc.) to achieve this desired result.
- 36.2 Each Party will administer its network to ensure acceptable service levels to all users of its network services. Service levels are generally considered acceptable only when End Users are able to establish connections with little or no delay encountered in the network. Each Party will provide a 24-hour contact number for Network Traffic Management issues to the other's surveillance management center.
- 36.3 Each Party maintains the right to implement protective network traffic management controls, such as "cancel to", "call gapping" or 7-digit and 10-digit code gaps, to selectively cancel the completion of traffic over its network, including traffic destined for the other Party's network, when required to protect the public-switched network from congestion as a result of occurrences such as facility failures, switch congestion or failure or focused overload. Each Party shall immediately notify the other Party of any protective control action planned or executed.
- 36.4 Where the capability exists, originating or terminating traffic reroutes may be implemented by either Party to temporarily relieve network congestion due to facility failures or abnormal calling patterns. Reroutes shall not be used to circumvent normal trunk servicing. Expansive controls shall be used only when mutually agreed to by the Parties.
- 36.5 The Parties shall cooperate and share pre-planning information regarding cross-network call-ins expected to generate large or focused temporary increases in call volumes to prevent or mitigate the impact of these events on the public-switched network, including any disruption or loss of service to the other Party's End Users. Facsimile (FAX) numbers must be exchanged by the Parties to facilitate event notifications for planned mass calling events.

36.6 Neither Party shall use any Interconnection, function, facility, product or service provided under this Agreement or any other service related thereto or used in combination therewith in any manner that interferes with or impairs service over any facilities of AT&T-13STATE, its affiliated companies or other connecting telecommunications carriers, prevents any carrier from using its Telecommunications Service, impairs the quality or the privacy of Telecommunications Service to other carriers or to either Party's End Users, causes hazards to either Party's personnel or the public, damage to either Party's or any connecting carrier's facilities or equipment, including any malfunction of ordering or billing systems or equipment. Upon such occurrence either Party may discontinue or refuse service, but only for so long as the other Party is violating this provision. Upon any such violation, either Party shall provide the other Party notice of the violation at the earliest practicable time.

37. SIGNALING

37.1 AT&T-13STATE will provide SS7 signaling pursuant to applicable access tariff.

38. CUSTOMER INQUIRIES

38.1 Except as otherwise required by Section 26.1, each Party will refer all questions regarding the other Party's services or products directly to the other Party at a telephone number specified by that Party.

38.2 Except as otherwise required by Section 26.1, each Party will ensure that all of its representatives who receive inquiries regarding the other Party's services:

38.2.1 Direct the callers who inquire about the other Party's services or products to their local service provider; and

38.2.2 Do not in any way disparage or discriminate against the other Party or its products or services.

38.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, CLEC shall be the primary point of contact for CLEC's End Users with respect to the services CLEC provides such End Users.

38.4 CLEC acknowledges that AT&T-13STATE may, upon End User request, provide services directly to such End User similar to those offered to CLEC under this Agreement.

39. EXPENSES

39.1 Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, each Party will be solely responsible for its own expenses involved in all activities related to the matters covered by this Agreement.

39.2 AT&T-12STATE and CLEC shall each be responsible for one-half (1/2) of expenses payable to a Third Party for Commission fees or other charges (including regulatory fees, reproduction and delivery expense and any costs of notice or publication, but not including attorney's fees) associated with the filing of this Agreement or any amendment to this Agreement.

40. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

40.1 The Parties represent that no employee or agent of either Party has been or will be employed, retained, paid a fee, or otherwise received or will receive any personal compensation or consideration from the other Party, or any of the other Party's employees or agents in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement or any associated documents.

41. SURVIVAL

41.1 The Parties' obligations under this Agreement which by their nature are intended to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to continue

beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement: Section 7.5; Section 7.6, Section 9.3; Section 10.1; Section 10.4; Section 10.5; Section 10.6; Section 10.7; Section 10.8; Section 12, Section 13; Section 15; Section 16; Section 17; Section 18.1; Section 20; Section 21; Section 22; Section 24; Section 27.4; Section 28.1.3; Section 34; Section 35 and Section 43.

42. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- 42.1 This Agreement is intended to describe and enable specific Interconnection and compensation arrangements between the Parties. This Agreement is the arrangement under which the Parties may purchase from each other the products and services described in Section 251 of the Act and obtain approval of such arrangement under Section 252 of the Act. Except as agreed upon in writing, neither Party shall be required to provide the other Party a function, facility, product, service or arrangement described in the Act that is not expressly provided herein.
- 42.2 Except as specifically contained herein or provided by the FCC or any Commission within its lawful jurisdiction, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to affect any access charge arrangement.

43. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

- 43.1 Except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, no provision of this Agreement shall be deemed amended or modified by either Party unless such an amendment or modification is in writing, dated, and signed by an authorized representative of both Parties. The rates, terms and conditions contained in the amendment shall become effective upon approval of such amendment by the appropriate Commissions; and such amendment will not require refunds, true-up or retroactive crediting or debiting prior to the approval of the Amendment. AT&T-12STATE and CLEC shall each be responsible for its share of the publication expense (i.e. filing fees, delivery and reproduction expense, and newspaper notification fees), to the extent publication is required for filing of an amendment by a specific state.
- 43.2 Neither Party shall be bound by any preprinted terms additional to or different from those in this Agreement that may appear subsequently in the other Party's form documents, purchase orders, quotations, acknowledgments, invoices or other communications.

44. APPENDICES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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- 44.3 DIALING PARITY -- SECTION 251(b)(3)
 - 44.3.1 The Parties shall provide Local Dialing Parity to each other as required under Section 251(b)(3) of the Act.
 - 44.3.2 AT&T-12STATE shall provide IntraLATA Dialing Parity in accordance with Section 271(e)(2) of the Act.
- 44.4 INTERCONNECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(c)(2)(A),(B),(C); 47 CFR § 51.305(a)(1)
 - 44.4.1 AT&T-13STATE shall provide to CLEC Interconnection of the Parties' facilities and equipment for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic and Exchange Access traffic pursuant to the applicable Appendix ITR, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Methods for Interconnection and Physical Architecture shall be as defined in the applicable Appendix NIM, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.5 NUMBER PORTABILITY -- SECTIONS 251(b)(2)

44.5.1 The Parties shall provide to each other Permanent Number Portability (PNP) on a reciprocal basis as outlined in the applicable Appendix Number Portability, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6 OTHER SERVICES

44.6.1 911 and E911 Services

44.6.1.1 AT&T-13STATE will make nondiscriminatory access to 911 and E911 services available under the terms and conditions of the applicable Appendix 911, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6.1.2 The Parties agree that for "data only" providers the following rules concerning 911 requirements apply:

44.6.1.2.1 The Parties agree that CLEC will have to establish 911 trunking or interconnection to AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE's 911 Selective Routers, and therefore AT&T-13STATE shall not provide 911 services for those information service applications in which CLEC does not offer its end users the ability to place outgoing voice calls provided that; and

44.6.1.2.2 CLEC understands and agrees that, should it decide to provide voice service, it is required to meet all applicable Commission 911 service requirements; and

44.6.1.2.3 CLEC agrees to begin implementing access to 911 sufficiently in advance of the planned implementation of voice service to meet its 911 requirements. CLEC understands that the steps it must take to fulfill its 911 obligation include, but are not limited to, obtaining NXX(s) from NECA for the exchange area(s) CLEC plans to serve, submission of the appropriate form(s) to AT&T-13STATE, and, following AT&T-13STATE's processing of such form(s), obtaining approval from the appropriate PSAP(s) for the CLEC's 911 service architecture. CLEC further understands that PSAP approval may include testing 911 trunks with appropriate PSAP(s). CLEC understands that, based on AT&T-13STATE's prior experience with CLEC implementation of 911, these steps require a minimum of sixty (60) days.

44.6.1.2.4 CLEC agrees to indemnify and hold AT&T-13STATE harmless from the consequences of CLEC's decision to not interconnect with AT&T-13STATE's 911 Selective Routers. The provisions of General Terms and Conditions Section 16 shall apply to such indemnification.

44.6.2 Directory Assistance (DA)

44.6.2.1 AT&T-13STATE will provide nondiscriminatory access to Directory Assistance services under the terms and conditions identified in the applicable Appendix DA, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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44.6.4 Operator Services (OS)

44.6.4.1 AT&T-13STATE shall provide nondiscriminatory access to Operator Services under the terms and conditions identified in the applicable Appendix OS, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6.5 Publishing and Directory

43.6.5.1 AT&T-13STATE will make nondiscriminatory access to Publishing and Directory service available under the terms and conditions of the applicable Appendix White Pages, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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44.6.7 Transmission and Routing of Switched Access Traffic Pursuant to 251(c)(2)

44.6.7.1 AT&T-13STATE shall provide to CLEC certain trunk groups (Meet Point Trunks) under certain parameters pursuant to the applicable Appendix ITR, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

44.6.8 Transmission and Routing of Telephone Exchange Service Traffic Pursuant to Section 251(c)(2)(D); 252(d)(1) and (2); 47 CFR § 51.305(a)(5).

44.6.8.1 The applicable Appendix Compensation, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, prescribe traffic routing parameters for Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s) the Parties shall establish over the Interconnections specified in the applicable Appendix ITR, which is/are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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45. AUTHORITY

45.1 Each of the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that it is a corporation or limited partnership duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of incorporation or formation. Each of the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that AT&T Operations, Inc. has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement as agent for that AT&T-owned ILEC. Each of the AT&T-owned ILEC(s) for which this Agreement is executed represents and warrants that it has full power and authority to perform its obligations hereunder.

45.2 CLEC represents and warrants that it is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Ohio and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder. CLEC represents and warrants that it has been or will be certified as a LEC by the Commission(s) prior to submitting any orders hereunder and is or will be authorized to provide the Telecommunications Services contemplated hereunder in the territory contemplated hereunder prior to submission of orders for such Service.

45.3 Each Person whose signature appears below represents and warrants that he or she has authority to bind the Party on whose behalf he or she has executed this Agreement.

46. COUNTERPARTS

46.1 This Agreement may be executed in counterparts. Each counterpart shall be considered an original and such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

47. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

47.1 AT&T-12STATE

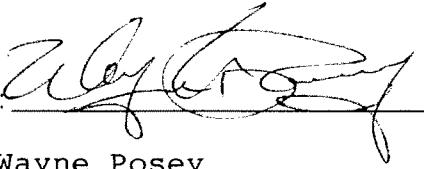
47.1.1 The terms contained in this Agreement and any Appendices, Attachments, Exhibits, Schedules, and Addenda constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, superseding all prior understandings, proposals and other communications, oral or written between the Parties during the negotiations of this Agreement and through the execution and/or Effective Date of this Agreement. This Agreement shall not operate as or

constitute a novation of any agreement or contract between the Parties that predates the execution and/or Effective Date of this Agreement.

Signatures

THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS A BINDING ARBITRATION PROVISION WHICH MAY BE ENFORCED BY THE PARTIES.

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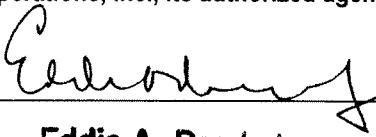
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Title: President
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Date: 11/19/07

The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio
by AT&T Operations, Inc., its authorized agent

Signature: 

Name: Eddie A. Reed, Jr.
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APPENDIX COORDINATED HOT CUT (CHC)

1. INTRODUCTION

This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Coordinated Hot Cut (CHC) provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

- 1.1 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.2 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-13STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T-2STATE** and **AT&T CONNECTICUT** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.4 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, **AT&T CONNECTICUT** means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.5 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.6 **AT&T NEVADA** - As used herein, **AT&T NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.7 **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.8 "Conversion of Service" is defined as the matching of the disconnect of one telecommunications product or service with the installation of another telecommunications product or service.
- 1.9 "Designated Installation" is defined as an installation of service occurring at a specific time of day as specified by CLEC.

2. CHC SERVICE DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 Coordinated Hot Cut (CHC) Service is an optional manual service offering that permits CLEC to request a designated installation and/or conversion of service during, or after, normal business hours.
- 2.2 CLEC will initiate the beginning of a CHC by contacting the appropriate coordination center. This special request enables CLEC to schedule and coordinate particular provisioning requirements with the **AT&T-13STATE**.
- 2.3 **AT&T-13STATE** may limit the number of service orders that can be coordinated based on workload and resources available. AT&T shall approve CHC requests on a non-discriminatory basis, by requesting carrier, and on a first come, first served basis.

2.4 The AT&T-13STATE reserves the right to suspend the availability of CHC Service during unanticipated heavy workload/activity periods. Heavy workload includes any unanticipated volume of work that impacts the AT&T-13STATE's ability to provide its baseline service. Where time permits, the AT&T-13STATE will make every effort to notify CLEC when such unanticipated activities occur.

3. CHC PRICING

3.1 CHC is a time sensitive labor operation. Total charges are determined by a number of factors including the volume of lines, day of the week, and the time of day requested for the cut over.

3.2 When CLEC orders CHC service, AT&T-13STATE shall charge and CLEC agrees to pay for CHC service at the "additional labor" or "Time and Material" rates set forth in the following applicable Tariffs or Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices:

- 3.2.1 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE - FCC No. 2 Access Services Tariff, Section 13.2.6 (c)¹
- 3.2.2 AT&T NEVADA - PUCN, Section C13A, 13.2.6(c)
- 3.2.3 AT&T CALIFORNIA - Access Tariff 175-T, Section 13.2.6(c)
- 3.2.4 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE - Appendix Pricing, Schedule of Prices, "Time and Materials Charges"
- 3.2.5 AT&T CONNECTICUT - Connecticut Access Service Tariff, Section 18.1(3)

3.3 In the event the AT&T-13STATE fails to meet a CHC Service commitment for reasons within the control of AT&T-13STATE, AT&T will not charge CLEC a CHC Service charge. However, in the event AT&T misses a CHC Service commitment due to CLEC, its agent or end user reasons, the Coordinated Hot Cut (CHC) Service charge will still apply. For example, if CLEC requests any change to an order with CHC Service including, but not limited to, AT&T-13STATE's inability to gain access to CLEC's end user's premises, or CLEC/end user is not ready to proceed with the order, the CHC charge will apply and AT&T-13STATE is no longer obligated to ensure a CHC is on that order.

¹ AT&T-13STATE will not charge the additional labor rate in a particular state in the AT&T MIDWEST 5-STATE region until the effective non-recurring dockets: IL - 98-0396, IN - Cause 40611-S1, MI - U-11831, OH - 96-922-TP-UNC, and WI - 6720-TI-120, are superceded by that state's commission order approving new non-recurring Lawful UNE rates.

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APPENDIX DAL

(LOCAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE LISTINGS)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for which Parties agrees to license its subscriber listing information applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T-2STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-2STATE means AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **AT&T-4STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-4STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, and AT&T Oklahoma the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 **AT&T-7STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-7STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.6 **AT&T-8STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-8STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T NEVADA, and AT&T CONNECTICUT the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.7 **AT&T-10STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-10STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE an the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **AT&T-12STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-12STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T-2STATE the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-13STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T-2STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **AT&T ARKANSAS** - As used herein, AT&T ARKANSAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 **AT&T CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, AT&T CALIFORNIA means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, AT&T CONNECTICUT means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.13 **AT&T KANSAS** - As used herein, AT&T KANSAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

- 1.14 **AT&T ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **AT&T ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.15 **AT&T INDIANA** - As used herein, **AT&T INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.16 **AT&T MICHIGAN** - As used herein, **AT&T MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, the applicable AT&T-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.17 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- 1.18 **AT&T MISSOURI** - As used herein, **AT&T MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.19 **AT&T NEVADA** - As used herein, **AT&T NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.20 **AT&T OHIO** - As used herein, **AT&T OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.21 **AT&T OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **AT&T OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.22 **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.23 **AT&T TEXAS** - As used herein, **AT&T TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 **AT&T WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **AT&T WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.
- 1.25 The prices at which **AT&T-13STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with Directory Assistance Listing (DAL) are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

2. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **AT&T-13STATE** will provide Directory Assistance (listing information referred to as Directory Assistance Listing (DAL) in **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, Directory Assistance Listing Information Service (DALIS) in **AT&T CALIFORNIA** and Dialing Parity Directory Listings in **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** (herein after collectively referred to as DAL):
 - 2.1.1 **AT&T-13STATE** owns and maintains the database containing directory assistance listing information (name, address and published telephone number, or an indication of "non-published status") of telephone subscribers.
 - 2.1.2 **AT&T-13STATE** uses the directory assistance listing information in its database to provide directory assistance (DA) service to End Users who call **AT&T-13STATE**'s DA to obtain such information.
 - 2.1.3 Inasmuch as **AT&T-13STATE** provides DA service under contract for Independent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) and Competitive Local Exchange Carriers, (CLECs), **AT&T-13STATE**'s database also contains directory assistance listing information for other ILEC and CLEC End Users.

- 2.1.4 CLEC, or its agent, wishes to provide DA service to CLEC's End Users located in the CLEC's service area, and therefore, wishes to load its database with directory assistance listings contained in AT&T-13STATE's DA database.
- 2.1.5 AT&T-13STATE agrees to license requested directory assistance listing information contained in its database, under the following terms and conditions:
 - 2.1.5.1 AT&T-13STATE shall license its directory assistance listing information as defined in Exhibit A.
 - 2.1.5.2 AT&T-13STATE shall provide directory assistance listing information in a mutually acceptable format.
 - 2.1.5.3 AT&T-13STATE shall provide directory assistance listing information to CLEC via a mutually acceptable mode of transmission. Once the mode of transmission has been determined, AT&T-13STATE will provide to CLEC the initial load of directory assistance listing information in a mutually agreed upon timeframe.

2.2 Use of Directory Assistance Listing Information

- 2.2.1 CLEC may use the directory assistance listing information licensed and provided pursuant to this Appendix in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules including any subsequent decision by the FCC or a court regarding the use of directory assistance listings.
- 2.2.2 Upon termination of the Agreement, CLEC shall cease using, for any purpose whatsoever, the directory assistance listing information provided hereunder by AT&T-13STATE, and shall extract and expunge all copies or any portions thereof from files and records and provide a certification from an officer of the company that all actions have been performed.
- 2.2.3 In the event a telephone service subscriber has a "non-published" listing, a "non-published" classification will be identified in lieu of the telephone number information and will be considered part of the Listing Information. The last name, first name, street number, street name, community, and zip code will be provided as part of the Listing Information. The information provided for non-published customers can only be used for two purposes. First, the non-published status may be added to the listing in CLEC's database for the sole purpose of adding/correcting the non-published status of the listings in the database. Second, addresses for non-published customers may be used for verification purposes. If a caller provides the address for a requested listing, CLEC may verify the listing by matching the caller-provided address with the address in CLEC's database. CLEC may not provide the address information of a requested listing of a non-published subscriber to a caller under any circumstances. CLEC can notify the customer that the requested listing is non-published.

3. ASSIGNMENT

- 3.1 The directory assistance listings provided by AT&T shall remain the property of AT&T-13STATE. CLEC, or its third-party DA provider/agent, shall take appropriate measures at least equal to the measures CLEC uses for its own listings to guard against any unauthorized use of the listings provided to it hereunder.

4. BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 4.1 In the event a Party is found to have materially breached this Appendix, such breach shall be remedied immediately and the non-breaching Party shall have the right to terminate the breaching party's license, without terminating its own rights hereunder, upon fourteen (14) calendar days notice, until the other Party's breach is remedied. Further should CLEC breach this agreement, it shall immediately cease use of AT&T-13STATE's directory assistance listing information.

5. LIABILITY

- 5.1 AT&T-13STATE makes no express or implied warranties whatsoever regarding the accuracy of the directory assistance listing information provided to CLEC. CLEC agrees to accept the directory assistance listing information on an "as-is" basis with all faults, errors and omissions, if any. AT&T-13STATE makes no warranty, expressed or implied, with respect to any listings or the information contained therein, including but not limited to warranties for merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.
- 5.2 CLEC hereby releases AT&T-13STATE from any and all liability for damages due to errors or omissions in the directory assistance listing information provided under this Appendix, or by reason of delay in providing the directory assistance listing information, including, but not limited to, special, indirect, consequential, punitive or incidental damages.
- 5.3 CLEC shall indemnify, protect, save harmless and defend AT&T-13STATE (or AT&T-13STATE's officers, employees, agents, assigns and representatives) from and against any and all losses, liability, damages and expense arising out of any demand, claim, suit or judgment by a third party in any way related to AT&T-13STATE Appendix, and every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement or any other appendices or attachments to this Agreement which are supplying directory assistance listing information, or any actual error or omission. CLEC shall so indemnify regardless of whether the demand, claim or suit by the third party is brought jointly against CLEC and AT&T-13STATE, and/or against AT&T-13STATE alone. However, if such demand, claim or suit specifically alleges that an error or omission appears in DA listing information, AT&T-13STATE may, at its option, assume and undertake its own defense, or assist in the defense of CLEC, in which event CLEC shall reimburse AT&T-13STATE for reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses incurred by it in handling and defending such demand, claim and/or suit. CLEC shall not enter into any settlement of any such demand, claim or suit without the prior written consent of AT&T-13STATE.

6. TERM OF APPENDIX

- 6.1 This Appendix will continue in force for the length of the Interconnection Agreement, but no less than twelve (12) months. At the expiration of the term of the Interconnection Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, or twelve (12) months, whichever occurs later either Party may terminate this Appendix upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar day's written notice to the other Party.

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APPENDIX 911

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions by which the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T)-owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) will provide CLEC with access to the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC's 911 and E911 Databases and provide interconnection and Call Routing for purposes of 911 call completion to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) as required by Section 251 of the Act.
- 1.2 The Parties acknowledge and agree that AT&T-13STATE can only provide E911 Service in territory where an AT&T-13STATE is the E911 network provider, and then only that E911 service configuration as purchased by the E911 Customer or PSAP. AT&T-13STATE's E911 Selective Routers and E911 Database Management System are by mutual agreement being provided on an "as is" basis.
- 1.3 For CLECs with their own switches, AT&T-13STATE shall provide access to its E911 Selective Routers as described herein only where the PSAP and/or E911 Customer served by the E911 Selective Routers has approved CLEC to carry E911 Emergency Services calls, which approval is subject to being revoked, conditioned, or modified by the PSAP and/or E911 Customer at any time.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "**911 System**" means the set of network, database and customer premise equipment (CPE) components required to provide 911 service.
- 2.2 "**911 Trunk**" means a trunk capable of transmitting Automatic Number Identification (ANI) associated with a call to 911 from CLEC's End Office to the E911 system.
- 2.3 "**Automatic Location Identification**" or "**ALI**" means the automatic display at the PSAP of the caller's telephone number, the address/location of the telephone and, in some cases, supplementary emergency services information.
- 2.4 "**Automatic Number Identification**" or "**ANI**" means the telephone number associated with the access line from which a call to 911 originates.
- 2.5 "**Company Identifier**" or "**Company ID**" means a three to five (3 to 5) character identifier chosen by the Local Exchange Carrier that distinguishes the entity providing dial tone to the End-User. The Company Identifier is maintained by NENA in a nationally accessible database.
- 2.6 "**Database Management System**" or "**DBMS**" means a system of manual procedures and computer programs used to create, store and update the data required to provide Selective Routing and/or Automatic Location Identification for 911 systems.
- 2.7 "**E911 Customer**" means a municipality or other state or local government unit, or an authorized agent of one or more municipalities or other state or local government units to whom authority has been lawfully delegated to respond to public emergency telephone calls, at a minimum, for emergency police and fire services through the use of one telephone number, 911.
- 2.8 "**E911 Universal Emergency Number Service**" (also referred to as "**Expanded 911 Service**" or "**Enhanced 911 Service**") or "**E911 Service**" means a telephone exchange communications service whereby a public safety answering point (PSAP) answers telephone calls placed by dialing the number 911. E911 includes the service provided by the lines and equipment associated with the service arrangement for the answering, transferring, and dispatching of public emergency telephone calls dialed to 911. E911 provides completion of a call to 911 via dedicated trunking facilities and includes Automatic Number Identification (ANI), Automatic Location Identification (ALI), and/or Selective Routing.
- 2.9 "**Emergency Services**" means police, fire, ambulance, rescue, and medical services.

- 2.10 "Emergency Service Number" or "ESN" means a three to five digit number representing a unique combination of emergency service agencies (Law Enforcement, Fire, and Emergency Medical Service) designated to serve a specific range of addresses within a particular geographical area. The ESN facilitates selective routing and selective transfer, if required, to the appropriate PSAP and the dispatching of the proper service agency(ies).
- 2.11 "National Emergency Number Association" or "NENA" means the National Emergency Number Association is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1982 to further the goal of "One Nation-One Number". NENA is a networking source and promotes research, planning, and training. NENA strives to educate, set standards and provide certification programs, legislative representation and technical assistance for implementing and managing 911 systems.
- 2.12 "Public Safety Answering Point" or "PSAP" means an answering location for 911 calls originating in a given area. The E911 Customer may designate a PSAP as primary or secondary, which refers to the order in which calls are directed for answering. Primary PSAPs answer calls; secondary PSAPs receive calls on a transfer basis. PSAPs are public safety agencies such as police, fire, emergency medical, etc., or a common bureau serving a group of such entities.
- 2.13 "Selective Routing" and "Selective Router" means the routing and equipment used to route a call to 911 to the proper PSAP based upon the number and location of the caller. Selective routing is controlled by an ESN, which is derived from the location of the access line from which the 911 call was placed.

3. AT&T-13STATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 AT&T-13STATE shall provide and maintain such equipment at the 911 Selective Router and the DBMS as is necessary to provide CLEC E911 Emergency Services at parity with that of AT&T-13STATE retail end users. AT&T-13STATE shall provide CLEC access to the AT&T-13STATE 911 System as described in this section.
- 3.2 Call Routing
 - 3.2.1 AT&T-13STATE will route 911 calls from the AT&T-13STATE Selective Router to the designated primary PSAP or to designated alternate locations, according to routing criteria specified by the PSAP.
 - 3.2.2 AT&T-13STATE will forward the calling party number (ANI) it receives from CLEC and the associated 911 Address Location Identification (ALI) to the PSAP for display. If no ANI is forwarded by CLEC, AT&T-13STATE will forward an Emergency Service Central Office (ESCO) identification code for display at the PSAP. If ANI is forwarded by the CLEC, but no ALI record is found in the E911 DBMS, AT&T-13STATE will report this "No Record Found" condition to the CLEC in accordance with NENA standards.
- 3.3 Facilities and Trunking
 - 3.3.1 AT&T-13STATE shall provide and maintain sufficient dedicated E911 trunks from AT&T-13STATE's Selective Router to the PSAP of the E911 Customer, according to provisions of the appropriate state Commission-approved tariff and documented specifications of the E911 Customer.
 - 3.3.2 AT&T-13STATE will provide facilities to interconnect the CLEC to the AT&T-13STATE Selective Router, as specified in the applicable AT&T-13STATE Special Access tariff. Additionally, when diverse facilities are requested by CLEC, AT&T-13STATE will provide such diversity where technically feasible, at standard AT&T-13STATE Special Access Tariff rates.
- 3.4 Database
 - 3.4.1 Where AT&T-13STATE manages the E911 Database, AT&T-13STATE shall provide CLEC access to the E911 Database to store CLEC's End User 911 Records [that is, the name, address, and associated telephone number(s) for each of CLEC's End Users. CLEC or its representative(s) is responsible for electronically providing End User 911 Records and updating this information.

- 3.4.2 Where AT&T-13STATE manages the E911 Database, AT&T-13STATE shall coordinate access to the AT&T-13STATE DBMS for the initial loading and updating of CLEC End User 911 Records.
- 3.4.3 Where AT&T-13STATE manages the E911 Database, AT&T-13STATE's E911 Database shall accept electronically transmitted files that are based upon NENA standards. Manual (i.e. facsimile) entry shall be utilized only in the event that the DBMS is not functioning properly.

4. CLEC RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 Call Routing (for CLECs with their own switches)
 - 4.1.1 CLEC will transport 911 calls from each point of interconnection (POI) to the AT&T-13STATE Selective Router location.
 - 4.1.2 CLEC will forward the ANI information of the party calling 911 to the AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router.
- 4.2 Facilities and Trunking (for CLECs with their own switches)
 - 4.2.1 CLEC shall provide interconnection with each AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router that serves the exchange areas in which CLEC is authorized to and will provide telephone exchange service.
 - 4.2.2 CLEC acknowledges that its End Users in a single local calling scope may be served by different Selective Routers and CLEC shall be responsible for providing interconnection facilities to route 911 calls from its End Users to the proper E911 Selective Router.
 - 4.2.3 CLEC shall provide a minimum of two (2) one-way outgoing E911 trunk(s) dedicated for originating 911 emergency service calls from the point of interconnection (POI) to interconnect to each AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router, where applicable. Where SS7 connectivity is available and required by the applicable E911 Customer, the Parties agree to implement Common Channel Signaling trunking rather than CAMA MF trunking.
 - 4.2.3.1 CLEC is responsible for providing a separate E911 trunk group for each county or other geographic area that the CLEC serves if the E911 Customer for such county or geographic area has a specified varying default routing condition. Where PSAPs do not have the technical capability to receive 10-digit ANI, E911 traffic must be transmitted over a separate trunk group specific to the underlying technology. In addition, 911 traffic originating in one (1) NPA (area code) must be transmitted over a separate 911 trunk group from 911 traffic originating in any other NPA (area code) 911.
 - 4.2.4 CLEC shall maintain facility transport capacity sufficient to route 911 traffic over trunks dedicated for 911 interconnection between the CLEC switch and the AT&T-13STATE Selective Router.
 - 4.2.5 CLEC shall provide sufficient trunking to route CLEC's originating 911 calls to the designated AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router.
 - 4.2.6 A diverse (i.e. separate) 911 Trunk is recommended and may be required by the E911 Customer. If required by the E911 Customer, diverse 911 Trunks shall be ordered in the same fashion as the primary 911 Trunks. CLEC is responsible for initiating trunking and facility orders for diverse routes for 911 interconnection.
 - 4.2.7 CLEC is responsible for determining the proper quantity of trunks and transport facilities from its switch(es) to interconnect with the AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router.
 - 4.2.8 CLEC shall engineer its 911 trunks to attain a minimum P.01 grade of service as measured using the "busy day/busy hour" criteria or, if higher, at such other minimum grade of service as required by Applicable Law.
 - 4.2.9 CLEC shall monitor its 911 trunks for the purpose of determining originating network traffic volumes. If CLEC's traffic study indicates that additional 911 trunks are needed to meet the current level of 911 call volumes, CLEC shall provision additional 911 trunks for interconnection with AT&T-13STATE.

4.2.10 CLEC is responsible for the isolation, coordination and restoration of all 911 facility and trunking maintenance problems from CLEC's demarcation (for example, collocation) to the AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router(s). CLEC is responsible for advising AT&T-13STATE of the 911 trunk identification and the fact that the trunks are dedicated for 911 traffic when notifying AT&T-13STATE of a failure or outage. The Parties agree to work cooperatively and expeditiously to resolve any 911 outage. AT&T-13STATE will refer network trouble to CLEC if no defect is found in AT&T-13STATE's 911 network. The Parties agree that 911 network problem resolution will be managed expeditiously at all times.

4.3 Database (applicable to all CLECs)

- 4.3.1 Once the 911 interconnection between CLEC and all appropriate AT&T-13STATE Selective Router(s) has been established and tested, CLEC or its representatives shall be responsible for providing CLEC's End User 911 Records to AT&T-13STATE for inclusion in AT&T-13STATE's DBMS on a timely basis.
- 4.3.2 CLEC or its agent shall provide initial and ongoing updates of CLEC's End User 911 Records that are MSAG-valid in electronic format based upon established NENA standards.
- 4.3.3 CLEC shall adopt use of a Company ID on all CLEC End User 911 Records in accordance with NENA standards. The Company ID is used to identify the carrier of record in facility configurations.
- 4.3.4 CLEC is responsible for providing AT&T-13STATE updates to the E911 database; in addition, CLEC is responsible for correcting any errors that may occur during the entry of their data to the AT&T-13STATE 911 DBMS.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH PARTIES

5.1 For CLECs with their own switch(es), both parties shall jointly coordinate the provisioning of transport capacity sufficient to route originating E911 calls from the CLEC's POI to the designated AT&T-13STATE 911 Selective Router(s).

- 5.1.1 AT&T-13STATE and CLEC will cooperate to promptly test all trunks and facilities between CLEC's network and the AT&T-13STATE Selective Router(s). CLEC agrees that it will not pass live traffic until successful testing is completed by both Parties.

5.2 911 Surcharge Remittance to PSAP

- 5.2.1 For CLECs with their own switch(es), the Parties agree that:

5.2.1.1 AT&T-13STATE is not responsible for collecting and remitting applicable 911 surcharges or fees directly to municipalities or government entities where such surcharges or fees are assessed by said municipality or government entity, and

5.2.1.2 AT&T-13STATE is not responsible for providing the 911 Customer detailed monthly listings of the actual number of access lines, or breakdowns between the types of access lines (e.g., residential, business, payphone, Centrex, PBX, and exempt lines).

- 5.2.2 For CLEC Resellers, except where state law requires the ILEC to serve as a clearinghouse between Resellers and PSAPs, the Parties agree that:

5.2.2.1 CLEC shall be responsible for collecting and remitting all applicable 911 fees and surcharges on a per line basis to the appropriate PSAP or other governmental authority responsible for collection of such fees and surcharges.

5.2.2.2 AT&T-13STATE shall include Reseller CLEC information when providing the 911 Customer with detailed monthly listings of the actual number of access lines, or breakdowns between the types of access lines (e.g., residential, business, payphone, Centrex, PBX, and exempt lines).

6. METHODS AND PRACTICES

6.1 With respect to all matters covered by this Appendix, each Party will comply with all of the following to the extent that they apply to access to 911 and E911 Databases: (i) all FCC and applicable state Commission rules and regulations, (ii) any requirements imposed by any Governmental Authority other than a Commission, (iii) the terms and conditions of AT&T-13STATE's Commission-ordered tariff(s) and (iv) the principles expressed in the recommended standards published by NENA.

