INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

Dated as of January_____, 2001/

by and between

AMERITECH ILLINOIS,

and

RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.

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INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

This Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (**"Agreement"**), is dated as of the _____ day of January, 2001 (the **"Effective Date"**), by and between Ameritech Illinois, an Illinois corporation with offices at 225 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (**"Ameritech"**) and RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, Inc., an Illinois corporation with offices at 105 Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ 08540 ("**Requesting Carrier")**.

RECITALS

A. Ameritech is an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier as defined by the Act, authorized to provide certain Telecommunications Services within Illinois.

B. Ameritech is engaged in the business of providing, among other things, local Telephone Exchange Service within Illinois.

C. Requesting Carrier has been granted or, prior to the provisioning of any Interconnection, access to unbundled Network Elements, Telecommunications Service or any other services hereunder, will have been granted authority to provide certain local Telephone Exchange Services within Illinois and is a Local Exchange Carrier as defined by the Act.

D. The Parties desire to Interconnect their telecommunications networks and facilities to comply with the Act, and exchange traffic so that their respective Customers may communicate with each other over, between and through such networks and facilities.

E. 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 Telecommunications Services as required by the Act as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and the covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Requesting Carrier and Ameritech hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

1.1 Structure. This Agreement includes certain Exhibits and Schedules which immediately follow this Agreement, all of which are hereby incorporated in this Agreement by this reference and constitute a part of this Agreement.

1.2 Defined Terms. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the respective meanings specified in **Schedule 1.2** or as defined elsewhere in this Agreement.

1.3 Interpretation.

(a) The definitions in **Schedule 1.2** shall apply equally to both the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. 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"**. The words **"shall"** and **"will"** are used interchangeably throughout this Agreement and the use of either connotes a mandatory requirement. The use of one or the other shall not mean a different degree or right or obligation for either Party.

(b) References herein to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be deemed to be references to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require.

(c) The recitals and the headings of the Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

(d) Unless the context shall otherwise require, and subject to **Section 28.3**, any reference to any agreement, other instrument (including Ameritech, Requesting Carrier or other third party offerings, guides or practices), statute, regulation, rule or tariff is to such agreement, instrument, statute, regulation, rule or tariff as amended and supplemented from time to time (and, in the case of a statute, regulation, rule or tariff, to any successor provision).

(e) In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the Act, the provisions of the Act shall govern. In the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions of any Section of, or Schedules to this Agreement, and any term or condition set forth in the Implementation Plan, the terms and conditions of the Sections and Schedules shall control.

1.4 Joint Work Product. 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.

ARTICLE II
GENERAL SERVICE RELATED PROVISIONS

2.1 Interconnection Activation Date. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, (i) Interconnection of the Parties' facilities and equipment pursuant to **Articles III** and **IV** for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic and Exchange Access traffic to and from their respective Customers, and (ii) Interconnection of the Parties' facilities and equipment to provide Requesting Carrier access to Ameritech's unbundled Network Elements pursuant to **Article IX**, shall be established on or before the respective **"Interconnection Activation Date"** shown for each corresponding LATA and Central Office set forth on **Schedule 2.1**. The Parties shall identify additional Interconnection Activation Dates using the principles set forth in **Section 3.4.3**. An Interconnection Activation Date, once established, may not be modified except upon the mutual agreement of the Parties. **Schedule 2.1** may be revised and supplemented from time to time, upon the mutual agreement of the Parties to revise an Interconnection Activation Date(s) and to reflect additional Interconnection Activation Dates.

2.2 Bona Fide Request. Any request by Requesting Carrier for certain services or access to an unbundled Network Element that is not otherwise provided by the terms of this Agreement at the time of such request shall be made pursuant to the Bona Fide Request process set forth on **Schedule 2.2.**

2.3 Technical References. Technical References that describe and/or define the practices, procedures and specifications for those services, Interconnections and access to unbundled Network Elements available hereunder (and the applicable interfaces relating thereto) are listed on **Schedule 2.3** (the **"Technical Reference Schedule"**).

2.4 Cessation of Obligations. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Ameritech's obligations under this Agreement shall apply only to the (i) specific operating area(s) or portion thereof in which Ameritech is then deemed to be the "ILEC" under the Act (the **"ILEC Territory"**) and (ii) assets that Ameritech owns or leases and which are used in connection with Ameritech's provision to Requesting Carrier of any 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"**). If during the Term Ameritech sells, assigns or otherwise transfers any ILEC Territory or ILEC Assets to a person other than an Affiliate or subsidiary, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier not less than ninety (90) days prior written notice of such sale, assignment or transfer. Upon the consummation of such sale, assignment or transfer, Requesting Carrier acknowledges that Ameritech shall have no further obligations under this Agreement with respect to the ILEC Territories and/or ILEC Assets subject to such sale, assignment or transfer and that Requesting Carrier must establish its own Section 251/252 arrangement with the successor to such ILEC Territory and/or ILEC Assets.

ARTICLE III
INTERCONNECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(c)(2)

3.1 Scope. **Article III** 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 Customers 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. **Articles IV** and **V** prescribe the specific physical facilities and Logical Trunk Groups (and traffic routing parameters) which will be configured over the physical Interconnections described in this **Article III** related to the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic and Exchange Access traffic, respectively. Other trunk groups, as described in this Agreement, may be configured using this architecture. Except with respect to Transit Service, neither Party shall use its facilities and equipment established pursuant to this Agreement to originate and/or transmit and route CMRS traffic.

3.2 Interconnection Points and Methods, and Interconnection Activation Dates.

3.2.1 In each LATA identified on **Schedule 2.1**, Requesting Carrier and Ameritech shall Interconnect their networks at the correspondingly identified Ameritech and Requesting Carrier Central Office(s) on **Schedule 2.1** for the transmission and routing within that LATA of Telephone Exchange Service traffic and Exchange Access traffic pursuant to Section 251(c)(2) of the Act. Requesting Carrier's point of Interconnection must be in an Ameritech local service area in the LATA in which Requesting Carrier is providing service. An Interconnection Activation Date not established and set forth on **Schedule 2.1** as of the Effective Date shall be determined in accordance with the procedures set forth in **Section 3.4.3**.

3.2.2 Interconnection in each LATA shall be accomplished at any technically feasible point within the Parties' networks through either (i) Collocation in Ameritech's Central Offices as provided in **Article XII** or (ii) any other Interconnection method to which the Parties may agree in advance of the applicable Interconnection Activation Date for a given LATA and which is consistent with the Act, including a Fiber-Meet as provided in **Section 3.3**.

3.2.3 If Requesting Carrier elects Collocation as an Interconnection method, or elects a network architecture that requires Ameritech to Interconnect with Requesting Carrier's facilities via Collocation, then Requesting Carrier must not less than one hundred twenty five (125) days prior to its applicable Interconnection Activation Date notify Ameritech whether Requesting Carrier wishes Ameritech to Interconnect pursuant to **subsection (a)** or **(b)** below.

(a) Requesting Carrier shall (i) provide the transport (whether through leased or owned facilities) of Ameritech's traffic from the point of Interconnection to Requesting Carrier's Central Office, (ii) not charge Ameritech for such transport and (iii) provide Ameritech with capacity to meet Ameritech's forecasted needs. If Requesting Carrier does provide Ameritech transport as provided in this

subsection (a) but then either requests Ameritech to utilize its own facilities or does not provide Ameritech capacity to meet Ameritech's forecasted needs, then Requesting Carrier shall (x) provide Ameritech not less than two hundred (200) days' notice prior to the date Ameritech must provide its own facilities for new trunks, (y) compensate Ameritech for the costs incurred by Ameritech to rearrange its network and (z) provide Ameritech Collocation as provided in **subsection (b)** below.

(b) If Requesting Carrier does not elect to provide Ameritech transport as provided in **subsection (a)** above, then Requesting Carrier shall provide to Ameritech Collocation in Requesting Carrier's Central Office(s) for purposes of that Interconnection on a nondiscriminatory basis and on rates, terms and conditions that are no less favorable than (i) Ameritech provides to Requesting Carrier pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and (ii) Requesting Carrier provides to other similarly situated Telecommunications Carriers.

3.2.4 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the Parties shall designate the Central Office Requesting Carrier has identified as its initial Routing Point in the LATA as the Requesting Carrier Interconnection Central Office (**"RICO"**) in that LATA and shall designate the Ameritech Tandem Central Office that is designated as the home Tandem (based on the LERG) for the Ameritech Wire Center in which the Requesting Carrier's Central Office is located, as the Ameritech Interconnection Central Office (**"AICO**") in that LATA.

3.2.5 Requesting Carrier's point of Interconnection must be within an Ameritech Wire Center in the LATA in which Requesting Carrier provides service.

3.2.6 Requesting Carrier shall order all trunks and facilities used to establish Interconnection, trunking (for both the Local/IntraLATA Trunks and Access Toll Connecting Trunks), signaling and 9-1-1 Service (as described in Section 3.9) by submitting to Ameritech an electronic Access Service Request including BDS Telis and, as soon as available, an electronic service order via the Provisioning EI.

3.3 Fiber-Meet.

3.3.1 If the Parties Interconnect their networks pursuant to a Fiber-Meet, the Parties shall jointly engineer and operate a single Synchronous Optical Network (**"SONET"**) transmission system. Unless otherwise mutually agreed, this SONET transmission system shall be configured as illustrated in **Exhibit A**, and engineered, installed, and maintained as described in this **Article III** and in the Plan (as defined in **Section 18.2**). Each Party agrees to disable the Digital Control Channel (**"DCC"**) in its equipment that is part of the SONET system and each Party shall be responsible for the monitoring of its own node(s).

3.3.2 Ameritech shall, wholly at its own expense, procure, install and maintain Optical Line Terminating Multiplexor (**"OLTM"**) equipment in the AICO identified for each LATA set forth on

Schedule 2.1 in capacity sufficient to provision and maintain all Logical Trunk Groups prescribed by **Articles IV** and **V**.

3.3.3 Requesting Carrier shall, wholly at its own expense, procure, install and maintain the OLTM equipment in the RICO identified for that LATA in **Schedule 2.1**, in capacity sufficient to provision and maintain all Logical Trunk Groups prescribed by **Articles IV** and **V**.

3.3.4 Ameritech shall designate a manhole (meet point manhole) immediately outside the AICO that will be accessible via Ameritech structure leasing at the closest manhole (Fiber-Meet entry point) or suitable entry point available via Ameritech connecting structure where the possibility of manhole cave-in or manhole accessibility does not present a problem, and shall make all necessary preparations to receive, and to allow and enable Requesting Carrier to deliver fiber optic facilities into that manhole or suitable entry point with sufficient spare length to reach the OLTM equipment in the AICO. Requesting Carrier shall deliver and maintain such strands wholly at its own expense. Upon verbal request by Requesting Carrier to Ameritech, Ameritech will allow Requesting Carrier access to the Fiber-Meet entry point for maintenance purposes as promptly as possible after Ameritech's receipt of such request.

3.3.5 Requesting Carrier shall designate a manhole or other suitable entry-way immediately outside the RICO as a Fiber-Meet entry point, and shall make all necessary preparations to receive, and to allow and enable Ameritech to deliver, fiber optic facilities into that manhole with sufficient spare length to reach the OLTM equipment in the RICO. Ameritech shall deliver and maintain such strands wholly at its own expense. Upon verbal request by Ameritech to Requesting Carrier, Requesting Carrier will allow Ameritech access to the Fiber-Meet entry point for maintenance purposes as promptly as possible after Requesting Carrier's receipt of such request.

3.3.6 Requesting Carrier shall pull the fiber optic strands from the Requesting Carrier-designated manhole/entry-way into the RICO and through appropriate internal conduits Requesting Carrier utilizes for fiber optic facilities, and shall connect the Ameritech strands to the OLTM equipment Requesting Carrier has installed in the RICO.

3.3.7 Ameritech shall pull the fiber optic strands from the Ameritech-designated manhole/entry-way into the AICO and through appropriate internal conduits Ameritech utilizes for fiber optic facilities and shall connect the Requesting Carrier strands to the OLTM equipment Ameritech has installed in the AICO.

3.3.8 Each Party shall use its best efforts to ensure that fiber received from the other Party will enter that Party's Central Office through a point separate from that through which such Party's own fiber exited.

3.3.9 For Fiber-Meet arrangements, each Party will be responsible for (i) providing its own portion of the transport facilities to the Fiber-Meet in accordance with the Implementation Plan and (ii) the cost to build-out its portion of the facilities to such Fiber-Meet.

3.3.10 Each Party shall provide its own, unique source for the synchronized timing of its OLTM equipment. Each timing source must be Stratum-1 traceable and cannot be provided over DS0/DS1 facilities, via Line Timing; or via a Derived DS1 off of OLTM equipment. Both Parties agree to establish separate and distinct timing sources which are not derived from the other, and meet the criteria identified above.

3.4 Additional Interconnection(s).

3.4.1 If Requesting Carrier determines to offer Telephone Exchange Service within Ameritech's service areas that require additional points of Interconnection, Requesting Carrier shall provide written notice to Ameritech of its need to establish such additional points of Interconnection pursuant to this Agreement.

3.4.2 The notice provided in **Section 3.4.1** shall include (i) Requesting Carrier's requested RICO(s) and AICO(s) (including address and CLLI Code); (ii) Requesting Carrier's requested Interconnection Activation Date; and (iii) a non-binding forecast of Requesting Carrier's trunking and facilities requirements.

3.4.3 Within ten (10) Business Days of Ameritech's receipt of Requesting Carrier's notice specified in **Section 3.4.1**, Ameritech and Requesting Carrier shall schedule a meeting to mutually agree on the network architecture (including trunking), the AICO(s), the RICO(s) and Interconnection Activation Date(s) applicable to such Interconnection(s). 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. The Parties acknowledge that, as of the Effective Date, the interval to establish Interconnection via Collocation or Fiber-Meet is one-hundred fifty (150) calendar days for up to 24 T1's of trunking after the Parties have agreed on the AICO(s), RICO(s) and network architecture and Requesting Carrier has furnished Ameritech a non-binding forecast in accordance with **Section 3.4.2**. The interval to establish Interconnection for trunking in excess of 24T1's is 6 T1's per business day after 150 days

3.5 Additional Switches.

3.5.1 If Requesting Carrier deploys additional switches in a LATA after the Effective Date or otherwise wishes to establish Interconnection with additional Ameritech Central Offices in such LATA, Requesting Carrier shall provide written notice thereof to Ameritech, consistent with the notice provisions of **Sections 3.4.1** and **3.4.2**, to establish such Interconnection. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to such Interconnection, including the provisions set forth in **Section 3.4.3**. If Ameritech deploys additional switches in a LATA after the Effective Date or otherwise wishes to establish Interconnection with additional Requesting Carrier Central Offices in such LATA, Ameritech shall be entitled, upon written notice thereof to Requesting Carrier, to establish such Interconnection and the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to such Interconnection. If either Party establishes an additional Tandem Switch in a given LATA, the Parties shall jointly determine the requirements regarding the establishment and maintenance of separate physical facilities and Logical Trunk Group connections and the sub-tending arrangements relating to Tandem Switches and End Offices which serve the other Party's Customers within the Exchange Areas served by such Tandem Switches.

3.5.2 If a Party requests the other Party to install new trunks or rearrange existing trunks as a result of the installation of a new Switch, such Party shall provide written notice of such request and the intervals described in **Section 3.4.3** shall apply.

3.6 Nondiscriminatory Interconnection. Interconnection shall be equal in quality to that provided by the Parties to themselves or any subsidiary, Affiliate or other person. For purposes of this **Section 3.6**, **"equal in quality"** means the same technical criteria and service standards that a Party uses within its own network.

3.7 Network Management.

3.7.1 Requesting Carrier and Ameritech shall work cooperatively to install and maintain a reliable network. Requesting Carrier and Ameritech shall exchange appropriate information (e.g., maintenance contact numbers, network information, information required to comply with law enforcement and other security agencies of the government and such other information as the Parties shall mutually agree) to achieve this desired reliability.

3.7.2 Requesting Carrier and Ameritech shall work cooperatively to apply sound network management principles by invoking network management controls to alleviate or to prevent congestion.

3.8 9-1-1 Service.

3.8.1 Ameritech shall provide 9-1-1 Service to Requesting Carrier as described in this **Section 3.9** in each Rate Center in which (i) Requesting Carrier is authorized to provide local Telephone Exchange Service and (ii) Ameritech is the 9-1-1 service provider.

3.8.2 Service and Facilities Provided.

(a) Requesting Carrier shall interconnect with each Ameritech 9-1-1 Selective Router that serves the areas in which Requesting Carrier provides Telephone Exchange Service. Such interconnection shall be used by Ameritech to provide 9-1-1 service and access to all sub-tending Public Safety Answering Points (each, a **"PSAP"**). Requesting Carrier will establish such interconnection by (i) providing itself, or leasing from a third-party (including Ameritech), the necessary DS1 facilities and trunk groups between Requesting Carrier's point of Interconnection and designated Ameritech 9-1-1 Selective Router (channel conditioning referred to as "Direct" in Item I of the Pricing Schedule) or (ii) providing demuxed DSO level trunks at designated Ameritech 9-1-1 Selective Router(s) (channel conditioning referred to as "Back to Back" in Item I of the Pricing Schedule) or (iii) providing muxed DSO level trunks at a Collocation point within each Ameritech 9-1-1 Selective Router(s) (channel conditioning referred to as "Collocation" in Item I of the Pricing Schedule). With any of the foregoing three

(3) options, Requesting Carrier shall provide a minimum of two (2) dedicated channels from the point of interconnection to the Ameritech 9-1-1 Selective Router(s). Each of the foregoing options described in this **subsection (a)** also require each of the Parties to provide sufficient trunking and facilities to route Requesting Carrier's originating 9-1-1 calls to the designated primary PSAP or to designated alternate PSAPs. Ameritech and the Requesting Carrier will coordinate the provision of transport capacity sufficient to route originating 9-1-1 calls from the Requesting Carrier's point of interconnection to the designated Ameritech 9-1-1 Selective Router(s). In addition to the channel conditioning charges identified in Item I of the Pricing Schedule, if Requesting Carrier leases facilities from Ameritech, standard tariff rates shall apply.

(b) If Requesting Carrier forwards the ANI information of the calling party to the Ameritech 9-1-1 Selective Router and the Requesting Carrier has followed the appropriate procedures in **subsection (e)** to establish the record for the calling Party in the ALI database, Ameritech will forward that calling number and the associated street address to the PSAP for display. If no ANI is forwarded by Requesting Carrier, Ameritech will display a Central Office identification code for display at the PSAP.

(c) If Requesting Carrier requests facilities-routed diversity for 9-1-1 interconnection, Ameritech shall provide such diversity to Requesting Carrier and Requesting Carrier shall pay charges for Diverse Routes at tariffed DS1 rates. Requesting Carrier will be responsible for determining the proper quantity of trunks and facilities from its switches to the Ameritech 9-1-1 Selective Router(s). Ameritech shall provide, upon request, a Trunk Design Guide which will be used to determine the number of trunk groups required to provide 9-1-1 Service within each Rate Center. Trunks between the Requesting Carrier's Switch and the Ameritech 9-1-1 Selective Router shall be provisioned by Ameritech at intervals to be agreed upon by the Parties. Following such provision and prior to the application of live traffic, Requesting Carrier and Ameritech will cooperate to promptly test all trunks and facilities between Requesting Carrier's network and the Ameritech 9-1-1 Selective Router to assure proper functioning of the 9-1-1 Service; provided, that Requesting Carrier shall be solely responsible to provide test records and conduct call-through testing on all new 9-1-1 trunk groups and NPA/NXXs. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, the 9-1-1 trunk groups will be initially established as a one-way CAMA MF trunk group. Where SS7 connectivity is available and required by the applicable municipality, the Parties agree to implement CCIS trunking.