7. CONTINGENCY

7.1 The terms and conditions of this Appendix represent a negotiated plan for providing access to 911 and E911 Databases, and provide interconnection and call routing for purposes of 911 call completion to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) as required by Section 251 of the Act.

7.2 The Parties agree that the 911 System is provided herein is for the use of the E911 Customer, and recognize the authority of the E911 Customer to establish service specifications and grant final approval (or denial) of service configurations offered by AT&T-13STATE and CLEC. These specifications shall be documented in Exhibit I, CLEC Serving Area Description and E911 Interconnection Details. CLEC shall complete its portion of Exhibit I and submit it to AT&T-13STATE not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the passing of live traffic. AT&T-13STATE shall complete its portion of Exhibit I and return Exhibit I to CLEC not later than thirty (30) days prior to the passing of live traffic.

7.3 CLEC must obtain documentation of approval of the completed Exhibit I from the appropriate E911 Customer(s) that have jurisdiction in the area(s) in which CLEC's End Users are located CLEC shall provide documentation of all requisite approval(s) to AT&T-13STATE prior to use of CLEC's E911 connection for actual emergency calls.

7.4 Each Party has designated a representative who has the authority to complete additional Exhibit(s) I to this Appendix when necessary to accommodate expansion of the geographic area of CLEC into the jurisdiction of additional PSAP(s) or to increase the number of CAMA trunks. CLEC must obtain approval of each additional Exhibit I, as set forth in Section 7.2, and shall furnish documentation of all requisite approval(s) of each additional Exhibit I in accordance with Section 7.2.

7.5 In AT&T-2STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE the state specific forms shall be submitted in lieu of the Exhibit 1 referenced in Sections 7.1, 7.2 and 7.4 hereof.

8. BASIS OF COMPENSATION

8.1 Rates for access to 911 and E911 Databases, interconnection and call routing of E911 call completion to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) as required by Section 251 of the Act are set forth in AT&T-13STATE's Appendix Pricing or applicable AT&T-13STATE Commission-approved access tariff.

9. LIABILITY

9.1 AT&T-13STATE's liability and potential damages, if any, for its gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct, is not limited by any provision of this Appendix. AT&T-13STATE shall not be liable to CLEC, its End Users or its E911 calling parties or any other parties or persons for any Loss arising out of the 911 System or any errors, interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of the 911 System, including any and all equipment and data processing systems associated therewith. Damages arising out of such interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of the system after AT&T-13STATE has been notified and has had reasonable time to repair, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to any charges made for the service affected for the period following notice from CLEC until service is restored.

9.2 CLEC's liability and potential damages, if any, for its gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct is not limited by any provision of this Appendix. In the event CLEC provides E911 Service to AT&T-13STATE, CLEC shall not be liable to AT&T-13STATE, its End Users or its E911 calling parties or any other parties or persons for any Loss arising out of the provision of E911 Service or any errors, interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of E911 Service, including any and all equipment and data

processing systems associated therewith. Damages arising out of such interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of the system after CLEC has been notified and has had reasonable time to repair, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to any charges made for the service affected for the period following notice from AT&T-13STATE until service is restored.

- 9.3 CLEC agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless AT&T-13STATE from any and all Loss arising out of AT&T-13STATE providing CLEC access to the 911 System hereunder or out of CLEC's End Users' use of the 911 System, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by CLEC, its End Users, or by any other parties or persons, for any personal injury or death of any person or persons, or for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, whether owned by CLEC, its End Users or others, unless the act or omission proximately causing the Loss constitutes gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of AT&T-13STATE.
- 9.4 CLEC also agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless AT&T-13STATE from any and all Loss involving an allegation of the infringement or invasion of the right of privacy or confidentiality of any person or persons, caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, occasion or use of the 911 System features and the equipment associated therewith, including by not limited to the identification of the telephone number, address or name associated with the telephone used by the party or parties accessing the 911 System provided hereunder, unless the act or omission proximately causing the Loss constitutes the gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of AT&T-13STATE.

APPENDIX ITR

(Interconnection Trunking Requirements)

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APPENDIX ITR (Interconnection Trunking Requirements)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Interconnection provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC).
- 1.2 This Appendix provides descriptions of the trunking requirements between CLEC and AT&T-13STATE. Any references to incoming and outgoing trunk groups are from the perspective of CLEC. The paragraphs below describe the required and optional trunk groups for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, IntraLATA Toll Traffic, InterLATA "Meet Point" Traffic, Mass Calling, E911, Operator Services and Directory Assistance traffic.
- 1.3 Local Only and Local Interconnection Trunk Groups may only be used to transport traffic between the Parties' End Users.
- 1.4 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.5 **AT&T-2STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-2STATE means AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.6 **AT&T-4STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-4STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, and AT&T Oklahoma the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.7 **AT&T-7STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-7STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.8 **AT&T-8STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-8STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T NEVADA and AT&T CONNECTICUT the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.9 **AT&T-10STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-10STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE an the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **AT&T-12STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-12STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T-2STATE the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.11 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-13STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T-2STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.12 **AT&T ARKANSAS** - As used herein, AT&T ARKANSAS means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

- 1.13 **AT&T CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.14 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, **AT&T CONNECTICUT** means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.15 **AT&T KANSAS** - As used herein, **AT&T KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.
- 1.16 **AT&T ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **AT&T ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.17 **AT&T INDIANA** - As used herein, **AT&T INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.18 **AT&T MICHIGAN** - As used herein, **AT&T MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Michigan.
- 1.19 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.20 **AT&T MISSOURI** - As used herein, **AT&T MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.21 **AT&T NEVADA** - As used herein, **AT&T NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.22 **AT&T OHIO** - As used herein, **AT&T OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.23 **AT&T OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **AT&T OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.24 **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.25 **AT&T TEXAS** - As used herein, **AT&T TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.26 **AT&T WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **AT&T WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "Access Tandem Switch" is defined as a switching machine within the public switched telecommunications network that is used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among End Office Switches for IXC (Inter-exchange Carrier) carried traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic in the **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** as well as switching Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic in **AT&T-2STATE**, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **AT&T CONNECTICUT**.
- 2.2 "End Office" or "End Office Switch" is a switching machine that directly terminates traffic to and receives traffic from end users purchasing local exchange services. A PBX is not considered an End Office Switch.
- 2.3 "IntraLATA Toll Traffic" or "IntraLATA Toll" is defined as traffic between one **AT&T-13STATE** local calling area and the local calling area of another **AT&T-13STATE** or LEC within one LATA within the respective state.

- 2.4 "IntraLATA Toll Trunk Group" is defined as a trunk group carrying IntraLATA Toll Traffic as defined above.
- 2.5 "ISP-Bound Traffic" is as defined in Attachment: Intercarrier Compensation.
- 2.6 "Local Interconnection Trunk Groups" are two-way trunk groups used to carry Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic between CLEC End Users and AT&T-12STATE End Users. In AT&T CONNECTICUT these trunk groups will carry the same type of traffic, but they will be established and used as one-way.
- 2.7 "Local/IntraLATA Tandem Switch" is defined as a switching machine within the public switched telecommunications network that is used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among subtending End Office Switches for Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic.
- 2.8 "Local Only Tandem Switch" is defined as a switching machine within the public switched telecommunications network that is used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among other End Office Switches for Section 251(b)(5) and ISP-Bound Traffic.
- 2.9 "Local Only Trunk Groups" are two-way trunk groups used to carry Section 251(b)(5) and ISP-Bound Traffic only.
- 2.10 "Local Tandem" refers to any Local Only, Local/IntraLATA, Local/Access or Access Tandem Switch serving a particular local calling area.
- 2.11 "Meet Point Trunk Group" carries traffic between CLEC's End Users and Interexchange Carriers (IXCs) via AT&T-13STATE Access or Local/Access Tandem Switches.
- 2.12 "Offers Service" is defined as when CLEC opens an NPA-NXX, ports a number to serve an End User or pools a block of numbers to serve End Users.
- 2.13 "Section 251(b)(5) Traffic" is as defined in Attachment: Intercarrier Compensation.
- 2.14 "Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic" shall mean for purposes of this Attachment, (i) Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, (ii) ISP-Bound Traffic, (iii) IntraLATA Toll traffic originating from an End User obtaining local dialtone from CLEC where CLEC is both the Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and IntraLATA Toll provider, and/or (iv) IntraLATA Toll traffic originating from an End User obtaining local dialtone from AT&T-13STATE where AT&T-13STATE is both the Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and IntraLATA Toll provider.

3. ONE-WAY AND TWO-WAY TRUNK GROUPS

- 3.1 CLEC shall issue Access Service Requests (ASRs) for two-way Local Only Trunk Groups, Local Interconnection Trunk Groups and Meet Point Trunk Groups. CLEC shall issue ASRs for one-way trunk groups originating at CLEC's switch. AT&T-13STATE shall issue ASRs for one-way trunk groups originating at the AT&T-13STATE switch.
- 3.2 Trunk groups for ancillary services (e.g. OS/DA, BLVI, High Volume Call In, and E911) and Meet Point Trunk Groups can be established between CLEC's switch and the appropriate AT&T-13STATE Tandem Switch as further provided in this Appendix ITR.
- 3.3 Two-way Local Interconnection Trunk Groups can be established between CLEC's switch and an AT&T-12STATE Local Tandem or End Office Switch. Two-way Local Only Trunk Groups can be established between CLEC's switch and an AT&T-12STATE Local Tandem. These trunk groups will utilize Signaling System 7 (SS7) or multi-frequency (MF) signaling protocol, with SS7 signaling preferred whenever possible.
- 3.4 Local Interconnection Trunk Groups in AT&T CONNECTICUT must be ordered and provisioned as one-way to accommodate billing and technical limitations.
- 3.5 The Parties recognize that embedded one-way trunks may exist for Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic. The Parties may agree to negotiate a transition plan to migrate the embedded one-way Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to two-way Local Only and/or two-way Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. The Parties will coordinate any such migration, trunk group prioritization, and

implementation schedule. AT&T-12STATE agrees to develop a cutover plan and project manage the cutovers with CLEC participation and agreement.

4. TANDEM TRUNKING AND DIRECT END OFFICE TRUNKING

- 4.1 AT&T-13STATE deploys in its network Local Only Tandem Switches (AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE), Local/IntraLATA Tandem Switches (AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE) Local/Access Tandem Switches and Access Tandem Switches. In addition AT&T-13STATE deploys Tandems that switch ancillary traffic such as E911 (E911 Tandem or E911 Selective Routing Tandem), Operator Services/ Directory Assistance (OS/DA Tandem), and Mass Calling (choke Tandem).
- 4.2 CLEC shall establish Local Only or Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to all Local Tandems in the LATA in which CLEC Offers Service in AT&T CONNECTICUT, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, and AT&T 2STATE. If CLEC Offers Service in a LATA in which there is no AT&T Local Tandem, CLEC shall establish Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to each AT&T-13STATE End Office Switch in that LATA in which it Offers Service. CLEC shall establish Local Only or Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to all Local Tandems in the local exchange area in which CLEC Offers Service in AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE. If there are no Local Tandems in the local exchange area in which CLEC Offers Service in the AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, CLEC shall establish a Local Interconnection Trunk Group to each AT&T-13STATE End Office Switch in that local exchange area in which CLEC Offers Service. CLEC shall route appropriate traffic (i.e. only traffic to End Offices that subtend that Local Tandem) to the respective AT&T-13STATE Local Tandem on the trunk groups defined below. AT&T-13STATE shall route appropriate traffic to CLEC switches on the trunk groups defined below.
- 4.3 Direct End Office Trunk Group(s) (DEOTs) transport Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic between CLEC's switch and an AT&T-13STATE End Office and are not switched at a Local Tandem location. CLEC shall establish a two-way Direct End Office Trunk Group (one-way in AT&T CONNECTICUT) when actual or projected End Office Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic requires twenty-four (24) or more trunks. Once provisioned, traffic from CLEC to AT&T-13STATE must be redirected to route first to the DEOT with overflow traffic alternate routed to the appropriate AT&T-13STATE Local Tandem. If an AT&T-13STATE End Office does not subtend an AT&T-13STATE Local Tandem, a direct final Direct End Office Trunk Group will be established by CLEC, and there will be no overflow of Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic.
- 4.4 All traffic received by AT&T-13STATE on the DEOT from CLEC must terminate in the End Office, i.e. no Tandem switching will be performed in the End Office. Where End Office functionality is provided in a Remote End Office Switch of a host/remote configuration, CLEC shall establish the DEOT at the host switch. The number of digits to be received by the AT&T-13STATE End Office shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties. This trunk group shall be two-way (one-way in AT&T CONNECTICUT).
- 4.5 Trunk Configuration
 - 4.5.1 Trunk Configuration – AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT
 - 4.5.1.1 Where available and upon the request of the other Party, each Party shall cooperate to ensure that its trunk groups are configured utilizing the Bipolar 8 Zero Substitution Extended Super Frame (B8ZS ESF) protocol for 64 kbps Clear Channel Capability (64CCC) transmission to allow for ISDN interoperability between the Parties' respective networks. Trunk groups configured for 64CCC and carrying Circuit Switched Data (CSD) ISDN calls shall carry the appropriate Trunk Type Modifier in the CLCI-Message code. Trunk groups configured for 64CCC and not used to carry CSD ISDN calls shall carry a different appropriate Trunk Type Modifier in the CLCI-Message code.
 - 4.5.1.2 Any AT&T-13STATE switch incapable of handling 64CCC traffic will require that Local Interconnection Trunk Groups be established at those switches using Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI).

4.5.2 Trunk Configuration – AT&T-2STATE

- 4.5.2.1 When Interconnecting at AT&T-2STATE's digital End Offices, the Parties have a preference for use of Bipolar 8 Zero Substitution Extended Super Frame (B8ZS ESF) two-way trunks for all traffic between their networks. Where available, such trunk equipment will be used for Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. Where AMI trunks are used, either Party may request upgrade to B8ZS ESF when such equipment is available.
- 4.5.2.2 When interconnecting at AT&T CALIFORNIA's DMS Access Tandem(s), 64CCC data and voice traffic may be combined on the same two-way Local Interconnection Trunk Group. 64 CCC data and voice traffic must be on separate two-way Local Interconnection Trunk Groups and not combined at AT&T CALIFORNIA's 4E Access Tandems.

5. TRUNK GROUPS

- 5.1 When CLEC Offers Service in a Local Exchange Area or LATA, the following trunk groups shall be used to exchange various types of traffic between CLEC End Users and AT&T-13STATE End Users.
- 5.2 Local Only and Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s) in each Local Exchange Area: AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE.
 - 5.2.1 A two-way Local Only Trunk Group shall be established between CLEC's switch and each AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Local Only Tandem Switch in the local exchange area. Inter-Tandem switching is not provided.
 - 5.2.2 A two-way Local Interconnection Trunk Group shall be established between CLEC switch and each AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Local/IntraLATA Tandem Switch and each Local/Access Tandem Switch in the local exchange area. Inter-Tandem switching is not provided.
 - 5.2.3 AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE reserves the right to initiate a one-way IntraLATA Trunk Group to CLEC in order to provide Tandem relief when a community of interest is outside the local exchange area in which CLEC is interconnected.
 - 5.2.4 Where traffic from CLEC switch to an AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE End Office is sufficient (24 or more trunks), a Local Interconnection Trunk Group shall also be established to the AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE End Office.
 - 5.2.5 A Local Interconnection Trunk Group shall be established from CLEC switch to each AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE End Office in a local exchange area that has no Local Tandem. This trunk group shall be established as a direct final.
 - 5.2.6 When AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE has a separate Local Only Tandem Switch(es) in the local exchange area, and a separate Access Tandem Switch that serves the same local exchange area, a two-way IntraLATA Toll Trunk Group shall be established to the AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Access Tandem Switch. In addition a two-way Local Only Trunk Group(s) shall be established from CLEC's switch to each AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Local Only Tandem Switch.
 - 5.2.7 Each Party shall deliver to the other Party over the Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s) only such traffic that originates and terminates in the same local exchange area.
- 5.3 Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s) in Each LATA: AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CONNECTICUT, AT&T-2STATE
 - 5.3.1 Tandem Trunking – AT&T-2STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE
 - 5.3.1.1 In AT&T-2STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE:
 - 5.3.1.1.1 Section 251(b)(5) and ISP Bound Traffic shall be routed on Local Only Trunk Groups established at all AT&T Local Only Tandems in the LATA for calls destined to or from all AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE End Offices that

subtend the designated tandem. These trunk groups shall be two-way and will utilize Signaling System (SS7) signaling.

5.3.1.1.2 Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic shall be routed on Local Interconnection Trunk Groups established at all AT&T Local/IntraLATA, Local/Access, or Access Tandem Switch(es) (AT&T-2STATE only) in the LATA for calls destined to or from all AT&T-2STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE End Offices that subtend the designated tandems. These trunk groups shall be two-way and will utilize Signaling System (SS7) signaling.

5.3.2 Tandem Trunking – AT&T CONNECTICUT

5.3.2.1 In AT&T CONNECTICUT, Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic shall be routed on Local Interconnection Trunk Groups established at all AT&T Local Tandems in the LATA for calls destined to or from all AT&T CONNECTICUT End Offices that subtend the designated tandem. These trunk groups shall be one-way and will utilize Signaling System 7 (SS7) signaling.

5.3.3 Direct End Office Trunking

5.3.3.1 The Parties shall establish Direct End Office Trunk Groups for the exchange of Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic where actual or projected traffic demand is or will be twenty-four (24) or more trunks.

5.4 Meet Point Trunk Group: AT&T-13STATE

5.4.1 IXC carried traffic shall be transported between CLEC's switch and the AT&T-13STATE Access Tandem Switch or Local/Access Tandem Switch over a Meet Point Trunk Group separate from Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic. The Meet Point Trunk Group will be established for the transmission and routing of exchange access traffic between CLEC's End Users and IXCs via a AT&T-13STATE Access Tandem Switch or Local/Access Tandem Switch.

5.4.2 Meet Point Trunk Groups shall be provisioned as two-way and will utilize SS7 signaling, except multifrequency ("MF") signaling will be used on a separate Meet Point Trunk Group to complete originating calls to switched access customers that use MF FGD signaling protocol.

5.4.3 When AT&T-13STATE has more than one Access or Local/Access Tandem Switch in a local exchange area or LATA, CLEC shall establish a Meet Point Trunk Group to every AT&T-13STATE Access or Local/Access Tandem Switch where CLEC has homed its NXX code(s).

5.4.4 AT&T-13STATE will not block switched access customer traffic delivered to any AT&T-13STATE Access Tandem Switch or Local/Access Tandem Switch for completion on CLEC's network. The Parties understand and agree that Meet Point trunking arrangements are available and functional only to/from switched access customers who directly connect with any AT&T-13STATE Access Tandem Switch or Local/Access Tandem Switch that CLEC's switch subtends in each LATA. In no event will AT&T-13STATE be required to route such traffic through more than one of its tandem switches for connection to/from switched access customers. AT&T-13STATE shall have no responsibility to ensure that any switched access customer will accept traffic that CLEC directs to the switched access customer.

5.4.5 CLEC shall provide all SS7 signaling information including, without limitation, charge number and originating line information ("OLI"). For terminating FGD, AT&T-13STATE will pass all SS7 signaling information including, without limitation, CPN if it receives CPN from FGD carriers. All privacy indicators will be honored. Where available, network signaling information such as transit network selection ("TNS") parameter, carrier identification codes ("CIC") (CCS platform) and CIC/OZZ information (non-SS7 environment) will be provided by CLEC wherever such information is needed for call routing or billing. The Parties will follow all OBF adopted standards pertaining to TNS and CIC/OZZ codes.

5.5 800/(8YY) Traffic: AT&T-13STATE

- 5.5.1 If CLEC chooses AT&T-13STATE to handle 800/(8YY) database queries from its switches, all CLEC originating 800/(8YY) traffic will be routed over the Meet Point Trunk Group. This traffic will include a combination of both Interexchange Carrier (IXC) 800/(8YY) service and CLEC 800/(8YY) service that will be identified and segregated by carrier through the database query handled through the AT&T-13STATE Access or Local/Access Tandem Switch.
- 5.5.2 All originating Toll Free Service 800/(8YY) calls for which CLEC requests that AT&T-13STATE perform the Service Switching Point ("SSP") function (e.g. perform the database query) shall be delivered using GR-394 format over the Meet Point Trunk Group. Carrier Code "0110" and Circuit Code (to be determined for each LATA) shall be used for all such calls.
- 5.5.3 CLEC may handle its own 800/(8YY) database queries from its switch. If so, CLEC will determine the nature (local/intraLATA/interLATA) of the 800/(8YY) call based on the response from the database. If the query determines that the call is a local or IntraLATA 800/(8YY) number, CLEC will route the post-query local or IntraLATA converted ten-digit local number to AT&T-13STATE over the Local Interconnection Trunk Group. In such case, CLEC is to provide an 800/(8YY) billing record when appropriate. If the query reveals the call is an InterLATA 800/(8YY) number, CLEC will route the post-query inter-LATA call (800/(8YY) number) directly from its switch for carriers interconnected with its network or over the Meet Point Trunk Group to carriers not directly connected to its network but are connected to AT&T-13STATE's Access or Local/Access Tandem Switch. Calls will be routed to AT&T-13STATE over the Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Groups or Meet Point Trunk Groups within the LATA in which the calls originate.
- 5.5.4 All post-query Toll Free Service 800/(8YY) calls for which CLEC performs the SSP function, if delivered to AT&T-13STATE, shall be delivered using GR-394 format over the Meet Point Trunk Group for calls destined to IXCs, or shall be delivered by CLEC using GR-317 format over the Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Group for calls destined to End Offices that directly subtend the tandem.

5.6 E911 Trunk Group

- 5.6.1 A dedicated trunk group for each NPA shall be established to each appropriate E911 switch within the local exchange area or LATA in which CLEC Offers Service. This trunk group shall be provisioned as one-way outgoing only and will utilize MF CAMA signaling or, where available, SS7 signaling. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this trunk group. Where the parties utilize SS7 signaling and the E911 network has the technology available, only one E911 trunk group shall be established to handle multiple NPAs within the local exchange area or LATA. If the E911 network does not have the appropriate technology available, a SS7 trunk group shall be established for each NPA in the local exchange area or LATA. CLEC shall provide a minimum of two (2) one-way outgoing channels on E911 trunk groups per default PSAP or default ESN assignment dedicated for originating E911 emergency service calls from the Point of Interconnection (POI) to the AT&T-13STATE E911 Selective Router switch that serves a specified geographic rate area.
- 5.6.2 In AT&T CONNECTICUT only, CLEC will comply with the CT DPUC directives regarding the E911 trunk groups. The current directive requires CLEC to establish three separate dedicated trunk groups for each Connecticut NPA and default PSAP or default ESN assignment, from its switch to each of the Connecticut E911 Selective Routing tandems. For each NPA, one trunk group using SS7 signaling will go to the Primary E911 Selective Routing tandem. A second trunk group using SS7 will go to the Secondary E911 Selective routing tandem. The third trunk group will have MF CAMA signaling and will go to the Primary E911 Selective Routing tandem and serve as a backup. These trunk groups shall be provisioned by CLEC as one-way outgoing only. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs.

5.6.3 CLEC will cooperate with AT&T-13STATE to promptly test all E911 trunks and facilities between CLEC's network and the AT&T-13STATE E911 Selective Routing Tandem to assure proper functioning of E911 service. CLEC will not turn up live traffic until successful testing is completed by both Parties.

5.7 High Volume Call In (HVCI) / Mass Calling (Choke) Trunk Group: AT&T-12STATE

5.7.1 A dedicated trunk group shall be required to the designated Public Response HVCI/Mass Calling Network Access Tandem in each serving area. This trunk group shall be one-way outgoing only and shall utilize MF signaling. As the HVCI/Mass Calling trunk group is designed to block all excessive attempts toward HVCI/Mass Calling NXXs, it is necessarily exempt from the one percent blocking standard described elsewhere for other final Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group. The Parties will not exchange live traffic until successful testing is completed by both Parties.

5.7.2 This group shall be sized as follows:

<i>Number of Access Lines Served</i>	<i>Number of Mass Calling Trunks</i>
0 – 10,000	2
10,001 – 20,000	3
20,001 – 30,000	4
30,001 – 40,000	5
40,001 – 50,000	6
50,001 – 60,000	7
60,001 – 75,000	8
75,000 +	9 maximum

5.7.3 If CLEC should acquire a HVCI/Mass Calling customer, i.e. a radio station, CLEC shall notify AT&T-12STATE at least 60 days in advance of the need to establish a one-way outgoing SS7 or MF trunk group from the AT&T-12STATE HVCI/Mass Calling Serving Office to the CLEC customer's serving office. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group.

5.7.4 If CLEC finds it necessary to issue a new choke telephone number to a new or existing HVCI/Mass Calling customer, CLEC may request a meeting to coordinate with AT&T-12STATE the assignment of HVCI/Mass Calling telephone number from the existing choke NXX. In the event that the CLEC establishes a new choke NXX, CLEC must notify AT&T-12STATE a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to deployment of the new HVCI/Mass Calling NXX. AT&T-12STATE will perform the necessary translations in its End Offices and Tandem(s) and issue ASRs to establish a one-way outgoing SS7 or MF trunk group from the AT&T-12STATE Public Response HVCI/Mass Calling Network Access Tandem to CLEC's choke serving office.

5.7.5 In AT&T CONNECTICUT, where HVCI/Mass Calling NXXs have not been established, the Parties agree to utilize "call gapping" as the method to control high volumes of calls, where technically feasible in the originating switch, to specific high volume customers or in situations such as those described in Section 35 Network Maintenance and Management of the General Terms and Conditions.

5.8 Operator Services/Directory Assistance Trunk Group(s)

5.8.1 Terms and Conditions for Inward Assistance Operator Services are found in Appendix INW.

5.8.2 If AT&T-13STATE agrees through a separate appendix or contract to provide Directory Assistance and/or Operator Services for CLEC the following trunk groups are required:

5.8.2.1 Directory Assistance (DA)

5.8.2.1.1 CLEC may contract for DA services only. A segregated trunk group for these services will be required to the appropriate AT&T-13STATE Operator Services Tandem in the LATA for the NPA the CLEC wishes to serve. This trunk group is provisioned as one-way outgoing only and utilizes Modified Operator Services Signaling (2 Digit Automatic Number Identification (ANI)). CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group.

5.8.2.2 Directory Assistance Call Completion (DACC)

5.8.2.2.1 CLEC contracting for DA services may also contract for DACC. This requires a segregated one-way trunk group to each AT&T-13STATE Operator Services Tandem within the LATA for the combined DA and DACC traffic. This trunk group is provisioned as one-way outgoing only and utilizes Modified Operator Services Signaling (2 Digit ANI). CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group.

5.8.2.3 Busy Line Verification/Emergency Interrupt (BLV/EI)

5.8.2.3.1 When AT&T-13STATE's operator is under contract to verify the busy status of CLEC End Users, AT&T-13STATE will utilize a segregated one-way with MF signaling trunk group from AT&T-13STATE's Operator Services Tandem to CLEC switch. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group.

5.8.2.4 Operator Assistance (0+, 0-)

5.8.2.4.1 This service requires a one-way trunk group from CLEC switch to AT&T-13STATE's Operator Services Tandem. Two types of trunk groups may be utilized. If the trunk group transports DA/DACC, the trunk group will be designated with the appropriate traffic use code and modifier. If DA is not required or is transported on a segregated trunk group, then the group will be designated with a different appropriate traffic use code and modifier. Modified Operator Services Signaling (2 Digit ANI) will be required on the trunk group. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group.

5.8.2.5 Digit-Exchange Access Operator Services Signaling

5.8.2.5.1 CLEC will employ Exchange Access Operator Services Signaling (EAOSS) from the equal access End Offices (EAEO) to the Operator Services switch that are equipped to accept 10 Digit Signaling for Automatic Number Identification (ANI).

5.8.2.6 OS Questionnaire

5.8.2.6.1 If CLEC chooses AT&T-13STATE to provide either OS and/or DA, then CLEC agrees to accurately complete the OS Questionnaire prior to submitting ASRs for OS and DA trunks.

6. TRUNK FORECASTING RESPONSIBILITIES: AT&T-13STATE

6.1 CLEC agrees to provide an initial forecast for all trunk groups described in this Appendix ITR. AT&T-13STATE shall review this trunk forecast and provide any additional information that may impact the trunk forecast information provided by CLEC. Subsequent trunk forecasts shall be provided on a semi-annual basis, not later than January 1 and July 1 in order to be considered in the semi-annual publication of the AT&T-13STATE General Trunk Forecast. Parties agree to the use of Common Language Location Identification (CLLI) coding and Common Language Circuit Identification for Message Trunk coding (CLCI-MSC) which is described in TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES documents BR795-100-100 and BR795-400-

100 respectively. Inquiries pertaining to use of TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES Common Language Standards and document availability should be directed to TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES at 1-800-521-2673.

- 6.2 The semi-annual forecasts shall include:
 - 6.2.1 Yearly forecasted trunk quantities for all trunk groups required in this Appendix for a minimum of three (current plus 2 future) years; and
 - 6.2.2 A description of major network projects anticipated for the following six months. Major network projects include trunking or network rearrangements, shifts in anticipated traffic patterns, orders greater than four (4) DS1s, or other activities that are reflected by a significant increase or decrease in trunking demand for the following forecasting period.
 - 6.2.3 The Parties shall agree on these forecasts to ensure efficient trunk utilization. For forecast quantities that are in dispute, the Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to develop a mutually agreeable forecast.
 - 6.2.4 Orders for trunks that exceed forecasted quantities for forecasted locations will be accommodated as mutually agreed to by the Parties. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts and cooperate in good faith to develop alternative solutions to accommodate these orders.
- 6.3 CLEC shall be responsible for forecasting two-way trunk groups. AT&T-13STATE shall be responsible for forecasting the one-way trunk groups terminating to CLEC and CLEC shall be responsible for forecasting the one-way trunk groups terminating to AT&T-13STATE, unless otherwise specified in this Appendix.
- 6.4 Each Party shall provide a specified point of contact for planning and forecasting purposes.

7. TRUNK DESIGN BLOCKING CRITERIA: AT&T-13STATE

- 7.1 Trunk requirements for forecasting and servicing shall be based on the blocking objectives shown in Table 1. Trunk requirements shall be based upon time consistent average busy season busy hour twenty (20) day averaged loads applied to industry standard Neal-Wilkinson Trunk Group Capacity algorithms (using Medium day-to-day Variation and 1.0 Peakedness factor until actual traffic data is available).

TABLE 1

Trunk Group Type	Design Blocking Objective
Local Interconnection Trunk Group - Direct End Office (Primary High)	ECCS*
Local Interconnection Trunk Group - Direct End Office (Final)	2%
IntraLATA Toll Trunk Group (Local/Access or Access Tandem Switch)	1%
Local Interconnection Trunk Group (Local Tandem)	1%
Meet Point (Local/Access or Access Tandem Switch)	0.5%
E911	1%
Operator Services (DA/DACC)	1%
Operator Services (0+, 0-)	1%
Busy Line Verification/Emergency Interrupt	1%

*During implementation the Parties will mutually agree on an Economic Centum Call Seconds (ECCS) or some other means for the sizing of this trunk group.

8. TRUNK SERVICING: AT&T-13STATE

- 8.1 Orders between the Parties to establish, add, change or disconnect trunks shall be processed by using an Access Service Request (ASR). CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on two-way trunk groups. In AT&T CONNECTICUT where one-way trunks are provisioned, AT&T CONNECTICUT will issue ASRs for trunk groups for traffic that originates from AT&T CONNECTICUT and terminates to CLEC.

8.2 Both Parties will jointly manage the capacity of Local Only, Local Interconnection, and Meet Point Trunk Groups. Both Parties may send a Trunk Group Service Request (TGSR) to the other Party to trigger changes to the Local Only, Local Interconnection, and Meet Point Trunk Groups based on capacity assessment. The TGSR is a standard industry support interface developed by the Ordering and Billing Forum of the Carrier liaison Committee of the Alliance for Telecommunications Solutions (ATIS) organization. TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES Special Report STS000316 describes the format and use of the TGSR. Contact TELCORDIA TECHNOLOGIES at 1-800-521-2673 regarding the documentation availability and use of this form.

8.3 Utilization: Utilization shall be defined as Trunks Required as a percentage of Trunks In Service.

8.3.1 In A Blocking Situation (Over-utilization)

8.3.1.1 In a blocking situation, CLEC is responsible for issuing ASRs on all two-way Local Only, Local Interconnection and Meet Point Trunk Groups and one-way CLEC originating Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to reduce measured blocking to design objective blocking levels based on analysis of trunk group data. If an ASR is not issued, AT&T-13STATE will issue a TSGR. CLEC will issue an ASR within three (3) business days after receipt and review of the TGSR. CLEC will note "Service Affecting" on the ASR.

8.3.1.2 In a blocking situation, AT&T-13STATE is responsible for issuing ASRs on one-way AT&T originating Local Only and/or Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to reduce measured blocking to design objective blocking levels based on analysis of trunk group data. If an ASR is not issued, CLEC will issue a TSGR. AT&T-13STATE will issue an ASR within three (3) business days after receipt and review of the TGSR.

8.3.1.3 If an alternate final Local Only Trunk Group or Local Interconnection Trunk Group is at seventy-five percent (75%) utilization, a TGSR is sent to CLEC for the final and all subtending high usages that are contributing any amount of overflow to the alternate final route.

8.3.1.4 If a direct final Meet Point Trunk Group is at seventy-five percent (75%) utilization, a TGSR shall be sent to CLEC.

8.3.2 Underutilization

8.3.2.1 Underutilization of Local Only Trunk Groups, Local Interconnection Trunk Groups and Meet Point Trunk Groups exists when provisioned capacity is greater than the current need. Those situations where more capacity exists than actual usage requires will be handled in the following manner:

8.3.2.1.1 If a Local Only Trunk Group, Local Interconnection Trunk Group or a Meet Point Trunk Group is under seventy-five percent (75%) of CCS capacity on a monthly average basis, for each month of any three (3) consecutive months period, either Party may request the issuance of an order to resize the Local Only Trunk Group, Local Interconnection Trunk Group or the Meet Point Trunk Group, which shall be left with not less than twenty-five percent (25%) excess capacity. In all cases, grade of service objectives shall be maintained.

8.3.2.1.2 Either party may send a TGSR to the other Party to trigger changes to the Local Only Trunk Groups, Local Interconnection Trunk Groups or Meet Point Trunk Groups based on capacity assessment. Upon receipt of a TGSR, the receiving Party will issue an ASR to the other Party within twenty (20) business days after receipt of the TGSR.

8.3.2.1.3 Upon review of the TGSR, if a Party does not agree with the resizing, the Parties will schedule a joint planning discussion within the twenty (20) business days. The Parties will meet to resolve and mutually agree to the disposition of the TGSR.

8.3.2.1.4 If AT&T-13STATE does not receive an ASR, or if CLEC does not respond to the TGSR by scheduling a joint discussion within the twenty (20) business day period, AT&T-13STATE will attempt to contact CLEC to schedule a joint planning discussion. If CLEC will not agree to meet within an additional five (5) business days and present adequate reason for keeping trunks operational, AT&T-13STATE reserves the right to issue ASRs to resize the Local Only Trunk Groups, Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, or Meet Point Trunk Groups.

8.3.3 Trunk Servicing – AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE Exceptions

8.3.3.1 The Parties will process trunk service requests submitted via a properly completed ASR within ten (10) business days of receipt of such ASR unless defined as a major project. Incoming orders will be screened by AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE trunk engineering personnel for reasonableness based upon current utilization and/or consistency with forecasts. If the nature and necessity of an order requires determination, the ASR will be placed in held status, and a Joint Planning discussion conducted. Parties agree to expedite this discussion in order to minimize delay in order processing. Extension of this review and discussion process beyond two days from ASR receipt will require the ordering Party to Supplement the order with proportionally adjusted Customer Desired Due Dates. Facilities must also be in place before trunk orders can be completed.

8.4 Projects require the coordination and execution of multiple orders or related activities between and among AT&T-13STATE and CLEC work groups, including but not limited to the initial establishment of Local Only, Local Interconnection or Meet Point Trunk Groups and service in an area, NXX code moves, re-homes, facility grooming, or network rearrangements.

8.4.1 Orders that comprise a project, i.e. greater than four (4) DS1s, shall be submitted at the same time, and their implementation shall be jointly planned and coordinated.

8.5 Projects-Tandem Rehomes/Switch Conversion/Major Network Projects

8.5.1 AT&T-13STATE will advise CLEC of all projects significantly affecting CLEC trunking. Such Projects may include Tandem Rehomes, Switch Conversions and other major network changes. An Accessible Letter with project details will be issued at least 6 months prior to the project due dates. AT&T-13STATE will follow with a Trunk Group Service Request (TGSR) approximately 4 to 6 months before the due date of the project. A separate TGSR will be issued for each CLEC trunk group and will specify the required CLEC ASR issue date. Failure to submit ASR(s) by the required date may result in AT&T-13STATE ceasing to deliver traffic until the ASR(s) are received and processed.

9. TRUNK DATA EXCHANGE: AT&T-13STATE

9.1 The Parties agree to exchange traffic data on two-way trunk groups and to implement such an exchange within three (3) months of the date that two-way trunking is established and the trunk groups begin passing live traffic, or another date is agreed to by the Parties.

9.2 Exchange of traffic data enables each Party to make accurate and independent assessments of trunk group service levels and requirements. The Parties may agree to establish a timeline for implementing an exchange of traffic data utilizing the DIXC process via a Network Data Mover (NDM) or FTP computer to computer file transfer process. Implementation shall be within three (3) months of the date, or such date as agreed upon, that the trunk groups begin passing live traffic. The traffic data to be exchanged will be the Originating Attempt Peg Count, Usage (measured in Hundred Call Seconds), Overflow Peg Count, and Maintenance Usage (measured in Hundred Call Seconds on a seven (7) day per week, twenty-four (24) hour per day, fifty-two (52) weeks per year basis). The Parties agree that twenty (20) business days is the study period duration objective. However, on occasion a study period may be less than twenty (20) business days but at minimum must be at least three (3) business days to be utilized for engineering

purposes, although with less statistical confidence. For AT&T originated one-way, or for any two-way trunk groups, these reports can be made available weekly upon request.

9.3 A trunk group utilization report (TIKI) is available upon request. The report is provided in an MS-Excel format.

10. NETWORK MANAGEMENT: AT&T-13STATE

10.1 Restrictive Controls

10.1.1 Either Party may use protective network traffic management controls such as 7-digit and 10-digit code gaps set at appropriate levels on traffic toward each other's network, when required, to protect the public switched network from congestion due to facility failures, switch congestion, or failure or focused overload. CLEC and AT&T-13STATE will immediately notify each other of any protective control action planned or executed.

10.2 Expansive Controls

10.2.1 Where the capability exists, originating or terminating traffic reroutes may be implemented by either Party to temporarily relieve network congestion due to facility failures or abnormal calling patterns. Reroutes will not be used to circumvent normal trunk servicing. Expansive controls will only be used when mutually agreed to by the Parties.

10.3 Mass Calling

10.3.1 CLEC and AT&T-13STATE shall cooperate and share pre-planning information regarding cross-network call-ins expected to generate large or focused temporary increases in call volumes.

11. OUT OF EXCHANGE TRAFFIC

11.1 Interconnection services are available in accordance with section 251(a)(1) of the Act for the purposes of exchanging traffic to/from a non-AT&T incumbent exchange and consistent with the Appendix Out of Exchange Traffic.

12. SWITCHED ACCESS TRAFFIC

12.1 For purposes of this Agreement only, Switched Access Traffic shall mean all traffic that originates from an end user physically located in one local exchange and delivered for termination to an end user physically located in a different local exchange (excluding traffic from exchanges sharing a common mandatory local calling area as defined in AT&T-13STATE's local exchange tariffs on file with the applicable state commission) including, without limitation, any traffic that (i) terminates over a Party's circuit switch, including traffic from a service that originates over a circuit switch and uses Internet Protocol (IP) transport technology (regardless of whether only one provider uses IP transport or multiple providers are involved in providing IP transport) and/or (ii) originates from the end user's premises in IP format and is transmitted to the switch of a provider of voice communication applications or services when such switch utilizes IP technology and terminates over a Party's circuit switch. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, all Switched Access Traffic shall be delivered to the terminating Party over feature group access trunks per the terminating Party's access tariff(s) and shall be subject to applicable intrastate and interstate switched access charges; provided, however, the following categories of Switched Access Traffic are not subject to the above stated requirement relating to routing over feature group access trunks:

- (i) IntraLATA toll Traffic or Optional EAS Traffic from a CLEC end user that obtains local dial tone from CLEC where CLEC is both the Section 251(b)(5) Traffic provider and the intraLATA toll provider;
- (ii) IntraLATA toll Traffic or Optional EAS Traffic from an AT&T end user that obtains local dial tone from AT&T where AT&T is both the Section 251(b)(5) Traffic provider and the intraLATA toll provider;
- (iii) Switched Access Traffic delivered to AT&T from an Interexchange Carrier (IXC) where the terminating number is ported to another CLEC and the IXC fails to perform the Local Number Portability (LNP) query; and/or

(iv) Switched Access Traffic delivered to either Party from a third party competitive local exchange carrier over interconnection trunk groups carrying Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic (hereinafter referred to as "Local Interconnection Trunk Groups") destined to the other Party.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, each Party reserves its rights, remedies, and arguments relating to the application of switched access charges for traffic exchanged by the Parties prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement and described in the FCC's Order issued in the Petition for Declaratory Ruling that AT&T's Phone-to-Phone IP Telephony Services Exempt from Access Charges, WC Docket No. 01-361 (Released April 21, 2004).

12.2 In the limited circumstances in which a third party competitive local exchange carrier delivers Switched Access Traffic as described in Section 12.1 (iv) above to either Party over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, such Party may deliver such Switched Access Traffic to the terminating Party over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. If it is determined that such traffic has been delivered over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, the terminating Party may object to the delivery of such traffic by providing written notice to the delivering Party pursuant to the notice provisions set forth in the General Terms and Conditions and request removal of such traffic. The Parties will work cooperatively to identify the traffic with the goal of removing such traffic from the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. If the delivering Party has not removed or is unable to remove such Switched Access Traffic as described in Section 12.1(iv) above from the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups within sixty (60) days of receipt of notice from the other party, the Parties agree to jointly file a complaint or any other appropriate action with the applicable Commission to seek any necessary permission to remove the traffic from such interconnection trunks up to and including the right to block such traffic and to obtain compensation, if appropriate, from the third party competitive local exchange carrier delivering such traffic to the extent it is not blocked.

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APPENDIX INW (Inward Assistance Operator Services)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Inward Assistance Operator Services for switched-based CLEC's or CLEC's leasing Lawful unbundled switched ports as provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T-2STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-2STATE** means **AT&T CALIFORNIA** and **AT&T NEVADA**, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
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- 1.22 **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.23 **AT&T TEXAS** - As used herein, **AT&T TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 **AT&T WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **AT&T WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2. SERVICES

- 2.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **AT&T-13STATE** Inward Assistance Operator will provide the following assistance or services when reached by an operator dialing the appropriate Toll Center Code in addition to the inward code.
 - 2.1.1 General Assistance on calls where an attempt to connect the call is required by a local operator.
 - 2.1.2 Busy Line Verification (BLV) service and Busy Line Verification/Interrupt (BLV/I) service.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 **"General Assistance"** - A service in which an operator calls the Inward Assistance operator seeking assistance in dialing a number. The assistance could be required, for example, for attempting to dial a number where a 'no ring' condition has been encountered.
- 3.2 **"Busy Line Verification"** - A service in which an operator asks the Inward Assistance operator to verify a conversation in progress.
- 3.3 **"Busy Line Verification/ Interrupt"** - A service in which an operator asks the Inward Assistance operator to interrupt a conversation in progress, to determine if one of the parties is willing to speak to the caller requesting the interrupt.

- 3.4 "Toll Center Code" - Refers to a three digit Access Tandem Code (ATC) code that uniquely identifies a tandem switch in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) designated as providing access to operator services functions. An operator dials the appropriate area code + ATC + OPR SVC CODE to obtain Inward Assistance.
- 3.5 "Operator Service Code" - Refers to the operator dialable code assigned in the LERG for Inward Assistance.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 4.1 To the extent that a Party elects, in its sole discretion, to interconnect with the other Party's Operator assistance switches, the Parties' responsibilities are described below:
 - 4.1.1 It is the responsibility of the CLEC to order the necessary facilities to interconnect with AT&T-13STATE's Operator assistance switch(es). It is the responsibility of AT&T-13STATE to provide the necessary facilities to the CLEC's point of presence in the local exchange area/LATA to interconnect with the CLEC's Operator assistance switches.
 - 4.1.2 The CLEC will initiate an ASR for a one-way trunk group from its designated Operator assistance switch to the AT&T-13STATE Operator assistance switch utilizing MF signaling. Likewise, AT&T-13STATE will initiate an ASR for a one-way MF signaling trunk group from its Operator assistance switch to the CLEC's designated Operator assistance switch.
- 4.2 CLEC will furnish request for service in writing to AT&T-13STATE, thirty calendar (30) days in advance of the date when the Inward Assistance Operator Services are to be undertaken, unless otherwise agreed to by AT&T-13STATE. CLEC or its designated operator services providers shall submit Access Service Requests (ASRs) to AT&T-13STATE to establish any new interconnection trunking arrangements.
- 4.3 The requester of this Inward Assistance Operator Services service agreement must provide one Carrier Identification Code (CIC) for its CLEC or Independent Exchange Carrier business operation and one for its InterExchange Carrier (IXC) business operation if the requesting company wishes to receive billing data in a format that separates the service provided to the two business operations.

5. TOLL CENTER CODES

- 5.1 Toll Center Codes will be used by the CLEC Operators for routing and connecting to the AT&T-13STATE Operator assistance switches. These codes are specific to the various AT&T-13STATE LATA's where AT&T-13STATE Operator assistance switches are located.
- 5.2 AT&T-13STATE Operator Services will require a Toll Center Code for the CLEC Operator Services assistance switch. This code will be the routing code used for connecting the AT&T-13STATE Operator to the CLEC Operator on an Inward basis.
- 5.3 If the CLEC requires establishment of a new Toll Center Code, CLEC shall do so by referencing the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG).

6. PRICING

- 6.1 AT&T-12STATE - Pricing for Inward Assistance Operator Services shall be based on the rates specified in the applicable Appendix Pricing (Operator work seconds) and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

7. MONTHLY BILLING

- 7.1 AT&T-13STATE will render monthly billing statements to CLEC, and remittance in full will be due within thirty (30) days of receipt. CLEC will render monthly billing to AT&T-13STATE and remittance in full will be due within thirty (30) days of receipt.

8. LIABILITY

- 8.1 The CLEC agrees to defend and hold harmless AT&T-13STATE from any and all losses, damages, or other liability including attorneys fees that the carrier may incur as a result of claims, demands, wrongful death actions, or other suits brought by any party that arise out of the carrier's operator use of Inward Assistance Operator Services on the behalf of the carrier's End Users. The CLEC shall defend against all end user claims just as if the carrier operator had provided such service to its end user directly and shall assert its tariff limitation of liability for benefit of both AT&T-13STATE and carrier.
- 8.2 The CLEC also agrees to release, defend and hold harmless AT&T-13STATE 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 AT&T-13STATE employees and equipment associated with provision of the Inward Assistance Operator Services. This provision includes but is not limited to suits, claims, and demands arising from disclosure of the telephone number, address, or name associated with the telephone called.

9. TERMS OF APPENDIX

- 9.1 This Appendix will continue in force for the length of the Interconnection Agreement, but no less than twelve (12) months. At the expiration of the term of the Interconnection Agreement to which this Appendix is attached or twelve (12) months, whichever occurs later, either Party may terminate this Appendix upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days written notice to the other Party.
- 9.2 If the CLEC terminates this Appendix prior to the expiration of the term of this Appendix, CLEC shall pay AT&T-13STATE, within thirty (30) days of the issuance of any bills by AT&T-13STATE, all amounts due for actual services provided under this Appendix, plus estimated monthly charges for the remainder of the term. Estimated charges will be based on an average of the actual monthly amounts billed by AT&T-13STATE pursuant to this Appendix prior to its termination.
- 9.3 The rates applicable for determining the amount(s) under the terms outlined in this Section are those specified in Appendix Pricing.

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EXHIBIT I

SERVING AREA

OPERATOR SERVICES PROVIDER LOCATION:

CLEC SWITCH SERVING LOCATIONS:

<u>CITY</u>	<u>NPA-NXX</u>	<u>LATA</u>

ADDITIONAL SHEETS SHOULD BE ADDED AS REQUIRED.

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APPENDIX NIM (NETWORK INTERCONNECTION METHODS)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions that Network Interconnection Methods (NIM) are provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC). This Appendix describes the physical architecture for Interconnection of the Parties' facilities and equipment for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic and Exchange Access traffic between the respective End Users of the Parties pursuant to Section 251(c)(2) of the Act; provided, however, interconnection may not be used solely for the purpose of originating a Party's own interexchange traffic.
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- 1.25 **AT&T-13STATE** shall provide, for CLEC's facilities and equipment, interconnection for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service and exchange access, at a level of quality that is equal to that which **AT&T-13STATE** provides itself, a subsidiary, an affiliate, or any other party to which **AT&T-13STATE** provides Interconnection and on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable and non-discriminatory.
- 1.26 **Network Interconnection Methods** (NIMs) include, but are not limited to, Physical Collocation; Virtual Collocation; Fiber Meet Point; and other technically feasible method of obtaining interconnection which is incorporated into the Interconnection Agreement by amendment. One or more of these methods may be used to effect the Interconnection pursuant to Section 25(c)(2) of the Act.

2. NETWORK INTERCONNECTION ARCHITECTURE PLAN

- 2.1 **AT&T-13STATE**'s network is partly comprised of End Office switches, Local Only Tandem Switches (**AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**), Local/IntraLATA Tandem Switches, Local/Access Tandem Switches, and Access Tandem Switches. **AT&T-13STATE**'s network architecture in any given local exchange area and/or LATA can vary markedly from another local exchange area/LATA. Using one or more of the NIMs herein, the Parties will agree to a physical architecture plan for a specific Interconnection area. A physical architecture plan will, at a minimum, include the location of CLEC's switch(es) and **AT&T-13STATE**'s End Office switch(es) and/or Tandem switch(es) to be

interconnected, the facilities that will connect the two networks and which Party will provide (be financially responsible for) the interconnection facilities. At the time of implementation in a given local exchange area or LATA the plan will be documented and signed by appropriate representatives of the Parties, indicating their mutual agreement to the physical architecture plan.

2.2 Points of Interconnection (POIs): A Point of Interconnection (POI) is a point on the AT&T-13STATE network (End Office or Tandem building) where the Parties deliver Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic to each other, and also serves as a demarcation point between the facilities that each Party is responsible to provide.

2.3 Each Party is responsible for the facilities to its side of the negotiated POI(s) and may utilize any method of Interconnection described in this Appendix. Each Party is responsible for the appropriate sizing, operation, and maintenance of the transport facility to the POI(s). The parties agree to provide sufficient facilities for the trunk groups required in Appendix ITR for the exchange of traffic between CLEC and AT&T-13STATE.

2.4 Types of Points of Interconnection

2.4.1 A "Tandem Serving Area" or "TSA" is an AT&T-13STATE area defined by the sum of all local calling areas served by AT&T-13STATE End Offices that subtend an AT&T-13STATE tandem for Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic as defined in the LERG.

2.4.2 The Parties will interconnect their network facilities at a minimum of one CLEC designated Point of Interconnection (POI) within AT&T-13STATE's network in the LATA where CLEC Offers Service.

2.4.3 A "Single POI" is a single point of interconnection within a LATA on AT&T-13STATE's network that is established to interconnect AT&T-13STATE's network and CLEC's network for the exchange of Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic.

2.4.4 The Parties agree that CLEC has the right to choose a Single POI or multiple POIs.

2.4.5 When CLEC has established a Single POI (or multiple POIs) in a LATA, CLEC agrees to establish an additional POI:

(i) at an AT&T-13STATE TSA separate from the existing POI arrangement when traffic through the existing POI arrangement to that AT&T-13STATE TSA exceeds twenty-four (24) DS1s at peak over three (3) consecutive months, or

(ii) at an AT&T-13STATE End Office in a local calling area not served by an AT&T-13STATE tandem for Section 251(b)(5)/IntraLATA Toll Traffic when traffic through the existing POI arrangement to that local calling area exceeds twenty-four (24) DS1s at peak over three (3) consecutive months.

2.4.6 The additional POI(s) will be established within 90 days of notification that the threshold has been met.

2.5 Either Party must provide thirty (30) days written notice of any intent to change to the physical architecture plan.

2.6 CLEC is solely responsible for the facilities that carry OS/DA, E911, Mass Calling and Meet Point Trunk Groups as specified in Appendix ITR.

2.7 Technical Interfaces

2.7.1 The Interconnection facilities provided by each Party shall be formatted using either Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI) line code with Superframe format framing or Bipolar 8 Zero Signaling (B8ZS) with Extended Superframe format framing or any mutually agreeable line coding and framing.

2.7.2 Electrical handoffs at the POI(s) will be at the DS1 or DS3 level. When a DS3 handoff is agreed to by the Parties, AT&T-13STATE will provide any multiplexing required for DS1 facilities or trunking at their end and CLEC will provide any DS1 multiplexing required for facilities or trunking at their end.

2.7.3 When the Parties demonstrate the need for Optical handoffs at the OC-n level, the parties will meet to negotiate specific Optical handoff needs.

3. METHODS OF INTERCONNECTION

3.1 Physical Collocation

3.1.1 When CLEC provides its own facilities or uses the facilities of a third party to a AT&T-13STATE Tandem or End Office building and wishes to place its own transport terminating equipment at that location, CLEC may Interconnect using the provisions of Physical Collocation as set forth in Appendix Collocation.

3.2 Virtual Collocation

3.2.1 When CLEC provides its own facilities or uses the facilities of a third party to a AT&T-13STATE Tandem or End Office building and wishes for AT&T-13STATE to place transport terminating equipment at that location on CLEC's behalf, CLEC may Interconnect using the provisions of Virtual Collocation as set forth in Appendix Collocation. Virtual Collocation allows CLEC to choose the equipment vendor and does not require that CLEC be Physically Collocated.

3.3 Fiber Meet Point

3.3.1 Fiber Meet Point between AT&T-13STATE and CLEC can occur at any mutually agreeable and technically feasible point at an AT&T-13STATE Tandem or End Office building within each local exchange area (AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE) or LATA (AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CONNECTICUT, and AT&T-2STATE).

3.3.2 When the Parties agree to interconnect their networks pursuant to the Fiber Meet Point, a single point-to-point linear chain SONET system must be utilized. Only Local Interconnection Trunk Groups shall be provisioned over this jointly provided facility.

3.3.3 Neither Party will be allowed to access the Data Communications Channel ("DCC") of the other Party's Fiber Optic Terminal (FOT). The Fiber Meet Point will be designed so that each Party may, as far as is technically feasible, independently select the transmission, multiplexing, and fiber terminating equipment to be used on its side of the POI(s). The Parties will work cooperatively to achieve equipment and vendor compatibility of the FOT equipment.

3.3.4 Requirements for such Interconnection specifications will be defined in joint engineering planning sessions between the Parties.

3.3.5 In addition to the semi-annual trunk forecast process, discussed in Appendix ITR, discussions to provide relief to existing facilities can be initiated by either party. Actual system augmentations will be initiated only upon mutual agreement. Facilities will be planned for to accommodate the verified and mutually agreed upon trunk forecast for the Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s).

3.3.6 Both Parties will negotiate a project service date and corresponding work schedule to construct relief facilities prior to facilities exhaust.

3.3.7 CLEC will provide fiber cable to the last entrance (or AT&T-13STATE designated) manhole at the AT&T-13STATE Tandem or End Office building. AT&T-13STATE shall make all necessary preparations to receive and to allow and enable CLEC to deliver fiber optic facilities into that manhole. CLEC will provide a sufficient length of Fiber cable for AT&T-13STATE to pull through to the AT&T-13STATE cable vault. CLEC shall deliver and maintain such strands wholly at its own expense up to the POI. AT&T-13STATE shall take the fiber from the manhole and terminate it inside AT&T-13STATE's office at the cable vault at AT&T-13STATE's expense. In this case the POI shall be at the AT&T-13STATE designated manhole location.

3.3.8 Each Party shall provide its own source for the synchronized timing of its FOT equipment.

3.3.9 CLEC and AT&T-13STATE will mutually agree on the capacity of the FOT(s) to be utilized based on equivalent DS1s or DS3s. Each Party will also agree upon the optical frequency and wavelength

necessary to implement the Interconnection. The Parties will develop and agree upon methods for the capacity planning and management for these facilities, terms and conditions for over provisioning facilities, and the necessary processes to implement facilities as indicated in section 4 of this document.

3.4 Other Interconnection Methods

3.4.1 The Parties may mutually agree to other methods of obtaining interconnection that are technically feasible which are incorporated into the Interconnection Agreement by amendment.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 4.1 For each local Interconnection within an AT&T-13STATE area, CLEC shall provide written notice to AT&T-13STATE of the need to establish Interconnection in each local exchange area (AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE) or LATA (AT&T-2STATE, AT&T CONNECTICUT and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE). CLEC shall provide all applicable network information on forms acceptable to AT&T-13STATE (as set forth in AT&T's CLEC Handbook, published on the CLEC website).
- 4.2 Upon receipt of CLEC's notice to interconnect, the Parties shall schedule a meeting to document the network architecture (including trunking) as discussed in Section 2.1. The Interconnection activation date for an Interconnection shall be established based on then-existing force and load, the scope and complexity of the requested Interconnection and other relevant factors.
- 4.3 Either party may add or remove additional switches. The parties shall provide 120 days written notice to establish such Interconnection; and the terms and conditions of this agreement will apply to such Interconnection.
- 4.4 The Parties recognize that a facility handoff point must be agreed to that establishes the demarcation for maintenance and provisioning responsibilities for each party on their side of the POI.

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APPENDIX LNP (LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Local Number Portability mutually provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T-12STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-12STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T-2STATE the applicable AT&T owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.4 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-13STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T-2STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT the applicable AT&T owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.5 **AT&T CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, AT&T CALIFORNIA means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.6 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, AT&T CONNECTICUT means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.7 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **AT&T NEVADA** - As used herein, AT&T NEVADA means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.9 **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

2. LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY (LNP)

2.1 General Terms and Conditions

- 2.1.1 AT&T-13STATE and CLEC shall provide Local Number Portability (LNP) in accordance with requirements of the Act, the rules and orders of the FCC, and the guidelines of the North American Numbering Council (NANC).

2.2 Requirements for LNP

- 2.2.1 AT&T-13STATE and CLEC shall follow industry guidelines, including but not limited to North American Numbering Council (NANC) Inter Service Provider Operations Flows, regarding LNP.

- 2.2.2 Either party shall be permitted to block default -routed calls to protect the public switched telephone network from overload, congestion, or failure propagation.
- 2.2.3 When a ported telephone number becomes vacant, e.g., the telephone number is no longer in service with the original End User, the ported telephone number will be released back to the carrier owning the switch in which the telephone number's NXX is native.
- 2.2.4 Each Party shall become responsible for the End User's other telecommunications related services and features, e.g. E911, Directory Listings, Operator Services, Line Information Database (LIDB), once that Party has ported the End User's telephone number to the Party's switch.

2.3 Limitations of Service

- 2.3.1 Telephone numbers can be ported as a basic network offering only within AT&T-13STATE rate centers as approved by State Commissions. "Porting within rate centers" refers to the physical location of the End User. If the End User changes his, her or its physical location from one rate center to another, the End User may not retain his, her or its telephone number (which is associated with the End User's previous rate center) as a basic network (non-FX) offering. An End User may retain his, her or its telephone number when moving from one rate center to another by the use of a tariff FX or Remote Call Forwarding offering from the new service provider. The term "FX," as used in this appendix, refers to number assignments and moves outside the rate centers with which a telephone number is ordinarily associated, and is different from the term "FX" in the Compensation attachment, which refers number assignment and moves outside of a mandatory local calling area.
- 2.3.2 Telephone numbers of the following types shall not be ported: (i) AT&T-13STATE Official Communications Services (OCS) NXXs; and (ii) 555, 976, 950, 956, 976 and 900 numbers (iii) N11 numbers (e.g., 411 and 911); (iv) 800, 888, 877 and 866 numbers; and (v) disconnected or unassigned numbers.
- 2.3.3 Telephone numbers with NXXs dedicated to choke/High Volume Call-In (HVCI) networks are not portable via LRN. Choke numbers will be ported as described in Section 5.5 of this Appendix.

2.4 Service Description

- 2.4.1 The LRN software of the switch in which an NXX is native determines if the called party is in a portable NXX. When a calling party places a telephone call, if the called party is in a portable NXX, a query will be launched to the LNP database to determine whether or not the called number has been ported.
- 2.4.2 When the called number has been ported, an LRN will be returned to the switch that launched the query. Following the query, the LRN of the called number will appear in the Called Party Number (CdPN) field of the SS7 message and the called number will appear in the Generic Address Parameter (GAP) field.
- 2.4.3 When the query does not return an LRN, the call will be completed based upon the dialed digits.
- 2.4.4 When the LNP database is queried, the Forward Call Identifier (FCI) field's entry will be changed from 0 to 1 by the switch triggering the query, regardless of whether the called number has been ported or not.
- 2.4.5 Where technically feasible, the Parties shall populate the Jurisdictional Identification Parameter (JIP) field with the first six (6) digits (NPA NXX format) of the appropriate LRN of the originating switch.

2.5 Pricing

- 2.5.1 With the exception of lawful query charges, the parties shall not charge each other for ordering, provisioning, or conversion of ported telephone numbers as a means for the other to recover the costs associated with LNP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, AT&T-13STATE may charge CLEC LNP end user surcharges, provided that the conditions set forth in 47 CFR § 52.33 are met.

3. "N-1" QUERY METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The parties shall follow the "N-1" query methodology in performing queries of the LNP database, as provided below. As provided by Industry standards, the N-1" carrier is the carrier in the call routing sequence immediately prior to the terminating carrier's end office, or the terminating carrier's end office tandem. The "N-1" carrier shall perform the LNP database query. If the "N-1" carrier fails to perform the LNP database query, the terminating carrier shall perform a query of the LNP database, and shall be permitted to change the N-1 carrier for the query.
 - 3.1.1 For interLATA or intraLATA toll calls, the originating carrier will pass the call to the appropriate toll carrier, which will perform a query of the LNP database and efficiently route the call to the appropriate terminating local carrier, either directly or through an access tandem office. Where one carrier is the originating local service provider (LSP) and the other carrier is the designated toll carrier, the designated toll carrier is the "N-1" carrier. The originating LSP will not query toll calls delivered to the toll carrier or charge the toll carrier for such queries.
 - 3.1.2 For local calls to ported numbers, the originating carrier is the "N-1" carrier. The originating carrier will query the LNP database and route the call to the appropriate terminating carrier.
 - 3.1.3 For local calls to any NXX from which at least one number has been ported, the Party that owns the originating switch shall query an LNP database as soon as the call reaches the first LNP-capable switch in the call path. The Party that owns the originating switch shall query on a local call to an NXX in which at least one number has been ported via LNP prior to any attempts to route the call to any other switch. Prior to the first number in an NXX being ported via LNP at the request of a CLEC, AT&T-13STATE may query all calls directed to that NXX, provided that AT&T-13STATE's queries shall not adversely affect the quality of service to CLEC's customers or end-users as compared to the service AT&T-13STATE provides its own customers.
 - 3.1.4 A Party shall be charged for an LNP query by the other Party only if the Party to be charged is the N-1 carrier and was obligated to perform the LRN-PNP query but failed to do so, pursuant to conditions set forth in CFR 47, Section 52.33. The only exception will be if the FCC rules (Docket No. 95-116) that the terminating carrier may charge the N-1 carrier for queries initiated before the first number is ported in an NXX.
 - 3.1.5 Rates, terms and conditions for LNP queries performed by AT&T-13STATE will be governed by FCC No. 73 Access Services Tariff, Section 34, or a successor tariff.

4. ORDERING

- 4.1 Porting of numbers marked as portable in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) will be initiated via Local Service Requests (LSR) based on Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF) recommendations.
 - 4.1.1 When an LSR is sent to one Party by the other Party to initiate porting via LNP, the receiving Party shall return, at the appropriate time, a Firm Order Confirmation (FOC).
 - 4.1.2 For the purposes of this Attachment, the Parties may use a project management approach for the implementation of LSRs for large quantities of ported numbers or for complex porting processes. With regard to such managed projects ("projects"), the parties may negotiate implementation details such as, but not limited to: Due Date, Cutover Intervals and Times, Coordination of Technical Resources, and Completion Notice.

5. PROVISIONING

- 5.1 The Parties will remove a ported number from the end office from which the number is being ported as close to the requested time as reasonably practicable, not to exceed 59 minutes, except under the conditions listed below in 5.1.1, 5.1.2 and 5.1.3. The 59-minute period shall commence upon the Frame Due Time (FDT) shown on the receiving party's LSR, or as otherwise negotiated by the parties on a project basis. The parties recognize that it is in the best interest of the consumer for this removal to be completed in the most expedient manner possible. Therefore, AT&T-13STATE and CLEC agree that a 30-minute

interval is a goal toward which both companies will work; however, both CLEC and AT&T-13STATE recognize that there will be instances where the interval may be up to 59 minutes.

- 5.1.1 Unconditional Ten-Digit Trigger. If the Unconditional Ten-Digit Trigger is set, calls originating from the old switch will query the database and route to the new switch without the number being disconnected. The ported number must be removed at the same time that the unconditional LNP trigger is removed.
- 5.1.2 Project Orders. For project requests, the Parties will negotiate time frames for the disconnection of the numbers in the old switch.
- 5.1.3 Coordinated Orders. Orders worked on a coordinated basis will be coordinated until the numbers are disconnected in the old switch.

5.2 The Parties agree to provide Unconditional Ten Digit Trigger wherever technically feasible.

5.3 AT&T-13STATE and CLEC shall cooperate in the process of porting numbers from one carrier to another so as to limit service outage for the ported subscriber. AT&T-13STATE and CLEC will use their best efforts to update their respective Local Service Management Systems (LSMS) from the NPAC SMS data within 15 minutes after receipt of a download from the NPAC SMS (the current North American Numbering Council goal for such updating).

5.4 At the time a telephone number is ported via LNP, the Party from which the number is being ported shall insure that the LIDB entry for that number is deprovisioned.

5.5 Mass Calling

- 5.5.1 Both AT&T-13STATE and CLEC shall offer Local Number Portability for telephone numbers with "choke" (i.e., mass calling) NXXs in a manner that complies with the FCC's criteria.

5.6 Operator Services, LIDB/LVAS and Directory Assistance

- 5.6.1 The Provisions of this Agreement pertaining to Operator Services, LIDB/LVAS and Directory Assistance shall also apply when LNP is in place.

5.7 Porting of DID Block Numbers

- 5.7.1 DID block numbers shall be portable in the same manner as other local telephone numbers, subject to the modifications and/or limitations provided herein.
- 5.7.2 AT&T-13STATE and CLEC shall offer Local Number Portability to customers for any portion of an existing DID block without being required to port the entire block of DID number.
- 5.7.3 AT&T-13STATE and CLEC shall permit customers which port a portion of DID numbers to retain DID service on the remaining portion of the DID numbers, provided such is consistent with applicable tariffs.