(d) Ameritech will provide to Requesting Carrier, in mechanized format, an address and routing file (ARF) that provides the information required for Requesting Carrier Customer 9-1-1 record processing and delivery of calls to the appropriate Ameritech 9-1-1 Selective Router(s). After Requesting Carrier's initial request for

the ARF, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier an updated ARF on a monthly basis. At the request of Requesting Carrier, Ameritech will provide the ARF by NPA or metro area. A specified charge as set forth at Item I of the Pricing Schedule will apply per request.

(e) Ameritech will coordinate access to the Ameritech 9-1-1 Automatic Location Identification (**"ALI"**) database for the initial loading and updating of Requesting Carrier Customer information. Access coordination will include:

(1) Requesting Carrier to supply an electronic version of Customer telephone numbers, addresses and other information both for the initial load and, where applicable, daily updates. Ameritech shall confirm receipt of this data as described in **Section 3.9.2(f)**;

(2) Notification of error(s) involving entry and update activity;

(3) Provisioning of specific 9-1-1 routing information on each Requesting Carrier Customer's access line; and

(4) Providing Requesting Carrier with reference data required to ensure that Requesting Carrier's Customer will be routed to the correct 9-1-1 Selective Router when originating a 9-1-1 call.

If Requesting Carrier is unable to initially provide Ameritech electronic updates to the Ameritech 9-1-1 ALI database as provided in **subsection (e)(1)** above, the Parties shall negotiate the date by which Requesting Carrier shall establish such electronic functionality and the rates, terms and conditions under which Ameritech would update such database from paper records prior to the date Requesting Carrier is able to furnish such updates electronically to Ameritech; and

(f) Requesting Carrier or its third party agent will provide ALI data to Ameritech for use in entering the data into the 9-1-1 database. The initial ALI data will be provided to Ameritech in a format prescribed by Ameritech. Requesting Carrier shall include its company identification, as registered with NENA, on all records provided to Ameritech. Requesting Carrier is responsible for providing Ameritech updates to the ALI data and error corrections that may occur during the entry of ALI data to the Ameritech 9-1-1 Database System. Requesting Carrier shall reimburse Ameritech for any additional database charges incurred by Ameritech for errors in ALI data updates caused by Requesting Carrier or its third-party agent. Ameritech will confirm receipt of such data and corrections by the next Business Day (where electronic transfer is available) by providing Requesting Carrier with a report in the manner provided in the Implementation Plan of the number of items sent, the number of items entered correctly, and the number of errors.

(g) The services offered in this Agreement and the charges set forth at Item I of the Pricing Schedule are based on each NXX residing in a single 9-1-1 Selective Router. Requesting Carrier may request that an NXX shall reside in more than one 9-1-1 Selective Router; provided that Requesting Carrier shall pay Ameritech a one-time charge as set forth at Item I of the Pricing Schedule per trunk group that is connected to each alternate 9-1-1 Selective Router (the **"9-1-1 Selective Router Software Enhancement Connection Charge"**).

(h) In the event an Ameritech or Requesting Carrier 9-1-1 trunk group fails, the Party that originates the trunk group will notify, on a priority basis, the other Party of such failure, which notification shall occur within two (2) hours of the occurrence or sooner if required under Applicable Law. The Parties will exchange a list containing the names and telephone numbers of the support center personnel responsible for maintaining the 9-1-1 Service between the Parties.

(i) Ameritech will provide Requesting Carrier all order number(s) and circuit identification code(s) in advance of the service due date.

(j) Requesting Carrier will monitor the 9-1-1 circuits for the purpose of determining originating network traffic volumes. Requesting Carrier will notify Ameritech if the traffic study information indicates that additional circuits are required to meet the current level of 9-1-1 call volumes.

(k) Requesting Carrier shall engineer its 9-1-1 trunks to attain a minimum P.01 grade of service as measured using the **"busy day/busy hour"** criteria or, at such other minimum grade of service as required by Applicable Law or a duly authorized government agency.

(l) Requesting Carrier shall timely provide to Ameritech all information required to complete an "Ameritech Planning Questionnaire and Network Definition" in order to appropriately plan, design and implement ordered 9-1-1 Service. Requesting Carrier shall provide the foregoing information in the format prescribed by Ameritech, both initially and on an ongoing basis.

(m) If Requesting Carrier provides local exchange Telecommunications Services to its Customers through a means other than Resale Services, Requesting Carrier shall be responsible to submit to the applicable municipality(ies) any 9-1-1 surcharges assessed by such municipality(ies) on such local exchange Telecommunications Services provided to Requesting Carrier Customers.

(n) Consistent with **Section 19.2**, each Party agrees to comply with all applicable state, county and municipal 9-1-1 administrative rules and regulations.

3.8.3 Compensation.

(a) In addition to the amounts specified in **Section 3.9.2**, Requesting Carrier shall compensate Ameritech as set forth at Item I of the Pricing Schedule.

(b) The rates set forth in this Agreement for 9-1-1 Service do not include the inspection or monitoring by Ameritech of Requesting Carrier's facilities relating to errors, defects or malfunctions in the 9-1-1 Service. The Parties acknowledge and agree that Requesting Carrier, and not Ameritech, shall be responsible to conduct such operational tests as Requesting Carrier deems necessary and appropriate to determine whether its facilities are functioning properly. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party if its facilities used to provide 9-1-1 Service are not functioning properly.

3.8.4 Additional Limitations of Liability Applicable to 9-1-1 Service.

(a) Ameritech is not liable for the accuracy and content of ALI that Requesting Carrier delivers to Ameritech. Requesting Carrier is responsible for maintaining the accuracy and content of that data as delivered; and

(b) In addition, Ameritech's liability to Requesting Carrier and any third person shall also be limited to the maximum extent permitted by Applicable Law or tariff.

ARTICLE IV
TRANSMISSION AND ROUTING OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE TRAFFIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(c)(2)

4.1 Scope of Traffic. **Article IV** prescribes parameters for the facilities and trunk groups to be effected over the Interconnections specified in **Article III** for the transmission and routing of Local Traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic between the Parties' respective Telephone Exchange Service Customers (the **"Local/IntraLATA Trunks"**).

4.2 Limitations. No Party shall terminate Exchange Access traffic or originate untranslated 800 traffic over the Local/IntraLATA Trunks.

4.3 Trunk Group Architecture and Traffic Routing. The Parties shall jointly engineer and configure Local/IntraLATA Trunks over the physical Interconnection arrangements as follows:

4.3.1 Each Party shall initially configure a one (1)-way trunk group or, upon mutual agreement of the Parties, a two (2) way trunk group, as a direct transmission path between each RICO and AICO. If two (2) way trunk groups are established, each Party shall be responsible for fifty percent (50%) of the transport between the points of Interconnection.

4.3.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this **Article IV**, if the traffic volumes originated by a Party between any two (2) Central Office Switches at any time exceeds the CCS busy hour equivalent of one (1) DS1, that Party shall, within sixty (60) days after such occurrence, establish new direct trunk groups to the applicable End Office(s). As traffic volumes increase, the Parties shall add additional direct trunk groups (24 DS0s) between any two (2) Central Offices for every increment of traffic that equals or exceeds the CCS busy hour equivalent of one (1) DS1. At no time shall the traffic between two (2) Central Offices, routed via Ameritech's Tandem Switch, exceed 500 busy hour CCS.

4.3.3 Only those valid NXX codes served by an End Office may be accessed through a direct connection to that End Office.

4.3.4 Each Party shall ensure that each Tandem connection permits the completion of traffic to all End Offices which sub-tend that Tandem as identified in the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("**LERG**"). To the extent that a Party desires the ubiquitous delivery of traffic within an Exchange Area, each Party shall establish and maintain Logical Trunk Groups and separate physical facilities for such Logical Trunk Groups connected to each Tandem of the other Party which serves, or is sub-tended by End Offices which serve, such other Party's Customers within the Exchange Areas served by such Tandem Switches. Requesting Carrier shall either provide Logical Trunk Groups and such facilities for Logical Trunk Groups or purchase Logical Trunk Groups and such facilities for Logical Trunk Groups from Ameritech at the rates for Switched Access set forth in Ameritech's access tariffs. If a Central Office Switch provides both Tandem and End Office functionality, Interconnection by a Party at such Central Office Switch shall provide access to Tandem and End Office functionality. A Party's NXX must home on the Tandem Switch that is in the same state as the specified NXX Rate Center.

4.3.5 Ameritech will provide unassigned NXX codes to the Requesting Carrier, under the Inter-Carrier Compatibility Forum (**"ICCF"**) developed by CO-Code Assignment Guidelines, until this function is performed by a third party agency.

4.3.6 Ameritech will assign a Common Language Location Identifier ("**CLLI**") code to the Requesting Carrier's End Office Switch if so requested, to be integrated into the public network consistent with procedures used for CLLI code assignment to Ameritech's own switches until this function is performed by a third party agency. The code must be listed in the LERG.

4.3.7 Each Party is responsible for administering its assigned NXX numbers.

4.3.8 Each Party is responsible for obtaining a LERG listing of CLLI codes assigned to its switches.

4.3.9 If a pre-existing trunk group is unable to, or consistent with standard trunk engineering practices, is forecasted to be unable to support additional traffic loads, each Party shall, upon request of the other Party, provision, within thirty (30) days of such request, additional trunks to expand the capacity of such pre-existing trunk group, subject to **Section 19.12** and the availability of sufficient capacity. If sufficient capacity does not exist, the Parties shall mutually agree on the appropriate interval to establish such additional trunks based on force and load and other applicable criteria.

4.3.10 If a Tandem through which the Parties are Interconnected is unable to, or is forecasted to be unable to, support additional traffic loads for any Busy Season, the Parties will mutually agree on an End Office trunking plan that will alleviate the Tandem capacity shortage and ensure completion of traffic between Requesting Carrier and Ameritech Customers. For purposes of this Agreement, **"Busy Season"** means any three (3) consecutive month period.

4.3.11 If a Party determines that a trunk group is no longer necessary given actual and forecasted traffic, that Party shall disconnect that trunk group within thirty (30) days after such determination.

4.3.12 Pursuant to the Arbitration Decision, if Requesting Carrier uses an NXX Code to provide foreign exchange service to its Customers outside of the geographic area assigned to such NXX Code, Requesting Carrier shall not be required to provide a point of interconnection (POI) within 15 miles of the rating point to which the NXX Code is assigned, at which Ameritech may terminate local traffic destined for that NXX Code.[1/]

4.4 Signaling.

4.4.1 Where available, Common Channel Interoffice Signaling (CCIS) signaling shall be used by the Parties to set up calls between the Parties' Telephone Exchange Service networks. Each Party shall supply Calling Party Number (CPN) (NPA/NXX assigned to its local exchange switch) within the SS7 signaling message. If CCIS is unavailable, Multi-Frequency (MF) signaling shall be used by the Parties.

4.4.2 Each Party is responsible for requesting Interconnection to the other Party's CCIS network, where SS7 signaling on the trunk group(s) is desired. Each Party shall connect to a pair of access STPs that serve each LATA where traffic will be exchanged using a direct connection to the STPs serving the desired LATA, through the designated Ameritech state gateway STP or through a third party provider which is connected to the other Party's signaling network. The Parties shall establish Interconnection at the STP. The rate for signaling links to establish such Interconnection is as provided in Ameritech's access tariff(s). If the Requesting Carrier does not possess STPs, Requesting Carrier may purchase access to Ameritech's SS7 Network as provided in Ameritech's access tariff(s).

4.4.3 The Parties will cooperate on the exchange of Transactional Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) messages to facilitate interoperability of CCIS-based features between their respective networks, including all CLASS features and functions, to the extent each Party offers such features and functions to its Customers. All CCIS signaling parameters will be provided, including Calling Party Number (CPN), Originating Line Information (OLI), calling party category and charge number. For terminating Exchange Access and Transit Service traffic, such information shall be passed by a Party to the extent that such information is provided to such Party.

[1/] By entering into this Agreement, Ameritech is not voluntarily agreeing to waive this requirement. Moreover, Ameritech reserves its rights to appeal or otherwise seek review of the Arbitration Decision.

4.4.4 Where available and upon the request of the other Party, each Party shall cooperate to ensure that its trunk groups are configured utilizing the B8ZS ESF protocol for 64 Kbps clear channel transmission to allow for ISDN interoperability between the Parties' respective networks.

4.5 Grades of Service. The Parties shall initially engineer and shall jointly monitor and enhance all trunk groups consistent with the Plan.

4.6 Measurement and Billing.

4.6.1 For billing purposes, each Party shall pass CPN associated with that Party's originating switch on calls that originate on its network over the Local/IntraLATA Trunks; provided that all calls that originate on a Party's network and are exchanged without CPN information shall be billed as either Local Traffic or IntraLATA Toll Traffic based upon a percentage of local usage (PLU) factor calculated based on the amount of actual volume during the preceding three (3) months. The PLU will be revised every three (3) months. If either Party fails to pass at least ninety percent (90%) of calls that originate on its network with CPN within a monthly billing period, then either Party may require that separate trunk groups for Local Traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic be established. Transit traffic as defined in **Section 7.3** will be routed over the IntraLATA Toll trunk group.

4.6.2 Measurement of Telecommunications traffic billed hereunder shall be (i) in actual conversation time as specified in FCC terminating FGD Switched access tariffs for Local Traffic and (ii) in accordance with applicable tariffs for all other types of Telecommunications traffic.

4.7 Reciprocal Compensation Arrangements -- Section 251(b)(5). Compensation for the transport and termination of Local Traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic shall be pursuant to this **Section 4.7**. The Reciprocal Compensation arrangements set forth in this **Section 4.7** are not applicable to (i) Exchange Access traffic, (ii) traffic terminated to Requesting Carrier using Ameritech's unbundled switching and for which the Requesting Carrier incurs no incremental cost to terminate traffic, (iii) traffic originated by one Party on a number ported to its network that terminates to another number ported on that same Party's network or (iv) any other type of traffic found to be exempt from Reciprocal Compensation by the FCC or the Commission. Pursuant to the arbitration decision of the Commission with respect to this Agreement in Docket No. 00-0027 ("Arbitration Decision"), the Reciprocal Compensation arrangements are applicable to Internet Service Provider("ISP")-bound traffic.[1/] All Exchange Access traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic shall continue to be governed by the terms and conditions of applicable federal and state tariffs. Compensation for traffic that is delivered through Transit Service shall be pursuant to **Section 7.2**.

[2/] By entering into this Agreement, Ameritech does not agree that ISP-bound traffic is "local" for the purposes of application of reciprocal compensation under the Act, nor is Ameritech voluntarily agreeing to pay reciprocal compensation for the transport and termination of ISP-bound traffic. Moreover, Ameritech reserves its rights to appeal or otherwise seek review of the Arbitration Decision. Further, Ameritech reserves its rights to take advantage of any Commission decision in the proceeding that it will open dealing with reciprocal compensation, including possible true-up or retroactive payment.

4.7.1 Reciprocal Compensation applies for transport and termination of Local Traffic billable by Ameritech or Requesting Carrier which a Telephone Exchange Service Customer originates on Ameritech's or Requesting Carrier's physical switch for termination on the other Party's physical switch. The originating Party shall compensate the terminating Party for the transport and termination of Local Traffic for the function(s) provided by that terminating Party at the rate(s) provided at Item II of the Pricing Schedule; provided that Requesting Carrier shall be paid the tandem rate (i.e. End Office Local Termination, Tandem Switching, Tandem Transport Termination, and Tandem Transport Mileage).[1/] The Parties' obligation to pay Reciprocal Compensation to each other shall commence on the date the Parties agree that the network is complete (i.e., each Party has established its originating trunks as well as any ancillary functions (e.g., 9-1-1)) and capable of fully supporting originating and terminating Customer (and not a Party's test) traffic.

4.7.2 Each Party shall charge the other Party its effective applicable federal and state tariffed intraLATA FGD switched access rates for those functions a Party performs relating to the transport and termination of IntraLATA Toll Traffic.

4.7.3 Compensation for transport and termination of all traffic which has been subject to performance of INP by one Party for the other Party pursuant to **Article XIII** shall be as specified in **Section 13.7**.

ARTICLE V
TRANSMISSION AND ROUTING OF EXCHANGE ACCESS TRAFFIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(c)(2)

5.1 Scope of Traffic. **Article V** prescribes parameters for certain facilities and trunk groups to be established over the Interconnections specified in **Article III** for the transmission and routing of Exchange Access traffic and nontranslated 800 traffic between Requesting Carrier Telephone Exchange Service Customers and Interexchange Carriers (the **"Access Toll Connecting Trunks"**). Compensation for the transmission and routing of Exchange Access traffic is provided for in **Article VI**.

5.2 Trunk Group Architecture and Traffic Routing.

5.2.1 The Parties shall jointly establish Access Toll Connecting Trunks by which they will jointly provide Tandem-transported Switched Exchange Access Services to Interexchange Carriers to

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[3/] By entering into this Agreement, Ameritech does not agree that, based on its current network configuration, Requesting Carrier is entitled to compensation for tandem switching and transport, nor is Ameritech voluntarily agreeing to pay reciprocal compensation for tandem switching and transport in this case. Moreover, Ameritech reserves its rights to appeal or otherwise seek review of the Arbitration Decision. Moreover, Ameritech reserves its rights to seek a modification of this provision if the configuration of Requesting Carrier's network were to change such that the factual assumptions behind the Arbitration Decision in this regard were no longer applicable.

enable such Interexchange Carriers to originate and terminate traffic from and to Requesting Carrier's Customers.

5.2.2 Access Toll Connecting Trunks shall be used solely for the transmission and routing of Exchange Access, nontranslated 800 and 976 traffic to allow Requesting Carrier's Customers to connect to or be connected to the interexchange trunks of any Interexchange Carrier which is connected to an Ameritech access Tandem.

5.2.3 The Access Toll Connecting Trunks shall be two-way trunks connecting an End Office Switch that Requesting Carrier utilizes to provide Telephone Exchange Service and Switched Exchange Access Service in a given LATA to an access Tandem Switch Ameritech utilizes to provide Exchange Access in such LATA.

5.2.4 IntraLATA toll free traffic (e.g., 800) shall be routed over Ameritech's Access Toll Connecting Trunks. Ameritech will send Requesting Carrier a Carrier Identification Code of 110 to identify the IntraLATA call as toll free call. Requesting Carrier shall generate and send Ameritech on a daily basis an 010125 access record. In return, Ameritech will send Requesting Carrier on a daily basis an 110125 access record for billing the query function according to Requesting Carrier's tariff. This information should be included on the summary record (010125) sent to Ameritech by Requesting Carrier. If utilizing Ameritech's database to perform the query function, Ameritech will bill the Requesting Carrier (or the Initial Billing Company (as defined in the MECAB)) for the query charges at Ameritech's tariffed rate.

ARTICLE VI
MEET-POINT BILLING ARRANGEMENTS

6.1 Meet-Point Billing Services.

6.1.1 Pursuant to the procedures described in Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (**"MECAB"**) document SR-BDS-000983, Issue 5, June 1994, the Parties shall provide to each other the Switched Access Detail Usage Data and the Switched Access Summary Usage Data to bill for jointly provided switched access service such as switched access Feature Group D. If the procedures in the MECAB document are amended or modified, the Parties shall implement such amended or modified procedures within a reasonable period of time.