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin will coordinate with respect to NXX assignments.
- 1.2 As used herein, AT&T-13STATE means the above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.

2. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or otherwise adversely impact in any manner either Party's right to employ or to request and be assigned any North American Numbering Plan (NANP) number resources from the numbering administrator including, but not limited to, central office (NXX) codes pursuant to the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, or to establish, by tariff or otherwise, Exchanges and Rating Points corresponding to such NXX codes. Each Party is responsible for administering the NXX codes it is assigned.
- 2.2 At a minimum, in those Metropolitan Exchange Areas where the CLEC is properly certified by the appropriate regulatory body and intends to provide local exchange service, the CLEC shall obtain a separate NXX code for each AT&T-13STATE rate center which is required to ensure compliance with the industry-approved Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (most current version) or other industry approved numbering guidelines and the FCC's Second Report & Order in CC Docket 95-116, released August 18, 1997 (Local Number Portability). This will enable CLEC and AT&T-13STATE to identify the jurisdictional nature of traffic for intercompany compensation until such time as both Parties have implemented billing and routing capabilities to determine traffic jurisdiction on a basis other than NXX codes.
- 2.3 Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the North American Numbering Council Local Number Portability Architecture and Administrative Plan report, which was adopted by the FCC, Second Report and Order, CC Docket 95-116, released August 18, 1997, portability is technically limited to rate center/rate district boundaries of the incumbent LEC due to rating and routing concerns. Therefore, Parties shall assign telephone numbers from its NXX's only to those customers that are physically in the rate center to which the NXX is assigned.
- 2.4 Each Party is responsible to program and update its own switches and network systems to recognize and route traffic to the other Party's assigned NXX codes at all times. Neither Party shall impose fees or charges on the other Party for such required programming and updating activities.
- 2.5 Each Party is responsible to input required data into the Routing Data Base Systems (RDBS) and into the Telcordia Rating Administrative Data Systems (BRADS) or other appropriate system(s) necessary to update the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG), unless negotiated otherwise.
- 2.6 Neither Party is responsible for notifying the other Parties' End Users of any changes in dialing arrangements, including those due to NPA exhaust.
- 2.7 NX Migration
 - 2.7.1 Where either Party has activated an entire NXX for a single end user, or activated more than half of an NXX for a single end user with the remaining numbers in that NXX either reserved for future use or otherwise unused, and such End-User chooses to receive service from the other Party, the first

Party shall cooperate with the second Party to have the entire NXX reassigned in the LERG (and associated industry databases, routing tables, etc.) to an End Office operated by the second Party provided that the requested rate center is the same rate center that physically serves the customer in a non-foreign exchange arrangement. Such transfer will require development of a transition process to minimize impact on the Network and on the end user(s)' service and will be subject to appropriate industry lead times (currently forty-five (45) days) for movements of NXXs from one switch to another. The Party to whom the NXX is migrated will pay NXX migration charges per NXX to the Party formerly assigned the NXX as described in the Pricing Appendix under "OTHER".

2.8 Test Numbers

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

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OPERATOR SERVICES AND DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE APPENDIX

1. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the rates, terms and conditions under which the Parties shall jointly carry out Operator Services (OS) and Directory Assistance (DA) on a wholesale basis, regardless of whether CLEC is serving its end users via
 - 1.1.1 CLEC's own physical Switches,
 - 1.1.2 Resale of AT&T-13STATE Retail OS/DA service, or
 - 1.1.3 Leased Circuit Switching from AT&T-13STATE.
- 1.2 CLEC shall be the Retail OS/DA provider to its end users, and AT&T-13STATE shall be the wholesale provider of OS/DA operations to CLEC. AT&T-13STATE shall answer CLEC's end user OS/DA calls on CLEC's behalf, as follows:
 - 1.2.1 When the end user dials 0 or 0+ the Telephone Number, AT&T-13STATE shall provide the Operator Services described in Section 4 below.
 - 1.2.2 When the end user dials 4-1-1 or 1-4-1-1, AT&T-13STATE shall provide Directory Assistance as described in Section 5 below.
- 1.3 CLEC is free to charge its end users whatever retail OS/DA rates it wishes, and CLEC therefore acknowledges its responsibility (a) to obtain end user agreement to the OS/DA retail rates (i.e. by tariff or contract), and (b) to obtain any necessary regulatory approvals for its OS/DA retail rates.
- 1.4 In response to dialing end user inquiries about OS/DA rates, AT&T-13STATE Operators shall quote CLEC retail OS/DA rates, as they are provided by CLEC (see Section 6 below). If further inquiries are made about rates, billing and/or other "business office" questions, AT&T-13STATE's OS/DA operators shall direct the calling party's inquiries to a CLEC-provided contact number (also see Section 6 below).
- 1.5 AT&T-13STATE shall charge CLEC monthly, and CLEC agrees to pay monthly, the OS/DA rates found in the attached Appendix Pricing. The Parties agree that billing and payment details, including the assessment of late payment charges for unpaid balances, shall be governed by the underlying agreement between AT&T-13STATE and CLEC.
 - 1.5.1 CLEC acknowledges and understands that these wholesale OS/DA rates differ between Resale and facilities-based¹ service, and that both types of OS/DA wholesale rates are listed in the attached price schedule. CLEC may serve both as a Reseller and as a facilities-based provider, and CLEC may convert facilities-based end users to Resale service, or vice versa, as described below in section 6.8.
 - 1.5.1.1 To the extent CLEC is serving as a Reseller and not a facilities-based provider, the facilities-based OS/DA rates in the attached price schedule do not apply and are listed merely for reference purposes.
 - 1.5.1.2 To the extent CLEC is serving as a facilities-based provider and not as a Reseller, then the Resale OS/DA rates in the attached price schedule do not apply and are listed merely for reference purposes.
 - 1.5.2 CLEC acknowledges and understands that AT&T-13STATE uses a different billing system for Resale than for facilities-based service, and that if CLEC operates both as a Reseller and a facilities-based provider, then CLEC will receive two different monthly invoices for OS/DA service from AT&T-13STATE, one for Resale, and one for facilities-based service.

¹By "facilities-based" the Parties mean either through CLEC's own switch, or via leased circuit switching from AT&T-13STATE.

1.5.3 CLEC acknowledges and understands that the Resale OS/DA rates are based on AT&T-13STATE's tariffed retail OS/DA rates, less the state resale discount, and therefore may change during the life of this Appendix OS/DA in a Resale Agreement, without written amendment, if

1.5.3.1 AT&T-13STATE's retail tariff changes, or

1.5.3.2 The state resale discount changes.

2. GENERAL AT&T-13STATE OBLIGATIONS FOR WHOLESALE OS/DA SERVICE

2.1 Dialing Parity. AT&T-13STATE will provide OS/DA to CLEC's end users with no unreasonable dialing delays and at dialing parity with AT&T-13STATE retail OS/DA services.

2.2 Response Parity

2.2.1 For Resale and Leased Circuit Switching, CLEC's end users shall be answered by AT&T-13STATE's OS and DA platforms with the same priority and using the same methods as for AT&T-13STATE's retail end users.

2.2.2 For Resale and Leased Circuit Switching, any technical difficulties in reaching the AT&T-13STATE OS/DA platform (i.e. cable cuts in the OS/DA trunks, unusual OS/DA call volumes, etc.) will be experienced at parity with AT&T-13STATE retail end users served via that same AT&T-13STATE end office switch.

2.2.3 For all service types, AT&T-13STATE will include CLEC's end user OS/DA calls in its speed of response measurements reported to the state regulatory commission, if any.

2.3 Daily Usage File (DUF)

2.3.1 For Resale and Leased Circuit Switching, AT&T-13STATE will record CLEC's OS/DA usage on its Resale and Leased Circuit Switching lines and include that call detail in the Daily Usage File (DUF) as described elsewhere in the underlying wholesale agreement, but at a minimum, the DUF shall be in industry-standard Exchange Message Interface format and will be in compliance with the Ordering and Billing Forum guidelines.

2.3.2 When CLEC is operating its own switch-based service, AT&T-13STATE will transmit similar usage recorded by the AT&T-13STATE OS/DA switch via a mutually agreed electronic interface for CLEC's switch.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR CIRCUIT SWITCHES TO PHYSICALLY INTERCONNECT

3.1 To the extent that CLEC is serving its own switches and wishes to interconnect with AT&T-13STATE's OS/DA switches, then the Parties' physical interconnection and trunking requirements are described in this section. All OS/DA interconnection and trunking arrangements shall be subject to the mutual agreement of the parties, and any unresolved differences in the OS/DA physical interconnection or trunking arrangements shall be handled pursuant to the Dispute Resolution provisions in the underlying agreement.

3.2 The demarcation point for OS/DA traffic between the Parties' networks need not coincide with the Point of Interconnection (POI) for the physical interconnection of all other inter-carrier voice traffic, but at a minimum must be within the LATA in which the CLEC's OS/DA traffic originates.

3.2.1 Because CLEC's switch may serve end users in more than one LATA, the Parties agree that, for purposes of this Appendix OS/DA only, CLEC's OS/DA traffic originates from the physical location of the end user dialing "0" or "411", and not the physical location of CLEC's switch.

3.2.2 To the extent CLEC is serving via circuit-switched wireless technology, the physical location of the end user dialing 0 or 411 shall be deemed the end user's physical billing address, regardless of whether the end user may be roaming at the time of placing the OS/DA call.

3.3 The Parties' general preference would be to establish an OS/DA demarcation point at the AT&T-13STATE's OS/DA switch in that LATA, but the Parties recognize that the demarcation point for OS/DA traffic between the

Parties' networks could depend on a variety of engineering and location-specific factors which include, but are not limited to,

- 3.3.1 The size and type of facilities needed to carry CLEC's switch-based OS/DA traffic
- 3.3.2 Whether CLEC wishes to interconnect for both OS and DA, or just OS, or just DA;
- 3.3.3 Whether CLEC OR CLEC's affiliate has collocated in an AT&T-13STATE Local Tandem office and wishes to use the collocation as the OS/DA demarcation point; and
- 3.3.4 Whether CLEC or CLEC's affiliate already has existing OS/DA facilities in place to the AT&T-13STATE's OS/DA platforms.
- 3.4 CLEC shall provide the necessary facilities to interconnect with AT&T-13STATE's OS/DA switch(es) at a mutually-agreeable demarcation point between the Parties' networks. CLEC may self-provision these OS/DA facilities, lease them from third parties, or lease them from AT&T-13STATE's intrastate Special Access Tariff. CLEC will be financially responsible for the OS/DA facilities on its side of the demarcation point, and AT&T-13STATE will be financially responsible for the OS/DA facilities on its side of the demarcation point.
- 3.5 General OS/DA Trunking Requirements
 - 3.5.1 CLEC will initiate an ASR for all OS/DA trunk groups from its switch to the appropriate AT&T-13STATE OS/DA switches as a segregated one-way trunk group utilizing Multi-Frequency (MF) signaling. Unless technically infeasible, AT&T-13STATE will provision all such one-way trunk groups in the same manner and at the same intervals as for all other interconnection trunking between the parties.
 - 3.5.2 CLEC will employ Exchange Access Operator Services Signaling (EAOSS) from the AT&T-13STATE End Offices to the AT&T-13STATE OS/DA switches that are equipped to accept 10 Digit Signaling for Automatic Number Identification (ANI).
 - 3.5.3 If EAOSS is not technically feasible, Modified Operator Services Signaling (MOSS) will be utilized, and a segregated one-way trunk group with MF signaling will be established from CLEC to each AT&T-13STATE OS/DA switch for each served NPA in the LATA.
- 3.6 Specific OS/DA Trunk Groups, and their Requirements
 - 3.6.1 Operator Service (OS) Trunks. CLEC shall establish a one-way trunk group from CLEC's switch to the AT&T-13STATE Operator Services switch serving OS end users in that LATA. An OS only trunk group will be designated with the appropriate OS traffic use code and modifier. If the trunk group transports combined OS/DA/DACC over the same trunk group, then the group will be designated with a different traffic use code and modifier for combined services. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on this one-way trunk group.
 - 3.6.2 Directory Assistance (DA)/Directory Assistance Call Completion (DACC) Trunks. CLEC shall establish a one-way trunk group from CLEC's switch to the AT&T-13STATE Directory Assistance switch serving DA end users in that LATA. If the trunk group transports DA/DACC only, but not OS, then the trunk group will be designated with the appropriate DA traffic use code and modifier. If OS/DA/DACC is transported together on a combined trunk group, then the group will be designated with a different appropriate traffic use code and modifier. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on this one-way trunk group.
 - 3.6.3 Busy Line Verification/Emergency Interrupt (BLV/EI) Trunks. When CLEC wishes for AT&T-13STATE to perform Busy Line Verification or Emergency Interrupt for CLEC end users, AT&T-13STATE will need a segregated one-way BLV trunk group with MF signaling from AT&T-13STATE's Operator Services switch to CLEC's switch serving end users in that LATA. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on this one-way trunk group. The BLV trunk group will be designated with the appropriate traffic use code and modifier.

4. SPECIFICS OF OS OFFERINGS AND RECURRING CHARGES

- 4.1 Operator Services Rate Structure. AT&T-13STATE will assess its Operator Services charges based upon whether the CLEC end user is receiving (a) manual Operator Services (i.e., provided a live Operator), for which a per work second charge will apply, or (b) automated Operator Services (i.e., an OS switch equipment voice recognition feature, functioning either fully or partially without live Operators), where a flat rate per call charge will apply. See the attached Appendix Pricing for the full set of OS recurring and nonrecurring rates.
- 4.2 Operator Services Call Processing. Whether manual or automated, AT&T-13STATE will provide the following services when processing a 0-dialed call from CLEC's line, regardless of whether Directory Assistance is also requested:
 - 4.2.1 General Operator Assistance - The end user dialing 0 may ask the OS Operator to provide local and intraLATA dialing assistance for the purposes of completing calls, or requesting information on how to place calls; handling emergency calls, handling credits.
 - 4.2.2 Calling Card - The end user dialing 0 may provide the OS Operator with a Calling Card number for billing purposes, and seek assistance in completing the call.
 - 4.2.3 Collect - The end user dialing 0 may ask the OS Operator to bill the charges associated with the call to the called number, provided such billing is accepted by the called number.
 - 4.2.4 Third Number Billed - The end user dialing 0 may ask the OS Operator to bill the call to a different number than the calling or called number.
 - 4.2.5 Person-To-Person Service - The end user dialing 0 may ask the OS Operator for assistance in reaching a particular person or a particular PBX station, department or office to be reached through a PBX attendant. This service applies even if the caller agrees, after the connection is established, to speak to any party other than the party previously specified.
 - 4.2.6 Busy Line Verification - A service in which the end user dialing 0 will ask the OS Operator to check the requested line for conversation in progress and advise the caller of the status.
 - 4.2.7 Busy Line Interrupt - A service in which the end user dialing 0 asks the Operator to interrupt a conversation in progress, to determine if one of the parties is willing to speak to the caller requesting the interrupt.

5. SPECIFICS OF DA OFFERING AND RECURRING CHARGE

- 5.1 Directory Assistance Rate Structure. AT&T-13STATE charges local DA by one rate, and all other DA products by a separate rate. In both cases DA charges are assessed on a flat rate per call, regardless of call duration. See the attached Appendix Pricing for the DA recurring and nonrecurring rates.
- 5.2 Directory Assistance Call Processing. Where technically feasible and/or available, AT&T-13STATE will provide the following DA Services when a CLEC end user served dials 411 or 1-411, regardless of whether Operator Services are also requested from AT&T-13STATE:
 - 5.2.1 Local Directory Assistance. Consists of providing published name, address and telephone number to the dialing end user.
 - 5.2.2 Directory Assistance Call Completion (DACC). A service in which a local or an intraLATA call to the requested number is completed on behalf of the DA end user, utilizing an automated voice system or with operator assistance.
 - 5.2.3 National Directory Assistance (NDA). A service whereby callers may request Directory Assistance outside their LATA or local calling area for any listed telephone number in the United States.
 - 5.2.4 Reverse Directory Assistance (RDA). An Information Service consisting of providing listed local and national name and address information associated with a telephone number provided by the individual originating the call.

5.2.5 Business Category Search (BCS) (Where Available). A service in which the end user may request business telephone number listings for a specified category of business, when the name of the business is not known. Telephone numbers may be requested for local and national businesses.

6. OS/DA NON-RECURRING CHARGES FOR LOADING AUTOMATED CALL GREETING (I.E. BRAND ANNOUNCEMENT), RATES AND REFERENCE INFORMATION

- 6.1 The incoming OS/DA call is automatically answered by a pre-recorded greeting loaded into the OS/DA switch itself, prior to being handled by automated equipment or a live operator. It is not technically feasible to avoid the automatic pre-recorded announcement function in these OS/DA switches, therefore CLEC agrees that it shall establish a pre-recorded greeting to play for every OS or DA call dialed by CLEC's end user, and this greeting is mandatory, not optional, when AT&T-13STATE is the OS/DA provider.
 - 6.1.1 CLEC will provide announcement phrase information, via Operator Services Translations Questionnaire (OSTQ), to AT&T-13STATE in conformity with the format, length, and other requirements specified for all CLECs on the AT&T-13STATE CLEC website (<https://clec.att.com/clec>).
 - 6.1.2 AT&T-13STATE will then perform all of the loading and testing of the announcement for each applicable OS/DA switch prior to live traffic. CLEC may also change its pre-recorded announcement at any time by providing a new announcement phrase in the same manner, for subsequent loading and testing charges.
- 6.2 If CLEC does not wish to brand the OS/DA calls, CLEC may also have their end user hear silence upon connecting with the OS/DA switch by having AT&T-13STATE load a recording of silence into the automatic, pre-recorded announcement slot, set for the shortest possible duration allowed by the switch, to then be routed to automated or live operators as with all other OS/DA calls, for which brand loading charges will still apply.
 - 6.2.1 CLEC understands that silent announcements may not be perceived by dialing end users as ordinary mechanical handling of OS/DA calls.
 - 6.2.2 CLEC agrees that if it does not brand the call, CLEC shall indemnify and hold AT&T-13STATE harmless from any regulatory violation, consumer complaint, or other sanction for failing to identify the OS/DA provider to the dialing end user.
 - 6.2.3 AT&T-13STATE must make the silent recording play for the shortest possible duration technically feasible for each applicable OS/DA switch, but otherwise has no responsibility if a silent announcement is chosen by CLEC.
- 6.3 AT&T-13STATE will be responsible for loading the CLEC-provided recording or the silent announcement into all applicable OS and/or DA switches prior to live traffic, testing the announcement for sound quality at parity with that provided to AT&T-13STATE retail end users. CLEC will be responsible for paying the initial recording or silent announcement loading charges, and thereafter, the per-call charge as well as any subsequent loading charges if a new recordings or silent announcements are provided as specified above.
- 6.4 Branding/Silent Announcement load charges are assessed per loaded recording, per OCN, per switch. (For example, a CLEC Reseller may choose to brand under a different name than its facility-based operations, and therefore two separate recordings could be loaded into each switch, each incurring the Branding/Silent Announcement charge). These charges are mandatory, nonrecurring, and are found in the attached Appendix Pricing.
- 6.5 In all current AT&T-13STATE OS/DA switches, the applicable CLEC-charged retail OS/DA rates and a CLEC-provided contact number (e.g., reference to a CLEC business office or repair call center) are loaded into the system utilized by the OS/DA Operator.
- 6.6 AT&T-13STATE will be responsible for loading the CLEC-provided OS/DA retail rates and the CLEC-provided contact number(s) into the OS/DA switches. CLEC will be responsible for paying the initial reference and rate loading charges.

- 6.7 Rate/Reference load charges are assessed per loaded set of rates/references, per OCN, per state. (For example, a CLEC Reseller may choose to rate differently than its facility-based CLEC operations, or may change its rates/references during the life of the contract, and therefore separate sets of rates/references could be loaded for each OCN, per state, each loading incurring the Rate/Reference charge). These charges are mandatory, nonrecurring and are found in the attached Appendix Pricing.
- 6.8 Converting End Users from Prior Branded Service to CLEC or Silent-Branded Service, or between Resale and facilities-based service.
 - 6.8.1 To the extent that CLEC has already established the Branding/Silent Announcement recording in AT&T-13STATE OS/DA switches for both Resale and facilities-based service, then no Non-Recurring Charges apply to the conversion of End Users from prior Resale OS/DA wholesale service to facilities-based OS/DA wholesale service, or vice versa.
 - 6.8.2 To the extent that CLEC has not established the Branding/Silent Announcement recording in AT&T-13STATE OS/DA switches for Resale and/or facilities-based service, then Non-Recurring Charges apply to set up the OS/DA call for the new type of service, as is described in section 6 above, and at the rates set forth in the attached Appendix Pricing.

APPENDIX OUT OF EXCHANGE TRAFFIC

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APPENDIX OUT OF EXCHANGE TRAFFIC

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions necessary for the exchange of Out of Exchange Traffic (as defined in Section 1.4).
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 For purposes of this Appendix only, "Out of Exchange LEC" (OE-LEC) means Bascom Mutual Telephone Company operating within AT&T-13STATE's incumbent local exchange area and also providing telecommunications services in another ILEC's incumbent local exchange area that shares mandatory or optional calling with AT&T-13STATE.
- 1.4 For purposes of this Appendix only, "Out of Exchange Traffic" is defined as Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, FX, intraLATA traffic and/or InterLATA Section 251(b)(5) Traffic exchanged pursuant to an FCC approved or court ordered InterLATA boundary waiver that:
 - (i) Originates from an OE-LEC end user located in another ILEC's incumbent local exchange area and terminates to an AT&T-13STATE end user located in an AT&T-13STATE local exchange area or;
 - (ii) Originates from an AT&T-13STATE end user located in an AT&T-13STATE local exchange area and terminates to an OE-LEC end user located in another ILEC's incumbent local exchange area.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 For purposes of this Appendix, OE-LEC intends to operate and/or provide telecommunications services outside of AT&T-13STATE incumbent local exchange areas and desires to interconnect OE-LEC's network with AT&T-13STATE's network(s).
- 2.2 For purposes of this Appendix, OE-LEC agrees to interconnect with AT&T-13STATE pursuant to Section 251(a) of the Act.
- 2.3 Other attachments in this Agreement set forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which AT&T-13STATE agrees to provide CLEC with access to lawful unbundled network elements (Lawful UNEs) under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, Collocation under Section 251(c)(6) of the Act, Interconnection under Section 251(c)(2) of the Act and/or Resale under Section 251(c)(4) of the Act in AT&T-13STATE's incumbent local exchange areas for the provision of CLEC's Telecommunications Services. The Parties acknowledge and agree that AT&T-13STATE is only obligated to make available Lawful UNEs and access to Lawful UNEs under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, Collocation under Section 251(c)(6) of the Act, Interconnection under Section 251(c)(2) of the Act and/or Resale under Section 251(c)(4) of the Act to CLEC in AT&T-13STATE's incumbent local exchange areas. AT&T-13STATE has no obligation to provide such Lawful UNEs, Collocation, Interconnection and/or Resale to CLEC for the purposes of CLEC providing and/or extending service outside of AT&T-13STATE's incumbent local exchange areas. In addition, AT&T-13STATE is not obligated to provision Lawful UNEs or to provide access to Lawful UNEs under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, Collocation under Section 251(c)(6) of the Act, Interconnection under Section 251(c)(2) of the Act and/or Resale under Section 251(c)(4) of the Act and is not otherwise bound by any 251(c) obligations in geographic areas other than AT&T-13STATE's incumbent local exchange areas. Therefore, the Parties understand and agree that the rates, terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and any associated provisions set forth

elsewhere in this Agreement (including but not limited to the rates set forth in this Agreement associated with Lawful UNEs under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, Collocation under Section 251(c)(6) of the Act, Interconnection under Section 251(c)(2) of the Act and/or Resale under Section 251(c)(4) of the Act), shall apply only to the Parties and be available to CLEC for provisioning telecommunication services within an AT&T-13STATE incumbent local exchange area(s) in the State in which CLEC's current Interconnection Agreement with AT&T-13STATE has been approved by the relevant state Commission and is in effect.

3. NETWORK MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 Each Party to this Appendix will be responsible for the accuracy and quality of its data as submitted to the respective Parties involved. Where SS7 connections exist, each Party will include the Calling Party Number (CPN) that truly and accurately reflect the location of the end user that originated and/or dialed the call in the information transmitted to the other for each call being terminated on the other's network. If one Party is passing CPN but the other Party is not properly receiving CPN, the Parties will work cooperatively to correct the problem. Where SS7 connections exist and the percentage of calls passed with CPN is greater than ninety percent (90%), all calls without CPN exchanged between the Parties will be billed as either Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, FX Traffic, Optional EAS Traffic, or intraLATA Toll Traffic in direct proportion to the minutes of use (MOU) of calls exchanged with CPN. If the percentage of calls passed with CPN is less than ninety percent (90%), all calls passed without CPN will be billed as intraLATA switched access.
- 3.2 The Parties will work cooperatively to implement this Appendix. The Parties will exchange appropriate information (for example, maintenance contact numbers, network information, information required to comply with law enforcement and other security agencies of the Government, escalation processes, etc.) to achieve this desired result.
- 3.3 Each Party will administer its network to ensure acceptable service levels to all users of its network services. Service levels are generally considered acceptable only when End Users are able to establish connections with little or no delay encountered in the network. Each Party will provide a 24-hour contact number for network traffic management issues to the other's surveillance management center.
- 3.4 Each Party maintains the right to implement protective network traffic management controls, such as "cancel to", "call gapping" or 7-digit and 10-digit code gaps, to selectively cancel the completion of traffic over its network, including traffic destined for the other Party's network, when required to protect the public-switched network from congestion as a result of occurrences such as facility failures, switch congestion or failure or focused overload. Each Party shall immediately notify the other Party of any protective control action planned or executed.
- 3.5 Where the capability exists, either Party may implement originating or terminating traffic reroutes to temporarily relieve network congestion due to facility failures or abnormal calling patterns. Reroutes shall not be used to circumvent normal trunk servicing. Such alternative routing shall be used only when mutually agreed to by the Parties.
- 3.6 The Parties shall cooperate and share pre-planning information regarding cross-network call-ins expected to generate large or focused temporary increases in call volumes to prevent or mitigate the impact of these events on the public-switched network, including any disruption or loss of service to the other Party's End Users. Facsimile (FAX) numbers must be exchanged by the Parties to facilitate event notifications for planned mass calling events.
- 3.7 The Parties agree that, unless otherwise mutually negotiated, the quality of such network connections shall be equal to that of the existing facilities that are jointly provided by each Party.
- 3.8 Joint planning and forecasting responsibilities shall be governed by the underlying agreement.

4. NETWORK CONNECTIONS FOR OUT OF EXCHANGE TRAFFIC

- 4.1 OE-LEC represents that it operates as a CLEC within AT&T-13STATE exchange areas and has a Point of Interconnection ("POI") located within AT&T-13STATE exchange areas for the purpose of providing telephone exchange service and exchange access in such AT&T-13STATE exchange areas. Based upon the foregoing, the Parties agree that AT&T-13STATE's originating traffic will be delivered to OE-LEC's existing POI arrangements in the LATA where the traffic originates in accordance with the POI requirements set forth in this Agreement. AT&T-13STATE will accept OE-LEC's Out of Exchange Traffic at its tandem switch over local interconnection facilities that currently exist or may exist in the future between the Parties to or from OE-LEC's out of exchange areas to or from AT&T-13STATE's end offices. When such Out of Exchange Traffic is Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic that is exchanged between the end users of OE-LEC and AT&T-13STATE, the Parties agree to establish a direct end office trunk group when traffic levels exceed one DS1 (24 DS0s) to or from an AT&T-13STATE End Office.
- 4.2 The Parties agree, that at a minimum, OE-LEC shall establish a trunk group for Out of Exchange Traffic from OE-LEC to each AT&T-13STATE serving tandem in a LATA. This requirement may be waived upon mutual agreement of the parties.
- 4.3 Transport facilities for 911, mass calling, OS/DA and Meet Point trunking are the responsibility of OE-LEC from OE-LEC to the serving tandem or platform that provides each such service type.
- 4.4 OE-LEC shall route originating Out of Exchange Traffic to the serving tandem as defined by the tandem owner in the LERG.
- 4.5 If AT&T-13STATE is not the serving tandem as reflected in the LERG, the OE-LEC shall route Out of Exchange Traffic directly to the serving AT&T-13STATE End Office.
- 4.6 Except as otherwise provided in this Appendix, for OE-LEC originated/AT&T-13STATE terminated traffic or AT&T-13STATE originated/ OE-LEC terminated traffic, if any such traffic is improperly routed by one Party over any trunk groups to other party and/or not routed in accordance with this Appendix, the Parties will work cooperatively to correct the problem.
- 4.7 AT&T-13STATE shall not compensate any Third Party local exchange carrier and/or Telecommunications Carrier for any traffic that is inappropriately routed to AT&T-13STATE (as reflected in the LERG). Any compensation due AT&T-13STATE for such misrouted traffic shall be paid by OE-LEC. The appropriateness of such routing and the correct AT&T-13STATE serving tandems are reflected by AT&T-13STATE in the LERG. This also includes traffic that is destined to End Offices that do not subtend AT&T-13STATE tandem. AT&T-13STATE shall provide notice to OE-LEC pursuant to the Notices provisions of this Agreement that such misrouting has occurred. In the notice, OE-LEC shall be given thirty (30) calendar days to cure such misrouting.
- 4.8 Neither Party shall deliver traffic destined to terminate at the other Party's End Office via a Third Party ILEC's End Office or Tandem.
- 4.9 Connection of a trunk group from OE-LEC to AT&T-13STATE's tandem(s) will provide OE-LEC accessibility to End Offices, IXCs, LECs, WSPs and NXXs which subtend that tandem(s). Connection of a trunk group from one Party to the other Party's End Office(s) will provide the connecting Party accessibility only to the NXXs served by that individual End Office(s) to which the connecting Party interconnects. Direct End Office Trunk groups that connect the Parties End Office(s) shall provide the Parties accessibility only to the NXXs that are served by that End Office(s).
- 4.10 AT&T-13STATE will open OE-LEC NPA-NXX codes, rated to or identified to reside in non-AT&T-13STATE exchange areas, in AT&T-13STATE Tandems and End Offices using AT&T-13STATE's standard code opening timeframes.

5. INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION

5.1 The compensation arrangement for Out of Exchange traffic exchanged between the Parties shall be as set forth in the Appendix Intercarrier Compensation.

6. INTERLATA SECTION 251(B)(5) TRAFFIC

6.1 AT&T-13STATE will exchange AT&T-13STATE InterLATA Section 251(b)(5) Traffic that is covered by an FCC approved or court ordered InterLATA boundary waiver. AT&T-13STATE will exchange such traffic using two-way direct final trunk groups (i) via a facility to OE-LEC's POI in the originating LATA, or (ii) via a facility meet point arrangement at or near the exchange area boundary ("EAB"), (iii) via a mutually agreed to meet point facility within the AT&T-13STATE exchange area covered under such InterLATA waiver, or (iv) via another mutually agreeable method. If the exchange where the traffic is terminating is not an AT&T-13STATE exchange, AT&T-13STATE shall exchange such traffic using a two-way DF trunk group (i) via a facility to OE-LEC's POI within the originating LATA, (ii) via a mutually agreed to facility meet point arrangement at or near the EAB, or (iii) via another mutually agreeable method. AT&T-13STATE will not provision or be responsible for facilities located outside of AT&T-13STATE exchange areas.

6.2 The Parties agree that the associated traffic from each AT&T-13STATE End Office will not alternate route.

6.3 OE-LEC must provide AT&T-13STATE a separate ACTL and Local Routing Number (LRN) specific to each InterLATA local calling arrangement covered by an FCC approved or court ordered InterLATA boundary waiver.

6.4 Except as otherwise provided in this Appendix, for OE-LEC originated/AT&T-13STATE terminated traffic or AT&T-13STATE originated/OE-LEC terminated traffic, if any such traffic is improperly routed by one Party over any trunk groups to other party and/or not routed in accordance with this Appendix, the Parties will work cooperatively to correct the problem.

6.5 AT&T-13STATE shall not compensate any Third Party local exchange carrier and/or Telecommunications Carrier for any traffic that is inappropriately routed to AT&T-13STATE (as reflected in the LERG). Any compensation due AT&T-13STATE for such misrouted traffic shall be paid by OE-LEC. The appropriateness of such routing and the correct AT&T-13STATE serving tandems are reflected by AT&T-13STATE in the LERG. This also includes traffic that is destined to End Offices that do not subtend AT&T-13STATE-tandem. AT&T-13STATE shall provide notice to OE-LEC pursuant to the Notices provisions of this Agreement that such misrouting has occurred. In the notice, OE-LEC shall be given thirty (30) calendar days to cure such misrouting.

6.6 AT&T-13STATE will open OE-LEC NPA-NXX codes, rated to or identified to reside in non-AT&T-13STATE exchange areas, in AT&T-13STATE Tandems and End Office(s) using AT&T-13STATE's standard code opening timeframes.

6.7 The compensation arrangement for InterLATA Section 251(b)(5) Traffic shall be governed by the compensation terms and conditions for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic in the Appendix Intercarrier Compensation.

APPENDIX INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION

(AFTER FCC ORDER NO. 01-131, AGREEING TO
EXCHANGE ALL ISP-BOUND and SECTION
251(b)(5) TRAFFIC AT THE FCC RATES IN
CERTAIN STATES, WHERE APPLICABLE)

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APPENDIX INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION

1. SCOPE OF APPENDIX

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Intercarrier Compensation of intercarrier telecommunications traffic exchanged between the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier and CLEC, but only to the extent they are interconnected and exchanging calls pursuant to a fully executed, underlying Interconnection Agreement approved by the applicable state or federal regulatory agency for telecommunications traffic in the applicable state(s).
- 1.2 The provisions of this Appendix apply to telecommunications traffic originated over the originating carrier's facilities or over local circuit switching purchased by CLEC from AT&T-13STATE on a wholesale basis (non-resale) and used in providing wireline local telephone exchange (dialtone) service to its end user customers.
- 1.3 The provisions of this Appendix do not apply to traffic originated over services provided under local Resale service. AT&T-13STATE will compensate the terminating carrier in accordance with this Appendix for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, Optional EAS Traffic (also known as "Optional Calling Area Traffic") and IntraLATA Toll Traffic that originates from an End User that is served by a carrier providing telecommunications services utilizing AT&T-13STATE's Resale Service.
- 1.4 Any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Appendix and other provisions of the underlying Interconnection Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of this Appendix.

2. ILEC DESIGNATIONS

- 2.1 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 2.2 **AT&T-2STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-2STATE means AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 2.3 **AT&T-4STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-4STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri and AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 2.4 **AT&T-7STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-7STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 2.5 **AT&T-8STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-8STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T NEVADA and AT&T CONNECTICUT, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 2.6 **AT&T-10STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-10STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 2.7 **AT&T-12STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-12STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T-2STATE, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.

2.8 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-13STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T-2STATE** and **AT&T CONNECTICUT**, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.

2.9 **AT&T ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **AT&T ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.

2.10 **AT&T CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.

2.11 **AT&T KANSAS** - As used herein, **AT&T KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

2.12 **AT&T ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **AT&T ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

2.13 **AT&T INDIANA** - As used herein, **AT&T INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.

2.14 **AT&T MICHIGAN** - As used herein, **AT&T MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Michigan.

2.15 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

2.16 **AT&T MISSOURI** - As used herein, **AT&T MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.

2.17 **AT&T NEVADA** - As used herein, **AT&T NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.

2.18 **AT&T OHIO** - As used herein, **AT&T OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.

2.19 **AT&T OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **AT&T OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.

2.20 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, **AT&T CONNECTICUT** means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

2.21 **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas, the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

2.22 **AT&T TEXAS** - As used herein, **AT&T TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.

2.23 **AT&T WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **AT&T WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

3.1 For all traffic originated on a Party's network including, without limitation, Switched Access Traffic such Party shall provide Calling Party Number (CPN) as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 64.1600(c) ("CPN") in accordance with Section 3.3 below. CPN shall, at a minimum, include information in an industry recognized standard

format, consistent with the requirements of the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) containing a unique three digit area code (NPA) and seven digit (NXX-XXXX) telephone number. Each Party to this Agreement will be responsible for passing on any CPN it receives from a third party for traffic delivered to the other Party. In addition, each Party agrees that it shall not strip, alter, modify, add, delete, change, or incorrectly assign any CPN. If either party identifies improper, incorrect, or fraudulent use of local exchange services (including, but not limited to PRI, ISDN and/or Smart Trunks), or identifies stripped, altered, modified, added, deleted, changed, and/or incorrectly assigned CPN, the Parties agree to cooperate with one another to investigate and take corrective action.

- 3.2 If one Party is passing CPN but the other Party is not properly receiving information, the Parties will work cooperatively to correct the problem.
- 3.3 For traffic which is delivered by one Party to be terminated on the other Party's network in AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT, if the percentage of such calls passed with CPN is greater than ninety percent (90%), all calls delivered by one Party to the other for termination without CPN will be billed as either Section 251(b)(5) Traffic or IntraLATA Toll Traffic in direct proportion to the total MOUs of calls delivered by one Party to the other with CPN. If the percentage of calls passed with CPN is less than 90%, all calls delivered by one Party to the other without CPN will be billed at Intrastate Switched Access rates.
- 3.4 For those usage based charges where actual charge information is not determinable by AT&T-2STATE because the jurisdiction (i.e., intrastate vs. local) or origin of the traffic is unidentifiable, the Parties will jointly develop a Percent Local Usage (PLU) factor in order to determine the appropriate charges to be billed to the terminating party in accordance with Section 13.2 below.
- 3.5 CLEC has the sole obligation to enter into intercarrier compensation arrangements with third party telecommunications carriers regarding CLEC's traffic and such other carriers' traffic, including without limitation any where CLEC originates traffic to or terminates traffic from an End User being served by a third party telecommunications carrier who has purchased local switching from AT&T-13STATE on a wholesale basis (non-resale) which is used by such telecommunications carrier to provide wireline local telephone exchange (dialtone) service to its End Users. In no event will AT&T-13STATE have any liability to CLEC or any third party if CLEC fails to enter into such compensation arrangements. In the event that traffic is exchanged with a third party carrier with whom CLEC does not have a traffic compensation agreement, CLEC will indemnify, defend and hold harmless AT&T-13STATE against any and all losses including without limitation, charges levied by such third party carrier. The third party carrier and CLEC will bill their respective charges directly to each other. AT&T-13STATE will not be required to function as a billing intermediary, e.g., clearinghouse. AT&T-13STATE may provide information regarding such traffic to other telecommunications carriers or entities as appropriate to resolve traffic compensation issues.
- 3.6 The Parties agree that, notwithstanding the classification of traffic under this Appendix, either Party is free to define its own "local" calling area(s) for purposes of its provision of telecommunications services to its End Users.
- 3.7 For Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, Optional EAS Traffic, and IntraLATA Toll Traffic, the Party whose End User originates such traffic shall compensate the Party who terminates such traffic to its End User for the transport and termination of such traffic at the applicable rate(s) provided in this Appendix and Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable switched access tariffs. In AT&T CONNECTICUT, when CLEC purchases local switching from AT&T CONNECTICUT on a wholesale basis to provide service to its End Users, all Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, Optional EAS Traffic, and IntraLATA Toll Traffic originated by CLEC's End Users are not subject to intercarrier compensation as addressed in Section 4.7.3 below.
- 3.8 To the extent that the Parties are not currently exchanging traffic in a given LATA or Local Calling Area, the Parties' obligation to pay intercarrier compensation to each other shall commence on the date the Parties agree that the interconnection is complete (i.e., each Party has established its originating trunks as well as all ancillary traffic trunking such as Operator Services, 911 or Mass Calling trunks) and is capable of fully

supporting originating and terminating End User customers' traffic. In addition, the Parties agree that test traffic is not subject to compensation pursuant to this Appendix Intercarrier Compensation.

3.9 The Parties acknowledge that this Attachment addresses solely the method of compensation for traffic properly exchanged by the Parties under this Agreement. This Attachment is not meant to address whether the Parties are obligated to exchange any specific type of traffic, nor the types of services to be offered by AT&T-13STATE pursuant to this agreement.

3.9.1 More specifically, and without limiting the foregoing Section 3.9, the parties acknowledge that this Attachment does not address "Out of Exchange Traffic" with an "Out of Exchange-LEC." The Parties acknowledge that they have agreed upon terms and conditions for the exchange of such traffic, as provided for in Appendix OE-LEC hereto. For purposes of this Agreement, "Out of Exchange LEC" (OE-LEC) means a CLEC operating within AT&T-13STATE's incumbent local exchange area and also providing telecommunications services in another ILEC's incumbent local exchange area that shares mandatory or optional calling with AT&T-13STATE. For purposes of this Agreement, "Out of Exchange Traffic" is defined as Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, FX Traffic, Optional EAS Traffic, MCA Traffic, IntraLATA Toll Traffic and/or InterLATA Section 251(b)(5) Traffic exchanged pursuant to an FCC approved or court ordered InterLATA boundary waiver that:

- (i) Originates from an OE-LEC End User located in another ILEC's incumbent local exchange area and terminates to an AT&T-13STATE End User located in an AT&T-13STATE local exchange area or;
- (ii) Originates from an AT&T-13STATE End User located in an AT&T-13STATE local exchange area and terminates to an OE-LEC End User located in another ILEC's incumbent local exchange area.

4. RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION FOR TERMINATION OF SECTION 251(b)(5) TRAFFIC

4.1 Section 251(b)(5) Traffic shall mean telecommunications traffic in which the originating End User of one Party and the terminating End User of the other Party are:

- a. both physically located in the same ILEC Local Exchange Area as defined by the ILEC Local (or "General") Exchange Tariff on file with the applicable state commission or regulatory agency; or
- b. both physically located within neighboring ILEC Local Exchange Areas that are within the same common mandatory local calling area. This includes but is not limited to, mandatory Extended Area Service (EAS), mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS), or other types of mandatory expanded local calling scopes.

4.2 AT&T-12STATE made an offer (the "Offer") to all telecommunications carriers to exchange Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic on and after the designated dates provided below 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).

AT&T-13STATE and CLEC agree to carry out the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan on the date designated by AT&T-13STATE in a particular state without waiving, and expressly reserving, all appellate rights to contest FCC, judicial, legislative, or other regulatory rulings regarding ISP-Bound traffic, including but not limited to, appeals of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order. By agreeing to this Appendix, both Parties reserve the right to advocate their respective positions before courts, state or federal commissions, or legislative bodies.

4.2.1 Should a regulatory agency, court or legislature change or nullify the AT&T-13STATE's designated date to begin billing under the FCC's ISP terminating compensation plan, then the Parties also agree that any necessary billing true ups, reimbursements, or other accounting adjustments shall be made symmetrically and to the same date that the FCC terminating compensation plan was deemed

applicable to all traffic in that state exchanged under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act. By way of interpretation, and without limiting the application of the foregoing, the Parties intend for retroactive compensation adjustments, to the extent they are ordered by Intervening Law, to apply uniformly to all traffic among AT&T-13STATE, CLEC and Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) carriers in the state where traffic is exchanged as Local Calls within the meaning of this Appendix.

4.2.2 The Parties further acknowledge that federal or state court challenges could be sustained against the FCC's ISP Compensation Order in particular, or against ISP intercarrier compensation generally. In particular, a court could order an injunction, stay or other retroactive ruling on ISP compensation back to the effective date of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order. Alternatively, a court could vacate the underlying Order upon which the compensation was based, and the FCC (either on remand or on its own motion) could rule that past traffic should be paid at different rates, terms or conditions. Because of these possibilities, the Parties agree that should the ISP Compensation Order be modified or reversed in such a manner that prior intercarrier compensation was paid under rates, terms or conditions later found to be null and void, then the Parties agree that, in addition to negotiating appropriate amendments to conform to such modification or reversal, the Parties will also agree that any billing true ups, reimbursements, or other accounting adjustments on past traffic shall be made uniformly and on the same date as for all traffic exchanged under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act. By way of interpretation, and without limiting the application of the foregoing, the Parties intend for retroactive compensation adjustments, to apply to all traffic among AT&T-13STATE, CLEC, and CMRS carriers in the state where traffic is exchanged as Local Calls within the meaning of this Appendix.

4.3 In AT&T-12STATE the rates, terms and conditions for compensation of Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, as defined in Section 4.1 and ISP-Bound Traffic, as defined in Section 5.1 will be compensated at the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation rate as set forth in Section 5.3.2 below in a specific state on the later of (i) the Effective Date of this Agreement and (ii) the effective date of the offer in a particular state. The Parties acknowledge that AT&T-12STATE has made such offer in its respective states of (i) Indiana, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin effective on and after June 1, 2003; (ii) Arkansas and Michigan effective on and after July 6, 2003; (iii) California effective on and after August 1, 2003; (iv) Illinois effective on and after September 1, 2003; and (v) Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nevada on and after June 1, 2004. Until and unless AT&T CONNECTICUT chooses to offer to exchange Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic on and after a designated date pursuant to the terms and conditions of the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan, the compensation set forth below in Section 4 will apply to all Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic as for that particular state.

4.4 In instances where the originating carrier is originating telecommunications traffic over its own facilities, (i.e., not leased or purchased from AT&T-13STATE), the following tandem serving rate elements are applicable on a terminating MOU basis and includes compensation for the following sub-elements:

- 4.4.1 Tandem Switching - compensation for the use of tandem switching only consisting of a duration (per minute) rate element.
- 4.4.2 Tandem Transport - compensation for the transmission of traffic between the local tandem and the end offices subtending that tandem consisting of a transport termination (per minute) rate element and transport facility mileage (per minute, per mile) rate element.
- 4.4.3 End Office Switching in a Tandem Serving Arrangement - compensation for the local end office switching and line termination necessary to complete the transmission in a tandem-served arrangement. It consists of a call set-up rate (per message) and a call duration (per minute) rate.

4.5 In instances where the originating carrier is originating telecommunications traffic over its own facilities, (i.e., not leased or purchased from AT&T-13STATE), the following end office switching rate elements are applicable on a terminating MOU basis::

- 4.5.1 End Office Switching - compensation for the local end office switching and line termination necessary to complete the transmission in an end office serving arrangement. It consists of a call set-up rate (per message) and a call duration (per minute) rate.

- 4.6 CLEC shall only be paid End Office Serving Rate Elements.
- 4.7 Intercarrier Compensation for Wholesale Local Switching Traffic
 - 4.7.1 Where CLEC purchases local switching from AT&T-12STATE on a wholesale basis, CLEC will deal directly with third party carriers for purposes of reciprocal compensation for calls originated by or terminated to the End Users served by such arrangements. AT&T-12STATE is required to provide CLEC with timely, complete and correct information to enable CLEC to meet the requirements of this section.
 - 4.7.2 The following reciprocal compensation terms shall apply to all traffic exchanged between AT&T-12STATE and CLECs when CLEC purchases local switching from AT&T-12STATE on a wholesale basis:
 - 4.7.2.1 For intra-switch Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between AT&T-12STATE and CLEC, the Parties agree to impose no call termination charges pertaining to reciprocal compensation on each other.
 - 4.7.2.2 For interswitch Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between AT&T-12STATE and CLEC where CLEC's End User originates a call that is terminated to a AT&T-12STATE End User, such traffic shall be paid for reciprocally at the FCC Plan rate set forth in Section 5.3.2 for the transport and termination of Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, and ISP-Bound Traffic.
 - 4.7.3 In AT&T CONNECTICUT, when CLEC purchases local switching from AT&T CONNECTICUT on a wholesale basis to provide service to its End Users, AT&T CONNECTICUT will be solely responsible for compensating the terminating third party carrier for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, Optional EAS Traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic that originates from CLEC's End Users. When CLEC purchases local switching from AT&T CONNECTICUT on a wholesale basis, CLEC can not seek intercarrier compensation from AT&T CONNECTICUT for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, Optional EAS Traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic that originates from either an AT&T CONNECTICUT End User or a third party carrier's End User.

5. RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FCC'S INTERIM ISP TERMINATING COMPENSATION PLAN

- 5.1 In accordance with the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order, In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Compensation 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"), "ISP-Bound Traffic" shall mean telecommunications traffic exchanged between CLEC and AT&T-13STATE in which the originating End User of one Party and the ISP served by the other Party are:
 - a. both physically located in the same ILEC Local Exchange Area as defined by the ILEC's Local (or "General") Exchange Tariff on file with the applicable state commission or regulatory agency; or
 - b. both physically located within neighboring ILEC Local Exchange Areas that are within the same common mandatory local calling area. This includes, but it is not limited to, mandatory Extended Area Service (EAS), mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS) or other types of mandatory expanded local calling scopes.

In states in which AT&T-13STATE has offered to exchange Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound traffic pursuant to the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan set forth in the FCC ISP Compensation Order, traffic is presumed to be ISP-Bound Traffic in accordance with the rebuttable presumption set forth in Section 5.4 of this Appendix.

- 5.2 The Parties hereby agree that the following rates, terms and conditions set forth in Section 5 shall apply to the termination of all Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and all ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between the Parties in each of the applicable state(s) AT&T-13STATE has made an offer as described in Section 4 above

effective on the later of (i) the Effective Date of this Agreement and (ii) the effective date of the offer in the particular state and all ISP-Bound Traffic is subject to the rebuttable presumption.

5.3 Intercarrier Compensation for all ISP-Bound Traffic and Section 251(b)(5) Traffic

- 5.3.1 The rates, terms, and conditions in Section 5 apply to the termination of all Section 251(b)(5) Traffic as defined in Section 4.1 and ISP-Bound Traffic as defined in Section 5.1 and ISP-Bound Traffic is subject to the rebuttable presumption.
- 5.3.2 The Parties agree to compensate each other for the transport and termination of all Section 251(b)(5) and ISP-Bound Traffic and traffic on a minute of use basis, at \$.0007 per minute of use.
- 5.3.3 Payment of Intercarrier Compensation on ISP-Bound Traffic and Section 251(b)(5) Traffic will not vary according to whether the traffic is routed through a tandem switch or directly to an end office switch.

5.4 ISP-Bound Traffic Rebuttable Presumption

- 5.4.1 In accordance with Paragraph 79 of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order, the Parties agree that there is a rebuttable presumption that any of the combined Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between the Parties exceeding a 3:1 terminating to originating ratio is presumed to be ISP-Bound Traffic subject to the compensation terms in this Section 5.4. Either Party has the right to rebut the 3:1 ISP-Bound Traffic 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. During the pendency of any such proceedings to rebut the presumption, the Parties will remain obligated to pay the rates set forth in Section 5.3.2 for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic.

5.5 For purposes of this Section 5.5, all Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and all ISP-Bound Traffic shall be referred to as "Billable Traffic" and will be billed in accordance with Section 13.0 below.

- 5.5.1 Each party will invoice the other party on a monthly basis for combined Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between the Parties at the rate set forth in Section 5.3.2.

6. OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC

6.1 Except as set forth in Section 5 above, the terms of this appendix are not applicable to (i) interstate or intrastate Exchange Access traffic, (ii) Information Access traffic, or (iii) any other type of traffic found to be exempt from reciprocal compensation by the FCC or the Commission, with the exception of ISP-Bound Traffic which is addressed in this Appendix. All Exchange Access traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic shall continue to be governed by the terms and conditions of the applicable federal and state tariffs.

6.2 Foreign Exchange (FX) services are retail service offerings purchased by FX customers which allow such FX customers to obtain exchange service from a mandatory local calling area other than the mandatory local calling area where the FX customer is physically located, but within the same LATA as the number that is assigned. FX service enables particular end-user customers to avoid what might otherwise be toll calls between the FX customer's physical location and customers in the foreign exchange. FX Telephone Numbers" are those telephone numbers with rating and routing point that are different from those of the geographic area in which the End User is physically located. FX Telephone Numbers that deliver second dial tone and the ability for the calling party to enter access codes and an additional recipient telephone number remain classified as Feature Group A (FGA) calls, and are subject to the originating and terminating carrier's tariffed Switched Exchange Access rates (also known as "Meet Point Billed" compensation). There are two types of FX service:

- 6.2.1 "Dedicated FX Traffic" shall mean those calls routed by means of a physical, dedicated circuit delivering dial tone or otherwise serving an End User's station from a serving Central Office (also

known as End Office) located outside of that station's mandatory local calling area. Dedicated FX Service permits the End User physically located in one exchange to be assigned telephone numbers resident in the serving Central (or End) Office in another, "foreign," exchange, thereby creating a local presence in that "foreign" exchange.

- 6.2.2 "Virtual Foreign Exchange (FX) Traffic" and "FX-type Traffic" shall refer to those calls delivered to telephone numbers that are rated as local to the other telephone numbers in a given mandatory local calling area, but where the recipient End User's station assigned that telephone number is physically located outside of that mandatory local calling area. Virtual FX Service also permits an End User physically located in one exchange to be assigned telephone numbers resident in the serving Central (or End) Office in another, "foreign," exchange, thereby creating a local presence in the "foreign" exchange. Virtual FX Service differs from Dedicated FX Service, however, in that Virtual FX End Users continue to draw dial tone or are otherwise served from a Central (or End) Office which may provide service across more than one Commission-prescribed mandatory local calling area, whereas Dedicated FX Service End Users draw dial tone or are otherwise served from a Central (or End) Office located outside their mandatory calling area.
- 6.2.3 FX Traffic is not Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and instead the transport and termination compensation for FX Traffic is subject to a Bill and Keep arrangement in AT&T-12STATE.
 - 6.2.3.1 To the extent that ISP-Bound Traffic is provisioned via an FX-type arrangement, such traffic is subject to a Bill and Keep arrangement. "Bill and Keep" refers to an arrangement in which neither of two interconnecting parties charges the other for terminating FX traffic that originates on the other party's network.
- 6.2.4 Intentionally left blank
- 6.2.5 Pursuant to the Connecticut Commission Arbitration Award in Docket. 01-01-29RE01, the originating Party will bill the terminating Party the appropriate originating access charges for all traffic, except ISP-Bound Traffic, that is terminated to a number that is provisioned as a Virtual FX, Dedicated FX or FX-type service as defined in Section 6.2 above in AT&T CONNECTICUT. In such circumstances, for ISP-Bound Traffic the appropriate compensation mechanism is bill and keep.
- 6.2.6 Segregating and Tracking FX Traffic
 - 6.2.6.1 For AT&T-12STATE, the terminating carrier is responsible for separately identifying IntraLATA Virtual FX, Dedicated FX, and FX-type Traffic from other types of Intercarrier traffic for compensation purposes. The terminating carrier will be responsible for providing the originating carrier with an FX Usage Summary which includes a ten (10) digit telephone number level detail of the minutes of use terminated to FX Telephone Numbers on its network each month (or in each applicable billing period, if not billed monthly), or by any means mutually agreed by the Parties.
 - 6.2.6.2 Terminating carrier will not assess compensation charges to the Voice FX MOU and ISP FX MOU in AT&T-12STATE.
 - 6.2.6.3 Intentionally left blank
 - 6.2.6.4 For AT&T CONNECTICUT, FX traffic must be identified as voice FX and ISP FX. AT&T CONNECTICUT will work with CLEC in reviewing its data to determine the volume of IntraLATA FX traffic being exchanged for an agreed-upon period of time. The parties may agree to use traffic studies, retail sales of Dedicated FX lines, or any other agreed method of estimating the FX traffic to be assigned a factor. Once the data review is completed, the Parties will estimate the percentage of minutes of use that is attributable to FX traffic. For AT&T CONNECTICUT ISP FX percentage will be assigned ("PIFX") and voice FX percentage will be assigned ("PVFX"). The PIFX and PVFX ("FX factor") will be used in lieu of providing the actual minutes of use data. This plan will be applied on an individual CLEC basis.

6.2.6.4.1 The FX factor will be applied to the measured local usage minutes of use ("MOU") and result in the following billing adjustments:

- (i) Terminating carrier will multiply the measured local MOU by the FX factor to calculate the IntraLATA FX traffic.
- (ii) Terminating carrier will subtract both the voice FX MOU and ISP FX MOU from the measured local MOU.
- (iii) Terminating carrier will apply the appropriate compensation rate to the adjusted local MOU for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, and ISP-Bound Traffic, as set forth in Section 5.3.2 above.
- (iv) Terminating carrier will not assess compensation charges to the ISP FX MOU in AT&T CONNECTICUT where such traffic is subject to a Bill and Keep Arrangement.
- (v) Originating carrier will apply the appropriate originating access charges only to the Voice FX MOU in AT&T CONNECTICUT.

6.2.6.4.2 The FX factor may be adjusted by the Parties on a quarterly basis.

6.2.6.5 Either Party may request an audit of the FX Usage Summary or the FX Factor on no fewer than thirty (30) business day's written notice and any audit shall be accomplished during normal business hours at the office of the Party being audited. Such audit must be performed by a mutually agreed-to auditor paid for by the Party requesting the audit. Such audits shall be requested within six months of having received the FX Usage Summary or the FX Factor and associated usage from the other Party and may not be requested more than twice per year, once per calendar year, unless the audit finds there has been a 20% or higher net error or variance in calculations, in which case a subsequent audit is required. Based upon the audit, previous compensation, billing and/or settlements will be adjusted for the past six (6) months.

6.2.6.5.1 If the FX factor is adjusted based upon the audit results, the adjusted FX factor will apply for the six (6) month period following the completion of the audit. If, as a result of the audit, either Party has overstated the FX factor or underreported the FX Usage by twenty percent (20%) or more, that Party shall reimburse the auditing Party for the cost of the audit and will pay for the cost of a subsequent audit which is to happen within nine (9) months of the initial audit.

6.3 Private Line Services include private line-like and special access services and are not subject to intercarrier compensation. Private Line Services are defined as a digital point-to-point connection that provides a dedicated circuit of pre-subscribed bandwidth between any two points. Private Line Services are used to consolidate communications over one line for voice, data, video and multimedia.

6.4 The Parties recognize and agree that ISP and Internet traffic (excluding ISP-Bound Traffic as defined in Section 5.1) could also be exchanged outside of the applicable local calling scope, or routed in ways that could make the rates and rate structure in Sections 4 and 5 above not apply, including but not limited to ISP calls that fit the underlying Agreement's definitions of:

- FX Traffic
- Optional EAS Traffic
- IntraLATA Toll Traffic
- 800, 888, 877, ("8YY") Traffic
- Feature Group A Traffic
- MCA Traffic

6.5 The Parties agree that, for the purposes of this Appendix, either Party's End Users remain free to place ISP calls under any of the above classifications. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent such ISP calls are placed, the Parties agree that Sections 4 and 5 above do not apply. The applicable

rates, terms and conditions for: (a) FX Traffic are set forth in Section 6.2; (b) Optional EAS Traffic are set forth in Section 7; (c) 8YY Traffic are set forth in Section 10; (d) Feature Group A Traffic are set forth in Section 6.2; (e) IntraLATA Toll Traffic are set forth in Section 12; and/or (f) MCA Traffic are set forth in Section 8.

7. OPTIONAL CALLING AREA TRAFFIC – AT&T ARKANSAS, AT&T KANSAS AND AT&T TEXAS

- 7.1 Compensation for Optional Calling Area (OCA) Traffic, (also known as Optional Extended Area Service and Optional EAS) is for the termination of intercompany traffic to and from the Commission approved one-way or two-way optional exchanges(s) and the associated metropolitan area, except mandatory extended traffic as addressed in Sections 4.1 and 5.1 above. The transport and termination rate applies when AT&T ARKANSAS, AT&T KANSAS or AT&T TEXAS transports traffic and terminates it at its own switch.
- 7.2 In the context of this Appendix, Optional Calling Areas (OCAs) exist only in the states of Arkansas, Kansas and Texas, and are outlined in the applicable state Local Exchange tariffs. This rate is independent of any retail service arrangement established by either Party. CLEC and AT&T ARKANSAS, AT&T KANSAS and AT&T TEXAS are not precluded from establishing its own local calling areas or prices for purposes of retail telephone service; however the terminating rates to be used for any such offering will still be administered as described in this Appendix.
- 7.3 The state specific OCA Transport and Termination rates are outlined in Appendix Pricing.

8. MCA TRAFFIC -- AT&T MISSOURI

- 8.1 For compensation purposes in the state of Missouri, Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic shall be further defined as "Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) Traffic" and "Non-MCA Traffic." MCA Traffic is traffic originated by a party providing a local calling scope plan pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission Orders in Case No. TO-92-306 and Case No. TO-99-483 (MCA Orders) and the call is a Section 251(b)(5) Traffic based on the calling scope of the originating party pursuant to the MCA Orders. Non-MCA Traffic is all Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic that is not defined as MCA Traffic.
 - 8.1.1 Either party providing Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) service shall offer the full calling scope prescribed in Case No. TO-92-306, without regard to the identity of the called party's local service provider. The parties may offer additional toll-free outbound calling or other services in conjunction with MCA service, but in any such offering the party shall not identify any calling scope other than that prescribed in Case No. TO-92-306 as "MCA" service.
 - 8.1.2 Pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission Order in Case No. TO-99-483, MCA Traffic shall be exchanged on a bill-and-keep intercompany compensation basis meaning that the party originating a call defined as MCA Traffic shall not compensate the terminating party for terminating the call.
- 8.2 The parties agree to use the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) to provision the appropriate MCA NXXs in their networks. The LERG should be updated at least forty-five (45) days in advance of opening a new code to allow the other party the ability to make the necessary network modifications. If the Commission orders the parties to use an alternative other than the LERG, the parties will comply with the Commission's final order.
- 8.3 If CLEC provides service via resale or in conjunction with ported numbers in the MCA, the appropriate MCA NXXs will be updated by AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE.

9. PRIMARY TOLL CARRIER ARRANGEMENTS

- 9.1 A Primary Toll Carrier (PTC) is a company that provides IntraLATA Toll Traffic Service for its own End User customers and potentially for a third party ILEC's End User customers. In this ILEC arrangement, the PTC would receive the ILEC End User IntraLATA toll traffic revenues and pay the ILEC for originating these toll calls (originating access and billing & collection charges). The PTC would also pay the terminating access charges on behalf of the ILEC. In those states wherein Primary Toll Carrier arrangements are mandated

and AT&T-13STATE is functioning as the PTC for a third party ILEC's End User customers, the following provisions apply to the IntraLATA toll traffic which is subject to the PTC arrangement:

- (i) AT&T-13STATE shall deliver such IntraLATA toll traffic that originated from that third party ILEC and terminated to CLEC as the terminating carrier in accordance with the terms and conditions of such PTC arrangement mandated by the respective state Commission. AT&T-13STATE shall pay the CLEC on behalf of the originating third party ILEC for the termination of such IntraLATA toll traffic at the terminating access rates as set forth in the CLEC's Intrastate Access Service Tariff, but such compensation shall not exceed the compensation contained in the AT&T-13STATE Intrastate Access Service Tariff in the respective state; and/or
- (ii) AT&T-13STATE shall deliver such IntraLATA toll traffic that originated from CLEC and terminated to third party ILEC in accordance with the terms and conditions of such PTC arrangement mandated by the respective state Commission. CLEC shall pay AT&T-13STATE for the use of its facilities at the rates set forth in AT&T-13STATE's Intrastate Access Service Tariff. CLEC shall pay the ILEC for the termination of such traffic originated from CLEC.

10. INTRALATA 800 TRAFFIC

- 10.1 The Parties shall provide to each other IntraLATA 800 Access Detail Usage Data for Customer billing and IntraLATA 800 Copy Detail Usage Data for access billing in Exchange Message Interface (EMI) format. On a monthly basis the Parties agree to provide this data to each other at no charge. In the event of errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in data received from either Party, the liability of the Party providing such data shall be limited to the provision of corrected data only. If the originating Party does not send an End User billable record to the terminating Party, the originating Party will not bill the terminating Party any interconnection charges for this traffic.
- 10.2 IntraLATA 800 Traffic calls are billed to and paid for by the called or terminating Party, regardless of which Party performs the 800 query.

11. MEET POINT BILLING (MPB) AND SWITCHED ACCESS TRAFFIC COMPENSATION

- 11.1 Intercarrier compensation for Switched Access Traffic shall be on a Meet Point Billing ("MPB") basis as described below.
- 11.2 The Parties will establish MPB arrangements in order to provide Switched Access Services via the respective carrier's Tandem Office Switch in accordance with the MPB guidelines contained in the Ordering and Billing Forum's MECOD and MECAB documents, as amended from time to time.
- 11.3 Billing for the Switched Exchange Access Services jointly provided by the Parties via MPB arrangements shall be according to the multiple bill/single tariff method. As described in the MECAB document, each Party will render a bill in accordance with its own tariff for that portion of the service it provides. Each Party will bill its own network access service rates. The residual interconnection charge (RIC), if any, will be billed by the Party providing the end office function.
- 11.4 The Parties will maintain provisions in their respective federal and state access tariffs, or provisions within the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff No. 4, or any successor tariff, sufficient to reflect this MPB arrangement, including MPB percentages.
- 11.5 As detailed in the MECAB document, the Parties will exchange all information necessary to accurately, reliably and promptly bill third parties for Switched Access Services traffic jointly handled by the Parties via the Meet Point Billing arrangement. Information shall be exchanged in a mutually acceptable electronic file transfer protocol. Where the EMI records cannot be transferred due to a transmission failure, records can be provided via a mutually acceptable medium. The exchange of Access Usage Records ("AURs") to accommodate MPB will be on a reciprocal, no charge basis. Each Party agrees to provide the other Party with AURs based upon mutually agreed upon intervals.

- 11.6 MPB shall also apply to all jointly provided Switched Access MOU traffic bearing the 900, or toll free NPAs (e.g., 800, 877, 866, 888 NPAs, or any other non-geographic NPAs). The Party that performs the SSP function (launches the query to the 800 database) will bill the 800 Service Provider for this function.
- 11.7 Each Party will act as the Official Recording Company for switched access usage when it is jointly provided between the Parties. As described in the MECAB document, the Official Recording Company for tandem routed traffic is: (1) the end office company for originating traffic, (2) the tandem company for terminating traffic and (3) the SSP company for originating 800 traffic.
- 11.8 AT&T-13STATE and CLEC agree to provide the other Party with notification of any discovered errors in the record exchange process within ten (10) business days of the discovery.
- 11.9 In the event of a loss of data, both Parties shall cooperate to reconstruct the lost data within sixty (60) days of notification and if such reconstruction is not possible, shall accept a reasonable estimate of the lost data, based upon no more than three (3) to twelve (12) consecutive months of prior usage data.

12. COMPENSATION FOR ORIGINATION AND TERMINATION OF INTERLATA TRAFFIC

- 12.1 Where a CLEC originates or terminates its own end user InterLATA Traffic not subject to Meet Point Billing, the CLEC must purchase feature group access service from AT&T-13STATE's state or federal access tariffs, whichever is applicable, to carry such InterLATA Traffic.

13. INTRALATA TOLL TRAFFIC COMPENSATION

- 13.1 For intrastate IntraLATA Message Telephone Service (MTS) toll traffic, compensation for termination of such traffic will be at terminating access rates. For intrastate IntraLATA 800 Service, compensation for termination of such traffic will be at originating access rates, including the Carrier Common Line (CCL) charge where applicable. The appropriate access rates are set forth in each Party's Intrastate Access Service Tariff, but such compensation shall not exceed the compensation contained in an AT&T-13STATE's tariff in whose exchange area the End User is located.
- 13.2 For interstate IntraLATA MTS toll traffic, compensation for termination of such traffic will be at terminating access rates. For interstate IntraLATA 800 Service, compensation for termination of such traffic will be originating access rates, including the CCL charge where applicable. The appropriate access rates are set forth in each Party's interstate Access Service Tariff, but such compensation shall not exceed the compensation contained in the AT&T-13STATE's tariff in whose exchange area the End User is located.