6.1.2 Requesting Carrier shall designate access Tandems or any other reasonable facilities or points of Interconnection for the purpose of originating or terminating IXC traffic. For each such access Tandem designated, the Parties shall utilize a billing percentage determined in accordance with **Schedule 6.0** to bill IXC traffic. Either Party may make this billing percentage information available to IXCs. The billing percentages shall be calculated according to one of the methodologies specified for such purposes in the MECAB document.

6.1.3 Each Party shall undertake all reasonable measures to ensure that the billing percentage and associated information are included and maintained in the National Exchange Association (**"NECA"**) FCC Tariff No. 4.

6.1.4 Each Party shall implement the **"Multiple Bill/Single Tariff"** option in order to bill the IXC for each Party's own portion of jointly provided Telecommunications Service.

6.2 Data Format and Data Transfer.

6.2.1 Necessary billing information will be exchanged on magnetic tape or via electronic data transfer (when available) using the Exchange Message Record ("**EMR**") format. The Parties shall agree to a fixed billing period in the Implementation Plan.

6.2.2 Requesting Carrier shall provide to Ameritech, on a monthly basis, the Switched Access Summary Usage Data (category 1150XX records) on magnetic tape or, when available, via electronic data transfer using the EMR format.

6.2.3 Ameritech shall provide to Requesting Carrier, on a daily basis, the Switched Access Detail Usage Data (category 1101XX records) on magnetic tape no later than fourteen (14) days from the usage recording date. Ameritech shall provide the information on magnetic tape or, when available, via electronic data transfer (e.g., network data mover), using EMR format. Ameritech and Requesting Carrier shall use best efforts to utilize electronic data transfer.

6.2.4 Each Party shall coordinate and exchange the billing account reference (**"BAR"**) and billing account cross reference (**"BACR"**) numbers for the Meet-Point Billing service. Each Party shall notify the other Party if the level of billing or other BAR/BACR elements change, resulting in a new BAR/BACR number.

6.2.5 When Ameritech records on behalf of Requesting Carrier and Switched Access Detail Usage Data is not submitted to Requesting Carrier by Ameritech in a timely fashion or if such Access Detail Usage Data is not in proper format as previously defined, and if as a result Requesting Carrier is delayed in billing IXC, late payment charges will be payable by Ameritech to Requesting Carrier. Late payment charges will be calculated on the total amount of late access usage at the rate of 0.000493% per day (annual percentage rate of eighteen percent (18%)) compounded daily for the number of days late.

6.2.6 If Switched Access Summary Usage Data is not submitted to Ameritech in a timely fashion or if it is not in proper format as previously defined and if as a result Ameritech is delayed in billing IXC, late payment charges will be payable by Requesting Carrier to Ameritech. Late payment charges will be calculated on the total amount of late access usage charges at the rate of 0.000493% per day (annual percentage rate of eighteen percent (18%)) compounded daily for the number of days late. Excluded from this provision will be any detailed usage records not provided by Ameritech in a timely fashion.

6.3 Errors or Loss of Access Usage Data.

6.3.1 Errors may be discovered by Requesting Carrier, the IXC or Ameritech. Each Party agrees to use reasonable efforts to provide the other Party with notification of any discovered errors within two (2) Business Days of such discovery. All claims by a Party relating to errors or loss of access

usage data shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days from the date such usage data was provided to that Party.

6.3.2 In the event of a loss of data, both Parties shall cooperate to reconstruct the lost data. If such reconstruction is not possible, the Parties shall use a reasonable estimate of the lost data, based on twelve (12) months of prior usage data; provided that if twelve (12) months of prior usage data is not available, the Parties shall base the estimate on as much prior usage data that is available; provided, however, that if reconstruction is required prior to the availability of at least three (3) months of prior usage data, the Parties shall defer such reconstruction until three (3) months of prior usage data is available.

6.4 Payment. The Parties shall not charge one another for the services rendered pursuant to this **Article VI**.

6.5 Limitation of Liability Applicable to Meet-Point Billing Arrangements. 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 or developing a substitute based on past usage in accordance with **Section 6.3.2**. This **Section 6.5** shall apply to Meet Point Billing arrangements in lieu of the provisions of **Articles XXIV** and **XXV**.

ARTICLE VII
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER (TC) SERVICES

7.1 Ancillary Services Traffic.

7.1.1 This **Section 7.1** applies to Ancillary Services Traffic which originates from (i) Requesting Carrier's Resale Services Customers via Resale Services or (ii) Requesting Carrier's physical switch which, in each case, terminates to the applicable information services platform connected to Ameritech's network.

7.1.2 Requesting Carrier shall be responsible for and pay for all charges associated with Ancillary Services Traffic whether such services are ordered, activated or used by the Requesting Carrier, Requesting Carrier's Customer or any other person gaining access to the services through the Requesting Carrier.

7.1.3 Upon receipt of a request by Requesting Carrier when it submits an order for Ameritech resold lines, Ameritech shall provide call blocking services for Ancillary Services Traffic (on a per line basis) to Requesting Carrier as Ameritech provides such blocking services to its own retail Customers, to the extent permitted under Applicable Law. If Requesting Carrier utilizes its own or a third party switch, Requesting Carrier must establish blocking for Ancillary Services Traffic.

7.1.4 Requesting Carrier may elect to bill and collect for Ancillary Services Traffic by indicating its agreement to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in **Schedule 7.1**. If Requesting Carrier has elected to bill and collect for Ancillary Service Traffic but fails to comply with the terms and

conditions set forth in **Schedule 7.1**, Ameritech may, in addition to exercising any other rights and remedies under this Agreement, block such traffic, to the extent permitted under Applicable Law.

7.2 BLV/BLVI Traffic.

7.2.1 Busy Line Verification (**"BLV"**) is performed when one Party's Customer requests assistance from the operator bureau to determine if the called line is in use.

7.2.2 Busy Line Verification Interrupt (**"BLVI"**) is performed when one Party's operator bureau interrupts a telephone call in progress after BLV has occurred. The operator bureau will interrupt the busy line and inform the called party that there is a call waiting.

7.2.3 Each Party's operator bureau shall accept BLV and BLVI inquiries from the operator bureau of the other Party in order to allow transparent provision of BLV/BLVI Traffic between the Parties' networks. When Requesting Carrier does not use Ameritech's operator bureau, each Party shall route BLV/BLVI Traffic inquiries over separate direct trunks (and not the Local/IntraLATA Trunks) established between the Parties' respective operator bureaus. Unless otherwise mutually agreed, the Parties shall configure BLV/BLVI trunks over the Interconnection architecture defined in **Article III**, consistent with the Plan.

7.2.4 Each Party shall compensate the other Party for BLV/BLVI Traffic as set forth at Item IV of the Pricing Schedule.

7.3 Transit Service.

7.3.1 Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier Transit Service as provided in this **Section 7.2.**

7.3.2 **"Transit Service"** means the delivery over the Local/IntraLATA Trunks of (i) Local Traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic that (x) originates on Requesting Carrier's network and terminates to a third party LEC, ILEC or CMRS (such third parties collectively referred to as a "**Transit Counter-Party**") and (y) originates on the Transit Counter-Party's network and terminates to Requesting Carrier and (ii) 800 IntraLATA Toll Traffic that originates and terminates between one (1) or more IntraLATA Telecommunications Carriers, including third party LECs, ILECs and CMRSs (collectively, **"IntraLATA 800 Traffic"**), as more fully described in **Section 7.3.9**.

7.3.3 Requesting Carrier shall route Transit Traffic via Ameritech's Tandem Switches, and not at or through any Ameritech End Office.

7.3.4 While the Parties agree that it is the responsibility of the Requesting Carrier to enter into arrangements with each Transit Counter-Party to deliver Terminating Transit Traffic to Requesting Carrier, they acknowledge that such arrangements may not currently be in place and an interim arrangement will facilitate traffic completion on an interim basis. Accordingly, until the earlier of (i) the date on which either Party has entered into an arrangement with such Transit Counter-Party to deliver Termination Transit

Traffic to Requesting Carrier and (ii) the date Transit Traffic volumes originated by the Requesting Carrier exceed the volumes specified in **Section 7.3.5**. Ameritech will provide Requesting Carrier with Transit Service. Requesting Carrier agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to enter into agreements with Transit Counter-Parties as soon as possible after the Effective Date.

7.3.5 If the traffic volumes between Requesting Carrier's Central Office Switches and Transit Counter-Party Central Office Switches (in each case, in the aggregate) at any time exceeds the 150,000 minutes of use per month over 2 consecutive months, the Implementation Team will develop a migration plan for Requesting Carrier to interconnect directly with such Transit Counter-Party within 60 days of the second consecutive month.

7.3.6 To the extent that the originating party of a call delivers each call to Ameritech's network with SS7 CCIS and the appropriate Transactional Capabilities Application Part (**"TCAP"**) message, Ameritech will deliver such information to the terminating party.

7.3.7 Requesting Carrier shall not bill Ameritech for any Transit Service traffic or unidentified traffic (i.e., no CPN) unless otherwise agreed in writing by Ameritech.

7.3.8 The Parties shall compensate each other for Transit Service as follows:

(a) For Local Traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic originating from Requesting Carrier that is delivered over the Transit Service (**"Originating Transit Traffic"**), Requesting Carrier shall:

(1) Pay to Ameritech a Transit Service charge as set forth in the Pricing Schedule; and

(2) Reimburse Ameritech for any charges, including switched access charges and Reciprocal Compensation, that a Transit Counter-Party imposes or levies on Ameritech for delivery or termination of any such Originating Transit Traffic.

(b) For Local Traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic that is to be terminated to Requesting Carrier from a Transit Counter-Party (**"Terminating Transit Traffic"**) (i) that is not subject to Primary Toll Carrier (**"PTC"**) arrangements (regardless of whether Ameritech is the PTC) and (ii) that Ameritech has a transiting arrangement with such Transit Counter-Party that authorizes Ameritech to deliver such traffic to Requesting Carrier (**"Other Party Transit Agreement"**), then Ameritech shall deliver such Terminating Transit Traffic to Requesting Carrier in accordance with the terms and conditions of such Other Party Transit Agreement and such third party LEC or CMRS provider (and not Requesting Carrier) shall be responsible to pay Ameritech the applicable Transit Service charge.

(c) For IntraLATA Toll Traffic which is subject to a PTC arrangement and where Ameritech is the PTC, Ameritech shall deliver such IntraLATA Toll Traffic to Requesting Carrier in accordance with the terms and conditions of such PTC arrangement. Upon receipt of verifiable Primary Toll records, Ameritech shall reimburse Requesting Carrier at Requesting Carrier's applicable tariffed terminating switched access rates. When transport mileage cannot be determined, an average transit transport mileage shall be applied as set forth on the Pricing Schedule.

7.3.9 IntraLATA 800 Traffic shall be exchanged between the Parties as follows:

(a) Queried IntraLATA 800 Traffic may be delivered to Ameritech over the Local IntraLATA Trunks and if Ameritech performs the 800 query function, over the Access Toll Connecting Trunks. If the Local/IntraLATA Trunks are used and Requesting Carrier performs the 800 query function, the IntraLATA 800 Traffic will be recorded as toll calls. If the Access Toll Connecting Trunks are used, Ameritech will not record the IntraLATA 800 Traffic.

(b) The Parties shall provide to each other IntraLATA 800 Access Detail Usage Data for Customers billing and IntraLATA 800 Copy Detail Usage Data for access billing. EMR exchange between the Parties will use the standard centralized message system delivery systems (CMDS). 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.

(c) IntraLATA 800 Traffic calls are billed to and paid for by the called or terminating party, regardless of which Party performs the 800 query. Since IntraLATA 800 Traffic may not be identified with a unique Carrier Identification Code (CIC), billing shall be based on originating and terminating NPA/NXX.

7.3.10 If a Transit Counter-Party requests Ameritech to block either Originating Transit Traffic or Terminating Transit Traffic, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier written notice of such request. Requesting Carrier shall then have twenty (20) Business Days after receipt of notice from Ameritech to resolve such blocking request with the Transit Counter-Party. If Requesting Carrier is unable to resolve any outstanding issues with the Transit Counter-Party within such twenty (20) Business Day period, Ameritech may block such Originating Transit Traffic or Terminating Transit Traffic. Requesting Carrier agrees to either (i) block delivery of Transit Service traffic that it originates to the Ameritech network (including Originating Transit Traffic) or (ii) pay Ameritech's nonrecurring and recurring costs to implement and administer blocking for such traffic. Requesting Carrier agrees to indemnify and hold Ameritech harmless against any and all Losses Ameritech may incur from not blocking requested traffic during the twenty (20) Business Day period.

7.4 Toll Free Database Services.

7.4.1 Call Routing Service. The Call Routing Service provides for the identification of the carrier to whom a call is to be routed when a toll-free (1+800-NXX-XXXX or 1+888-NXX-XXXX) call is originated by Customer. This function uses the dialed digits to identify the appropriate carrier and is done by screening the full ten digits of the dialed number. The Call Routing Service may be provided in conjunction with a Customer's InterLATA or IntraLATA Switched Exchange Access Service.

When 800 Call-Routing service is provided, an originating call is suspended at the first switching office equipped with a Service Switching Point (SSP) component of the SSC/SS7 Network. The SSP launches a query over signaling links (A-links) to the Signal Transfer Point (STP), and from there to the SCP. The SCP returns a message containing the identification of the carrier to whom the call should be routed and the call is processed. Requesting Carrier may obtain Call Routing Service pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions specified in Ameritech FCC No. 2 Access Tariff.

7.4.2 Routing Options. In addition to the toll-free service offerings, new routing options are offered. These options are purchased by toll-free service providers to allow their clients to define complex routing requirements on their toll-free service. Toll-free routing options allow the service provider's Customer to route its toll-free calls to alternate carriers and/or destinations based on time of day, day of week, specific date or other criteria. These routing options are in addition to the basic toll-free call routing requirements which would include the toll-free number, the intraLATA carrier, the interLATA carrier and the Area of Service (AOS). Requesting Carrier may obtain Routing Options pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions specified in Ameritech FCC No. 2 Access Tariff.

7.4.3 Carrier Identification Service. Requesting Carrier may choose the 800 Carrier Identification Service to obtain toll-free number screening. With this service, Requesting Carrier will launch a query to the Ameritech database using its own Service Switching Points (SSPs) network. In contrast to the Call Routing Service described in **Section 7.4.1** above, with the 800 Carrier Identification service, no routing is performed.

Requesting Carrier's SS7 network is used to transport the query from its End Office to the Ameritech SCP. Once Requesting Carrier's identification is provided, Requesting Carrier may use the information to route the toll-free traffic over its network. In these cases, Ameritech Switched Access services are not used to deliver a call to Requesting Carrier. The toll-free carrier ID data may not be stored for Requesting Carrier's future use. Requesting Carrier may obtain 800 Carrier Identification Service pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions specified in Ameritech FCC No. 2 Access Tariff.

7.4.4 Number Administration. Requesting Carrier, at its option, may elect to use Ameritech's toll-free Service which includes toll-free Number Administration Service (NAS). With this service, Ameritech will perform the Responsible Organization service, which involves interacting with the national Service Management System (SMS/800), on behalf of the Customer. Responsible Organization services include activating, deactivating and maintaining 800/888 number records as well as trouble referral and clearance. If Requesting Carrier does not select NAS, Requesting Carrier will perform the Responsible Organization service. Requesting Carrier may purchase the Number Administration Service pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions specified in Ameritech FCC No. 2 Access Tariff.

7.5 LIDB Database Service.

7.5.1 The Line Information Database (LIDB) Query Response Service is a validation database system. It enables Requesting Carrier to offer alternatively billed services to its Customers. The database provides an efficient way to validate calling cards and toll billing exception (TBE) (i.e., restricts a collect or third-party billed call). Toll fraud protection and reduced call set up expenses are among the benefits of the service.

7.5.2 Billing information records include the Customer name, phone number, security personal identification numbers and third-party acceptance indications. Prior to call completion, a query is launched to the LIDB to determine the validity of the requested billing method. The call is then completed or denied based on the LIDB's response. Requesting Carrier may purchase the LIDB Database Service pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions specified in Ameritech FCC No. 2 Access Tariff.

7.6 LNP Query Service.

Ameritech's provision of LNP will utilize LRN switch software, the terms and conditions of which are prescribed in **Article XIII**. With the implementation of LNP, Requesting Carrier has an N-1 (Network minus 1) responsibility to perform a LRN lookup on calls terminating to NPA-NXXs selected for Number Portability. If Requesting Carrier does not perform this responsibility on calls terminated to the Ameritech network, Ameritech will automatically perform the query and route the call to the proper destination. Under such circumstances, Requesting Carrier agrees to pay Ameritech the per query rates under the terms and conditions specified in Ameritech FCC No. 2 Access Tariff for LNP Query Service (Sections 5.2, 6.4 & 6.9).

7.7 Operator Services and Directory Assistance Services.

7.7.1 This Section 7.7 establishes the terms and conditions governing the provision to Requesting Carrier by Ameritech of manual and automated Local and intrastate intraLATA, interstate intraLATA Operator Toll and Assist Services ("OS"), and Home NPA Directory Assistance service and Information Call Completion Services ("DA"). Ameritech's offering of OS and DA services is made available as a stand alone, integrated service and not as an unbundled Network Element.

7.7.2 At Requesting Carrier's request, Ameritech will provide manual and automated OS and DA services to Requesting Carrier. A description of the OS and DA services to be provided is set forth on **Schedule 7.7.2.** A list identifying the NPA/Exchange areas of Ameritech Directory Assistance and Information Call Completion services will be provided to Requesting Carrier upon request. The Implementation Plan shall establish a process by which this list is updated as such DA services are provided in additional NPA/Exchange Areas.

7.7.3 Requesting Carrier is responsible for delivering its OS and DA traffic to Ameritech's TOPS switch. Specifically, Requesting Carrier shall provide the necessary direct trunking and termination facilities from its End Office to the Ameritech TOPS switch used to provide OS and DA services. Further, OS and DA traffic must be delivered to the Ameritech TOPS switch without any Tandem

switching. The TOPS location to which Requesting Carrier will be responsible for delivering its OS or DA traffic will be determined by Ameritech based on the existing capacity of its service centers. Ameritech will, unless technical or economic reasons provide otherwise, have Requesting Carrier deliver its OS or DA traffic to the TOPS switch most closely located to the Requesting Carrier's NPA/exchange originating the call.

7.7.4 Requesting Carrier is solely responsible for providing all equipment and facilities to deliver OS and DA traffic to the Ameritech switch used to provide OS and DA services. Where the total traffic exceeds the capacity of the existing circuits, additional circuits and additional facilities must be provided by Requesting Carrier to the extent necessary.

7.7.5 Requesting Carrier will provide and maintain the equipment at its offices necessary to permit Ameritech to perform its services in accordance with the equipment operations and traffic operations which are in effect in Ameritech's DA and operator services offices. Requesting Carrier will locate, construct and maintain its facilities to afford reasonable protection against hazard and interference.

7.7.6 Requesting Carrier will furnish to Ameritech all information necessary for Ameritech's provision of OS and DA. All information provided shall be treated as Proprietary Information pursuant to Article XX. Requesting Carrier shall provide, at a minimum, the following applicable information to Ameritech not less than ninety (90) days (or such earlier time as mutually agreed upon) prior to the date on which Requesting Carrier requests Ameritech to provide OS and/or DA:

OS

- emergency agency phone numbers;
- rate information (such as mileage bands, operator surcharge information); and
- originating screening information.

DA

- listing information for the areas to be served by Ameritech; and
- network information necessary to provide for the direct trunking of the DA calls.

Requesting Carrier will keep these records current and will inform Ameritech, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to any changes in the format to be made in such records. Requesting Carrier will inform Ameritech of other changes in the records on a mutually agreed upon schedule.