14. BILLING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TERMINATION OF SECTION 251(b)(5) TRAFFIC, ISP-BOUND TRAFFIC, OPTIONAL EAS TRAFFIC AND INTRALATA TOLL TRAFFIC

- 14.1 In AT&T-13STATE, each Party, unless otherwise agreed, will calculate terminating interconnection minutes of use based on standard switch recordings made within the terminating carrier's network for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, Optional EAS Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic. These recordings are the basis for each Party to generate bills to the other Party.
 - 14.1.1 Where CLEC is using terminating recordings to bill intercarrier compensation, AT&T-12STATE will provide the terminating Category 11-01-XX records by means of the Daily Usage File (DUF) to identify traffic that originates from an End User being served by a third party telecommunications carrier using an AT&T-12STATE non-resale offering whereby AT&T-12STATE provides the end office switching on a wholesale basis. Such records will contain the Operating Company Number (OCN) of the responsible LEC that originated the calls which CLEC may use to bill such originating carrier for MOUs terminated on CLEC's network.
- 14.2 For those usage based charges where actual charge information is not determinable by AT&T-2STATE because the jurisdiction (i.e., intrastate vs. local) or origin of the traffic is unidentifiable, the Parties will jointly develop a Percent Local Usage (PLU) factor in order to determine the appropriate charges PLU is calculated by dividing the Local MOU delivered to a Party for termination by the total MOU delivered to a Party for termination.

14.2.1 CLEC and AT&T-2STATE agree to exchange such reports and/or data as provided in this Attachment to facilitate the proper billing of traffic. Either Party may request an audit of such usage reports on no fewer than thirty (30) business day's written notice and any audit shall be accomplished during normal business hours at the office of the Party being audited. Such audit must be performed by a mutually agreed-to auditor paid for by the Party requesting the audit. Such audits shall be requested within six months of having received the usage reports from the other Party and may not be requested more than twice per year, once per calendar year for each call detail type unless the audit finds there has been a 20% or higher net error or variance in calculations, in which case a subsequent audit is required. Based upon the audit, previous compensation, billing and/or settlements will be adjusted for the past six (6) months. Also, if the PLU is adjusted based upon the audit results, the adjusted PLU will apply for the six (6) month period following the completion of the audit. If, as a result of the audit, either Party has overstated the PLU or underreported the call detail usage by twenty percent (20%) or more, that Party shall reimburse the auditing Party for the cost of the audit and will pay for the cost of a subsequent audit which is to happen within nine (9) months of the initial audit.

14.3 In states in which AT&T-13STATE has offered to exchange Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound traffic pursuant to the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan set forth in the FCC ISP Compensation Order, ISP-Bound Traffic will be calculated using the 3:1 Presumption as set forth in Section 5.4 of this Appendix.

14.4 The measurement of minutes of use over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups shall be in actual conversation seconds. The total conversation seconds over each individual Local Interconnection Trunk Group will be totaled for the entire monthly bill and then rounded to the next whole minute.

14.5 All ISP-Bound Traffic for a given usage month shall be due and owing at the same time as payments for Section 251(b)(5) under this Appendix. The Parties agree that all terms and conditions regarding disputed minutes of use, nonpayment, partial payment, late payment, interest on outstanding balances, or other billing and payment terms shall apply to ISP-Bound Traffic the same as for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic under this Appendix.

14.6 For billing disputes arising from Intercarrier Compensation charges, the party challenging the disputed amounts (the "Non-Paying Party") may withhold payment for the amounts in dispute (the "Disputed Amounts") from the party rendering the bill (the "Billing Party") only for so long as the dispute remains pending pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures of the General Terms and Conditions. Late payment charges and interest will continue to accrue on the Disputed Amounts while the dispute remains pending. The Non-Paying Party need not pay late payment charges or interest on the Disputed Amounts for so long as the dispute remains pending pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures of the General Terms and Conditions. Upon resolution of the dispute pertaining to the Disputed Amounts in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of the General Terms and Conditions: (1) the Non-Paying Party will remit the appropriate Disputed Amounts to the Billing Party, together with all related interest and late payment charges, to the Billing Party within ten (10) business days of the resolution of the dispute, if (and to the extent) the dispute is resolved in favor of the Billing Party; and/or (2) the Billing Party will render all appropriate credits and adjustments to the Non-Paying Party for the Disputed Amounts, together with all appropriate interest and late payment charges, within ten (10) business days of the resolution of the dispute, if (and to the extent) the dispute is resolved in favor of the Non-Paying Party.

14.7 In the event of a loss of data, both Parties shall cooperate to reconstruct the lost data within sixty (60) days of notification and if such reconstruction is not possible, shall accept a reasonable estimate of the lost data, based upon no more than three (3) to twelve (12) consecutive months of prior usage data.

15. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND SPECIFIC INTERVENING LAW TERMS

15.1 In the event the pricing scheme in the FCC's Interim ISP Compensation Order (defined in Section 5 of this Attachment) is modified, eliminated or replaced, then the Parties agree to negotiate an appropriate amendment to conform to such change in accordance with the Intervening Law provisions of this

Agreement and such new or changed provisions will apply on a prospective basis, beginning with the effective date of the new order, unless a determination is made as to retroactive application in the decision rendering such modification, elimination or replacement, in which instance, the new or changed provisions will apply retroactively as set forth in the new order. Either Party may begin billing the other Party according to the terms of the new order, beginning sixty (60) days after delivering a request to negotiate the change. True-up of any retroactive application, for either the amendment negotiation period and/or for the retroactive application period provided in the order, shall occur within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the effective date of the order, or be subject to dispute under Section 9 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

16. SWITCHED ACCESS TRAFFIC

16.1 For purposes of this Agreement only, Switched Access Traffic shall mean all traffic that originates from an End User physically located in one local exchange and delivered for termination to an End User physically located in a different local exchange (excluding traffic from exchanges sharing a common mandatory local calling area as defined in AT&T-13STATE's local exchange tariffs on file with the applicable state commission) including, without limitation, any traffic that (i) terminates over a Party's circuit switch, including traffic from a service that originates over a circuit switch and uses Internet Protocol (IP) transport technology (regardless of whether only one provider uses IP transport or multiple providers are involved in providing IP transport) and/or (ii) originates from the End User's premises in IP format and is transmitted to the switch of a provider of voice communication applications or services when such switch utilizes IP technology. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, all Switched Access Traffic shall be delivered to the terminating Party over feature group access trunks per the terminating Party's access tariff(s) and shall be subject to applicable intrastate and interstate switched access charges; provided, however, the following categories of Switched Access Traffic are not subject to the above stated requirement relating to routing over feature group access trunks:

- (i) IntraLATA toll Traffic or Optional EAS Traffic from a CLEC End User that obtains local dial tone from CLEC where CLEC is both the Section 251(b)(5) Traffic provider and the IntraLATA toll provider;
- (ii) IntraLATA toll Traffic or Optional EAS Traffic from an AT&T End User that obtains local dial tone from AT&T where AT&T is both the Section 251(b)(5) Traffic provider and the IntraLATA toll provider;
- (iii) Switched Access Traffic delivered to AT&T from an Interexchange Carrier (IXC) where the terminating number is ported to another CLEC and the IXC fails to perform the Local Number Portability (LNP) query; and/or
- (iv) Switched Access Traffic delivered to either Party from a third party competitive local exchange carrier over interconnection trunk groups carrying Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic (hereinafter referred to as "Local Interconnection Trunk Groups") destined to the other Party.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, each Party reserves its rights, remedies, and arguments relating to the application of switched access charges for traffic exchanged by the Parties prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement and described in the FCC's Order issued in the Petition for Declaratory Ruling that AT&T's Phone-to-Phone IP Telephony Services Exempt from Access Charges, WC Docket No. 01-361 (Released April 21, 2004).

16.2 In the limited circumstances in which a third party competitive local exchange carrier delivers Switched Access Traffic as described in Section 15.1 (iv) above to either Party over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, such Party may deliver such Switched Access Traffic to the terminating Party over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. If it is determined that such traffic has been delivered over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, the terminating Party may object to the delivery of such traffic by providing written notice to the delivering Party pursuant to the notice provisions set forth in the General Terms and Conditions and request removal of such traffic. The Parties will work cooperatively to identify the traffic with the goal of removing such traffic from the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. If the delivering Party has not removed or is unable to remove such Switched Access Traffic as described in Section 15.1(iv) above from the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups within sixty (60) days of receipt of notice from the other party, the Parties agree to jointly file a complaint or any other appropriate action with the applicable Commission

to seek any necessary permission to remove the traffic from such interconnection trunks up to and including the right to block such traffic and to obtain compensation, if appropriate, from the third party competitive local exchange carrier delivering such traffic to the extent it is not blocked.

17. ALTERNATE TANDEM PROVIDER

- 17.1 An Alternate Tandem Provider shall mean a Telecommunications Carrier, with no End Users, that provides tandem switching services to CLEC with whom it is directly interconnected for the purpose of delivering Third Party Originating Carrier traffic via direct interconnection arrangements with AT&T-13STATE to (i) AT&T-13STATE's End User; (ii) to an End User of a Third Party Terminating Carrier that utilizes local switching from AT&T-12STATE purchased on a wholesale basis to provide service to its End Users; and/or (iii) a Third Party Terminating Carrier's End User.
- 17.2 "Third Party Originating Carrier" means a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC), Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC), Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) provider and/or Out-of Exchange Local Exchange Carrier (OE-LEC) that sends traffic originated by its End Users to an Alternate Tandem Provider.
- 17.3 Third Party Terminating Carrier shall mean Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC), Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC), Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) provider, Out-of Exchange Local Exchange Carrier (OE-LEC), AT&T-13STATE as the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) or a Carrier that utilizes local switching from AT&T-12STATE purchased on a wholesale basis to provide service to its End Users, to which traffic is terminated when CLEC uses an Alternate Tandem Provider.
- 17.4 When Alternate Tandem Provider sends Traffic originated by the End Users of CLEC functioning as the Third Party Originating Carrier to an End User of AT&T-13STATE who is functioning as the Third Party Terminating Carrier, CLEC is responsible for all Minutes of Use ("MOUs") billed by AT&T-13STATE for the termination of such traffic.

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions under which AT&T-13STATE will provide recording, message processing and message detail services to a Facility-Based Provider as described in **Exhibit I** and **Exhibit II**, Exhibits I and II are part of this Appendix by reference. The terms and conditions under this Appendix will also apply when the Facility-Based Provider is the Recording Company.
 - 1.1.1 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
 - 1.1.2 **AT&T-2STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-2STATE means AT&T CALIFORNIA and AT&T NEVADA, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
 - 1.1.3 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, AT&T-13STATE means AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE, AT&T-2STATE and AT&T CONNECTICUT the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
 - 1.1.4 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, AT&T CONNECTICUT means The Southern New England Telephone Company, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
 - 1.1.5 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
 - 1.1.6 **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "**Access Usage Record**" (**AUR**) - a message record which contains the usage measurement reflecting the service feature group, duration and time of day for a message and is subsequently used to bill access to Interexchange Carriers (IXCs).
- 2.2 "**Assembly and Editing**" - the aggregation of recorded customer message details to create individual message records and the verification that all necessary information required ensuring all individual message records meet industry specifications is present.
- 2.3 "**Billing Company**" - the company that bills End Users for the charges incurred in originating and terminating IXC transported calls.
- 2.4 "**Billable Message**" - a message record containing details of a completed IXC transported call which is used to bill an end user.

- 2.5 **"Centralized Message Distribution System" (CMDS)** - the national network of private line facilities used to exchange Exchange Message Interface (EMI) formatted billing data between AT&T-13STATE and the Billing Company.
- 2.6 **"Data Transmission"** - the forwarding by AT&T-13STATE of IXC transported toll message detail and/or access usage record detail in EMR format over data lines or on magnetic tapes to the appropriate Billing Company.
- 2.7 **"Exchange Message Interface" (EMI)** - Industry standard message format as described in accordance with the Telcordia Practice BR010-200-010 developed for the interexchange of telecommunications message information.
- 2.8 **"Interexchange Carrier" (IXC)** - A third party transmission provider that carries long distance voice and non-voice traffic between user locations for a related recurring fee. IXCs provide service interstate and intrastate. In some states IXCs are permitted to operate within a LATA.
- 2.9 **"Interexchange Carrier Transported"** - telecommunications services provided by an IXC or traffic transported by facilities belonging to an IXC.
- 2.10 **"Local Access and Transport Area" (LATA)** - service areas defined in FCC Docket 78-72.
- 2.11 **"Message Processing"** - the creation of individual EMI formatted billable message detail records from individual recordings that reflect specific billing detail for use in billing the End User and/or access usage records from individual recordings that reflect the service feature group, duration and time of day for a message, Carrier Identification Code, among other fields, for use in billing access to the Interexchange Carriers. Message Processing includes performing CMDS online edits required to ensure message detail and access usage records are consistent with CMDS specifications.
- 2.12 **"Originating Local Exchange Carrier Company"** - the company whose local exchange telephone network is used to originate calls thereby providing originating exchange access to IXCs.
- 2.13 **"Provision of Message Detail"** - the sorting of all billable message detail and access usage record detail by Revenue Accounting Office, Operating Company Number or Service Bureau, splitting of data into packs for invoicing, and loading of data into files for data transmission to CLEC for those records created internally or received from other Local Exchange Carrier Companies or Interexchange Carriers through AT&T-13STATE's internal network or national CMDS.
- 2.14 **"Record"** - a logical grouping of information as described in the programs that process information and create the data files.
- 2.15 **"Recording"** - the creation and storage on magnetic tape or other medium of the basic billing details of a message in Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) format converted to EMI layout.
- 2.16 **"Service Switching Point" (SSP)** - a signaling point that can launch queries to databases and receive/interpret responses used to provide specific customer services.
- 2.17 **"Recording Company"** - the company that performs the functions of recording and message processing of Interexchange Carrier (IXC) transported messages and the provision of message detail.
- 2.18 **"Switching Control Point" (SCP)** - the real time database system that contains routing instructions for 800 calls. In addition to basic routing instructions, the SCP may also provide vertical feature translations, i.e., time of day, day of week routing, out of area screening and/or translation of the dialed 800 number to its assigned working telephone number.
- 2.19 **"800 SCP Carrier Access Usage Summary Record" (SCP Record)** - a summary record which contains information concerning the quantity and types of queries launched to an AT&T-13STATE SCP.
- 2.20 **"Terminating Local Exchange Carrier Company"** - the company whose local exchange telephone network is used to terminate calls thereby providing terminating exchange access to IXCs.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 3.1 AT&T-13STATE will record all IXC transported messages for CLEC carried over all Feature Group Switched Access Services that are available to AT&T-13STATE provided recording equipment or operators. Unavailable messages (i.e., certain operator messages that are not accessible by AT&T-13STATE-provided equipment or operators) will not be recorded. The recording equipment will be provided at locations selected by AT&T-13STATE.
- 3.2 AT&T-13STATE will perform assembly and editing, message processing and provision of applicable access usage record detail for IXC transported messages if the messages are recorded by AT&T-13STATE.
- 3.3 AT&T-13STATE will provide access usage records that are generated by AT&T-13STATE.
- 3.4 Assembly and editing will be performed on all IXC transported messages recorded by AT&T-13STATE, during the billing period established by AT&T-13STATE and selected by CLEC.
- 3.5 Standard EMI record formats for the provision of billable message detail and access usage record detail will be established by AT&T-13STATE and provided to CLEC.
- 3.6 Recorded billable message detail and access usage record detail will not be sorted to furnish detail by specific end users, by specific groups of end users, by office, by feature group or by location.
- 3.7 AT&T-13STATE will provide message detail to CLEC in data files, (a File Transfer Protocol or Connect:Direct "NDM"), or any other mutually agreed upon process to receive and deliver messages using software and hardware acceptable to both parties.
- 3.8 In **Exhibit II**, CLEC will identify separately the location where the data transmissions should be sent (as applicable) and the number of times each month the information should be provided, except for AT&T-2STATE. For AT&T-2STATE, CLEC will identify the location and number of times each month the information should be provided via Appendix Data Exchange's Technical Requirements Form document. AT&T-13STATE reserves the right to limit the frequency of transmission to existing AT&T-13STATE processing and work schedules, holidays, etc.
- 3.9 AT&T-13STATE will determine the number data files required to provide the access usage record detail to CLEC.
- 3.10 Recorded billable message detail and/or access usage record detail previously provided CLEC and lost or destroyed through no fault of AT&T-13STATE will not be recovered and made available to CLEC except on an individual case basis at a cost determined by AT&T-13STATE.
- 3.11 When AT&T-13STATE receives rated billable messages from an IXC or another Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) that are to be billed by CLEC, AT&T-13STATE will forward those messages to CLEC.
- 3.12 AT&T-13STATE will record the applicable detail necessary to generate access usage records and forward them to CLEC for its use in billing access to the IXC.
- 3.13 When CLEC is the Recording Company, the CLEC agrees to provide its recorded billable messages detail and access usage record detail data to AT&T-13STATE under the same terms and conditions of this Appendix.

4. BASIS OF COMPENSATION

- 4.1 AT&T-13STATE as the Recording Company, agrees to provide recording, assembly and editing, message processing and provision of message detail for Access Usage Records (AURs) ordered/required by the CLEC in accordance with this Appendix on a reciprocal, no-charge basis. CLEC, as the Recording Company, agrees to provide any and all Access Usage Records (AURs) required by AT&T-13STATE on a reciprocal, no-charge basis. The Parties agree that this mutual exchange of records at no charge to either Party shall otherwise be conducted according to the guidelines and specifications contained in the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) document.

5. LIABILITY

- 5.1 Except as otherwise provided herein, neither Party shall be liable to the other for any special, indirect, or consequential damage of any kind whatsoever. A Party shall not be liable for its inability to meet the terms of this Agreement where such inability is caused by failure of the first Party to comply with the obligations stated herein. Each Party is obliged to use its best efforts to mitigate damages.
- 5.2 When either Party is notified that, due to error or omission, incomplete data has been provided to the non-Recording Company, each Party will make reasonable efforts to locate and/or recover the data and provide it to the non-Recording Company at no additional charge. Such requests to recover the data must be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the date the details initially were made available to the non-Recording Company. If written notification is not received within sixty (60) calendar days, the Recording Company shall have no further obligation to recover the data and shall have no further liability to the non-Recording Company.
- 5.3 If, despite timely notification by the non-Recording Company, message detail is lost and unrecoverable as a direct result of the Recording Company having lost or damaged tapes or incurred system outages while performing recording, assembly and editing, rating, message processing, and/or transmission of message detail, both Parties will estimate the volume of lost messages and associated revenue based on information available to it concerning the average revenue per minute for the average interstate and/or intrastate call. In such events, the Recording Company's liability shall be limited to the granting of a credit adjusting amounts otherwise due from it equal to the estimated net lost revenue associated with the lost message detail.
- 5.4 Each Party will not be liable for any costs incurred by the other Party when transmitting data files via data lines and a transmission failure results in the non-receipt of data.
- 5.5 Each Party agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the other Party from any and all losses, damages, or other liability, including attorney fees, that it may incur as a result of claims, demands, or other suits brought by any party that arise out of the use of this service by the other Party, its customers or end users.
- 5.6 Each Party also agrees 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(s), caused or claimed to be caused, directly or indirectly, by the Party's employees and equipment associated with provision of this service. This includes, but is not limited to suits arising from disclosure of any customer specific information associated with either the originating or terminating numbers used to provision this service.
- 5.7 Each Party also agrees to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Recording Company from any claim, demand or suit to perform under this Agreement should any regulatory body or any State or Federal Court find the existing terms of this contract to either be illegal, unenforceable, against public policy, or improper for the Recording Company.
- 5.8 Each Party 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, each Party assumes no responsibility with regard to the correctness of the data supplied when this data is accessed and used by a third party.

EXHIBIT I SERVICES

The attached pages of this Exhibit show the service options that are offered under this Agreement.

EXPLANATION OF SERVICE OPTIONS

ORIGINATING 1+ DDD RECORDINGS - IXC TRANSPORTED MESSAGE DETAIL AND ACCESS USAGE RECORDS

Option #1: This option has been withdrawn.

Option #2: The Recording Company performs recording, assembly and editing of the billable message detail and extracts that detail to the IXC for all 1+ IXC transported messages originating from the CLEC end office. The Recording Company creates Access Usage Records for this traffic and forwards those AUR records to the CLEC.

Option #3: The Interexchange Carriers do own billable message recording for their 1+ IXC transported messages originating from the CLEC end office. The Recording Company performs recording for Access purposes only, assembles and edits this data, creates AURs and forwards the AUR records to the CLEC.

ORIGINATING OPERATOR RECORDINGS - IXC TRANSPORTED MESSAGE DETAIL AND ACCESS USAGE RECORDS

Option #4: CLEC Non-Equal Access End Office - The Interexchange Carriers do own billable message recording. The Recording Company performs local and intraLATA operator services for the CLEC. The Recording Company performs recording at the operator switch for all 0+, 0-, Coin Sent Paid, CAMA and International IXC transported messages. The Recording Company assembles and edits this data, creates AURs and forwards the AUR records to the CLEC.

Option #5: CLEC Equal Access End Office - The Interexchange Carriers do own billable message recording. The Recording Company performs local and intraLATA operator services for the CLEC. The Recording Company performs recording at the operator switch for 0- only IXC transported messages. The Recording Company assembles and edits this data, creates AURs and forwards the AUR records to the CLEC.

Option #6: This option has been withdrawn.

Option #7: This option has been withdrawn.

800 RECORDINGS - IXC TRANSPORTED MESSAGE DETAIL

Option #8: Recording Company performs SSP function for CLEC end office and bills query charge to the appropriate Interexchange Carrier. The Recording Company performs recording for Access purposes only, assembles and edits this data, creates AURs and forwards AUR records to CLEC.

Option #9: This option has been withdrawn.

Option #10: Recording Company performs SCP function for CLEC. The Recording Company performs recording at the SCP, assembles and edits this data, creates SCP records and forwards SCP records to the CLEC.

TERMINATING RECORDINGS - IXC TRANSPORTED ACCESS USAGE RECORDS

Option #11: Recording Company provides tandem function for CLEC. The CLEC requests Recording Company to provide all Feature Group B, Feature Group C and Feature Group D terminating usage recordings including Feature Group B over D and Feature Group C over D. Recording Company creates terminating AURs for this data and forwards AUR records to the CLEC.

Option #12: Recording Company provides tandem function for CLEC. The CLEC requests Recording Company to provide all Feature Group B terminating usage recordings excluding B over D. Recording Company creates terminating AURs for this data and forwards AUR records to the CLEC.

Option #13: Recording Company provides tandem function for CLEC. The CLEC requests Recording Company to provide all Feature Group B terminating usage recordings including Feature Group B over D. Recording Company creates terminating AURs for this data and forwards AUR records to the CLEC.

Option #14: Recording Company provides tandem function for CLEC. The CLEC requests Recording Company to provide all Feature Group D terminating usage recordings including B over D and C over D. Recording Company creates terminating AURs for this data and forwards AUR records to the CLEC.

Option #15: Recording Company provides tandem function for CLEC. The CLEC requests Recording Company to provide all Feature Group D terminating usage recordings including B over D. Recording Company creates terminating AURs for this data and forwards AUR records to the CLEC.

EXHIBIT II

INVOICE DESIGNATION

COMPANY NAME:

EXCHANGE COMPANY I.D. NUMBER (OCN):

BILLABLE INVOICE INTERVAL:

Check One:

- Daily (Full Status RAO Companies will receive billable messages daily, Monday-Friday excluding holidays.)
- Bill period (Please choose a maximum of five dates for AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE. A file will be created approximately 3 to 5 workdays after the chosen bill date(s):

1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19 21 23 25 27 29

AUR INVOICE INTERVAL:

Check One:

- Daily (Full Status RAO Companies will receive AURs daily, Monday-Friday except holidays.)
- Bill period (Please choose a maximum of five dates for AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE. A file will be created approximately 3 to 5 workdays after the chosen bill date(s):

1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19 21 23 25 27 29

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APPENDIX WHITE PAGES (WHITE PAGES DIRECTORY)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions that shall apply to switched-based CLECs or CLECs leasing Lawful unbundled switched ports for End User Listings in White Page directories provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T-2STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-2STATE** means **AT&T CALIFORNIA** and **AT&T NEVADA**, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in California and Nevada.
- 1.4 **AT&T-4STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-4STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, and AT&T Oklahoma the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- 1.5 **AT&T-7STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-7STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** and **AT&T NEVADA**, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.6 **AT&T-8STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-8STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T CALIFORNIA**, **AT&T NEVADA** and **AT&T CONNECTICUT** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.7 **AT&T-10STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-10STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 **AT&T-12STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-12STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** and **AT&T-2STATE** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.9 **AT&T-13STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T-13STATE** means **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE**, **AT&T-2STATE** and **AT&T CONNECTICUT** the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.
- 1.10 **AT&T ARKANSAS** - As used herein, **AT&T ARKANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Arkansas.
- 1.11 **AT&T CALIFORNIA** - As used herein, **AT&T CALIFORNIA** means Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in California.
- 1.12 **AT&T CONNECTICUT** - As used herein, **AT&T CONNECTICUT** means The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.13 **AT&T KANSAS** - As used herein, **AT&T KANSAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Kansas.

- 1.14 **AT&T ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **AT&T ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.15 **AT&T INDIANA** - As used herein, **AT&T INDIANA** means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.16 **AT&T MICHIGAN** - As used herein, **AT&T MICHIGAN** means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, the applicable AT&T-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.17 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.18 **AT&T MISSOURI** - As used herein, **AT&T MISSOURI** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Missouri.
- 1.19 **AT&T NEVADA** - As used herein, **AT&T NEVADA** means Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Nevada.
- 1.20 **AT&T OHIO** - As used herein, **AT&T OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.21 **AT&T OKLAHOMA** - As used herein, **AT&T OKLAHOMA** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Oklahoma.
- 1.22 **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.23 **AT&T TEXAS** - As used herein, **AT&T TEXAS** means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Texas.
- 1.24 **AT&T WISCONSIN** - As used herein, **AT&T WISCONSIN** means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2. SERVICE PROVIDED

- 2.1 **AT&T-13STATE** publishes alphabetical White Pages directories for its ILEC Territory. CLEC provides local exchange telephone service in the same area(s) and CLEC wishes to include listing information for its End Users in the appropriate **AT&T-13STATE** White Pages directories.
- 2.2 CLEC also desires distribution to its End Users of the White Pages directories that include listings of CLEC's End Users.
- 2.3 **AT&T-13STATE** will make available to CLEC, for CLEC End Users, non discriminatory access to White Pages directory listings, as described in Section 2 of this Attachment.
- 2.4 Subject to **AT&T-13STATE**'s practices, as well as the rules and regulations applicable to the provision of White Pages directories, **AT&T-13STATE** will include in appropriate White Pages directories the primary alphabetical listings of all CLEC End Users located within the local directory scope. The rules, regulations and **AT&T-13STATE** practices are subject to change from time to time. When CLEC provides its subscriber listing information to **AT&T-13STATE** listings database, CLEC will receive for its End User, one primary listing in **AT&T-13STATE** White Pages directory and a listing in **AT&T-13STATE**'s directory assistance database.
 - 2.4.1 Where a CLEC End User requires foreign, enhanced or other listings in addition to the primary listing to appear in the White Pages directory, **AT&T-13STATE** will assess CLEC a monthly charge for such listings at **AT&T-13STATE** tariff rates. An additional monthly charge at **AT&T-13STATE**'s tariff

rate applies when CLEC wishes to list an End User in AT&T-13STATE's Directory Assistance database but does not wish to have its End User listed in AT&T-13STATE's White Pages directory. In addition, CLEC may elect to have its End User unlisted and the listing not published in AT&T-13STATE's White Pages directory for a monthly charge at AT&T-13STATE's tariff rate for those non-published, non-listed services.

- 2.5 CLEC shall furnish to AT&T-13STATE, in a form acceptable to both Parties, subscriber listing information pertaining to CLEC End Users located within the local directory scope, along with such additional information as AT&T-13STATE may require to prepare and print the alphabetical listings of said directory.
- 2.6 CLEC will provide accurate subscriber listing information of its subscribers to AT&T-13STATE via a mechanical or manual feed of the directory listing information to AT&T-13STATE's Directory Listing database. CLEC agrees to submit all listing information via a mechanized process within six (6) months of the effective date of this Appendix, or upon CLEC reaching a volume of two hundred listing updates per day, whichever comes first. CLECs' subscriber listings will be interfiled (interspersed) in the directory among AT&T-13STATE's subscriber listing information. CLEC shall furnish to AT&T-13STATE, in a form acceptable to both Parties, subscriber listing information pertaining to CLEC End Users located within the local directory scope, along with such additional information as AT&T-13STATE may require to prepare and print the alphabetical listings of said directory. See CLEC Online web site for methods, procedures, and ordering information. CLEC will submit listing information within one (1) Business Day of installation, disconnection or other change in service (including change of non-listed or non-published status) affecting the Directory Assistance database or the directory listing of a CLEC End User. CLEC must submit all listing information intended for publication by the directory close date.
 - 2.6.1 Upon CLEC request, sixty (60) calendar days prior to the directory close date for a particular directory, AT&T-8STATE shall make available to CLEC, via the applicable electronic listing verification tool, its subscriber listings as such listings are to appear in the directory. CLEC shall review this listing information and shall submit to AT&T-8STATE any necessary additions, deletions or modifications at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the directory close date.
 - 2.6.2 Upon CLEC request, sixty (60) calendar days prior to the directory close date for particular directory, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE shall make available to CLEC forty-five (45) calendar days prior to directory close date for that directory, either electronically or manually, its subscriber listings as such listings are to appear in the directory. CLEC shall review this listing information and shall submit to AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE any necessary additions, deletions or modifications prior to the directory close date.
- 2.7 Directories
 - 2.7.1 In AT&T-8STATE, each CLEC subscriber will receive one copy per primary End User listing, as provided by CLEC, of AT&T-8STATE's White Pages directory in the same manner and at the same time that they are delivered to AT&T-8STATE's subscribers during the annual delivery of newly published directories.
 - 2.7.1.1 AT&T-7STATE has no obligation to provide any additional White Page directories above the directories provided to CLEC End Users after each annual distribution of newly published White Pages.
 - 2.7.1.2 AT&T CONNECTICUT White Page directories will be provided in accordance to state and/or local regulations and orders governing White Page directory distribution.
 - 2.7.2 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE shall direct its directory publishing affiliate to offer delivery of newly published White Pages directories to CLEC's End Users pursuant to terms and conditions agreed to by the publishing affiliate and CLEC.
 - 2.7.3 AT&T-13STATE shall not be required to deliver a directory to a CLEC End User until new White Page directories are published for that End User's location.

2.7.4 CLEC may arrange for additional directory distribution and other services with AT&T-13STATE's directory publishing affiliate pursuant to terms and conditions agreed to by the publishing affiliate and CLEC.

2.8 AT&T-8STATE will provide CLEC with 1/8th page, or the equivalent size as other local service providers listed on the same page, in each directory (where the CLEC has or plans to have local telephone exchange customers) for the CLEC to include CLEC specific-information (i.e., business office, residence office, repair bureau, etc.) in the White Pages directory on an "index-type" informational page. No advertising will be permitted on such informational page. This page will also include specific information pertaining to other CLECs. At its option, no less than sixty (60) days prior to the directory close date, CLEC shall provide AT&T-8STATE the information to be published on the information page according to the instructions provided on AT&T CLEC Online web site. The content of CLEC's camera-ready copy shall be subject to AT&T-8STATE approval. In those directories in which AT&T-8STATE includes Spanish Customer Guide Pages, this informational page will also be provided in Spanish at CLEC's request, subject to the guidelines set forth above.

2.8.1 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE shall direct its directory publishing affiliate to offer CLEC the opportunity to include in the "Information Pages", or comparable section of its White Pages directories (covering the territory where CLEC is certified to provide local service), information provided by CLEC for CLEC's installation, repair, customer service and local sales office information and, where required by regulatory bodies, payment address. Such information shall appear in the same manner as such information appears for AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and other LECs. AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE's directory publishing will include such CLEC information in the "Information Pages" pursuant to terms and conditions agreed to by the publishing affiliate and CLEC and will administer the charges, if any, for the inclusion of such information, which will be calculated on the same basis as the charges, if any, charged to AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE.

2.9 At its request, CLEC may purchase one (1) one-sided "Informational Page" in the informational section of the White Pages directory covering a geographic area, at the prices set forth in the attached, state-specific Exhibit 1 to this Appendix, where CLEC provides local Telecommunications Exchange Service. Such page shall be no different in style, size, color and format than AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE "Informational Pages". Sixty (60) calendar days prior to the directory close date, the CLEC shall provide to AT&T SOUTHWEST REGION 5-STATE the "Informational Page" in the form of camera-ready copy.

3. USE OF SUBSCRIBER LISTING INFORMATION

3.1 AT&T-13STATE agrees to serve as the single point of contact for all independent and Third Party directory publishers who seek to include CLEC's subscriber listing information in an area directory, and to handle the CLEC's subscriber listing information in the same manner as AT&T-13STATE's subscriber listing information. In exchange for AT&T-13STATE serving as the single point of contact and handling all subscriber listing information equally, CLEC authorizes AT&T-13STATE to include and use the CLEC subscriber listing information provided to AT&T-13STATE pursuant to this Appendix in AT&T-13STATE's White Pages directory, AT&T-13STATE's directory assistance databases, and to provide CLEC subscriber listing information to directory publishers. Included in this authorization is release of CLEC listings to requesting competing carriers as required by Section 271(c)(2)(B)(vii)(II) and Section 251(b)(3) and any applicable state regulations and orders. Also included in this authorization is AT&T-13STATE's use of CLEC's subscriber listing information in AT&T-13STATE's directory assistance, directory assistance related products and services, and directory publishing products and services.

3.2 AT&T-13STATE further agrees not to charge CLEC for serving as the single point of contact with independent and Third Party directory publishers, no matter what number or type of requests are fielded. In exchange for the handling of CLEC Name's subscriber list information to directory publishers, CLEC agrees that it will receive no compensation for AT&T-13STATE's receipt of the subscriber list information or for the subsequent release of this information to directory publishers. Such CLEC subscriber list information shall be intermingled with AT&T-13STATE's subscriber list information and the subscriber list

information of other companies that have authorized a similar release of their subscriber list information by AT&T-13STATE.

4. PRICING

- 4.1 AT&T-7STATE will deliver one copy per primary End User listing of AT&T-7STATE White Pages, as described in Section 2.7 above, at no charge. AT&T-7STATE has no obligation to warehouse White Pages directories for CLEC or provide White Pages directories to CLEC's End Users subsequent to the annual distribution of newly published directories.
 - 4.1.1 The rates, if any, for AT&T CONNECTICUT White Pages directories will be in accordance to any applicable tariffs, state and/or local regulations or orders governing the rates for White Pages directories.
 - 4.1.2 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE - The rates, if any, for AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE White Page directories will be in accordance with a separate directory services agreement with AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE's directory publishing affiliate.

5. LIABILITY

- 5.1 CLEC hereby releases AT&T-13STATE from any and all liability for damages due to errors or omissions in CLEC's subscriber listing information as provided to AT&T-13STATE under this Appendix, and/or CLEC's subscriber listing information as it appears in the White Pages directory, including, but not limited to, special, indirect, consequential, punitive or incidental damages.
- 5.2 CLEC shall indemnify, protect, save harmless and defend AT&T-13STATE (and/or AT&T-13STATE's officers, employees, agents, assigns and representatives) from and against any and all losses, liability, damages and expense arising out of any demand, claim, suit or judgment by a Third Party in any way related to any error or omission in CLEC's subscriber listing information, including any error or omission related to non-published or non-listed subscriber listing information. CLEC shall so indemnify regardless of whether the demand, claim or suit by the Third Party is brought jointly against CLEC and AT&T-13STATE, and/or against AT&T-13STATE alone. However, if such demand, claim or suit specifically alleges that an error or omission appears in CLEC's subscriber listing information in the White Pages directory, AT&T-13STATE may, at its option, assume and undertake its own defense, or assist in the defense of the CLEC, in which event the CLEC shall reimburse AT&T-13STATE for reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses incurred by AT&T-13STATE in handling and defending such demand, claim and/or suit.
- 5.3 CLEC further agrees to pay all costs incurred by AT&T-13STATE and/or its affiliates as a result of CLEC not complying with the terms of this Appendix.
- 5.4 This Appendix 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 nor to act as an agent for the other unless written authority, separate from this Appendix, is provided. Nothing in the Appendix 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.

6. BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 6.1 If either Party is found to have materially breached this Appendix, the non-breaching Party may terminate the Appendix by providing written notice to the breaching Party, whereupon this Appendix shall be null and void with respect to any issue of AT&T-13STATE's White Pages directory published sixty (60) or more calendar days after the date of receipt of such written notice.

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APPENDIX NON-INTERCOMPANY SETTLEMENT (NICS)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions under which AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE will perform the revenue settlement of intrastate/intraLATA local/toll alternately billed calls between AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and the CLEC via the Centralized Message Distribution System (CMDS) NICS reports.
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T ILLINOIS** - As used herein, AT&T ILLINOIS means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.
- 1.4 **AT&T INDIANA** - As used herein, AT&T INDIANA means Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Indiana.
- 1.5 **AT&T MICHIGAN** - As used herein, AT&T MICHIGAN means Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, the applicable AT&T-owned doing business in Michigan.
- 1.6 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.7 **AT&T OHIO** - As used herein, AT&T OHIO means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.8 **AT&T WISCONSIN** - As used herein, AT&T WISCONSIN means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "Centralized Message Distribution System" (CMDS) - means the industry-wide data collection system located in St. Louis, Missouri which handles the daily exchange of toll message details between LECs that are Direct Participants of the systems.
- 2.2 "Direct Participants" (DP) - the 24 pre-divestiture Bell Operating Companies that interface directly with CMDS. Following is a list of the Direct Participants:
 - 2.2.1 New England Telephone Company
 - 2.2.2 New York Telephone Company
 - 2.2.3 Bell Atlantic, NJ
 - 2.2.4 Bell Atlantic, PA
 - 2.2.5 Bell Atlantic, DE
 - 2.2.6 Bell Atlantic, DC
 - 2.2.7 Bell Atlantic, MD
 - 2.2.8 Bell Atlantic, VA
 - 2.2.9 Bell Atlantic, WV

- 2.2.10 Southern Bell Telephone Company
- 2.2.11 South Central Bell Telephone Company
- 2.2.12 The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio
- 2.2.13 Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan
- 2.2.14 Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana
- 2.2.15 Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois
- 2.2.16 Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin
- 2.2.17 Northwestern Bell Telephone Company
- 2.2.18 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas
- 2.2.19 Mountain Bell Telephone Company
- 2.2.20 Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California
- 2.2.21 Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada
- 2.2.22 The Southern New England Telephone Company
- 2.2.23 Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company

2.3 **"Exchange Message Interface" (EMI)** -the format used for the exchange of telecommunications message information. EMI format is contained in the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) document that defines industry guidelines for exchange message records.

2.4 **"Local Exchange Carriers" (LECs) or "Exchange Carriers" (ECs)** - facilities-based providers of local telecommunication services.

2.5 **"Non-Intercompany Settlement" (NICS)** is a revenue exchange process for messages which originate from CLEC and bill to AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and message which originate from AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and bill to CLEC. NICS messages must originate and bill within the same AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE Company.

3. NON-INTERCOMPANY SETTLEMENT (NICS) DESCRIPTION

- 3.1 Non-Intercompany Settlement (NICS) shall apply only to alternately billed messages (calling card, third number billed and collect calls) originated by AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and billed by the CLEC [when the CLEC is using its own end office switch], or messages for calls originated by the CLEC and billed by AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE within the same AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE State (i.e., messages for intrastate/intraLATA traffic only). For example, an alternately billed call originating within AT&T ILLINOIS territory and billed to a CLEC within AT&T ILLINOIS would be covered by this section; a call originating within AT&T MICHIGAN but billing outside of AT&T MICHIGAN would not be NICS.
- 3.2 NICS does not extend to 900 or 976 calls or to other pay per call services.
- 3.3 The Telcordia Technologies NICS report is the source for revenue to be settled between AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and CLEC. NICS settlement will be incorporated into the CLEC's monthly invoice.
- 3.4 This agreement does not cover calls originating and billing within a state outside of AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE. For such traffic, CLEC should obtain NICS-type agreements with the LECs in that state.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 4.1 Each Party is responsible for submitting the appropriate EMI billable record (as defined in the Telcordia Technologies NICS System Specifications document) to Telcordia CMDS for inclusion in the NICS report when an alternately billed call originates from its end user.

5. BASIS OF COMPENSATION

- 5.1 CLEC agrees to pay a \$.05 per message charge to AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE for all qualifying messages billed by AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE.

- 5.2 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE agrees to pay the same \$.05 a per message charge to CLEC for all qualifying messages billed by CLEC.
- 5.3 Net payment shall be due within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice. Net payment is the amount due to AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE or CLEC based on netting the amount due AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and the amount due CLEC from the Telcordia Technologies NICS report. A late payment charge of one and one half percent (1 1/2%) per month, or the highest amount allowed by law, whichever is greater, shall apply to past due amounts.

6. TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 6.1 Unless sooner terminated as herein provided, this Agreement will continue in force for a period of one (1) year from the effective date hereof and thereafter until terminated by sixty (60) days prior notice in writing from either party to the other. Provided however, this Attachment shall not continue in force and effect beyond the term of the ICA as specified in the General Terms and Conditions.

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APPENDIX PRICING (OHIO)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the pricing terms and conditions only for the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) identified in 1.3 below. The rate table included in this Appendix is divided into the following five categories: Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs), Resale, Other (Resale), Other and Reciprocal Compensation. These categories are for convenience only and shall not be construed to define or limit any of the terms herein or affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement, including but not limited to the term "Lawful UNE," as that term is defined and used in this Agreement.
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T OHIO** - As used herein, **AT&T OHIO** means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.4 Replacement of Non-Interim Rates

Certain of the non-interim rates, prices and charges set forth in this Agreement may have been established by the Commission ("Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s)"). All rates included in this Agreement that are not specifically excluded from treatment under this Section 1.4, or that are not marked as interim or as "TBD" (To Be Determined) shall be considered Commission-established Non-Interim Rates. If, during the Term of this Agreement the Commission or the FCC modifies a Commission-established Rate(s) in an order or docket that is established by the Commission or FCC to be generally applicable to the Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, functions, facilities, Resale discounts, or products or services ("Products or Services") available under this Agreement (i.e. *not* an order or docket relating only to a specific complaint or interconnection agreement arbitration), either Party may provide written notice ("Rate Change Notice") to the other Party, *after the effective date of such order*, that it wishes for the modified Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s), ("Modified Rate(s)") to replace and supersede the Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s) already set forth in this Agreement. Following such Rate Change Notice by either Party, and without the need for any formal amendment or further Commission action, the CLEC's billing tables will be updated to reflect (and CLEC will be charged) the Modified Rate(s), pursuant to timeframes as specifically set forth in Sections 1.4.1 and 1.4.3, below, and the Modified Rate(s) will be deemed effective between the Parties as provided in Sections 1.4.1 and 1.4.3, below. Nonetheless, the Parties shall negotiate a conforming amendment which shall reflect that the Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s) were replaced by the Modified Rate(s), and shall submit such Amendment to the state commission for approval. In addition, as soon as is reasonably practicable after such Rate Change Notice, each Party shall issue to the other Party any adjustments that are necessary to reflect that the Modified Rate(s) became effective between the Parties as provided below:

- 1.4.1 If the Rate Change Notice is issued by a Party within ninety (90) days after the effective date of any such order, the Modified Rate(s) will be deemed effective between the Parties as of the effective date of the order, and **AT&T OHIO** will issue any adjustments that are appropriate (e.g., billing of additional charges, billing credit adjustments) to retroactively true-up the Modified Rate(s) with the Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s) for the period after the effective date of the order, in accordance herewith.

- 1.4.2 In the event that neither Party issues a Rate Change Notice to the other Party with respect to an order, the Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s) set forth in the Agreement shall continue to apply, notwithstanding the issuance of that order.
- 1.4.3 In the event that a Party issues a Rate Change Notice under this Section 1.4, but not within ninety (90) days after the effective date of the order, then the Modified Rate(s) will be deemed effective between the Parties as of the date the amendment incorporating such Modified Rate(s) into the Agreement is effective between the Parties (following the date the amendment is approved or is deemed to have been approved by the state commission), and shall apply, upon the amendment effective date, on a prospective basis only. Further, the Party shall be foreclosed from replacing or otherwise superseding the Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s) with the Modified Rate(s) for any period prior to the effective date of such amendment.
- 1.4.4 In the event the terms and conditions of this Section 1.4 was not part of an approved and effective agreement between the Parties at the time the order became effective, either Party may still give a Rate Change Notice, and the Modified Rate(s) shall be effective as of the date the Parties' Agreement (the Agreement containing this Section 1.4) becomes effective (following the date the Agreement is approved or deemed to have been approved by the Commission) and shall apply, beginning on the Agreement's effective date, on a prospective basis only. Further, the Party shall be foreclosed from replacing or otherwise superseding the Commission-established Non-Interim Rate(s) with the Modified Rate(s) for any period prior to the effective date of the Agreement containing this Section 1.4.

- 1.5 The Parties understand and agree that on May 9, 2003, the Public Utilities Act of Illinois was amended to add Sections 13-408 and 13-409, 220 ILCS 5/13-408 and 13-409, and enacted into law ("Illinois Law"). The Illinois Law establishes a specific method for setting certain UNE rates in Illinois, mandates that the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") apply the method and determine the rates ("ICC Rates"), and expressly deems all interconnection agreements to be amended to contain the ICC Rates immediately upon the ICC's announcement of such adjusted rates, without further action. The Parties understand and agree that the rates in the attached Pricing Schedule are based upon AT&T Illinois' obligations under FCC rules and regulations, and applicable ICC orders as they existed prior to the ICC's promulgation of rates, terms and conditions pursuant to the Illinois Law. The Parties understand and agree that the ICC Rates shall automatically apply to this Agreement, and shall replace and supersede any corresponding rates currently contained in this Agreement (for the state of Illinois only) as of the effective date of any such ICC order(s) upon the written request of either Party ("Written Notice"). As soon as practical following the Written Notice, AT&T Illinois shall begin billing CLEC the ICC Rates; provided, however, the Parties acknowledge and agree that no later than sixty (60) days from the Written Notice, the Parties will execute a conforming Amendment to this Agreement so that the Agreement accurately reflects the ICC Rates, and AT&T Illinois will issue any adjustments, as needed (e.g., billing of additional charges, billing credit adjustments), to reflect that the ICC Rates became effective between the Parties as of the effective date of the applicable ICC order(s) and to retroactively true-up the ICC Rates with the corresponding rates currently contained in this Agreement (for the state of Illinois only) for the period after the effective date of the applicable ICC order(s), in accordance herewith.
- 1.6 Replacement of Interim Rates
Certain of the rates, prices and charges set forth in this Agreement may be denoted as interim rates ("Current Interim Rates"). Upon the effective date of a Commission Order establishing non-interim rates for any rates, prices, charges, Products or Services specifically identified herein as interim, either Party may, within ninety (90) days *after the effective date of such Commission order*, provide written notice ("Replacement Rate Notice") to the other Party that it wishes to obtain the non-interim Commission-established rate(s) ("Replacement Rates") to replace and supersede the Current Interim Rate counterpart(s) in this Agreement. Following such Replacement Rate Notice, and without the need for any formal amendment or further Commission action, AT&T OHIO will update CLEC's billing tables to replace the Current Interim Rates with their Replacement Rate(s) counterpart(s), as specified in the Replacement

Rate Notice. Nonetheless, the Parties shall negotiate a conforming amendment to reflect such Replacement Rates and shall submit such amendment to the Commission for approval.

- 1.6.1 If the Replacement Rate Notice is given within 90 days after the effective date of such order, then the Replacement Rate(s) shall apply as of the effective date of the order and AT&T OHIO will issue any adjustments that are appropriate (e.g., billing of additional charges, billing credit adjustments) to retroactively true-up the Replacement Rates with the Current Interim Rates for the period after the effective date of this Agreement, in accordance herewith.
- 1.6.2 In the event that neither Party issues a Rate Notice to the other Party with respect to an order, the Current Interim Rate(s) set forth in the Agreement shall continue to apply, notwithstanding the issuance of that order.
- 1.6.3 In the event that a Party issues a Rate Notice under this Section 1.6, but not within ninety (90) days after the effective date of the order, then the Replacement Rate(s) will be deemed effective between the Parties as of the date the amendment incorporating such Replacement Rate(s) into the Agreement is effective between the Parties (following the date the amendment is approved or is deemed to have been approved by the Commission), and shall apply, upon the amendment effective date, on a prospective basis only. Further, the Party shall be foreclosed from replacing or otherwise superseding the Current Interim Rate(s) with the Replacement Rate(s) for any period prior to the effective date of such amendment.
- 1.6.4 In the event the terms and conditions of this Section 1.6 was not part of an approved and effective agreement between the Parties at the time the order became effective, either Party may still give a Replacement Rate Notice, and the Replacement Rate(s) shall be effective as of the date the Parties' Agreement (the Agreement containing this Section 1.6) becomes effective (following the date the Agreement is approved or deemed to have been approved by the Commission) and shall apply, beginning on the Agreement's effective date, on a prospective basis only. Further, the Party shall be foreclosed from replacing or otherwise superseding the Current Interim Rate(s) with the Replacement Rate(s) for any period prior to the effective date of the Agreement containing this Section 1.6.

1.7 Notice to Adopting CLECs

- 1.7.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Appendix and Agreement, in the event that any other telecommunications carrier should adopt provisions in the Agreement pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act ("Adopting CLEC"), the Adopting CLEC would only be entitled to the non-interim and/or interim rates set forth in this Agreement as of the date that the MFN'd Agreement provisions become effective between AT&T OHIO and the Adopting CLEC (i.e., following the date the Commission approves or is deemed to have approved the Adopting CLEC's Section 252(i) adoption ("MFN Effective Date")) and on a prospective basis only. Nothing in this Agreement shall entitle an Adopting CLEC to any retroactive application of any rates under this Agreement to any date prior to the MFN Effective Date and any Adopting CLEC is foreclosed from making any such claim hereunder.

1.8 The following defines the zones found in this Appendix Pricing:

For Loops:

<u>Access Area:</u>	<u>Total Access Lines:</u>
B	See: Tariff 20, Part 4, Section 1, Sheets 1-47
C	See: Tariff 20, Part 4, Section 1, Sheets 1-47
D	See: Tariff 20, Part 4, Section 1, Sheets 1-47

1.9 AT&T OHIO's obligation to provide Interconnection, Lawful Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, Resale discounts, functions, facilities, products or services ("Products or Services") under this Agreement does not extend to Products or Services for which rates, terms and conditions are not contained in this Agreement. Accordingly, to the extent a CLEC orders a Product or Service for which there are not rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, AT&T OHIO may reject the order. In the event such an order is rejected, and the Product or Service is appropriate for BFR treatment under the BFR provisions set

forth in Appendix Lawful UNEs of this Agreement, the CLEC may submit a BFR, which will be evaluated pursuant to such BFR provisions. Alternatively, if the Product or Service is available in a state commission approved Agreement in the state in which the CLEC is seeking to order the Product or Service, the CLEC may seek to amend this Agreement to incorporate rates, terms and conditions for the Product or Service into this Agreement, to the extent such Product or Service is still available at the time of the request. In the event that CLEC orders, and AT&T OHIO provisions, a Product or Service to CLEC for which there are not rates, terms and conditions in this Agreement, then CLEC understands and agrees that one of the following will occur:

- 1.9.1 CLEC shall pay for the Product or Service provisioned to CLEC at the rates set forth in AT&T OHIO's applicable intrastate tariff(s) for the Product or Service or, to the extent there are no tariff rates, terms or conditions available for the Product or Service in the applicable state, then CLEC shall pay for the Product or Service at AT&T OHIO's current generic contract rate for the Product or Service set forth in AT&T OHIO's applicable state-specific generic pricing schedule as published on AT&T OHIO's CLEC website; or
- 1.9.2 CLEC will be billed and shall pay for the product or service as provided in Section 1.9.1, above, and AT&T OHIO may, without further obligation, reject future orders and further provisioning of the product or service until such time as applicable rates, terms and conditions are incorporated into this Agreement as set forth in this Section 1.9.
- 1.9.3 AT&T OHIO's provisioning of orders for such Products or Services is expressly subject to this Section 1.9 and in no way constitutes a waiver of AT&T OHIO's right to charge and collect payment for such Products and/or Services.

- 1.10 Establishment of "TBD" Rates
 - 1.10.1 When a rate, price or charge in this Agreement is noted as "To Be Determined" or "TBD" or is blank, the Parties understand and agree that when a rate, price or charge is established by AT&T OHIO for that Product or Service and incorporated into AT&T OHIO's current state-specific generic pricing schedule as published on AT&T OHIO's CLEC website, that rate(s) ("Established Rate") shall automatically apply to the Product or Service provided under this Agreement back to the effective date of this Agreement as to any orders CLEC submitted and AT&T OHIO provisioned for that Product or Service without the need for any additional modification(s) to this Agreement or further Commission action. AT&T OHIO shall provide written notice to CLEC of the application of the rate, price or charge that has been established, and the CLEC's billing tables will be updated to reflect (and CLEC will be charged) the Established Rate, and the Established Rate will be deemed effective between the Parties as of the effective date of the Agreement. The Parties shall negotiate a conforming amendment which shall reflect the Established Rate to ensure that the Agreement accurately reflects the specific Established Rate(s) that apply to such Product or Service pursuant to this Section 1.10, and shall submit such Amendment to the state commission for approval. In addition, as soon as is reasonably practicable after such Established Rate begins to apply, AT&T OHIO shall bill CLEC to reflect the application of the Established Rate retroactively to the effective date of the Agreement between the Parties.
 - 1.10.2 AT&T OHIO's provisioning of such orders for such Products or Services is expressly subject to this Section 1.10 and in no way constitutes a waiver of AT&T OHIO's right to charge and collect payment for such Products and/or Services.

2. RECURRING CHARGES

- 2.1 Unless otherwise identified in the Pricing Tables, where rates are shown as monthly, a month will be defined as a 30 day calendar month. The minimum term for each monthly rated Unbundled Network Element (UNE), Resale, Other (Resale), Other and Reciprocal Compensation elements will be one (1) month. After the initial month, billing will be on the basis of whole or fractional months used. The minimum term for non-monthly rated UNEs, if applicable, will be specified in the rate table included in this Appendix.

A longer minimum service period may apply for Lawful UNEs provided under the BFR process, as set forth in the Lawful UNEs Appendix of this Agreement.

- 2.2 For purposes of reciprocal compensation only, measurement of minutes of use over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups shall be in actual conversation seconds. The total conversation seconds over each individual Local Interconnection Trunk Group will be totaled for the entire monthly bill and then rounded to the next whole minute.
- 2.3 Where rates are distance sensitive, the mileage will be calculated on the airline distance involved between the locations. To determine the rate to be billed AT&T OHIO will first compute the mileage using the V&H coordinates method, as set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff FCC No 4. When the calculation results in a fraction of a mile, AT&T OHIO will round up to the next whole mile before determining the mileage and applying rates.

3. NON-RECURRING CHARGES

- 3.1 Where rates consist of usage sensitive charges or per occurrence charges, such rates are classified as "non-recurring charges".
- 3.2 Nonrecurring Charges may be applicable for all five (5) categories of rates.
- 3.3 Consistent with FCC Rule 51.307(d), there may be non-recurring charges for each Lawful UNE.
- 3.4 For Resale, when a CLEC converts an End User currently receiving non-complex service from the AT&T OHIO network, without any changes to AT&T OHIO's network, the normal service order charges and/or nonrecurring charges associated with said additions and/or changes will apply.
- 3.5 CLEC shall pay a non-recurring charge when a CLEC adds a signaling point code. The rates and charges for signaling point code(s) are identified in the applicable access tariffs. This charge also applies to point code information provided by CLEC allowing others to use CLEC's SS7 signaling network.
- 3.6 CLEC shall pay a service order processing/administration charge for each service order submitted by CLEC to AT&T OHIO to process a request for installation, disconnection, rearrangement, changes to or record orders for Lawful UNEs and Resale.
- 3.7 Some items, which must be individually charged (e.g., extraordinary charges, CLEC Changes and etc.), are billed as nonrecurring charges.
- 3.8 Time and Material charges (a.k.a. additional labor charges) are defined in the Pricing Tables.

4. BILLING

- 4.1 For information regarding billing, non-payment, disconnects and dispute resolution, see the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

THE OHIO BELL
TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a ATT OHIO
July 31, 2007

APPENDIX PRICING/ALL TRAFFIC
ATT OH/BASCOM MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Line	OHIO	- Generic Rate Sheets		USOC	Monthly Recurring	Non-Recurring
1	LNP					
2	****Local Number Portability			NSR	\$0.00	N/A
3	****Pursuant to FCC Current Tariff #2, Section 4 effective from June 1, 2004 and shall cease billing					
4	effective October 1, 2004.					
5						
6	OTHER					
7	## Directory Assistance					
8		Directory Assistance, per call		OPEN	\$ 0.40	N/A
9		National Directory Assistance (NDA), per call		OPEN	\$ 0.65	N/A
10		Reverse Directory Assistance (RDA), per call			\$ 0.65	
11		Business Category Search (BCS), per call		OPEN	\$ 0.65	N/A
12		Directory Assistance Call Completion (DACC), per call		OPEN	\$ 0.15	N/A
13						
14		OS/DA Automated Call Greeting and References / Rates				
15	##	Branding - Other - Initial/Subsequent Load, per switch		OPEN	N/A	\$ 1,800.00
16	##	Brand and Reference/Rate Look Up, per OS/DA call		OPEN	\$ 0.03	N/A
17	##	Branding - Facility Based - Initial/Subsequent Load				
18	##	- Branding, per trunk group		OPEN	N/A	\$ 800.00
19	##	Rate Reference - Initial Load, per state, per OCN		OPEN	N/A	\$ 5,000.00
20	##	Rate Reference - Subsequent Load, per state, per OCN		OPEN	N/A	\$ 1,500.00
21						
22		Operator Services				
23		Fully Automated Call Processing, per call		OPEN	\$ 0.15	N/A
24		Operator Assisted Call Processing - All Types (including Busy Line Verify [BLV] and BLV/Emergency Interrupt [BLV/I]), per work second		OPEN	\$ 0.03	N/A
25						
26	##	DA Listing License				
27	##	Option #1 Full File (all states inclusive) Non-Billable Release (no query charges)				
28	##	- per listing for initial load		OPEN	N/A	\$ 0.040
29	##	- per listing for subsequent updates		OPEN	N/A	\$ 0.060
30	##	Option #2 Full File (all states inclusive) Billable Release				
31	##	- per listing for initial load		OPEN	N/A	\$ 0.020
32	##	- per listing for subsequent updates		OPEN	N/A	\$ 0.030
33	##	- per usage/query		OPEN	N/A	\$ 0.020
34	##	Option #3 Pick & Choose (by state) Non-billable Release (no query charges)				
35	##	- per listing for initial load		OPEN	N/A	\$ 0.050
36	##	- per listing for subsequent updates		OPEN	N/A	\$ 0.060
37	##	Option #4 Pick & Choose (by state) Billable Release				
38	##	- per listing for initial load		OPEN	N/A	\$ 0.020
39	##	- per listing for subsequent updates		OPEN	N/A	\$ 0.030
40	##	- per usage/query		OPEN	N/A	\$ 0.020
41						
42		Ancillary Message Billing Compensation (Per Message)			\$ 0.03	N/A
43		Non Intercompany Settlement (NICS) Billing Charge (Per Message)		Not Applicable	\$ 0.05	
44						
45		Emergency Number Service Access				
46		911 Selective Router Interconnection				
47		-Digital DS1 Interface		USAGE	\$ 336.44	\$ 759.98
48		-Each DSO installed		USAGE	N/A	\$ 364.69
49		-Analog Channel Interface		EVG9X	\$ 28.72	\$ 436.62
50		ANI/ALI/SR and Database Management				
51		- Per 100 records, rounded up to nearest 100		9S89X	\$ 5.32	\$ 709.49
52		- Access Routing File (CD-ROM)		USAGE	\$ 25.82	
53		911 Selective Router Switch Administration				
54		-Per Selective Router		USAGE	\$ 5.55	\$ 2,645.15
55						
56		INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION				
57		Rate for All ISP-Bound and Section 251(b)(5) Traffic as per FCC 01-131,		USAGE	\$ 0.0007	
58		per MOU				
59						
60	##	Rate elements not included in TELRIC order				

TBD - To be determined
NRO - Nonrecurring only
ICB - Individual Case Basis
NA - Not Applicable

APPENDIX

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

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APPENDIX PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the measurements, if met by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC), that would be deemed sufficient to demonstrate the provision of non-discriminatory access to AT&T OHIO's (as the case may be) Operations Support Systems (OSS) and each of the five recognized OSS functions (Pre-Ordering, Ordering, Provisioning, Maintenance and Repair, and Billing).
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin.
- 1.3 **AT&T OHIO** - As used herein, AT&T OHIO means The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Ohio.
- 1.4 As used herein, Service Bureau Provider means a company which has been engaged by a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) to act as its agent for purposes of accessing AT&T-owned ILEC's OSS application-to-application interfaces.
- 1.5 As used herein, in Ohio, Merger Conditions shall mean those conditions related to the AT&T/Ameritech merger ordered under the Public Utility Commission of Ohio Stipulation And Recommendation Case number 98-1082-TP-AMT.
- 1.6 As used herein, Collaborative Process shall mean the performance measurement collaborative process established pursuant to the Merger Conditions.
- 1.7 The performance measurements contained herein, notwithstanding any provisions in any other appendix in this Agreement, are not intended to create, modify or otherwise affect any party's rights and obligations. Neither the existence of any particular performance measure, nor the language describing that measure, shall constitute evidence that any CLEC is entitled to any particular manner of access, nor is it evidence that AT&T OHIO is limited in the manner by which it may provide any particular manner of access. The parties agree that each and every of the CLEC's rights and obligations to such access are defined other than in this Appendix, such as, for example, relevant laws, FCC and state commission decisions/regulations, tariffs, and the interconnection agreement to which this Appendix is attached.
- 1.8 The measurement data herein shall be collected, reported and used to calculate Remedy Payments or penalties on a per CLEC operating entity basis. The results of multiple CLEC affiliates shall not be combined for any purpose under this Appendix.

2. RESULTS OF COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

- 2.1 The parties agree that the performance measurements, remedy plans and Business Rules as set forth in the Merger Conditions and developed under the Collaborative Process, shall be incorporated, when finalized, into this Agreement by reference. The parties agree to accept and abide by the Performance Measurement Remedy Plan and Schedule, and the state-specific Business Rules, as posted on AT&T's Internet website.
- 2.2 The parties agree that performance measurements, remedies and Business Rules may be revised through the Collaborative Process, and the parties agree to incorporate such changes that are voluntarily agreed to by all parties to the Collaborative Process when finalized. In the event a party disputes the adoption of a proposed revision from the Collaborative Process, the party seeking such adoption may raise the issue with

the state Commission for resolution. Until a final state Commission order resolving the issue is effective, the parties agree to abide by the performance measures, remedy plans and Business Rules implemented by AT&T in response to the Collaborative Process as then posted on AT&T's Internet website. Each party reserves its rights, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, to seek appropriate legal and/or equitable review and relief from such state Commission order, and compliance with and implementation of any such order shall not represent a voluntary or negotiated agreement under Section 252 of the Act or otherwise, and does not in any way constitute a waiver by such party of its position with respect to such order, or of any rights and remedies it may have to seek review of such order or otherwise contest the applicability of the performance measures and remedy plan.

- 2.3 In addition to the exclusions described in the performance measures and remedy plans developed within the Collaborative Process, AT&T OHIO shall not be obligated to pay Remedy Payments for noncompliance with a performance measurement to the extent that such noncompliance was the result of delays or other problems resulting from actions of a Service Provider Bureau Provider acting as CLEC's agent for connection to AT&T-owned ILEC's OSS, including Service Bureau Provider provided processes, services, systems or connectivity.

AT&T Wholesale Amendment

AMENDMENT

BETWEEN

THE OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T OHIO

AND

BASCOM MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY



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by AT&T Services, Inc., its authorized agent

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT
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WHEREAS, AT&T and CLEC are Parties to an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), approved March 13, 2008 and as subsequently amended ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to implement to the *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al, Report and Order 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) ("FCC ICC Reform Order"), and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to add rates and provisions related to Transit Traffic Services.

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, Exhibit A - AT&T Transit Traffic Service Attachment and Exhibit C - Pricing Sheet, all of which are hereby incorporated within this Amendment by this reference and constitute a part of this Amendment.

2. **Intercarrier Compensation**

2.1. The Parties hereby implement the intercarrier compensation rates reflected in the Pricing Sheet attached hereto as Exhibit C, for the termination of all Section 251(b)(5) Traffic exchanged between the Parties in the applicable state(s). The intercarrier compensation rates included in Exhibit C hereby supersede the existing rate elements included in the Agreement for purposes of reciprocal compensation.

3. **Transit Traffic Services**

3.1. Add Attachment – Transit Traffic Service, attached hereto, as Exhibit A and rates reflected in the Pricing Sheet(s), attached hereto as Exhibit C to the Agreement. The rates and provisions of Exhibit A and C shall apply to Transit Traffic Service provided in the State(s) of Ohio.

4. The Parties agree to replace Section 19 from the Agreement with the following language:

19. **Notices**

19.1 Notices given by CLEC 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:

19.1.1 delivered by electronic mail (email).

19.1.2 delivered by facsimile.

19.2 Notices given by AT&T to the CLEC 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:

19.2.1 delivered by electronic mail (email) provided CLEC has provided such information in Section 19.4 below.

19.2.2 delivered by facsimile provided CLEC has provided such information in Section 19.4 below.

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

- 19.3.1 the date of actual receipt.
- 19.3.2 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.
- 19.3.3 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.

19.4 Notices will be addressed to the Parties as follows:

NOTICE CONTACT	CLEC CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Nate Brickner General Manager
STREET ADDRESS	5990 West Tiffin Street, PO Box 316
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Bascom, OH 44809
PHONE NUMBER*	(419) 937-2222
FACSIMILE NUMBER	NA
EMAIL ADDRESS	njb@bascomtelephone.com
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 CLEC Online website

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

19.5 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 19. 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.

19.6 In addition, CLEC agrees that it is responsible for providing AT&T with CLEC's OCN and ACNA numbers for the states in which CLEC is authorized to do business and in which CLEC is requesting that this Agreement apply. In the event that CLEC wants to change and/or add to the OCN and/or ACNA information in the CLEC Profile, CLEC shall send written notice to AT&T to be received at least thirty (30) days prior to the change and/or addition in accordance with this Section 19. notice provision; CLEC shall also update its CLEC Profile through the applicable form and/or web-based interface.

- 19.6.1 CLEC may not order services under a new account and/or subsequent state certification, established in accordance with this Section until thirty (30) days after all information specified in this Section is received from CLEC.
- 19.6.2 CLEC may be able to place orders for certain services in AT&T without having properly updated the CLEC Profile; however, at any time during the term of this Agreement without additional notice AT&T may at its discretion eliminate such functionality. At such time, if CLEC has not properly updated its CLEC Profile, ordering capabilities will cease, and CLEC will not be able to place orders until thirty (30) days after CLEC has properly updated its CLEC Profile.

- 19.7 AT&T communicates official information to CLECs via its Accessible Letter, or other applicable, notification processes. These processes involve electronic transmission and/or posting to the AT&T CLEC Online 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. This Amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement, but rather, shall be coterminous with such Agreement.
8. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.
9. 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.
10. For Ohio: Based on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Rules, the Amendment is effective upon filing and is deemed approved by operation of law on the 91st day after filing.