7.7.7 For branding of Calling Card, OS and DA calls, Ameritech shall record the branding announcement, no longer than 3 seconds, for installation on each OS and DA switch serving Requesting Carrier's Customers. Requesting Carrier shall provide Ameritech the wording of the announcement.

7.7.8 Requesting Carrier grants to Ameritech during the Term a non-exclusive, license to use the DA listings provided pursuant to this Agreement. DA listings provided to Ameritech by

Requesting Carrier under this Agreement will be maintained by Ameritech only for purposes of providing DA information to Requesting Carrier Customers, and will not be disclosed to third parties. This section does not prohibit Ameritech and Requesting Carrier from entering into a separate agreement which would allow Ameritech to provide or sell Requesting Carrier's DA listing information to third parties, but such provision or sale would only occur under the terms and conditions of the separate agreement.

7.7.9 Ameritech will supply Requesting Carrier with call detail information so that Requesting Carrier can rate and bill the call. This information excludes rating and invoicing of Customers.

7.7.10 Ameritech will bill Requesting Carrier monthly for the OS and DA services it performs at the rates specified in Item X of the Pricing Schedule, which will include detailed billing information as required to substantiate its charges.

ARTICLE VIII
INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, TESTING AND REPAIR

8.1 Operation and Maintenance. Each Party shall be solely responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of equipment and facilities provided by it for Interconnection, subject to compatibility and cooperative testing and monitoring and the specific operation and maintenance provisions for equipment and facilities used to provide Interconnection. Operation and maintenance of equipment in Virtual Collocation shall be in accordance with the provisions of **Article XII**.

8.2 Installation, Maintenance, Testing and Repair. The intervals for installations, maintenance, joint testing, and repair of its facilities and services associated with or used in conjunction with Interconnection will be determined in accordance with the requirements of **Section 3.8**.

8.3 Additional Terms. Additional terms regarding the installation, maintenance, testing and repair of equipment and facilities used for Interconnection shall be as set forth in the Implementation Plan.

ARTICLE IX
UNBUNDLED ACCESS -- SECTION 251(c)(3)

9.1 Access to Network Elements.

9.1.1 Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier access to Ameritech's Network Elements on an unbundled basis at any technically feasible point mutually agreed by the Parties in accordance with the terms and conditions of this **Article IX** and the requirements of the Act. Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier access to each unbundled Network Element identified in **Section 9.2**, along with all of such unbundled Network Element's features, functions, and capabilities in accordance with the terms and conditions of **Article II** and as required by the Act, in a manner that shall allow Requesting Carrier to provide any Telecommunications Service that can be offered by means of that Network Element; provided that the use of such Network Element is consistent with the Act.

9.1.1.1 The UNE Remand Order was released by the FCC on November 5, 1999. Portions of the UNE Remand Order are effective within thirty (30) days after publication in the Federal

Register and other portions are effective within one hundred-twenty (120) days after publication. Both Parties are analyzing their respective rights and obligations under the UNE Remand Order. Subject to the outcome of any appeal, including but not limited to any stay that may be obtained pending appeal, the Parties acknowledge that the UNE Remand Order requires Ameritech to offer certain unbundled Network Elements not included below, such as subloops, dark fiber, inside wire owned by Ameritech, xDSL-capable loops, high capacity loops, and packet switching capability in certain circumstances; and limits or conditions Ameritech's obligation to offer certain Unbundled Network Elements set forth below such as Unbundled Switching Capability and Operator Services and Directory Services. The Parties agree to negotiate an amendment to this Agreement to conform the Agreement with the UNE Remand Order and this Agreement shall be amended accordingly to reflect the pricing, terms and conditions relating to each such Unbundled Network Element within the time frame(s) specified for providing access as set forth in the UNE Remand. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement on an amendment within the specific time frame set forth in the UNE Remand Order for providing access to any Unbundled Network Element, a Party may consider such failure to negotiate an amendment a "Dispute" under **Section 27.4** of the Agreement.

9.1.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, if the FCC or a court of competent jurisdiction determines that incumbent local exchange carriers (and/or Ameritech specifically) are not required to provide access to one or more of the Network Elements (individually or in combination with another Network Element) described in this Agreement or places certain limitations or qualifications on the nature of such access, Ameritech may, by providing written notice to Requesting Carrier, require that any affected provision of this Agreement be deleted or renegotiated, as applicable, in good faith and this Agreement be amended accordingly. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, if the FCC or a court of competent jurisdiction determines that incumbent local exchange carriers (and/or Ameritech specifically) are required to provide access to one or more Network Elements (individually or in combination with another Network Element) not described in this Agreement, Requesting Carrier may, by providing written notice to Ameritech, require than any affected provision of this Agreement be renegotiated, as applicable, in good faith and this Agreement be amended accordingly. If such modifications to the Agreement are not renegotiated within thirty (30) days after the date of such notice, a Party may (i) consider such failure to renegotiate a "Dispute" under **Section 27.3** of this Agreement or (ii) forego the dispute escalation procedures set forth in **Section 27.3** and seek any relief it is entitled to under Applicable Law.

9.1.3 Ameritech shall make available access to its Network Elements at the rates specified herein, including facilities and software necessary to provide such Network Elements, and as required by applicable law, in each case as such Network Element is defined herein as required by applicable law. Since the Parties have failed to agree on the terms and conditions applicable to special construction or conditioning, the Parties agree to modify this Agreement, as provided in **Section 9.1.2,** pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Special Construction Proceeding by the Illinois Commerce Commission, ICC Docket 99NA-056 (Special Construction Proceeding), subject to the outcome of any appeal, including but not limited to any stay that may be obtained pending appeal.

9.2 Network Elements[/]. At the request of Requesting Carrier, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier access to the following Network Elements on an unbundled basis:

9.2.1 Unbundled Local Loops, as more fully described on **Schedule 9.2.1**; and

9.2.2 Interoffice Transmission Facilities, as more fully described on **Schedule 9.2.2**.

9.3 Requesting Carrier's Combination of Network Elements.

9.3.1 Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier access to Network Elements via Collocation or any technically feasible method pursuant to 2.2 in a manner that shall allow Requesting Carrier to combine such Network Elements to provide a Telecommunications Service. Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier with access to all features and capabilities of each individual Network Element that Requesting Carrier combines in the same manner and subject to the same technical and interface requirements that Ameritech provides when such Network Elements are provided to Requesting Carrier on an individual basis.

9.3.2 Requesting Carrier, and not Ameritech, is responsible for performing the functions necessary to combine the unbundled Network Elements it requests from Ameritech. Requesting Carrier shall not combine unbundled Network Elements in a manner that will impair the ability of other Telecommunications Carriers to obtain access to unbundled Network Elements or to Interconnect with Ameritech's network.

9.4 Nondiscriminatory Access to and Provision of Network Elements.

/ The Parties acknowledge that on January 25, 1999, the United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in *AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Utilities Bd.*, 119 S. Ct. 721 (1999) and on June 1, 1999 issued its opinion in *Ameritech v. FCC*, No. 98-1381,1999 WL 116994, 1999 Lexis 3671 (1999).). In addition, the Parties acknowledge that on November 5, 1999, the FCC issued its Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-96 (FCC 99-238), including the FCC's Supplemental Order issued *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-370) (rel. November 24, 1999), portions of which become effective thirty (30) days following publication of such Order in the Federal Register (February 17, 2000) and other portions of which become effective 120 days following publication of such Order in the Federal Register (May 17, 2000). If this Agreement is inconsistent with any order rendered by the FCC, state regulatory agency, or a court of competent jurisdiction, either Party may, to the extent permitted by the terms of this Agreement and applicable law, by providing written notice to the other Party, require that any affected provision of this Agreement be deleted or renegotiated as applicable, in good faith and Agreement be amended accordingly.

9.4.1 The quality of an unbundled Network Element as well as the quality of the access to such unbundled Network Element that Ameritech provides to Requesting Carrier shall be the same for all Telecommunications Carriers requesting access to such Network Element.

9.4.2 The quality of a Network Element, as well as the quality of the access to such Network Element, that Ameritech provides to Requesting Carrier hereunder shall be equal in quality to that which Ameritech provides to itself, its subsidiaries, Affiliates and any other person, unless Ameritech proves to the Commission that it is not technically feasible to provide the Network Element requested by Requesting Carrier, or access to such Network Element, at a level of quality that is equal to that which Ameritech provides to itself.

9.4.3 Consistent with Requesting Carrier's forecasted volumes and subject to the terms and conditions of **Section 19.5**, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier access to Network Elements and Operations Support Systems functions, including the time within which Ameritech provisions such access to Network Elements, on terms and conditions no less favorable than the terms and conditions under which Ameritech provides such elements to itself, its subsidiaries, Affiliates and any other person, except as may be provided by the Commission.

9.5 Provisioning of Network Elements.

9.5.1 Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier, and Requesting Carrier shall access, unbundled Network Elements as set forth on **Schedule 9.5**.

9.5.2 Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier access to, and Requesting Carrier shall use, all available functionalities of Ameritech's pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair and billing functions of the Operations Support Systems functions that relate to the Network Elements that Requesting Carrier purchases hereunder.

9.5.3 Prior to submitting an order for access to a Network Element which replaces, in whole or in part, a service offered by Ameritech or any other telecommunications provider for which Ameritech changes a primary Local Exchange Carrier (**"PLEC"**), Requesting Carrier shall comply with the requirements of **Section 10.11.1**.

9.5.4 If any dispute should occur concerning the selection of a PLEC by a Customer of a Party that is served by an unbundled Network Element, the Parties shall follow the procedures described on **Schedule 10.11.2**.

9.5.5 When Ameritech receives an order for access to an unbundled Network Element or Elements (including conversion of certain special access circuits) from Requesting Carrier for the provision of local exchange Telecommunications Services for Requesting Carrier's Customer, and that Customer is currently provided local exchange Telecommunications Services by another carrier ("**Carrier of Record**") Ameritech shall notify such Carrier of Record of such order in the same manner as described in **Section 10.11.1**. It shall then be the responsibility of the Carrier of Record and Requesting Carrier to

resolve any issues related to that Customer. Requesting Carrier agrees to indemnify and hold Ameritech harmless against any and all losses that may result from Ameritech acting under this **Section 9.5.5**.

9.6 Availability of Additional Network Elements. Any request by Requesting Carrier for access to a Network Element that is not otherwise provided by the terms of this Agreement at the time of such request shall be made pursuant to a Bona Fide Request and shall be subject to the payment by Requesting Carrier of all applicable costs in accordance with Section 252(d)(1) of the Act to process such request and to develop, install and provide access to such Network Element.

9.6.1 OSS Discounts. Ameritech will, subject to Requesting Carrier's qualifications and compliance with the provisions of Paragraph 18 of the FCC Conditions, provide Requesting Carrier access to unbundled local loops used to provide Advanced Services (as that term is defined in Paragraph 2 of the FCC Conditions) at the rates and on the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraph 18 of the FCC Conditions for the period specified therein, the rates, terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by this reference. If Requesting Carrier does not qualify for the OSS discounts set forth in Paragraph 18 of the FCC Conditions, Ameritech's provision and Requesting Carrier's payment for unbundled Local Loops shall continue to be governed by **Article 9.0**.

9.6.2 Promotional Discounts on Unbundled Local Loops Used for Residential Services. Ameritech will, subject to Requesting Carrier's qualifications and compliance with the provisions of Paragraphs 45 and 46 of the FCC Conditions, provide Requesting Carrier access to unbundled 2-Wire Analog Voice Grade Loop(s) and/or 2-Wire ISDN 160 Kbps Digital Loop(s) described in **Section 9.1** used by Requesting Carrier to provision local services to residential customers only at the rates and on the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 45 and 46 of the FCC Conditions for the period specified therein, the rates, terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by this reference. If Requesting Carrier does not qualify for the promotional Unbundled Local Loop discounts set forth in Paragraphs 45 and 46 of the FCC Conditions, Ameritech's provision and Requesting Carrier's payment for Unbundled Local Loops shall continue to be governed by **Article 9.0**.

9.6.3 Uniform Interim Rates for Conditioning xDSL Loops. Ameritech will provide Requesting Carrier conditioning of xDSL Loop(s) at the uniform interim rates and on the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraph 21 of the FCC Conditions for the period specified therein, the rates, terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by this reference. The uniform interim rates offered by Ameritech are set forth in **Item V** to the Pricing Schedule of the Agreement. The application of the rates and terms and conditions for conditioning xDSL Loop(s) set forth in Paragraph 21 of the FCC Conditions will be modified according to the outcome of the pending Special Construction Proceeding, before the Illinois Commerce Commission.

9.7 Pricing of Unbundled Network Elements. Ameritech shall charge Requesting Carrier the non-recurring and monthly recurring rates for unbundled Network Elements (including the monthly recurring rates for these specific Network Elements, service coordination fee, and Cross-Connect charges) as specified at Item V of the Pricing Schedule. If Requesting Carrier requests and Ameritech agrees to provide services in excess of or not otherwise contemplated by this Agreement, Requesting Carrier shall pay Ameritech for any additional charges to perform such services.

9.8 Billing. Ameritech shall bill Requesting Carrier for access to unbundled Network Elements pursuant to the requirements of **Article XXVI** to this Agreement.

9.9 Maintenance of Unbundled Network Elements.

9.9.1 Ameritech shall perform maintenance of Loops as set forth in **Schedule 10.13**.

9.9.2 If (i) Requesting Carrier reports to Ameritech a suspected failure of a Network Element, (ii) Ameritech dispatches a technician, and (iii) such trouble was not caused by Ameritech's facilities or equipment, then Requesting Carrier shall pay Ameritech a trip charge and time charges as set forth at Item V of the Pricing Schedule.

9.9.3 Requesting Carrier and its Customer shall provide employees and agents of Ameritech access to Ameritech facilities, at all reasonable times, for the purpose of installing, rearranging, repairing, maintaining, inspecting, auditing, disconnecting, removing or otherwise servicing such facilities.

ARTICLE X
RESALE AT WHOLESALE RATES--SECTION 251(c)(4)

10.1 Operations Support Systems Functions. Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier nondiscriminatory access to, and Requesting Carrier shall use, all available Operations Support Systems functions for the pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance, repair and billing of Resale Services.

10.2 Operations Support Systems Functions — Provisioning.

(a) Provisioning EI for Pre-Ordering, Ordering and Provisioning. Ameritech shall provide access to, and Requesting Carrier shall use, the electronic interface described in Ameritech's then-current Electronic Service Ordering Guide (the "**Provisioning EI**") for the transfer and receipt of data necessary to perform each of the pre-ordering, ordering and provisioning functions associated with Requesting Carrier's order of Resale Services. The Provisioning EI will be administered through a gateway that will serve as a single point of contact for the transmission of such data and will provide the functionality described in **Schedule 10.13.2**.

(b) Non-Electronic Orders. Prior to 2/28/00, Requesting Carrier shall establish the Provisioning EI so that it may submit all orders for Resale Services to Ameritech through such Provisioning EI. Ameritech shall have no obligation to accept or provision any Requesting Carrier Service Order that is not submitted through the Provisioning EI (a **"Non-Electronic Order"**) except if Requesting Carrier is unable to submit a Service Order through the Provisioning EI and such inability is caused (i) by Ameritech's equipment and facilities (e.g., a functional limitation or malfunction) or (ii) by the temporary interruption or malfunction of Requesting Carrier systems or interfaces that precludes Requesting Carrier from using the

Provisioning EI. If Requesting Carrier submits a Non-Electronic Order for the reasons set forth in clause (ii) above, the Parties agree that each Non-Electronic Order shall be (1) subject to additional non-recurring charges, as set forth in the Pricing Schedule, that compensate Ameritech for its costs in accordance with Section 252(d) of the Act to receive, process, provision and perform maintenance and repair for such Non-Electronic Orders, (2) processed and provisioned on a first-in, first-out basis with respect to all Non-Electronic Orders received by Ameritech and (3) subject to a limit of twenty (20) orders per day (Region-Wide and in the aggregate for all Non-Electronic Orders submitted hereunder, whether for Resale Services, access to unbundled Network Elements or LNP or any combination thereof). If Requesting Carrier intends to submit a Non-Electronic Order for the reasons set forth in **clause (ii)** above, Requesting Carrier shall provide written (via facsimile) and telephonic notice to its Ameritech account and service managers as soon as possible but prior to submitting such orders and shall provide in its notice (x) the reason Requesting Carrier is submitting such Non-Electronic Orders in lieu of using the Provisioning EI, (y) the time period for which Requesting Carrier will submit Non-Electronic Orders and (z) a good faith estimate of the number of Non-Electronic Orders to be submitted during such time period. Requesting Carrier agrees to use its best efforts to resume submitting Service Orders via the Provisioning EI as soon as possible but in any event within ten (10) Business Days after receipt by Ameritech of Requesting Carrier's written notice as described above. Ameritech shall have no obligation to accept or process Non-Electronic Orders after such ten (10) Business Day period.

(c) Pre-Ordering Functions. Requesting Carrier shall also use the Provisioning EI to access all of the other Operations Support Systems functions that are available through such Provisioning EI and which are described on **Schedule 10.13.2** and/or made available to Requesting Carrier after the Effective Date.

(d) Service Ordering and Provisioning. Service Orders will be placed by Requesting Carrier and provisioned by Ameritech in accordance with the procedures described in **Section 10.7**.

(e) Status Reports. After receipt and acceptance of a Service Order, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier with service status notices on an exception basis.

(f) Non-Interruption of Service. Except as specifically provided in this Agreement or pursuant to an order of a court or commission of competent jurisdiction, Ameritech may not initiate any disconnect, suspension or termination of a Requesting Carrier Customer's Resale Service, unless directed to do so by Requesting Carrier by transmission of a Service Order or Ameritech's receipt of proper authorization to change such Customer's PLEC to a carrier other than Requesting Carrier.

10.3 Operations Support Systems Functions — Maintenance.

(a) Electronic Interface for Maintenance and Repair. Ameritech will provide access to, and Requesting Carrier shall use, an electronic interface (the **"Maintenance EI"**) for the transfer and receipt of data necessary to perform the maintenance and repair functions (e.g., trouble receipt and trouble status). This interface will be administered through a gateway that will serve as a single point of contact for the transmission of such data.

(b) Maintenance. Maintenance will be provided by Ameritech as set forth in the Implementation Plan and in accordance with the requirements set forth in **Sections 10.7** and **Schedule 10.13**.

(c) Pre-Screening. Prior to referring troubles to Ameritech, Requesting Carrier shall complete the same prescreening guidelines with its Customers that Ameritech utilizes with its Customers; copies of which shall be provided by Ameritech to Requesting Carrier upon Requesting Carrier's request.

ARTICLE XI
NOTICE OF CHANGES -- SECTION 251(c)(5)

If a Party makes (i) a change in its network that will materially affect the interoperability of its network with the other Party or (ii) changes Operations Support Systems functions that affect the operations of the other Party, the Party making the change shall provide reasonable advance written notice of such change to the other Party, and if applicable, within such time period as determined by the FCC or the Commission and their respective rules and regulations.

ARTICLE XII
COLLOCATION -- SECTION 251(c)(6)

12.1 Access to Collocation.

12.1.1 General. Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier Physical Collocation on Ameritech's Premises of equipment necessary for Interconnection (pursuant to **Article III**) or for access to unbundled Network Elements (pursuant to **Article IX**), except that Ameritech will provide for Virtual Collocation of such equipment if Ameritech demonstrates to the Commission that Physical Collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations, as provided in Section 251(c)(6) of the Act. Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier Collocation only for the purpose of Interconnection or access to Ameritech's unbundled Network Elements and for no other purpose other than as specifically provided by the Act, the Commission or the FCC.

12.1.2 Non Discriminatory Basis. Collocation shall be made available to Requesting Carrier by Ameritech on a nondiscriminatory basis to the priorities that Ameritech provides to itself, its subsidiaries, Affiliates or other persons. The quality of design, performance, features, functions and other

characteristics of Collocation made available to Requesting Carrier under this Agreement shall be provided on a nondiscriminatory basis to that which Ameritech provides in its network to itself, its subsidiaries, its Affiliates or other persons.

12.1.3 Since the Parties have failed to agree on certain of the terms and conditions applicable to Collocation, including but not limited to terms and conditions regarding cageless physical collocation, shared caged collocation, and the equipment that may be collocated pursuant to Section 12.4. Subject to the outcome of any appeal, including but not limited to any stay that may be obtained pending appeal, the Parties agree to modify this Agreement pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Collocation Proceeding being conducted by the Illinois Commerce Commission, ICC Docket 99-0511 or any other relevant state proceeding. If such modifications to the Agreement are not renegotiated within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the ruling in such proceeding, a Party may consider such failure to renegotiate a "Dispute" under **Section 27.4** of this Agreement.

12.2 Standard Collocation Offerings. Subject to **Section 12.1** and Requesting Carrier's compliance with applicable Collocation request, ordering and payment provisions of this Agreement, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier access to the Standard Collocation Offerings described in this **Section 12.2**. Any request by Requesting Carrier for Ameritech to provide a Collocation method (or increment of space) not described in this **Section 12.2** shall be made pursuant to **Section 12.3**.

12.2.1 Ameritech Physical Collocation Service. Upon request, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier Ameritech Physical Collocation Service (**"APCS"**) in any Unused Space. Caged APCS is available in increments of fifty (50) or one hundred (100) square feet. Requesting Carrier may install a transmission node enclosure itself or may request that Ameritech provide such enclosure. Ameritech agrees to provide collocation space in increments of 36 inches by 36 inches ("36x36 footprint") for Requesting Carrier to use as cageless collocation space.

12.2.2 Virtual Collocation. Upon request, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier Virtual Collocation in any Unused Space. If Requesting Carrier wishes to Virtually Collocate a bay other than a Standard Bay, it must request such Virtual Collocation via an NSCR. Requesting Carrier shall not have physical access to its Virtually Collocated equipment but may, at its expense, electronically monitor and control its Virtually Collocated equipment. Ameritech shall, subject to Requesting Carrier's payment of the applicable rates, fees and charges, be responsible for installing, maintaining and repairing Requesting Carrier's equipment. Requesting Carrier cannot convert its Virtually Collocated equipment "in-place" to a method of Physical Collocation available hereunder (e.g., no "in-place" conversion of Virtual Collocation to Cageless Physical Collocation). In addition to the rates set forth in Item VII of the Pricing Schedule, if Ameritech must locate Requesting Carrier's Virtual Collocation bays in its switch line-up, Requesting Carrier shall also be responsible for any extraordinary costs necessary to condition such space.

12.3 Non-Standard Collocation Requests.

12.3.1 Non-Standard Collocation Request. Subject to **Sections 12.3.1** and **12.3.2** Requesting Carrier may request Ameritech to provide a Collocation method (or an increment of space) not

described in **Section 12.2** by submitting to Ameritech a Non-Standard Collocation Request in the form set forth on **Schedule 12.3** (an **"NSCR"**). Collocation requested via an NSCR shall (i) be subject to the payment by Requesting Carrier of all applicable costs in accordance with Section 252(d)(1) of the Act to process such request and to develop, provision and bill such Collocation method, (ii) be excluded from any standard provisioning intervals or performance credits contained in this Agreement and (iii) require the Parties to include in an amendment to this Agreement any rates, terms and conditions applicable to such NSCR within thirty (30) days after Requesting Carrier confirms its order pursuant to the NSCR.

12.3.2 Adjacent Collocation. If and only if there is no Unused Space for Physical Collocation, Requesting Carrier may submit to Ameritech an NSCR that requests Ameritech to provide Requesting Carrier Adjacent Collocation to the extent technically feasible. As used in this Agreement, **"Adjacent Collocation"** shall mean Collocation on Ameritech's property in adjacent controlled environmental vaults or similar structures (collectively, an **"Adjacent Structure"**). Ameritech shall only be required to provide Adjacent Collocation if technically feasible, and subject to reasonable safety and maintenance requirements, zoning and other state and local regulations. Ameritech shall provide power and Physical Collocation services and facilities in and to Adjacent Structures subject to the same nondiscrimination requirements as traditional Collocation arrangements. Requesting Carrier shall be responsible for securing all required licenses and permits, the required site preparations and shall further retain responsibility for securing and/or constructing the Adjacent Structure and any building and site maintenance associated with the placement of such Adjacent Structure. Subject to zoning and safety requirements, and provided Ameritech owns or controls the property in question, Ameritech reserves the right to assign the location of the Adjacent Structure. Ameritech shall have no obligation to consider or process an NSCR for Adjacent Collocation until Requesting Carrier has secured and provided Ameritech evidence of final approval for the requested Adjacent Structure (and any transmission and power connections) from (i) any applicable local governmental or other authority having jurisdiction to approve or grant zoning compliance or waivers and (ii) if the land on which Requesting Carrier seeks to locate such Adjacent Structure is not owned by Ameritech, such owner or landlord. Requesting Carrier shall not place any signage or marking of any kind on a Adjacent Structure or on the Ameritech grounds surrounding the Adjacent Structure. If space becomes available in Ameritech's Premises, and Requesting Carrier elects to order Collocation in such Premises in lieu of its Adjacent Collocation, then Requesting Carrier shall remove its Adjacent Structure at its expense no later than sixty (60) days after Requesting Carrier's "replacement" Collocation within Ameritech's Premises becomes operational.

12.3.3 ILEC Collocation. Requesting Carrier may also request via an NSCR that Ameritech offer Requesting Carrier a collocation arrangement not offered in this **Article XII** but that has been made available by another incumbent LEC (**"ILEC Collocation"**). A request for ILEC Collocation is available subject to space and technical limitations.

12.4 Eligible Equipment for Collocation.

Types of Equipment: In accordance with Section 251(c)(6) of the Telecommunications Act, Requesting Carrier may collocate equipment "necessary for interconnection or access to unbundled network

elements." For purposes of this section, "necessary" means directly related to and thus necessary, required, or indispensable to interconnection or access to unbundled network elements. Such uses are limited to interconnection to Ameritech's network "for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange access," or for access to unbundled network elements "for the provision of a telecommunications service." Equipment that may be collocated solely for these purposes includes: (1) transmission equipment including, but not limited to, optical terminating equipment and multiplexerrs; and (2) equipment being collocated to terminate basic transmission facilities pursuant to sections 64.1401 and 64.1402 of 47 C.F.R. (Expanded Interconnection) as of August 1, 1996.

In addition, Ameritech permits Requesting Carrier collocation of Multifunctional Equipment included in the definition of "Advanced Services Equipment" in section 1.3.d of the SBC/Ameritech Merger Conditions. Under the SBC/Ameritech Merger Condition, "Advanced Services Equipment" is defined as follows: "(1) DSLAMs or functionally equivalent equipment; (2) spectrum splitters that are used solely in the provision of Advanced Services; (3) packet switches and multiplexers such as ATMs and Frame Relay engines used to provide Advanced Services; (4) modems used in the provision of packetized data; and (5) DACS frames used inly in the provision of Advanced Services Spectrum Splitters (or the equivalent functionality) used to separate the voice grade channell from the Advanced Services channel shall not be considered Advanced Services Equipment; any such splitters installed after the Merger Closing Date that are located at the customer premises shall be considered network terminating equipment." In order to qualify for collocation based on falling within the definition, the equipment in question must either (A) be solely of the types, and exclusively for the uses, included in this definition or (B) be of such types, and for such uses, combined solely with additional functions that are "necessary for interconnection or access to unbundled network elements." For instance, additional switching use, except as included in the next paragraph, or enhanced services functionality would disqualify the equipment from collocation under this definition.

Ameritech does not allow collocation of other Multifunctional Equipment, except that Ameritech allows collocation of remote switch modules ("RSMs") solely under the following conditions: (1) RSM may not be used as a stand-alone switch; it must report back to and be controlled by a Requesting Carrier identified and controlled (i.e., Requesting Carrier owned or leased) host switch, and direct trunking to the RSM will not be permitted, and (2) the RSM equipment must be used only for the purpose of interconnection Ameritech's network for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service or exchange access or for access to Ameritech's unbundled network elements for the provision of a telecommunications service. Ameritech will allow Requesting Carrier to collocate, on a non-discriminatory basis, other multi-functional equipment only if Ameritech and Requesting Carrier mutually agree to such collocation.

For purposes of this section, "Multifunctional Equipment" means equipment that has (1) functions that make the equipment "necessary for interconnection or access to unbundled network elements" and (2) additional functions that are not "necessary" for these purposes. Such additional functions include, but are not limited to, switching and enhanced service functions.

Ameritech will not allow collocation of stand-alone switching equipment. For purposes of this section, "stand-alone switching equipment" includes, but is not limited to, the following examples: (1)

equipment with switching capabilities included in 47 C.F.R. section 51.319(c); (2) equipment that is used to obtain circuit switching capabilities, without reliance upon host switch, regardless of other functionality that also may be combined in the equipment; (3) equipment that is used solely, fundamentally, or predominately for switching and does not meet any of the above-described categories of equipment that Ameritech allows, including qualifications stated for such categories; (4) functionality of a class 4 or 5 switch, with the following nonexlusive examples: Lucent Pathstar 5E, 4E, or 1A switch; DMS 10, 100, 200, or 250 switch; Ericsson AXE-10 switch; Seimens EWSD; including any such switch combined with other functionality. Ameritech will not allow collocation of any enhanced services equipment.

Ancillary equipment is not "necessary" for interconnection or access to UNEs. Ameritech allows Requesting Carrier to place in its premises certain ancillary equipment solely to support and be used with equipment that the Requesting Carrier has legitimately collocated in the same premises. Solely for this purpose, cross-connect and other simple frames, routers, portable test equipment, equipment racks and bays, cabinets for spares, and potential other ancillary equipment may be placed in Ameritech's premises, on a non-discriminatory basis, only if Ameritech and Requesting Carrier mutually agree to such placement. Requesting Carrier may not place in Ameritech premises ancillary equipment that would duplicate equipment used by Ameritech, and/or functions performed by Ameritech, as part of its provision of infrastructure systems for collocation. Infrastructure systems include, but are not limited to, structural components, such as floors capable of supporting equipment loads, heating, ventilating and air conditioning ("HVAC") systems, electrical systems (AC power), high efficiency filtration, humidity controls, remote alarms, compartmentation, and smoke purge.

Pending the FCC's reasonably timely remand proceedings in accordance with the Court's Opinion in GTE Service Corporation v. FCC, 205 F.3d 416 (D.C. Cir. 2000) ("GTE Opinion"), Ameritech will not disturb (1) equipment and (2) connection arrangements between different collocators' equipment in an Ameritech premises, that prior to the May 11, 2000 effective date of the GTE Opinion (1) were in place in Ameritech or (2) were requested by Requesting Carrier and accepted by Ameritech on the same basis as under the FCC's original, pre-vacated Collocation Order (Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability, CC Docket No. 98-147, First Report and Order (FCC 99-48), 14 FCC Rcd 4761 (1999). Ameritech reserves the right to assert that it may alter or terminate these collocation arrangements immediately of a federal or state court or regulatory agency (1) attempts to apply any of the most favored nation provisions of the Act, of any state Merger Conditions, or of the FCC SBC/Ameritech Merger Conditions to such arrangements or (2) deems such arrangements to be discriminatory vis-a-vis other carriers.

12.4.1 Safety Standards. (a) All equipment to be Collocated in Ameritech's Premises must comply, as of the date such equipment is installed in Ameritech's Premises, with then current (i) Bellcore Network Equipment and Building Specifications ("NEBS") Level 1 requirements, (ii) NEBS EMI emissions requirements, as stated in GR-1089-CORE, Criteria [10], (iii) NEBS Corrosion requirements, as stated in GR-1089-CORE, Criteria [72, 73], if such equipment has an electrical connection to outside plant and (iv) safety requirements as Ameritech may reasonably deem applicable to protect Ameritech's Premises and equipment and Other Collocator's equipment; provided such safety requirements are applied on a nondiscriminatory basis (items (i) - (iv) above collectively referred to as the **"Safety Standards"**).

(b) If Ameritech denies Collocation of Requesting Carrier's equipment in an Ameritech Premises, citing Safety Standards, Ameritech will provide within five (5) Business Days of Requesting Carrier's written request to the Ameritech representative(s), identified on TCNet, a list of all Ameritech network equipment that Ameritech has placed within the network areas of such Premises within the twelve (12) month period preceding the date of Ameritech's denial of Requesting Carrier's equipment, together with an affidavit attesting that the Ameritech network equipment on such list meets or exceeds the Safety Standard(s) that Ameritech contends Requesting Carrier's equipment fails to meet.

(c) If Requesting Carrier fails to provide Ameritech accurate and complete NEBS data sheets and other applicable or relevant information prior to the Occupancy Date to confirm that its equipment complies with the Safety Standards, Requesting Carrier shall not be permitted to install such equipment in Ameritech's Premises.

12.4.2 Equipment Compliance. (a) Except as provided in **Section 12.4.3(b)** below, prior to placing its Collocation equipment in its Collocation space, Requesting Carrier shall submit to Ameritech a list and description of the equipment Requesting Carrier wishes to place in its Collocation space so that Ameritech can confirm that such equipment complies with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this **Section 12.4**. Requesting Carrier shall provide, at a minimum, the following information with respect to each piece of equipment it intends to Collocate in Ameritech's Premises:

(1) Name of Hardware and Software Manufacturer;
(2) Model and Release Number; and
(3) Third-party certification by an independent qualified testing facility and any necessary documentation that evidences compliance with the standards set forth in **Section 12.4.2**.

Ameritech will review and confirm or deny Requesting Carrier's list and description of equipment within ten (10) Business Days after Ameritech receives an accurate and complete list (i.e., all information is completed and any necessary documentation is attached). Requesting Carrier shall not place its Collocation equipment in its Collocation space until Requesting Carrier receives Ameritech's written confirmation that such equipment complies with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Section 12.4.

(b) Ameritech may, at its discretion, maintain on its Collocation webpage a list of equipment that complies with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Section 12.4. If Ameritech does maintain such a webpage of approved equipment, Requesting Carrier need not obtain prior approval from Ameritech for a piece of equipment if such equipment (including model and release number(s)) is described as "approved" on such webpage. Instead, at the final walkthrough, Requesting Carrier shall provide Ameritech written certification that any equipment to be placed in its Collocation space for which pre-certification was not received pursuant to Section 12.4.3(a) is listed as "approved" equipment on the then-current Collocation webpage.

12.4.3 Disputes on Eligible Equipment. If Ameritech denies Requesting Carrier the ability to Collocate equipment on the grounds that such equipment does not comply with the requirements of this **Section 12.4**, such denial shall be deemed a Dispute and shall be subject to the provisions of **Section 27.4**.

12.5 Transport Facility Options. For both Physical Collocation and Virtual Collocation, Requesting Carrier may either purchase unbundled transport facilities (and any necessary Cross-Connection) from Ameritech or provide its own or third-party leased transport facilities and terminate those transport facilities in its equipment located in its Collocation space at Ameritech's Premises.

12.6 Interconnection with other Collocated Carriers. Upon placement of a service order, Ameritech shall permit Requesting Carrier to Interconnect its network with that of another Collocating Telecommunications Carrier at Ameritech's Premises by connecting its Collocated equipment to the Collocated equipment of the other Telecommunications Carrier ("**Carrier Cross-Connect Service for Interconnection**" or "**CCCSI**") only if Requesting Carrier and the other collocating Telecommunications Carrier's Collocated equipment are used for Interconnection with Ameritech or to access Ameritech's unbundled Network Elements. Requesting Carrier may construct its own CCCSI (using copper cable or optical fiber equipment) between the two carriers' Collocated equipment. Such CCCSI (i) must, at a minimum, comply in all respects with Ameritech's technical and engineering requirements and (ii) shall require Requesting Carrier to lease Ameritech cable rack and/or riser space to carry the connecting transport facility. The rates for leasing of cable rack and riser space are set forth at Item VII of the Pricing Schedule. If Requesting Carrier Interconnects its network with another Collocating Telecommunications Carrier pursuant to this **Section 12.6**, Requesting Carrier shall, in addition to its indemnity obligations set forth in **Article XXIV** and **Section 12.10.7**, indemnify Ameritech for any Loss arising from Requesting Carrier's installation, use, maintenance or removal of such connection with the other Collocating Telecommunications Carrier, to the extent caused by the actions or inactions of Requesting Carrier or its agents, including the other Collocating carrier.

12.7 Interconnection Points and Cables.

Ameritech shall:

12.7.1 provide Requesting Carrier an Interconnection point or points physically accessible by both Ameritech and Requesting Carrier, at which the fiber optic cable carrying Requesting Carrier's circuits can enter Ameritech's Premises; provided that Ameritech shall designate Interconnection Points as close as reasonably possible to Ameritech's Premises;

12.7.2 provide at least two (2) such Interconnection points at Ameritech's Premises at which there are at least two (2) entry points for Requesting Carrier's cable facilities, and at which space is available for new facilities in at least two (2) of those entry points; and

12.7.3 permit Requesting Carrier Interconnection of copper or coaxial cable if such Interconnection is first approved by the Commission.

12.8 Space Exhaustion.

12.8.1 Ameritech shall post on a publicly available Internet site, a document (the **"Exhaustion Report"**) that identifies each Ameritech Premises for which Physical Collocation is unavailable because of space limitations. Ameritech will update the Exhaustion Report to add additional Premises that run out of Physical Collocation space and to remove Premises in which Physical Collocation becomes available within ten (10) Business Days of the date on which space becomes exhausted or available, as applicable, at such Premises. Ameritech will recover from Requesting Carrier its costs to provide the Exhaustion Report in the manner determined by the Commission.

12.8.2 (a) Upon Requesting Carrier's order, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier a report (the **"Premises Report"**) that includes for a specific Premises:

(1) the amount of Physical Collocation Space available in that Premises;
(2) the number of Telecommunications Carriers Physically Collocated in that Premises at the time of such request;
(3) any modifications in the use of space in that Premises since Ameritech last provided a report on such Premises; and
(4) any measures Ameritech is taking to make additional space available in that Premises for Physical Collocation.

Premises Reports shall be ordered by noting so in the Remarks section of the Collocation order form and shall specifically identify the CLLI code of each Premises for which a report is ordered. A Premises Report shall be deemed Proprietary Information of Ameritech and subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of **Article XX**.

(b) The intervals for delivering a Premises Report are as follows:

Number of Premises Reports Requested within a Five (5) Business Day Period	Premises Report Delivery Interval
1-5	Ten (10) Business Days
6-20	Twenty-Five (25) Business Days

If Requesting Carrier requests twenty-one (21) or more Premises Reports within a five (5) Business Day period, the Premises Report Delivery Interval will be increased by five (5) Business Days for every five (5) additional Premises Report requests or fraction thereof.

(c) Requesting Carrier shall compensate Ameritech on a time and materials basis for each Premises Report ordered, such charges to be determined in accordance with Section 252(d) of the Act (including any applicable contribution).