AT&T TRANSIT SERVICE PROVIDER TRANSIT TRAFFIC SERVICE EXHIBIT A

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 This Exhibit A sets forth the rates, terms and conditions for Transit Traffic Service when AT&T ARKANSAS, AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T INDIANA, AT&T KANSAS, AT&T KENTUCKY, AT&T MISSOURI, AT&T NORTH CAROLINA, AT&T OHIO, AT&T OKLAHOMA, and/or AT&T TEXAS acts as a Transit Service Provider ("AT&T-TSP") for CLEC. Transit Traffic Service is provided to Telecommunications Carriers for Telecommunications Traffic that does not originate with, or terminate to, AT&T-TSP's End Users. Transit Traffic Service allows CLEC to exchange CLEC originated traffic with a Third Party Terminating Carrier, to which CLEC is not directly interconnected, and it allows CLEC to receive traffic originated by a Third Party Originating Carrier. AT&T-TSP offers Transit Traffic Services to interconnected CLECs or to interconnected Out of Exchange Local Exchange Carriers.

2.0 Definitions

The following definitions are only for the purpose of Transit Traffic Service as set forth in this Exhibit A. If a definition herein conflicts with any definition in the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement or any other attachment or appendix of the Agreement, then the definition herein governs for the sole purpose of this Exhibit A. To the extent that defined terms in the Agreement are used in this Exhibit A, but for which no definition appears herein, then the definition in the Agreement controls.

2.1 "AT&T Transit Service Provider" or "AT&T-TSP" means as applicable, AT&T ARKANSAS, AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T INDIANA, AT&T KANSAS, AT&T KENTUCKY, AT&T MISSOURI, AT&T OHIO, AT&T OKLAHOMA, AT&T NORTH CAROLINA, and/or AT&T TEXAS as those entities provide Transit Traffic Services to CLEC and Third Parties.

2.2 "Local" means physically located in the same ILEC Local Exchange Area as defined by the ILEC Local (or "General") Exchange Tariff on file with the applicable state Commission or regulatory agency; or physically located within neighboring ILEC Local Exchange Areas that are within the same common mandatory local calling area. This includes but is not limited to, mandatory Extended Area Service (EAS), mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS), or other types of mandatory expanded local calling scopes.

2.3 "Loss" or "Losses" means any and all losses, costs (including court costs), claims, damages (including fines, penalties, or civil judgments and settlements), injuries, liabilities and expenses (including attorneys' fees).

2.4 "Third Party Originating Carrier" means a Telecommunications Carrier that originates Transit Traffic that transits AT&T-TSP's network and is delivered to CLEC.

2.5 "Third Party Terminating Carrier" means a Telecommunications Carrier to which traffic is terminated when CLEC originates traffic that is sent through AT&T-TSP's network using AT&T-TSP's Transit Traffic Service.

2.6 "Transit Traffic" means traffic originating on CLEC's network that is switched and transported by AT&T-TSP and delivered to a Third Party Terminating Carrier's network or traffic from a Third Party Originating Carrier's network and delivered to CLEC. A call that is originated or terminated by a CLEC purchasing local switching pursuant to a commercial agreement with AT&T-TSP is not considered Transit Traffic for the purposes of this Exhibit. Additionally Transit Traffic does not include traffic to/from IXCs.

2.7 "Transit Traffic MOUs" means all Transit Traffic minutes of use to be billed at the Transit Traffic rate by AT&T-TSP.

2.8 "Transit Traffic Service" is an optional switching and intermediate transport service provided by AT&T-TSP for Transit Traffic between CLEC and a Third Party Originating or Terminating Carrier, where CLEC is directly interconnected with an AT&T-TSP's Tandem.

3.0 Responsibilities of the Parties

3.1 AT&T-TSP will provide CLEC with Transit Traffic Service to all Third Party Terminating Carriers with which AT&T-TSP is interconnected, within the same LATA, or outside of that LATA to the extent a LATA boundary waiver exists.

3.2 Transit Traffic Service rates apply to all Transit Traffic that originates on CLEC's network. Transit Traffic Service rates are only applicable when calls do not originate with (or terminate to) an AT&T-TSP End User.

4.0 CLEC Originated Traffic

4.1 CLEC acknowledges and agrees that it is solely responsible for compensating Third Party Terminating Carriers for

Transit Traffic that CLEC originates. AT&T-TSP will directly bill CLEC for CLEC-originated Transit Traffic. AT&T-TSP will not act as a billing intermediary, i.e., clearinghouse, between CLEC and Third Party Terminating Carriers, nor will AT&T-TSP pay any termination charges to the Third Party Terminating Carriers on behalf of CLEC.

- 4.2 If CLEC originates Transit Traffic destined to a Third Party Terminating Carrier with which CLEC does not have a traffic compensation arrangement, then CLEC will indemnify, defend and hold harmless AT&T-TSP against any and all Losses, including, without limitation, charges levied by such Third Party Terminating Carrier against AT&T-TSP for such Transit Traffic. Furthermore, If CLEC originates Transit Traffic destined for a Third Party Terminating Carrier with which CLEC does not have a traffic compensation arrangement, and a regulatory agency or court orders AT&T-TSP to pay such Third Party Terminating Carrier for the Transit Traffic AT&T-TSP has delivered to the Third Party Terminating Carrier, then CLEC will indemnify AT&T-TSP for any and all Losses related to such regulatory agency or court order, including, but not limited to, Transit Traffic termination charges, interest on such Transit Traffic Termination charges, and any billing and collection costs that AT&T-TSP may incur to collect any of the foregoing charges, interest or costs from CLEC.
- 4.3 CLEC shall be responsible for sending CPN and other appropriate information, as applicable, for calls delivered to AT&T-TSP's network. CLEC shall not strip, alter, modify, add, delete, change, or incorrectly assign or re-assign any CPN. If AT&T-TSP identifies improper, incorrect, or fraudulent use of local exchange services, or identifies stripped, altered, modified, added, deleted, changed, and/or incorrectly assigned CPN, then CLEC agrees to cooperate to investigate and take corrective action. If CLEC is sending CPN to AT&T-TSP, but AT&T-TSP is not receiving proper CPN information, then CLEC will work cooperatively with AT&T-TSP to correct the problem. If AT&T-TSP does not receive CPN from CLEC, then AT&T-TSP cannot forward any CPN to the Third Party Terminating Carrier, and CLEC will indemnify, defend and hold harmless AT&T-TSP from any and all Losses arising from CLEC's failure to include CPN with Transit Traffic that AT&T-TSP delivers to a Third Party Terminating Carrier on behalf of CLEC.
- 4.4 CLEC, when acting as an originating carrier of Transit Traffic, has the sole responsibility for providing appropriate information to identify Transit Traffic to Third Party Terminating Carriers.

5.0 CLEC Terminated Traffic

- 5.1 CLEC shall not charge AT&T-TSP when AT&T-TSP provides Transit Traffic Service for calls terminated to CLEC.
- 5.2 Where AT&T-TSP is providing Transit Traffic Service to CLEC, AT&T-TSP will pass the CPN received from the Third Party Originating Carrier to CLEC. If AT&T-TSP does not receive CPN from the Third Party Originating Carrier, then AT&T-TSP cannot forward CPN to CLEC; therefore, CLEC will indemnify, defend and hold harmless AT&T-TSP from any and all Losses arising from or related to the lack of CPN in this situation. If AT&T-TSP or CLEC identifies stripped, altered, modified, added, deleted, changed, and/or incorrectly assigned CPN from a Third Party Originating Carrier, CLEC agrees to cooperate with AT&T-TSP and the Third Party Originating Carrier to investigate and take corrective action. If the Third Party Originating Carrier is sending CPN, but AT&T-TSP or CLEC is not properly receiving the information, then CLEC will work cooperatively with AT&T-TSP and the Third Party Originating Carrier to correct the problem.
- 5.3 CLEC agrees to seek terminating compensation for Transit Traffic directly from the Third Party Originating Carrier. AT&T-TSP is not obligated to pay CLEC for such Transit Traffic, and AT&T-TSP is not to be deemed or considered as the default originator of such Transit Traffic.

6.0 Transit Traffic Routing/Trunk Groups

- 6.1 When CLEC has one or more switches in a LATA and it desires to exchange Transit Traffic with Third Parties through AT&T-TSP, CLEC shall trunk to AT&T-TSP Tandems in such LATA pursuant to terms in the network interconnection/network trunking attachment or appendix to this Agreement. In the event CLEC has no switch in a LATA in which it desires to send Transit Traffic through AT&T-TSP, CLEC shall establish one or more POIs within such LATA and trunk from each POI to AT&T-TSP's Tandems in such LATA.
- 6.2 CLEC shall route Transit Traffic to the AT&T-TSP Tandem from which the Third Party Terminating Carrier switch subtends.
- 6.3 Transit Traffic not routed to the appropriate AT&T-TSP Tandem by CLEC shall be considered misrouted. Transit

Traffic routed by CLEC through AT&T-TSP's End Office shall be considered misrouted. Upon written notification from AT&T-TSP of misrouting of Transit Traffic, CLEC will correct such misrouting within sixty (60) days.

- 6.4 In AT&T ARKANSAS, AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T INDIANA, AT&T KANSAS, AT&T MISSOURI, AT&T OHIO, AT&T OKLAHOMA, and/or AT&T TEXAS, the same facilities and trunking (ordering, provisioning, servicing, etc.) used to route Section 251(b)(5) Traffic will be used by AT&T-TSP to route Transit Traffic.
- 6.5 In AT&T KENTUCKY and/or AT&T NORTH CAROLINA, the same facilities and trunking (ordering, provisioning, servicing, etc.) used for transit trunk groups will be utilized for the routing of Transit Traffic.

7.0 Direct Trunking Requirements.

- 7.1 When Transit Traffic originated by CLEC requires twenty-four (24) or more trunks, upon sixty (60) days written notice from AT&T-TSP, CLEC shall establish a direct trunk group or alternate transit arrangement between itself and the Third Party Terminating Carrier. Once a Trunk Group has been established, CLEC agrees to cease routing Transit Traffic through the AT&T-TSP Tandem to the Third Party Terminating Carrier (described above), unless AT&T-TSP and CLEC mutually agree otherwise.

8.0 Transit Traffic Rate Application

- 8.1 AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T INDIANA, and/or, AT&T OHIO only,

- 8.1.1 The applicable Transit Traffic Service rate applies to all Transit Traffic MOUs. For AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T INDIANA, and/or AT&T OHIO, Transit Traffic MOUs include Local and IntraLATA toll minutes of use. CLEC agrees to compensate AT&T CALIFORNIA, AT&T INDIANA and/or AT&T OHIO as a transit service provider for the rate elements at the rate set forth in the Transit Traffic Service Pricing Schedule, Exhibit B.

- 8.2 AT&T ARKANSAS, AT&T KANSAS, AT&T KENTUCKY, AT&T MISSOURI, AT&T OKLAHOMA, AT&T NORTH CAROLINA, and/or AT&T TEXAS only

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- 8.3 AT&T MISSOURI only

- 8.3.1 Pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission Order in Case No. TO-99-483, the Transit Traffic rate elements shall not apply to MCA Traffic (i.e., no transiting charges shall be assessed for MCA Traffic) for AT&T MISSOURI.

- 8.4 AT&T KENTUCKY and/or AT&T NORTH CAROLINA only

- 8.4.1 Traffic between CLEC and Wireless Type 1 Third Parties or Wireless Type 2A Third Parties that do not engage in Meet Point Billing with AT&T KENTUCKY and/or AT&T NORTH CAROLINA shall not be treated as Transit Traffic from a routing or billing perspective until such time as such traffic is identifiable as Transit Traffic.

- 8.4.2 CLEC shall send all IntraLATA toll traffic to be terminated by an independent telephone company to the End User's IntraLATA toll provider and shall not send such traffic to AT&T KENTUCKY and/or AT&T NORTH CAROLINA as Transit Traffic. IntraLATA toll traffic shall be any traffic that originates outside of the terminating independent telephone company's local calling area.

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
2MR-AT	OH	LOCAL INTERCONNECTION (CALL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION)	Rate for all ISP-Bound and Section 251(b)(5) Traffic as per FCC-01-131, per MOU (Effective Through 6/30/17)	OHU	USG15		0.0007			MOU
2MR-AT	OH	LOCAL INTERCONNECTION (CALL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION)	Rate for all ISP-Bound and Section 251(b)(5) Traffic as per FCC-01-131, per MOU (Effective 7/01/17)	OHU	USG15		\$0.00			MOU
2MR-AT	OH	Transit Traffic Service	Tandem Switching	OHU	USG23		\$0.004587	NA	NA	per minute of use
2MR-AT	OH	Transit Traffic Service	Tandem Termination	OHU	USG20		\$0.000226	NA	NA	per minute of use
2MR-AT	OH	Transit Traffic Service	Tandem Facility - per mile	OHU	USG21		\$0.000188	NA	NA	per minute of use, per mile

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The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T OHIO
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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 and the terms and conditions contained herein, all of which are hereby incorporated by this reference and constitute a part of this Amendment.
2. As of February 2, 2020, except for resale services that are grandfathered pursuant to subsection a, CLEC may no longer purchase any resale services pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement, including any resale Tariff referred to in this Agreement, other than the rates, terms and conditions provided for in Attachment 251(b)(1) Resale.
 - a. Resale services ordered on or before February 1, 2020 ("Resale Embedded Base"), are grandfathered until August 2, 2022, and available only:
 - i. to the same End User; and
 - ii. at that same End User's existing location;
 - iii. both as of February 2, 2020.
3. Add Attachment - 251(b)(1) Resale to the Agreement.
4. As of February 2, 2020, CLEC may no longer order 2-Wire Analog UNE Loops or 4-Wire Analog UNE Loops ("Analog Loops") pursuant to this Agreement. Any existing Analog Loops ordered on or before February 1, 2020 ("Analog Loop Embedded Base") are grandfathered until August 2, 2022. CLEC shall convert the Analog Loop Embedded Base to a commercial offering, or other comparable service, or disconnect such Analog Loop on, or before, August 1, 2022. Exhibit A to this Amendment contains Analog Loop element descriptions and USOCs that are subject to the FCC UNE and Resale Forbearance Order, however this Agreement may also contain additional and/or older element descriptions and USOCs that are also Analog Loops subject to the FCC UNE and Resale Forbearance Order.
 - a. To the extent CLEC fails to adhere to the above, at AT&T's sole discretion, AT&T may take one or more of the following actions for any remaining Analog Loops and CLEC will be responsible for all recurring and non-recurring charges:
 - i. convert to an analogous arrangement available under a separate commercial agreement executed by the Parties, or
 - ii. convert to AT&T tariff or guidebook services (in which case month-to-month rates, terms and conditions shall apply), or

- iii. reprice by application of a new rate (or by application of a surcharge to an existing rate), or
 - iv. disconnect.
- b. AT&T reserves the right to backbill CLEC for the difference between an Analog Loop rate and the non-UNE rate that applies under this Section 4 for any new Analog Loops inadvertently ordered on or after February 2, 2020, and any Analog Loop Embedded Base remaining as of August 1, 2022.
- c. AT&T's election to reprice the Analog Loop shall not preclude AT&T from later converting the Analog Loop to an analogous arrangement available under a separate commercial agreement or an AT&T tariff or guidebook service.

5. As of January 12, 2020, CLEC may no longer order DS1/DS3 Unbundled Dedicated Transport ("DS1/DS3 UDT"), whether stand-alone or part of a combination (e.g., Enhanced Extended Link), pursuant to this Agreement between Tier 1 wire centers and/or wire centers subject to UDT forbearance under Public Notice DA 19-733, dated August 1, 2019. Any such existing DS1/DS3 UDT ordered on or before January 11, 2020, is grandfathered until July 12, 2022 ("UDT Embedded Base").

- i. CLEC must convert any grandfathered DS1/DS3 UDT to another product/service offering on or before July 12, 2022, pursuant to the Conversion of 251(c)(3) UNE/UNE Combinations to Wholesale Services provisions of this Agreement or other similar provision.
- ii. If CLEC fails to convert grandfathered DS1/DS3 UDT before July 12, 2022, at AT&T's sole discretion, AT&T may convert any, or all, of the remaining DS1/DS3 UDT to the equivalent Special Access service at month-to-month rates, terms and conditions. CLEC shall be responsible for all associated recurring and non-recurring charges.
- iii. AT&T reserves the right to backbill CLEC for the difference between a DS1/DS3 UDT rate and the non-UNE rate that applies under this Section 5 for any new circuits inadvertently ordered on or after January 12, 2020 and any UDT Embedded Base remaining as of July 12, 2022.
- iv. If the FCC determines that additional wire centers are subject to forbearance, CLEC shall cease ordering DS1/DS3 UDT as of the date specified by the FCC and adhere to any FCC-specified transition timelines.

6. Any future forbearance from or rule changes for Section 251(c)(3) UNEs offered pursuant to this Agreement shall be incorporated by reference as of the effective date of the FCC order and shall not require a written amendment. AT&T shall provide Notice to CLEC of how the Parties will implement the subsequent UNE forbearance or rule change. Notice will include applicable transition periods and any changes to rate(s), term(s) and/or condition(s) to the underlying Agreement.

7. 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.

8. This Amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement, but rather, shall be coterminous with such Agreement.

9. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

10. 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 counterpart shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

11. For Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas: 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. For Arkansas: This Amendment shall be filed with the Arkansas Public Service Commission and shall become effective upon filing. For Ohio: Based on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Rules, the Amendment is effective upon filing and is deemed approved by operation of law on the 91st day after filing. For California: Pursuant to Resolution ALJ 257, this filing will become effective, absent rejection of the Advice Letter by the Commission, upon thirty (30) days after the filing date of the Advice Letter to which this Amendment is appended. For Wisconsin: Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 196.40, this Amendment shall become effective ten (10) days after the mailing date of the final order approving this Amendment.

ATTACHMENT 16b – 251(b)(1) RESALE

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Attachment sets forth terms and conditions for Section 251(b)(1) resale services ("Resale Services") provided by AT&T-21STATE to CLEC.

1.2 Pursuant to Section 251(b)(1), beginning February 2, 2020, CLEC may order and AT&T-21STATE shall make available to CLEC for resale, pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions of this Attachment, Telecommunications Services that AT&T-21STATE provides at retail to End Users who are not Telecommunications Carriers. Beginning August 2, 2022, this Attachment shall govern all Resale Services CLEC purchases from AT&T-21STATE, including Resale Services that were purchased prior to August 2, 2022 pursuant to other provisions of this Agreement and/or resale tariff and that remain in service as of that date ("Resale Embedded Base").

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 AT&T-21STATE's obligation to provide Resale Services under this Attachment is subject to availability of existing facilities. CLEC may resell Telecommunications Services provided hereunder only in those service areas in which such Resale Services or any feature or capability thereof are currently offered to AT&T-21STATE's End Users at retail.

2.2 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement or in any applicable Tariff, once a retail service has been grandfathered it is available to CLEC for resale pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions of the state-specific retail Tariff and only:

- (i) to the same End User; and
- (ii) at that same End User's existing location;
- (iii) both as of the time of that service's grandfathering.

2.3 AT&T-21STATE may withdraw the availability of certain Telecommunication Services that AT&T-21STATE previously provisioned to CLEC or retail End Users pursuant to C.F.R 51.325 through 51.335 as such rules may be amended from time to time (the "Network Disclosure Rules").

2.4 CLEC shall not use any Resale Services to avoid the rates, terms and conditions of AT&T-21STATE's corresponding retail Tariff(s). Moreover, CLEC shall not use any Resale Services to provide access or interconnection services to itself, interexchange carriers (IXCs), wireless carriers, competitive access providers (CAPs), interconnected VoIP providers (IVPs), mobile virtual network operators (MVNOs), or other Telecommunications providers; provided, however, that CLEC may permit its End Users to use resold local exchange telephone service to access IXCs, wireless carriers, CAPs, or other retail Telecommunications providers. CLEC may not resell any Resale Services to another CLEC, including its own Affiliate(s).

2.5 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the state-specific retail Tariff(s) shall govern the rates, terms and conditions associated with the Telecommunications Services available to CLEC for resale, except for any resale restrictions; provided, however, that any restrictions on further resale by the End User shall continue to apply. CLEC and its End Users may not use Resale Services in any manner not permitted for AT&T-21STATE's End Users. Any change to the rates, terms and conditions of any applicable Tariff is automatically incorporated herein and is effective hereunder on the date any such change is effective.

2.6 CLEC shall only sell Plexar®, Centrex and Centrex-like services to a single End User or multiple End User(s) in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the retail Tariff(s) applicable to the state(s) in which service is being offered.

2.7 Except where otherwise explicitly permitted in AT&T-21STATE's Tariff(s), CLEC shall not permit the sharing of Resale Services by multiple End User(s) or the aggregation of traffic from multiple End User(s) onto a single service.

2.8 CLEC shall only provide Resale Services under this Attachment to the same category of End User(s) to which AT&T-21STATE offers such services (for example, residence service shall not be resold to business End Users).

2.9 Special Needs Services are services for the physically disabled as defined in state-specific Tariffs. Where available for resale in accordance with state-specific Tariffs, CLEC may resell Special Needs Services to End Users who are

eligible for each such service. To the extent CLEC provides Resale Services that require certification on the part of the End User, CLEC shall ensure that the End User meets all the Tariff eligibility requirements, has obtained proper certification, continues to be eligible for the program(s), and complies with all rules and regulations as established by the appropriate Commission and state Tariffs.

2.10 When ordering Resale Services that have an eligibility requirement (e.g., available only in a "retention", "winback", or "competitive acquisition" setting), CLEC shall maintain (and provide to AT&T-21STATE upon reasonable request) appropriate documentation, including, but not limited to, original End User service order data, evidencing the eligibility of its End User(s) for such offering or promotion. AT&T-21STATE may request up to one (1) audit for each promotion per twelve (12) month period that may cover up to the preceding twenty-four (24) month period.

2.11 Promotions of ninety (90) calendar days or less ("Short-Term Promotions") shall not be available for resale. Promotions lasting longer than ninety (90) calendar ("Long-Term Promotions") may be made available for resale. AT&T 21-STATE may eliminate any Resale Discount on all or certain Long-Term Promotions by providing a 45-day notice of such elimination.

2.12 If CLEC is in violation of any provision of this Attachment, AT&T-21STATE will notify CLEC of the violation in writing ("Resale Notice"). Such Resale Notice shall refer to the specific provision being violated. CLEC will have the breach cure period as specified in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement to correct the violation and notify AT&T-21STATE in writing that the violation has been corrected. AT&T-21STATE will bill CLEC the greater of:

- (i) the charges that would have been billed by AT&T-21STATE to CLEC or any Third Party but for the stated violation; or
- (ii) the actual amounts CLEC billed its End User(s) in connection with the stated violation.

2.13 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, CLEC acknowledges and agrees that the assumption or resale to similarly-situated End Users of customer specific arrangement contracts, individual case basis contracts, or any other customer specific pricing contract is not addressed in this Agreement and that if CLEC would like to resell such arrangements, it may only do so consistent with applicable law and after negotiating an amendment hereto that establishes the rates, terms and conditions thereof. Such amendment will only be effective upon written execution by both Parties and approval by the Commission(s).

2.14 Except where otherwise required by law, CLEC shall not, without AT&T-21STATE's prior written authorization, offer the services covered by this Attachment using the trademarks, service marks, trade names, brand names, logos, insignia, symbols or decorative designs of AT&T-21STATE or its Affiliates, nor shall CLEC state or imply that there is any joint business association or similar arrangement with AT&T-21STATE in the provision of Telecommunications Services to CLEC's End Users.

3.0 PRICING AND DISCOUNTS

3.1 "Resale Discount" means the applicable discount off retail rates applied to AT&T-21STATE Telecommunications Services resold by CLEC to its End Users. Any change to the rates, terms and conditions of any applicable retail Tariff is automatically incorporated herein and is effective hereunder on the date any such change is effective.

3.2 The Resale Discounts in the underlying Interconnection Agreement will apply until AT&T-21STATE provides notification of change to the Resale Discounts. AT&T-21STATE will provide such notification at least three (3) months in advance of any change to current Resale Discounts. Changes to the Resale Discounts will be posted to AT&T CLEC Online and will be incorporated by reference upon the effective date stated therein. For avoidance of doubt, changes to Resale Discounts do not apply to Embedded Base Resale until August 2, 2022.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

4.1 CLEC shall be responsible for modifying and connecting any of its systems with AT&T-21STATE-provided interfaces, as outlined in Attachment 07 – Operations Support Systems (OSS), and CLEC agrees to abide by AT&T-21STATE procedures for ordering Resale Services. CLEC shall obtain End User authorization as required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations and assumes responsibility for applicable charges as specified in Section 258(b) of the Act.

4.2 CLEC shall release End User accounts in accordance with the directions of its End Users or an End User's authorized agent. When a CLEC End User switches to another carrier, AT&T-21STATE may reclaim the End User or process orders for another carrier, as applicable.

4.3 CLEC will have the ability to report trouble for its End Users to the appropriate AT&T-21STATE maintenance center(s) as provided in the CLEC Online Handbook(s). CLEC End Users calling AT&T-21STATE will be referred to CLEC at the telephone number(s) provided by CLEC to AT&T-21STATE. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to authorize CLEC to repair, maintain, or in any way touch AT&T-21STATE's network facilities, including without limitation those facilities on End User premises.

4.4 CLEC's End Users' that activate Call Trace, or who are experiencing annoying calls, should contact law enforcement. Law Enforcement works with the appropriate AT&T-21STATE operations centers responsible for handling such requests. AT&T-21STATE shall notify CLEC of requests by its End Users to provide call records to the proper authorities. Subsequent communication and resolution of each case involving one of CLEC's End Users (whether that End User is the victim or the suspect) will be coordinated through CLEC. AT&T-21STATE shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by CLEC and/or the End User against any claim, loss or damage arising from providing this information to CLEC. It is the responsibility of CLEC to take the corrective action necessary with its End User who makes annoying calls. Failure to do so will result in AT&T-21STATE taking corrective action, up to and including disconnecting the End User's service.

4.5 CLEC acknowledges that information AT&T-21STATE provides to law enforcement agencies at the agency's direction (e.g., Call Trace data) shall be limited to available billing number and address information. It shall be CLEC's responsibility to provide additional information necessary for any law enforcement agency's investigation.

4.5.1 In addition to any other indemnity obligations in this Agreement, CLEC shall indemnify AT&T-21STATE against any Claim that insufficient information led to inadequate prosecution.

4.5.2 AT&T-21STATE shall handle law enforcement requests in accordance with the Law Enforcement provisions of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

5.0 BILLING AND PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

5.1 CLEC is solely responsible for the payment of all charges for all services furnished under this Attachment, including but not limited to calls originated or accepted at CLEC's location and its End Users' service locations.

5.1.1 Interexchange carrier traffic (e.g., sent-paid, information services and alternate operator services messages) received by AT&T-21STATE for billing to Resale End User accounts will be returned as unbillable and will not be passed to CLEC for billing. An unbillable code will be returned with those messages to the carrier indicating that the messages were generated by a Resale account and will not be billed by AT&T-21STATE.

5.2 AT&T-21STATE shall not be responsible for how the associated charges for Resale Services may be allocated to End Users or others by CLEC. Applicable rates and charges for services provided to CLEC under this Attachment will be billed directly to CLEC and shall be the responsibility of CLEC.

5.2.1 Charges billed to CLEC for all services provided under this Attachment shall be paid by CLEC regardless of CLEC's ability or inability to collect from its End Users for such services.

5.2.2 If CLEC does not wish to be responsible for payment of charges for toll and information services (for example, 900 calls), CLEC must order the appropriate available blocking for lines provided under this Attachment and pay any applicable charges. It is CLEC's responsibility to order the appropriate toll restriction or blocking on lines resold to End Users. CLEC acknowledges that blocking is not available for certain types of calls, including without limitation 800, 888, 411 and Directory Assistance Call Completion. Depending on the origination point, for example, calls originating from correctional facilities, some calls may bypass blocking systems. CLEC acknowledges all such limitations and accepts all responsibility for any charges associated with calls for which blocking is not available and any charges associated with calls that bypass blocking systems.

5.3 CLEC shall pay the Federal End User Common Line (EUCL) charge and any other appropriate FCC or Commission-approved charges, as set forth in the appropriate Tariff(s), for each local exchange line furnished to CLEC under this

Attachment.

5.4 To the extent allowable by law, CLEC shall be responsible for both Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) and Local Primary IntraLATA Presubscription (LPIC) change charges associated with each local exchange line furnished to CLEC under this Attachment. CLEC shall pay all charges for PIC and LPIC changes at the rates set forth in the Pricing Schedule or, if any such rate is not listed in the Pricing Schedule, then as set forth in the applicable Tariff.

6.0 ANCILLARY SERVICES

6.1 E911 Emergency Service: The terms and conditions for the provision of AT&T-21STATE 911 services are contained in Attachment 911/E911.

6.2 Payphone Services: CLEC may provide certain local Telecommunications Services to Payphone Service Providers (PSPs) for PSPs' use in providing payphone service. Rates for Payphone Services are established under the provisions of Section 276 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and are not eligible for the Resale Discount unless required by State Commission order(s). However, given certain billing system limitations, the Resale Discount may be applied to Payphone Services, unless and until AT&T-21STATE is able to modify its billing system, AT&T-21STATE may issue true-up bills in accordance with the provisions set forth in the General Terms and Conditions.

7.0 SUSPENSION OF SERVICE

7.1 See applicable Tariff(s) for rates, terms and conditions regarding Suspension of Service.

7.2 AT&T-21STATE will offer Suspension of Service to CLEC for CLEC initiated suspension of service of the CLEC's End Users. This service is not considered a Telecommunications Service and will receive no Resale Discount.

Exhibit A

State	Product	Rate Element Description	COS (Class of Service)	USOC	Zone
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Analog - Metro (Access Area B)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2HXB	B
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Analog - Suburban (Access Area C)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2HXC	C
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Analog - Rural (Access Area D)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2HXd	D
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Ground Start, Analog - Metro (Access Area B)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2JXB	B
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Ground Start, Analog - Suburban (Access Area C)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2JXC	C
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Ground Start, Analog - Rural (Access Area D)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2JXD	D
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Ground Start, DID Business - Metro (Access Area B)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2WXB	B
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Ground Start, DID Business - Suburban (Access Area C)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2WXC	C
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Ground Start, DID Business - Rural (Access Area D)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2WxD	D
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire COPTS Coin - Metro (Access Area B)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2CXB	B
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire COPTS Coin - Suburban (Access Area C)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2CXC	C
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire COPTS Coin - Rural (Access Area D)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2CxD	D
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire EKL - Metro (Access Area B)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2KXB	B
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire EKL - Suburban (Access Area C)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2KXC	C
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire EKL - Rural (Access Area D)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7JX	U2KxD	D
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	4-Wire Analog - Metro (Access Area B)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7KX	U4HXB	B
OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	4-Wire Analog - Suburban (Access Area C)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7KX	U4HXC	C

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OH	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	4-Wire Analog - Rural (Access Area D)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, EE7LX	U4HxD	D
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Interoffice Transport: 'DS1 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Zones	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	CZ4X1	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Interoffice Transport: 'DS1 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Zones	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	CZ4X2	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Interoffice Transport: 'DS1 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Zones	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	CZ4X3	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Interoffice Transport: 'DS1 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Zones	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	1YZX1	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Interoffice Transport: 'DS1 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Zones	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	1YZX2	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Interoffice Transport: 'DS1 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Zones	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	1YZX3	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Interoffice Transport: 'DS3 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Zones	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	CZ4W1	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Interoffice Transport: 'DS3 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Zones	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	CZ4W2	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Interoffice Transport: 'DS3 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Zones	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	CZ4W3	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Interoffice Transport: 'DS3 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Zones	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	1YZB1	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Interoffice Transport: 'DS3 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Zones	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	1YZB2	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Interoffice Transport: 'DS3 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Zones	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	1YZB3	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Multiplexing DS1 to Voice Grade	UB5++, UK1++	QMvx1	

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OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Multiplexing DS1 to Voice Grade	UB5++, UK1++	QMvx2	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Multiplexing DS1 to Voice Grade	UB5++, UK1++	QMvx3	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Cross Connects DS1	UB5++, EE7mx, UK1++	Cxcdx	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Cross Connects DS3	UB5++, EE7nx, UK3++	Cxcex	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Multiplexing DS3 to DS1	UB5++, UK3++	QM3x1	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Multiplexing DS3 to DS1	UB5++, UK3++	QM3x2	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Multiplexing DS3 to DS1	UB5++, UK3++	QM3x3	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Optional Features & Functions DS1 Clear Channel Capability - Per 1.544 Mbps Circuit	UB5++, EE7mx, UK1++	CLyx1	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Optional Features & Functions DS1 Clear Channel Capability - Per 1.544 Mbps Circuit	UB5++, EE7mx, UK1++	CLyx2	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Optional Features & Functions DS1 Clear Channel Capability - Per 1.544 Mbps Circuit	UB5++, EE7mx, UK1++	CLyx3	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Installation & Rearrangement Charges DS1 Administration Charge - Per Order	UB5++, EE7mx, UK1++	Orcmix	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Installation & Rearrangement Charges DS1 Design & Central Office Connection	UB5++, EE7mx, UK1++	Nrbcl	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Installation & Rearrangement Charges DS1 Carrier Connection Charge - Per Order	UB5++, EE7mx, UK1++	Nrbbl	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Installation & Rearrangement Charges DS3 Administration Charge - Per Order	UB5++, EE7nx, UK3++	Orcmix	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Installation & Rearrangement Charges DS3 Design & Central Office Connection	UB5++, EE7nx, UK3++	Nrbcl	
OH	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Installation & Rearrangement Charges DS3 Carrier Connection Charge - Per Order	UB5++, EE7nx, UK3++	Nrbbl	