12.8.3 If Ameritech denies a request for Physical Collocation because of space limitations in a given Premises, Requesting Carrier may request that Ameritech provide a tour (without charge) of such

Premises within ten (10) Business Days (or such later date as mutually agreed) of Requesting Carrier's written request for such tour, delivered to the Ameritech representative(s) identified on TCNet; provided, however, that Ameritech shall not be required to provide a tour of any Premises that is listed in the Exhaustion Report if the Commission or an independent third party auditor has confirmed that Physical Collocation space is unavailable in such Premises because of space limitations or is otherwise not practicable. Each request for a Premises tour must include (i) the Premises where Physical Collocation was denied, (ii) the date of such denial and (iii) the applicable Ameritech order numbers. Requesting Carrier shall be permitted to tour the entire Premises, not just the room in which space was denied and may bring not more than two (2) representatives on the tour. Prior to taking a tour, each representative must execute and deliver to Ameritech Ameritech's standard nondisclosure agreement. In no event shall any camera or other video/audio recording device be brought on or utilized during any tour of an Ameritech Premises.

12.8.4 At the request of the Commission or Requesting Carrier, Ameritech shall remove any obsolete and unused equipment (e.g., "retired in-place") from its Premises. Ameritech shall be permitted to recover the cost of removal and/or relocation of such equipment if Ameritech incurs expenses that would not otherwise have been incurred (at the time of the request or subsequent thereto) except to increase the amount of space available for collocation (e.g., costs to expedite removal of equipment or store equipment for reuse).

12.8.5 If Ameritech denies Requesting Carrier's Physical Collocation request because of space limitations and, after touring the applicable Premises, the Parties are unable to resolve the issue of whether the denial of space was proper, Ameritech shall, in connection with any complaint filed by Requesting Carrier, file with the Commission detailed floor plans or diagrams of such Premises, subject to protective order.

12.9 Allocation of Collocation Space.

12.9.1 After Requesting Carrier is occupying Physical Collocation space in a given Premises, Requesting Carrier may reserve additional Physical Collocation space for its future use in that Ameritech Premises in accordance with the provisions of **Schedule 12.9.1**. Ameritech shall notify Requesting Carrier in writing if another Telecommunications Carrier requests Collocation space that is reserved by Requesting Carrier. Requesting Carrier shall within five (5) Business Days of receipt of such notice provide Ameritech either (i) written notice that Requesting Carrier relinquishes such space or (ii) enforce its reservation of space in accordance with the provisions of **Schedule 12.9.1**. Failure of Requesting Carrier to respond to Ameritech within the foregoing five (5) Business Day period shall be deemed an election by Requesting Carrier to relinquish such space. As used in this **Article XII**, **"space"** shall refer to, as applicable, floor space or bays.

12.9.2 Ameritech shall not be required to lease or construct additional space in its Premises to provide Requesting Carrier Physical Collocation when existing space in such Premises has been exhausted.

12.9.3 Requesting Carrier will provide Ameritech with a two (2)-year rolling forecast of its requirements for Collocation that will be reviewed jointly on a yearly basis by the Parties, in accordance

with the planning processes described on **Schedule 12.9.3**. Ameritech will attempt to deliver Collocation pursuant to Requesting Carrier's forecasts to the extent that Collocation space is then available.

12.10 Security Arrangements.

12.10.1 General Security Arrangements. The following security arrangements shall apply to Requesting Carrier's access to and use of Ameritech's Premises for Collocation. Each of the below security arrangements are intended to protect Ameritech's network and equipment from harm, and to ensure network security and reliability. Ameritech shall not impose security requirements that result in increased Collocation costs unless such security requirements have concomitant benefits of providing necessary protection of Ameritech's equipment. If, at any time after the Effective Date, Ameritech imposes more stringent security arrangements upon its employees or its authorized vendors, Ameritech shall provide written notice to Requesting Carrier of such new security arrangements and the Parties shall execute an amendment to this Agreement to incorporate such new security arrangements, with such amendment to be effective no later than thirty (30) days after Requesting Carrier's receipt of such written notice.

12.10.2 Access to Physical Collocation. (a) Requesting Carrier shall have 24 x 7 access to its Physical Collocation (APCS) as specifically described in this **Article XII**. Subject to the last sentence of **subsection (b)** below, once Ameritech has implemented in an Ameritech Premises the security arrangements described in this **Article XII**, Requesting Carrier may access such Premises without an escort. However, prior to the date on which security arrangements have been implemented in specific Premises, security escorts shall be required, at no cost to Requesting Carrier. Requesting Carrier shall provide Ameritech with telephonic notice at the time of dispatch of Requesting Carrier's employees to an Ameritech Premises and, if possible, no less than sixty (60) minutes notice prior to arrival at such Premises.

(b) Requesting Carrier shall receive 24 x 7 access to Ameritech's Premises only after the Delivery Date of its Physical Collocation arrangement. Prior to that date, Requesting Carrier may only access Ameritech Premises for the purposes set forth in this **Article XII** (e.g., initial walk-through and acceptance walk-through) and only with an Ameritech representative. Prior to the date Requesting Carrier is provided access to its Physical Collocation, any Requesting Carrier employee seeking to access an Ameritech Premises must obtain a photo I.D. and, once access is provided, wear such photo I.D. while in the Ameritech Premises. Until a photo I.D. is issued, Requesting Carrier's employees shall require a security escort in Ameritech's Premises, at no cost to Requesting Carrier.

(c) Ameritech (and its agents, employees, and other Ameritech-authorized persons) shall have the right to enter Requesting Carrier's Physical Collocation at any reasonable time on three (3) days advance notice of the time and purpose of the entry to examine its condition, make repairs required to be made by Ameritech, and for any other purpose deemed reasonable by Ameritech. Ameritech may also access Requesting Carrier's Physical Collocation for purpose of averting any threat of harm imposed by Requesting Carrier or its equipment or facilities upon the operation of Ameritech equipment, facilities and/or personnel located outside of Requesting Carrier's Physical Collocation. Ameritech will notify Requesting Carrier by telephone of any emergency entry and will leave written notice of such entry in the Physical Collocation. If routine inspections are required, they shall be conducted at a mutually agreeable time.

12.10.3 Physical Security Arrangements. Ameritech may, at its sole discretion, adopt reasonable security arrangements to protect its equipment, including separating its equipment with a partition, installing security cameras or other monitoring devices, badges with computerized tracking systems, photo I.D., electronic or keyed access and/or logs. If any of the security arrangements adopted by Ameritech require the participation of Requesting Carrier's employees (e.g., electronic access cards, or badges or photo I.D.), Requesting Carrier agrees on behalf of itself and its employees to comply with any rules applicable to such arrangements. Upon resignation, suspension, retirement or termination of any employee or technician that Requesting Carrier has secured badges or electronic access cards or keys to Ameritech's Premises, Requesting Carrier shall recover said badge, access cards and/or keys from such individuals and return them to Ameritech. Ameritech may bill Requesting Carrier to change locks, badges or access cards due to these items not being returned to Ameritech. Ameritech shall recover its costs from Requesting Carrier to install, maintain and repair any security arrangements in the manner (i.e., nonrecurring or recurring) determined by the Commission. Any information collected by Ameritech in the course of implementing or operating security arrangements shall be deemed "Proprietary Information" and subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of **Article XX**.

12.10.4 Security Checks and Training. Requesting Carrier shall conduct background checks of each of its employees, technicians and vendors that access Ameritech's Premises. Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier a list of actions for which Ameritech precludes persons from accessing Ameritech's Premises and Requesting Carrier shall apply such actions to its employees and vendors. Requesting Carrier's employees and approved vendors shall be required to undergo the same level of security training, or its equivalent, that Ameritech's own employees or vendors providing similar functions, must undergo. Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier information on the specific type of training so that Requesting Carrier may provide such security training. Requesting Carrier shall provide Ameritech written certification that its employees and approved vendors have satisfied the necessary security training prior to accessing Ameritech's Premises.

12.10.5 Breach of Security Rules. If a Requesting Carrier employee violates the security rules applicable to Ameritech's Premises, Ameritech shall have the right to remove such employee from the Premises immediately and thereafter refuse such employee access to Ameritech's Premises.

12.10.6 Insurance. Requesting Carrier shall furnish Ameritech with certificates of insurance which evidence the minimum levels of insurance set forth in **Section 19.8**, state the types of insurance and policy limits provided Requesting Carrier and name Ameritech as an additional insured. All insurance must be in effect and received on or before the Occupancy Date and shall remain in force as long as any of Requesting Carrier's facilities or equipment remain within Ameritech's Premises. If Requesting Carrier fails to maintain the coverage, Requesting Carrier hereby authorizes Ameritech, and Ameritech may, but is not required to, pay the premiums thereon, and if so, shall be reimbursed by Requesting Carrier. Requesting Carrier must also conform immediately to the recommendation(s) specific to its Collocation space, or the Ameritech Premises, in general, which are made by Ameritech's property insurance company as a result of a fire safety inspection. To the extent that these recommendation(s) also apply to Ameritech, Requesting Carrier shall only be required to conform to those recommendation(s) implemented by Ameritech. The cancellation clause on the certificate of insurance will be amended to read as follows:

"SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED OR MATERIALLY CHANGED, THE ISSUING COMPANY WILL MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S)."

Any vendor approved by Ameritech to enter Ameritech's Premises to perform work or services for or on behalf of Requesting Carrier must also, as a condition of such approval, maintain the same insurance requirements set forth in **Section 19.8**.

12.10.7 Indemnification. In addition to its indemnity obligations set forth in **Section 24.1**, Requesting Carrier shall indemnify Ameritech for any Loss to Ameritech or a third party caused in whole or in part, by acts or omissions, negligence or otherwise, of Requesting Carrier, its employees, or vendors performing work on Requesting Carrier's behalf in Ameritech's Premises, including any Loss as a result of (i) injury to or death of any person; (ii) damage to or loss or destruction of any property, real or personal, or (iii) attachments, liens or claims of material person's or laborers arising out of, resulting from, or in connection with any services performed on behalf of Requesting Carrier.

12.10.8 Disclaimer of Responsibility. Requesting Carrier acknowledges that Ameritech provides carriers other than Requesting Carrier Physical Collocation in Ameritech's Premises, which carriers may include competitors of Requesting Carrier, and that those carriers' employees, technicians and vendors (such third party carriers, employees, technicians and vendors collectively referred to as the **"Other Collocators"**) will access the Ameritech Premises in which Requesting Carrier's equipment is Physically Collocated. Requesting Carrier further acknowledges that Other Collocators may, if Requesting Carrier has ordered Cageless Physical Collocation, have access to Requesting Carrier's Collocated equipment and/or if Requesting Carrier has a form of caged Physical Collocation, have access to the area immediately surrounding the transmission node enclosure, which enclosure is a permeable boundary that will not prevent the Other Collocators from observing or even damaging/injuring Requesting Carrier's equipment, facilities or personnel. Requesting Carrier agrees that Ameritech shall have no obligation to monitor Requesting Carrier's Physically Collocated equipment and that, in addition to any other applicable limitation contained herein, Ameritech shall have no responsibility nor liability for any Loss to Requesting Carrier, its equipment or personnel with respect to any act or omission by any Other Collocators, regardless of the degree of culpability of any such Other Collocators, except if such Loss is caused by an Ameritech employee or vendor specifically performing work on Ameritech's behalf (and not an Ameritech authorized vendor that happens to be performing work for another carrier Collocated in Ameritech's Premises).

12.11 Subcontractor and Vendor Approval. Requesting Carrier may install and maintain its Physically Collocated equipment or, it may subcontract such responsibilities to an Ameritech-approved vendor. All installation work, whether performed by Requesting Carrier or an Ameritech-approved vendor, shall comply in all respects with Ameritech's technical, engineering and environmental requirements and is subject to Ameritech's inspection upon completion of such work. Requesting Carrier shall be solely responsible for all costs associated with the planning, installation and maintenance of its Collocated equipment.

12.12 Delivery of Collocated Space.

12.12.1 Ordering. (a) Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier with a single point of contact for all inquiries regarding Collocation. Requesting Carrier shall request space for Collocation by delivering to Ameritech a complete and accepted Collocation order form (if completed, a **"Collo Order"**). Each Collo Order shall include a Collocation Application Fee and specify (i) the Premises in which Collocation is requested, (ii) the amount of space requested, (iii) a prioritized list of its preferred methods of Collocation, if and as applicable (e.g., APCS cageless, shared, etc.), (iv) the interoffice transmission facilities Requesting Carrier will require for such space, (v) the equipment to be housed in such space, (vi) Requesting Carrier's anticipated power requirements for the space, (vii) any extraordinary additions or modifications (e.g., security devices, node enclosures, HVAC, etc.) to the space or to the Premises to accommodate Requesting Carrier's Collocated equipment, (viii) the specific level of diversity for fiber and power cabling to and from the Collocated space and (ix) the date on which Requesting Carrier intends to initiate service from such space. Ameritech shall notify Requesting Carrier in writing (the **"Collo Response"**) as to whether the requested space and preferred method(s) of Collocation are available within the interval specified in **subsection (b)** below. If space is not available for Physical Collocation, Ameritech shall specify in its Collo Response to Requesting Carrier when space for Physical Collocation will be made available to Requesting Carrier and shall offer to Requesting Carrier Virtual Collocation in accordance with **Section 12.12.3**. If intraoffice facilities will not be available for Collocation withinthree (3) months of receipt of Requesting Carrier's (and, if applicable, each Resident Collocator's) payment of the Initial COBO fee for Physical Collocation, or twelve (12) weeks after receipt of Requesting Carrier's Collo Order for Virtual Collocation pursuant to **Section 12.12.1**, then Ameritech shall provide written notification, within ten (10) Business Days after the initial walk-through, as to when the intraoffice facilities will be made available.

(b) Ameritech shall deliver its Collo Response to Requesting Carrier within the following intervals, which intervals commence on the day after Ameritech receives a complete and accurate Collo Order:

Number of Collo Orders Submitted within Five (5) Business Days	Collo Response Interval
1-5	Ten (10) Business Days
6-10	Fifteen (15) Business Days
11-15	Twenty (20) Business Days

If Requesting Carrier submits sixteen (16) or more Collo Orders within five (5) Business Days, the Collo Response Interval will be increased by five (5) Business Days for every five (5) additional Collo Orders or fraction thereof.

12.12.2 Physical Collocation.

(a) If space for Physical Collocation is immediately available at the time of Requesting Carrier's Collo Order, Ameritech shall include in its Collo Response to Requesting Carrier notice of such immediate availability.

(b) If Requesting Carrier's requested Physical Collocation space is available, Ameritech and Requesting Carrier shall have an initial walk-through of such space within the interval specified in the Implementation Plan. Absent Ameritech's written consent, Requesting Carrier must have at least one (1) authorized employee (i.e., in addition to any authorized vendor) at such walk-through. If during the initial walk-through, Requesting Carrier wishes to modify or change its Collo Request, Requesting Carrier must sign or initial any such modifications or changes and provide Ameritech a change order reflecting same within five (5) Business Days of such initial walk-through. If a change or modification is noted at the initial walk-through, Ameritech shall have no obligation to commence work on Requesting Carrier's Collocation space until it receives a change order to amend the Collo Request or written confirmation that Requesting Carrier does not wish to pursue such change or modification. Failure to provide Ameritech the change order or written confirmation within the foregoing five (5) Business Day period shall be deemed a Requesting Carrier Delaying Event for the period between the expiration of such five (5) day period and the date of actual receipt by Ameritech.

(c) Ameritech shall deliver to Requesting Carrier the requested space on or before the later of (i) one hundred twenty (120) days from Ameritech's receipt of Requesting Carrier's Collo Order, (ii) ninety (90) days from the date of the initial walk-through and (iii) such other reasonable date that the Parties may agree upon if it is not feasible for Ameritech to deliver to Requesting Carrier such space within the foregoing intervals (such date of delivery referred to as the **"Delivery Date"**).

(d) Physical Collocation space ordered by Requesting Carrier will be made available to Requesting Carrier by Ameritech as more fully described in **Section 1** of **Schedule 12.12**.

(e) Ameritech may begin billing recurring charges for the Collocated space on the date such space is made available for occupancy (the **"Occupancy Date"**). Requesting Carrier shall vacate the Collocated space if either (i) Requesting Carrier (or one of its Resident Collocators, if applicable) fails to install within ninety (90) days of the Occupancy Date the equipment necessary for Interconnection with Ameritech and/or access to Ameritech's unbundled Network Elements to be housed in such space or (ii) Requesting Carrier (or one of its Resident Collocators, if applicable) fails to Interconnect to the Ameritech network within one hundred fifty (150) days of the Occupancy

Date. If Requesting Carrier is required to vacate the space pursuant to this **Section 12.12.2(e)**, Requesting Carrier (and its Resident Collocators) shall vacate such space within ninety (90) Business Days of the earliest to occur of the foregoing events. If, after vacating a space, Requesting Carrier still requires Collocation in that Premises, Requesting Carrier shall be required to submit a new request for Collocation pursuant to the provisions of **Section 12.12.1**.

(f) Physical Collocation will be subject to the additional rules and regulations set forth in **Section 2.0** of **Schedule 12.12**.

(g) At Requesting Carrier's request Ameritech shall provide for APCS within three (3) months after receiving Requesting Carrier's (and, as applicable, each Resident Collocator's) Initial COBO Payment or such other reasonable date the Parties agree upon pursuant to **Section 12.12.2(c)**, equipment node enclosures at a height of eight (8) feet, without ceiling. Where Ameritech cannot feasibly provide Requesting Carrier with equipment node enclosures within the foregoing period, Ameritech shall notify Requesting Carrier of this fact within ten (10) Business Days from the later of (i) the walk-through and (ii) the receipt of Requesting Carrier's Collo Order.

(h) After Ameritech completes its preparation of the Physical Collocation space, Requesting Carrier and Ameritech will complete an acceptance walk-through. Major exceptions that are noted during this acceptance walk-through shall be corrected by Ameritech within thirty (30) days after the walk-through while minor exceptions shall be corrected as soon as possible, commensurate with the materiality of such exceptions. Ameritech shall conduct a root cause analysis of all exceptions identified. The correction of these exceptions from Requesting Carrier's original request for Collocation shall be at Ameritech's expense, subject to any change orders requested by Requesting Carrier.

12.12.3 Virtual Collocation.

(a) If Requesting Carrier requests Virtual Collocation, or if requested Physical Collocation space is not available at a Premises and Requesting Carrier elects Virtual Collocation, and such Virtual Collocation is available at the time of Requesting Carrier's Collo Order, Ameritech shall include in its Collo Response if the space requested is available.

(b) Ameritech shall deliver to Requesting Carrier the requested space on or before the later of (i) twelve (12) weeks from Ameritech's receipt of Requesting Carrier's Collo Order for Virtual Collocation and (ii) such other reasonable date that the Parties may agree upon if it is not feasible for Ameritech to deliver to Requesting Carrier such space within twelve (12) weeks (such date of

delivery referred to as the **"Delivery Date"**) and Ameritech notified Requesting Carrier of this fact within ten (10) Business Days after the initial walk-through.

(c) Virtual Collocation space ordered by Requesting Carrier will be made available to Requesting Carrier by Ameritech, as more fully described in **Section 3** of **Schedule 12.12**.

(d) Ameritech shall install Cross-Connects, when cross-connecting for thru-connect purposes as directed by Requesting Carrier, at the rates provided at Item VII of the Pricing Schedule.

12.13 Pricing. The rates charged to Requesting Carrier for Collocation are set forth at Item VII of the Pricing Schedule. Ameritech shall allocate space preparation, security measures, and other Collocation charges on a pro-rated basis so that if Requesting Carrier is the first collocator in a particular Ameritech Premises, it will not be responsible for the entire cost of site preparation (unless Requesting Carrier occupies all space conditioned); provided, however, that Requesting Carrier shall be responsible for all costs attributable to a unique or non-standard request. The rates set forth at Item VII of the Pricing Schedule reflect only the standard Collocation methods and services described in this **Article XII**. Any request for additional methods or services consistent with this **Article XII** or Applicable Law, including any request for Americans with Disability Act construction, shall be provided on a case by case basis.

12.14 Billing. Ameritech shall bill Requesting Carrier for Collocation pursuant to the requirements of **Article XXVI** to this Agreement.

12.15 Common Requirements. The requirements set forth on **Schedule 12.15** shall be applicable to both Physical and Virtual Collocation.

12.16 Additional Requirements. The additional requirements set forth on **Schedule 12.16** shall be applicable to Physical Collocation.

12.17 Protection of Service and Property. Both Parties shall exercise reasonable care to prevent harm or damage to the other Party, its employees, agents or Customers, or their property. Both Parties, their employees, agents, and representatives agree to take reasonable and prudent steps to ensure the adequate protection of the other Party's property and services, including:

12.17.1 Requesting Carrier shall restrict access to Requesting Carrier equipment, support equipment, systems, tools and data, or spaces which contain or house Requesting Carrier equipment enclosures, to Requesting Carrier employees and other authorized non-Requesting Carrier personnel to the extent necessary to perform their specific job function.

12.17.2 Requesting Carrier shall comply at all times with security and safety procedures and existing requirements that are defined by Ameritech and imposed by Ameritech or its own employees and contractors.

12.17.3 For secured Physical Collocation arrangements, Ameritech shall furnish the Requesting Carrier with keys, entry codes, lock combinations, and other materials or information which may be needed to gain entry into secured Requesting Carrier space, subject to **Section 12.7.2** and **Article XX**.

12.17.4 For APCS, Ameritech shall furnish to Requesting Carrier a current written list of Ameritech's employees who Ameritech authorizes to enter Requesting Carrier's Physical Collocation.

12.17.5 Ameritech shall, where practicable, secure external access to the Physical Collocation space on its Premises in the same or equivalent manner that Ameritech secures external access to spaces that house Ameritech's equipment.

12.17.6 For APCS, Ameritech shall limit the keys used in its keying systems for Requesting Carrier's specific Physical Collocation space which contain or house Requesting Carrier equipment or equipment enclosures to its employees and representatives to emergency access only. Requesting Carrier shall further have the right, at its expense, to have locks changed where deemed necessary for the protection and security of such spaces, provided that Requesting Carrier shall immediately provide Ameritech with such new keys.

12.17.7 Ameritech shall use its existing power back up and power recovery plan in accordance with its standard policies for the specific Central Office.

12.18 Default. If Requesting Carrier defaults in any payment due for Collocation, or violates any provision contained in this Article XII, and such default or violation is not cured within thirty (30) days after Requesting Carrier's receipt of notice thereof, Ameritech may, immediately or at any time thereafter, without notice or demand, enter and repossess the Collocation space, expel Requesting Carrier, remove all property within the Collocation space and terminate services to such Collocation space, in each case without prejudice to any other remedies Ameritech might have. Ameritech may also refuse additional requests for service and/or refuse to complete any pending orders for additional space or service by Requesting Carrier at any time thereafter.

ARTICLE XIII
NUMBER PORTABILITY -- SECTION 251(b)(2).

13.1 Provision of Local Number Portability. Each Party shall provide to the other Party, Local Number Portability in accordance with the requirements of the Act. For purposes of this **Article XIII**, "Party A" means the carrier from which a telephone number is ported, and "Party B" means the carrier to which a telephone number is ported.

13.2 Long Term Number Portability ("LNP"). The Parties agree to provide LNP on a reciprocal basis using Location Routing Number (LRN) as the means to port and route calls to ported numbers in accordance with the FCC and Commission guidelines applicable to LNP.

13.3 Ordering and Provisioning LNP.

13.3.1 Ameritech shall provide access to, and Requesting Carrier shall use, the Provisioning EI described in **Section 10.13.2(a)** for the transfer and receipt of data necessary for the (i) retrieval of Customer Service Records ("CSR") and (ii) ordering and provisioning of Ameritech-provided LNP.

13.3.2 Requesting Carrier shall establish the Provisioning EI on or before the Service Start Date so that it will submit all requests for CSRs and all orders for LNP through Ameritech's Provisioning EI. Ameritech shall have no obligation to accept manual or faxed requests for CSRs or provision any manual or faxed LNP Orders except as set forth in **Section 10.13.2(b)**.

13.3.3 Requesting Carrier shall provide access to, and Ameritech shall use, an EDI interface (the "RC EDI Interface") for the transfer and receipt of data necessary for Ameritech to request and retrieve Requesting Carrier's Customers' CSRs and for the ordering and provisioning of Requesting Carrier-provided LNP. Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, Requesting Carrier must provide Ameritech with the proper documentation regarding the functionality of RC EDI Interface, the EDI specifications, including mapping, and any training and support documentation necessary to utilize the EDI interface.

13.4 Customer Service Record ("CSR").

13.4.1 Availability. Upon request, each Party will make available its Customers' CSRs to the requesting Party. A CSR is available when a Party has obtained current authority from the Customer.

13.4.2 CSR Retrieval. CSRs will be delivered to the requesting Party within five (5) Business Days of receipt by the other Party of the CSR retrieval request.

13.4.3 CSR Data Elements. Each CSR provided must include, but is not limited to, the following information:

a) Customer Account Name;

b) Customer Account Telephone Number(s);

c) Customer Listing information;

d) Customer billing information;

e) Customer services and equipment to enable a determination of what types of service the Customer has;

f) Customer Circuit information;

g) Customer PIC and 2PIC carrier identification; and

h) Any other information describing, but not limited to, the types of service offered to the Customer, the Customer premise equipment, billing options, or payment plans.

13.4.4 CSR Coding. In the event a Party uses non-English or TC specific coding for CSR information, such Party must provide a glossary describing all terms on the CSR.

13.5 Other Number Portability Provisions.

13.5.1 Each Party shall disclose to the other Party, upon request, any technical or any capacity limitations that would prevent LNP implementation in a particular switching office. Both Parties shall cooperate in the process of porting numbers to minimize Customer out-of-service time.

13.5.2 Neither Party shall be required to provide LNP for non-geographic services (e.g., 555, 950, and 976 number services, Ameritech coin telephone numbers and mass calling NXXs) under this Agreement.

13.5.3 Ameritech and Requesting Carrier will cooperate to ensure that performance of trunking and signaling capacity is engineered and managed on a nondiscriminatory basis.

13.5.4 Party A may cancel any line based calling cards associated with ported or disconnected numbers.

13.5.5 Each Party will be responsible for updating information in the Line Information Database (LIDB).

13.5.6 To obtain LNP, a Customer must remain within the same rate center or rate district, whichever is a smaller geographic area. When industry standards for geographic number portability becomes available, the parties will amend the Agreement at that time.

13.5.7 Each Party will be responsible for providing information on ported numbers to the ALI database for 911 service. Each Party agrees to utilize the unlock and migrate process in order to provide uninterrupted 911 service to the Customer.

13.5.8 Each Party will provide 911 trunking for each NPA-NXX in which it has ported numbers.

13.5.9 Each Party will offer both coordinated and non-coordinated cutovers. Any coordinated cutovers requested out of normal business hours will be subject to overtime and time and material charges. Additionally, if after the Effective Date either Party offers a Ten Digit Trigger, that Party will charge for all coordinated cutovers for LNP.

13.5.10 In the event a Party does not provide the subscription verification to the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) within the T-1 and T-2 timers defined in the NPAC

requirements and the other Party's subscription is cancelled, that Party will be considered not to have submitted a valid order and will have to submit a revision to change the Due Date on the order.

13.5.11 Each Party will be responsible for testing its own network prior to reporting trouble to the other Party. In the event that a trouble is reported to a Party and the trouble is found not to be within that Party's network, that Party will charge Requesting Carrier its then-current time and material charges for the resolution of the trouble.

13.5.12 Requesting Carrier must have ordered, implemented, tested and turned up interconnection trunks prior to ordering LNP from Ameritech.

13.5.13 Once a number has been ported from a Party, that Party will no longer be responsible for payment of Reciprocal Compensation for any calls originated from that number.

13.5.14 Each Party will charge the other Party for any supplemental or different versions of an original order submitted to the Party. Additionally, each Party will also charge the other Party for orders submitted that are subsequently cancelled.

13.5.15 In the event that a Party has begun, partially completed, or fully completed a conversion for LNP and the other Party asks that the Party restore service back to its network, the Party doing the conversion will charge the other Party on a time and materials basis for restoring service. Additionally, each Party shall cooperate with the other Party to restore the service.

13.5.16 Ameritech will disconnect all directory listing and advertising associated with ported or disconnected numbers.

13.6 Intervals. Each Party shall meet the following intervals, which intervals commence on the day such Party receives a complete and accurate LNP order via the Provisioning EI or EDI interface, whichever is applicable:

Order Type	EDI FOC Interval	LNP Interval Following FOC Delivery
Stand Alone LNP Orders Affecting Fewer Than 15 Lines or Numbers and First Number Ported in NPA-NXX	1 Business Day	4 Business Days Following FOC Delivery
Stand Alone LNP Orders Affecting Fewer Than 15 Lines or Numbers and NOT First Number Ported in NPA-NXX	1 Business Day	2 Business Days Following FOC Delivery
LNP Orders Accompanying Unbundled Loop Orders and Affecting Fewer Than 15 Lines	Longer of the Loop or LNP FOC	Longer of the Loop or LNP Due Date Interval

Or Numbers	Interval	
LNP Orders for Only Part of an Account (With or Without Unbundled Loops)	4 Business Days	14 Calendar Days Following FOC Delivery
LNP Orders Affecting More Than 15 Lines or Numbers (With Or Without Unbundled Loops)	4 Business Days	14 Calendar Days Following FOC Delivery

13.7 LNP Conversion Dispute.

13.7.1 In the event that a Party ports a Customer's telephone number without such Customer's knowledge or proper authorization, the other Party will charge the Party which ported the number the Unauthorized Switching charge described in **Schedule 10.11.2**. A Party also will cooperate to switch the service back to the other Party in as expedient a manner as requested by that Party, notwithstanding normal LNP intervals. Additionally each Party will provide evidence and statistics regarding these incidents to appropriate regulatory bodies including the FCC or the Commission.

13.7.2 If any disputes should occur concerning LNP conversion, the Parties will handle the disputes in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures described in Section 10.11.2.

13.8 Pricing for LNP. Ameritech will recover its costs associated with LNP via the Customer surcharge and LNP query services as specified in the FCC's Third Report and Order on Telephone Number Portability. Requesting Carrier agrees not to charge Ameritech, nor any Ameritech Affiliate, subsidiary or Customer for recovery of Requesting Carrier's costs associated with LNP.

13.9 NXX Migration. Where a Party has activated an entire NXX for a single Customer, or activated a substantial portion of any NXX for a single Customer, or activated a substantial portion of an NXX for a single Customer with the remaining numbers in that NXX either reserved for future use or otherwise unused, if such Customer chooses to receive service from the other Party, the first Party shall cooperate with the second Party to have the entire NXX reassigned (or subsequently reassigned, in the case of subsequent carrier changes) in the LERG (and associated industry databases, routing tables, etc.) to an End Office operated by the second Party. Such transfer will be accomplished with appropriate coordination between the Parties and subject to standard industry lead-times for movements of NXXs from one switch to another.

ARTICLE XIV
DIALING PARITY -- SECTIONS 251(b)(3) and 271(e)(2)(B)

The Parties shall provide Dialing Parity to each other as required under Section 251(b)(3) of the Act, except as may be limited by Section 271(e)(2)(B) of the Act. If Requesting Carrier requests access to Ameritech's name, address and telephone information of its Customers for the provision of Directory Assistance service in conjunction with Telephone Exchange Service and Exchange Service provided by

Requesting Carrier to Customers in Ameritech's exchanges in competition with Ameritech, the Parties shall enter into a separate Dialing Parity Directory Listings Agreement to specify the rates, terms and conditions of such access.

ARTICLE XV
DIRECTORY LISTINGS

15.1 Publisher may enter into a separate directory services agreement that provides for (i) directory listings and delivery of directories to facilities-based Customers of Requesting Carrier, (ii) additional services to Requesting Carrier's Resale Customers, and/or (iii) other directory services to Requesting Carrier.

ARTICLE XVI
ACCESS TO POLES, DUCTS, CONDUITS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY -- SECTIONS 251(b)(4) AND 224 OF THE ACT

16.1 Structure Availability.

16.1.1 Ameritech shall make available, to the extent it may lawfully do so, access to poles, ducts, conduits and Rights-of-way along Ameritech's distribution network that are owned or controlled by Ameritech (individually and collectively, **"Structure"**) for the placement of Requesting Carrier's wires, cables and related facilities (individually and collectively, **"Attachments"**). **"Rights-of-way"** means (i) a legal interest of Ameritech in property of others, such as an easement or license, suitable for use for communications distribution facilities or (ii) Ameritech's owned or leased property if such property is used for communications distribution facilities; provided, however, it does not generally include controlled environment vaults, remote equipment buildings, huts or enclosures, cross-connect cabinets, panels and boxes, equipment closets or enclosures in buildings, or any like or similar equipment enclosures or locations, or the ducts or conduit connecting any of the foregoing to manholes or conduit runs between manholes. The availability of Ameritech Structure for Requesting Carrier's Attachments is subject to and dependent upon all rights, privileges, franchises or authorities granted by governmental entities with jurisdiction, existing and future agreements with other persons not inconsistent with **Section 16.18**, all interests in property granted by persons or entities public or private, and Applicable Law, and all terms, conditions and limitations of any or all of the foregoing, by which Ameritech owns and controls Structure or interests therein.

16.1.2 Ameritech will not make Structure available: (1) where, after taking all reasonable steps to accommodate such request, there is Insufficient Capacity to accommodate the requested Attachment, and (2) an Attachment cannot be accommodated based upon nondiscriminatorily applied considerations of safety, reliability or engineering principles. For purposes of this **Article XVI**, **"Insufficient Capacity"** means the lack of existing available space on or in Structure and the inability to create the necessary space by taking all reasonable steps to do so. Before denying a request for access based upon Insufficient Capacity, Ameritech will, in good faith, explore potential accommodations with

Requesting Carrier. If Ameritech denies a request by Requesting Carrier for access to its Structure for Insufficient Capacity, safety, reliability or engineering reasons, Ameritech will provide Requesting Carrier a detailed, written reason for such denial as soon as practicable but, in any event, within forty-five (45) days of the date of such request.

16.2 Franchises, Permits and Consents. Requesting Carrier shall be solely responsible to secure any necessary franchises, permits or consents from federal, state, county or municipal authorities and from the owners of private property, to construct and operate its Attachments at the location of the Ameritech Structure it uses. Requesting Carrier shall indemnify Ameritech against loss directly resulting from any actual lack of Requesting Carrier's lawful authority to occupy such Rights-of-way and construct its Attachments therein.

16.3 Access and Modifications. Where necessary to accommodate a request for access of Requesting Carrier, and provided Ameritech has not denied access as described in **Section 16.1.2**, or because Ameritech may not lawfully make the Structure available, Ameritech will, as set forth below, modify its Structure in order to accommodate the Attachments of Requesting Carrier. Upon request, Ameritech may permit Requesting Carrier to conduct Field Survey Work and Make Ready Work itself or through Ameritech-approved contractors in circumstances where Ameritech is unable to complete such work in a reasonable time frame. (For purposes of this Agreement, a "modification" shall mean any action that either adds future capacity to, or increases the existing capacity of, a given facility. By way of example, adding a bracket to a pole that is immediately utilized or adding innerduct to an existing duct does not qualify as a "modification," while adding taller poles, adding new ducts between existing manholes and rebuilding manholes to accommodate additional cables would qualify as a "modification.")

16.3.1 Before commencing the work necessary to provide such additional capacity, Ameritech will notify all other parties having Attachments on or in the Structure of the proposed modification to the Structure. Where possible, Ameritech shall include in a modification to accommodate Requesting Carrier's Attachment(s) those modifications required to accommodate other attaching parties, including Ameritech, that desire to modify their Attachments.

16.3.2 If Requesting Carrier requests access to an Ameritech Right-of-way where Ameritech has no existing Structure, Ameritech shall not be required to construct new poles, conduits or ducts, or to bury cable for Requesting Carrier but will be required to make the Right-of-way available to Requesting Carrier to construct its own poles, conduits or ducts or to bury its own cable; provided, however, if Ameritech desires to extend its own Attachments, Ameritech will construct Structure to accommodate Requesting Carrier's Attachments.

16.3.3 The costs of modifying a Structure to accommodate Requesting Carrier's request, an existing or prospective attaching party's request, or the needs of Ameritech, shall be borne by the party requesting such modification, except that if other parties obtain access to the Structure as a result of the modification, such parties shall share in the cost of such modification proportionately with the party initiating the modification. A party, including Ameritech, with a pre-existing Attachment to the Structure to be modified to accommodate Requesting Carrier shall be deemed to directly benefit from the modification if, after receiving notification of the modification, it adds to or modifies its Attachment. If a party, including

Ameritech, uses the modification to bring its Structure or Attachments into compliance with applicable safety or other requirements, it shall be considered as sharing in the modification and shall share the costs of the modification attributable to its upgrade. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an attaching party, including Ameritech, with a pre-existing Attachment to the Structure shall not be required to bear any of the costs of rearranging or replacing its Attachment if such rearrangement or replacement is necessitated solely as a result of an additional Attachment or the modification of an existing Attachment sought by another attaching party, including Requesting Carrier. If an attaching party, including Ameritech, makes an Attachment to the Structure after the completion of the modification, such party shall share proportionately in the cost of the modification if such modification rendered the added attachment possible.

16.3.4 All modifications to Ameritech's Structure will be owned by Ameritech. Requesting Carrier and other parties, including Ameritech, who contributed to the cost of a modification, may recover their proportionate share of the depreciated value of such modifications from parties subsequently seeking Attachment to the modified structure.

16.4 Installation and Maintenance Responsibility. Requesting Carrier shall, at its own expense, install and maintain its Attachments in a safe condition and in thorough repair so as not to conflict with the use of the Structure by Ameritech or by other attaching parties. Work performed by Requesting Carrier on, in or about Ameritech's Structures shall be performed by properly trained, competent workmen skilled in the trade. Ameritech will specify the location on the Structure where Requesting Carrier's Attachment shall be placed, which location shall be designated in a nondiscriminatory manner. Requesting Carrier shall construct each Attachment in conformance with the permit issued by Ameritech for such Attachment. Other than routine maintenance and service wire Attachments, Requesting Carrier shall not modify, supplement or rearrange any Attachment without first obtaining a permit therefor. Requesting Carrier shall provide Ameritech with notice before entering any Structure for construction or maintenance purposes.

16.5 Installation and Maintenance Standards. Requesting Carrier's Attachments shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the rules, requirements and specifications of the National Electrical Code, National Electrical Safety Code, Bellcore Construction Practices, the FCC, the Commission, the Occupational Safety & Health Act and the valid and lawful rules, requirements and specifications of any other governing authority having jurisdiction over the subject matter.

16.6 Implementation Team. The Implementation Team shall develop cooperative procedures for implementing the terms of this **Article XVI** and to set out such procedures in the Implementation Plan.

16.7 Access Requests. Any request by Requesting Carrier for access to Ameritech's Structure shall be in writing and submitted to Ameritech's Structure Access Center. Ameritech may prescribe a reasonable process for orderly administration of such requests. Each Requesting Carrier's Attachment to Ameritech's Structure shall be pursuant to a permit issued by Ameritech for each request for access. The Structure Access Coordinator shall be responsible for processing requests for access to Ameritech's Structure, administration of the process of delivery of access to Ameritech's Structure and for all other matters relating to access to Ameritech's Structure. Requesting Carrier shall provide Ameritech with notice before entering any Ameritech Structure.

16.8 Unused Space. Except for maintenance ducts as provided in **Section 16.9** and ducts required to be reserved for use by municipalities, all useable but unused space on Structure owned or controlled by Ameritech shall be available for the Attachments of Requesting Carrier, Ameritech or other providers of Telecommunications Services, cable television systems and other persons that are permitted by Applicable Law to attach. Requesting Carrier may not reserve space on Ameritech Structure for its future needs. Ameritech shall not reserve space on Ameritech Structure for the future need of Ameritech nor permit any other person to reserve such space. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Requesting Carrier may provide Ameritech with a two (2)-year rolling forecast of its growth requirements for Structure that will be reviewed jointly on an annual basis.

16.9 Maintenance Ducts. If currently available, one duct and one inner-duct in each conduit section shall be kept vacant as maintenance ducts. If not currently available and additional ducts are added, maintenance ducts will be established as part of the modification. Maintenance ducts shall be made available to Requesting Carrier for maintenance purposes if it has a corresponding Attachment.

16.10 Applicability. The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to all Ameritech Structure now occupied by Requesting Carrier.

16.11 Other Arrangements. Requesting Carrier's use of Ameritech Structure is subject to any valid, lawful and nondiscriminatory arrangements Ameritech may now or hereafter have with others pertaining to the Structure.

16.12 Cost of Certain Modifications. If Ameritech is required by a governmental entity, court or Commission to move, replace or change the location, alignment or grade of its conduits or poles, each Party shall bear its own expenses of relocating its own equipment and facilities. However, if such alteration is required solely due to Ameritech's negligence in originally installing the Structure, Ameritech shall be responsible for Requesting Carrier's expenses. If a move of Requesting Carrier's Attachment is required by Ameritech or another attaching party, Requesting Carrier shall move its Attachment, at the expense of the party requesting such move, within thirty (30) days after notification of the required move. If Requesting Carrier fails to move its Attachment within the foregoing period, Requesting Carrier authorizes Ameritech to move such Attachment.

16.13 Maps and Records. Ameritech will provide Requesting Carrier, at Requesting Carrier's request and expense, with access to maps, records and additional information relating to its Structure within the time frames agreed upon by the Implementation Team; provided that Ameritech may redact any Proprietary Information (of Ameritech or third parties) contained or reflected in any such maps, records or additional information before providing access to such information to Requesting Carrier. Ameritech does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of information on any maps or records. Maps, records and additional information are provided solely for the use by Requesting Carrier and such materials may not be resold, licensed or distributed to any other person.

16.14 Occupancy Permit. Requesting Carrier occupancy of Structure shall be pursuant to a permit issued by Ameritech for each requested Attachment. Any such permit shall terminate (a) if

Requesting Carrier's franchise, consent or other authorization from federal, state, county or municipal entities or private property owners is terminated, (b) if Requesting Carrier has not placed and put into service its Attachments within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date Ameritech has notified Requesting Carrier that such Structure is available for Requesting Carrier's Attachments, (c) if Requesting Carrier ceases to use such Attachment for any period of one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days, (d) if Requesting Carrier fails to comply with a material term or condition of this **Article XVI** and does not correct such noncompliance within sixty (60) days after receipt of notice thereof from Ameritech or (e) if Ameritech ceases to have the right or authority to maintain its Structure, or any part thereof, to which Requesting Carrier has Attachments. If Ameritech ceases to have the right or authority to maintain its Structure, or any part thereof, to which Requesting Carrier has Attachments, Ameritech shall (i) provide Requesting Carrier notice within ten (10) Business Days after Ameritech has knowledge of such fact and (ii) not require Requesting Carrier to remove its Attachments from such Structure prior to Ameritech's removal of its own attachments. Ameritech will provide Requesting Carrier with at least sixty (60) days' written notice prior to (x) terminating a permit for an Attachment, terminating service to a Requesting Carrier Attachment, or removal of an Attachment, in each case for a breach of the provisions of this **Article XVI**, (y) any increase in the rates for Attachments to Ameritech's Structure permitted by the terms of this Agreement, or (z) any modification to Ameritech's Structure to which Requesting Carrier has an Attachment, other than a modification associated with routine maintenance or as a result of an emergency. If Requesting Carrier surrenders its permit for any reason (including forfeiture under the terms of this Agreement), but fails to remove its Attachments from the Structure within one hundred eighty (180) days after the event requiring Requesting Carrier to so surrender such permit, Ameritech shall remove Requesting Carrier's Attachments at Requesting Carrier's expense. If Ameritech discovers that Requesting Carrier has placed an Attachment on Ameritech's Structure without a valid permit, Ameritech shall notify Requesting Carrier of the existence of such unauthorized Attachment and Requesting Carrier shall pay to Ameritech within ten (10) Business Days after receipt of such notice an unauthorized Attachment fee equal to five (5) times the annual attachment fee for such unauthorized Attachment. Within the foregoing period, Requesting Carrier shall also apply for an Occupancy Permit for the unauthorized Attachment. In addition, Requesting Carrier shall go through the process of any Make Ready Work that may be required for the unauthorized Attachment. If Requesting Carrier fails to pay the unauthorized Attachment fee or apply for the required Occupancy Permit within the foregoing period, Ameritech shall have the right to remove such unauthorized Attachment from Ameritech's Structure at Requesting Carrier's expense.

16.15 Inspections. Ameritech may make periodic inspections of any part of the Attachments of Requesting Carrier located on Ameritech Structure. Requesting Carrier shall reimburse Ameritech for the costs (as defined in Section 252(d) of the Act) of such inspections. Where reasonably practicable to do so, Ameritech shall provide prior written notice to Requesting Carrier of such inspections.

16.16 Damage to Attachments. Both Requesting Carrier and Ameritech will exercise precautions to avoid damaging the Attachments of the other or to any Ameritech Structure to which Requesting Carrier obtains access hereunder. Subject to the limitations in **Article XXV**, the Party damaging the Attachments of the other Party shall be responsible to such other Party therefor.

16.17 Charges. Ameritech's charges for Structure provided hereunder shall be determined in compliance with the regulations to be established by the FCC pursuant to Section 224 of the Act. Prior

to the establishment of such rates, the initial charges applicable to Structure hereunder shall be as set forth at Item VIII of the Pricing Schedule. Ameritech reserves the right to adjust the charges for Structure provided hereunder consistent with the foregoing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Ameritech reserves the right to price on a case-by-case basis any extraordinary Attachment to Structure. An "extraordinary Attachment" is any Attachment to Structure that is not typical of Attachments commonly made to Structure and that impacts the usability of the Structure in excess of a typical Attachment or that presents greater than typical engineering, reliability or safety concerns to other attaching parties or users of the Structure. A deposit shall be required from Requesting Carrier for map preparation, field surveys and Make-Ready Work.

16.18 Nondiscrimination. Except as otherwise permitted by Applicable Law, access to Ameritech-owned or -controlled Structure under this **Article XVI** shall be provided to Requesting Carrier on a basis that is nondiscriminatory to that which Ameritech provides its Structure to itself, its Affiliates, Customers, or any other person.

16.19 Interconnection.

16.19.1 Upon request by Requesting Carrier, Ameritech will permit the interconnection of ducts or conduits owned by Requesting Carrier in Ameritech manholes. However, such interconnection in Ameritech manholes will not be permitted where modification of Ameritech's Structure to accommodate Requesting Carrier's request for interconnection is possible.

16.19.2 Except where required herein, requests by Requesting Carrier for interconnection of Requesting Carrier's Attachments in or on Ameritech Structure with the Attachments of other attaching parties in or on Ameritech Structure will be considered on a case-by-case basis and permitted or denied based on the applicable standards set forth in this **Article XVI** for reasons of Insufficient Capacity, safety, reliability and engineering. Ameritech will provide a written response to Requesting Carrier's request within forty-five (45) days of Ameritech's receipt of such request.

16.19.3 Requesting Carrier shall be responsible for the costs to accommodate any interconnection pursuant to this **Section 16.19**.

16.20 Cost Imputation. Ameritech will impute costs consistent with the rules under Section 224(g) of the Act.

16.21 Structure Access Center. Requests for access to Ameritech Structure shall be made through Ameritech's Structure Access Center, which shall be Requesting Carrier's single point of contact for all matters relating to Requesting Carrier's access to Ameritech's Structure. The Structure Access Center shall be responsible for processing requests for access to Ameritech's Structure, administration of the process of delivery of access to Ameritech's Structure and for all other matters relating to access to Ameritech's Structure.

16.22 State Regulation. The terms and conditions in this **Article XVI** shall be modified through negotiation between the Parties to comply with the regulations of the state in which Ameritech owns or

controls Structure to which Requesting Carrier seeks access if such state meets the requirements of Section 224(c) of the Act for regulating rates, terms and conditions for pole attachments and so certifies to the FCC under Section 224(c) of the Act and the applicable FCC rules pertaining thereto. Until the terms and conditions of this **Article XVI** are renegotiated, the rules, regulations and orders of such state so certifying shall supersede any provision herein inconsistent therewith.

16.23 Abandonments, Sales or Dispositions . Ameritech shall notify Requesting Carrier of the proposed abandonment, sale, or other intended disposition of any Structure. In the event of a sale or other disposition of the conduit system or pole, Ameritech shall condition the sale or other disposition to include and incorporate the rights granted to Requesting Carrier hereunder.

ARTICLE XVII
REFERRAL ANNOUNCEMENT

When a Customer changes its service provider from Ameritech to Requesting Carrier, or from Requesting Carrier to Ameritech, and does not retain its original telephone number, the Party formerly providing service to such Customer shall provide a referral announcement (**"Referral Announcement"**) on the abandoned telephone number which provides details on the Customer's new number. Referral Announcements shall be provided by a Party to the other Party for the period of time and at the rates set forth in the first Party's tariff(s). However, if either Party provides Referral Announcements for a period different (either shorter or longer) than the period(s) stated in its tariff(s) when its Customers change their telephone numbers, such Party shall provide the same level of service to Customers of the other Party.

ARTICLE XVIII
IMPLEMENTATION TEAM AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

18.1 Implementation Team. The Parties understand that the arrangements and provision of services described in this Agreement shall require technical and operational coordination between the Parties. The Parties further agree that it is not feasible for this Agreement to set forth each of the applicable and necessary procedures, guidelines, specifications and standards that will promote the Parties' provision of Telecommunications Services to their respective Customers. Accordingly, the Parties agree to form a team (the "**Implementation Team**") which shall develop and identify those processes, guidelines, specifications, standards and additional terms and conditions necessary for the provision of the services and the specific implementation of each Party's obligations hereunder. Within five (5) days after the Effective Date, each Party shall designate, in writing, its representative on the Implementation Team; provided that either Party may include in meetings or activities such technical specialists or other individuals as may be reasonably required to address a specific task, matter or subject. Each Party may replace its representative on the Implementation Team by delivering written notice thereof to the other Party.

18.2 Interconnection Maintenance and Administration Plan. Within ninety (90) days after the Effective Date, or, as agreed upon by the Parties, by the date which is not less than sixty (60) days prior to the first Interconnection Activation Date hereunder, Requesting Carrier and Ameritech shall have jointly developed a plan (the **"Plan"**) which shall define and detail:

(a) standards to ensure that the Interconnection trunk groups provided for herein experience a grade of service, availability and quality in accordance with all appropriate relevant industry-accepted quality, reliability and availability standards and in accordance with the levels identified in **Section 3.6**;

(b) the respective duties and responsibilities of the Parties with respect to the administration and maintenance of the Interconnections (including signaling) specified in **Article III** and the trunk groups specified in **Articles IV** and **V**, including standards and procedures for notification and discoveries of trunk disconnects;

(c) disaster recovery and escalation provisions;

(d) the respective duties and obligations with regard to the parties' specific interconnection architure; and

(e) such other matters as the Parties may agree.

18.3 Implementation Plan. Within ninety (90) days after the Approval Date, or such other date as agreed upon by the Parties, the Implementation Team shall reach agreements on items to be included in an operations manual (the **"Implementation Plan"**), which shall include (i) processes and procedures to implement the terms and conditions set forth herein, (ii) documentation of the various items described in this Agreement which are to be included in the Implementation Plan, including the following matters, and (iii) any other matters agreed upon by the Implementation Team:

(5) A Plan as provided in **Section 18.2**;

(6) Access to all necessary OSS functions, including interfaces and gateways;

(7) Escalation procedures for ordering, provisioning and maintenance;

(8) Single points of contact for ordering, provisioning and maintenance;

(9) Service ordering, provisioning and maintenance procedures, including provision of the trunks and facilities;

(6) Joint testing between Ameritech and Requesting Carrier of facilities, trunk and loops;

(7) Procedures and processes for Directories and Directory Listings;

(8) Training and the charges associated therewith;

(9) Billing procedures; and

(10) Guidelines for administering access to Ameritech's Structure.

18.4 Action of Implementation Team. The Implementation Plan may be amended from time to time by the Implementation Team as the team deems appropriate. Unanimous written consent of the permanent members of the Implementation Team shall be required for any action of the Implementation Team. If the Implementation Team is unable to act, the existing provisions of the Implementation Plan shall remain in full force and effect.

18.5 Further Coordination and Performance. Except as otherwise agreed upon by the Parties, on a mutually agreed-upon day and time once a month during the Term, the Parties shall discuss their respective performance under this Agreement. At each such monthly meeting the Parties will discuss: (i) the administration and maintenance of the Interconnections and trunk groups provisioned under this Agreement; (ii) the Parties' provisioning of the products and services provided under this Agreement; (iii) the Parties' compliance with the Performance Benchmarks set forth in this Agreement and any areas in which such performance may be improved; (iv) any problems that were encountered during the preceding month or anticipated in the upcoming month; (v) the reason underlying any such problem and the effect, if any, that such problem had, has or may have on the performance of the Parties; and (vi) the specific steps taken or proposed to be taken to remedy such problem. In addition to the foregoing, the Parties will meet to discuss any matters that relate to the performance of this Agreement, as may be requested from time to time by either of the Parties.

18.6 Operational Review. Representatives of Requesting Carrier and Ameritech will meet on a quarterly basis, beginning with the end of the first complete quarter following the date on which the Parties first provision services under this Agreement, to determine that the service cycle of pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and billing categories are addressed, including the following:

(a) Interfaces and processes are operational and, consistent with the forecast provided under **Section 19.5.2**, the orders of Requesting Carrier Customers for Resale Services are successfully completed;

(b) When applicable, interfaces and processes are operational and, consistent with the forecast provided under **Section 19.5.2**, the orders for unbundled Loops are successfully completed;

(c) Review of all agreed-upon performance standards; and

(d) Requesting Carrier's use of all functions available from the Provisioning EI and Maintenance EI.

ARTICLE XIX
GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

19.1 Compliance with Implementation Schedule. Each of Ameritech and Requesting Carrier shall use its best efforts to comply with the Implementation Schedule set forth on **Schedule 2.1**.

19.2 Compliance with Applicable Law. Each Party shall comply at its own expense with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, rules, regulations, codes, final and nonappealable orders, decisions, injunctions, judgments, awards and decrees (collectively, **"Applicable Law"**) that relate to its obligations under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring or permitting either Party to contravene any mandatory requirement of Applicable Law.

19.3 Necessary Approvals. 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 parties that may be required in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. Each Party shall reasonably cooperate with the other Party in obtaining and maintaining any required approvals and rights for which such Party is responsible.

19.4 Environmental Hazards. Each Party will be solely responsible at it own expense for the proper handling, storage, transport, treatment, disposal and use of all Hazardous Substances by such Party and its contractors and agents. **"Hazardous Substances"** includes those substances (i) included within the definition of hazardous substance, hazardous waste, hazardous material, toxic substance, solid waste or pollutant or contaminant under any Applicable Law and (ii) listed by any governmental agency as a hazardous substance.

19.5 Forecasting Requirements.

19.5.1 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 Customers in their respective designated service areas.

19.5.2 Thirty (30) days after the Effective Date and each month during the term of this Agreement, each Party shall provide the other Party with a rolling, six (6) calendar-month, nonbinding forecast of its traffic and/or volume requirements for all products and services provided under this Agreement, including Interconnection, unbundled Network Elements, Collocation space, Number Portability and Resale Services, in the form and in such detail as requested by Ameritech. If a Party becomes aware of any information or fact that may render its previously submitted forecast inaccurate by more than five percent (5%), such Party agrees to immediately notify the other Party of such fact or information and provide to such other Party a revised forecast that reflects such new fact or information and cures any inaccuracy in the previously submitted forecast within the earlier of (i) five (5) calendar days after such Party becomes aware of such information or fact and (ii) ten (10) Business Days before such Party submits any order to the other Party as a result of such new information or fact. In addition, each Party agrees to cooperate with the other Party to ensure that any orders that are submitted as a result of any new information or fact are submitted and processed consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Notwithstanding **Section 20.1.1**, the Parties agree that each forecast provided under this **Section 19.5.2** shall be deemed **"Proprietary Information"** under **Article XX**.

19.5.3 In addition to, and not in lieu of, the nonbinding forecasts required by **Section 19.5.2**, a Party that is entitled pursuant to this Agreement to receive a forecast (the **"Forecast Recipient"**) with respect to traffic and/or volume requirements for the products and services provided under this Agreement, including Interconnection, unbundled Network Elements, Collocation space, Number Portability and Resale Services, may request that the other Party that is required to provide a Forecast under this Agreement (the "Forecast Provider") establish a forecast (a **"Binding Forecast"**) that commits such Forecast Provider to purchase, and such Forecast Recipient to provide, a specified volume to be utilized as set forth in such Binding Forecast. The Forecast Provider and Forecast Recipient shall negotiate the terms of such Binding Forecast in good faith and shall include in such Binding Forecast provisions regarding price, quantity, liability for failure to perform under a Binding Forecast and any other terms desired by such Forecast Provider and Forecast Recipient. Notwithstanding **Section 20.1.1**, the Parties agree that each forecast provided under this **Section 19.5.3** shall be deemed **"Proprietary Information"** under **Article XX**.

19.6 Certain Network Facilities. Each Party is individually responsible to provide facilities within its network which 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 using industry standard format and to terminate the traffic it receives in that standard format to the proper address on its network. Such facility shall be designed based upon the description and forecasts provided under **Sections 19.5.1, 19.5.2** and, if applicable, **19.5.3**. 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.

19.7 Traffic Management and Network Harm.

19.7.1 Each Party may use protective network traffic management controls, such as 7-digit and 10-digit code gaps on traffic toward the other Party's network, when required to protect the public-switched network from congestion due to 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.

19.7.2 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.

19.7.3 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.

19.7.4 Neither Party shall use any product or service provided under this Agreement or any other service related thereto or used in combination therewith in any manner that interferes with any person in the use of such person's Telecommunications Service, prevents any person from using its Telecommunications Service, impairs the quality of Telecommunications Service to other carriers or to either

Party's Customers, causes electrical hazards to either Party's personnel, damage to either Party's equipment or malfunction of either Party's billing equipment.

19.7.5 Ameritech generally changes circuit pairs under the following conditions: (i) line and station transfers or installations; (ii) to eliminate defective pairs during repairs; and (iii) during facility rehabilitation projects. In the event that Ameritech changes out a circuit pair sold under this Agreement under conditions other than provided above, and that change adversely affects the provision of service, Requesting Carrier will notify Ameritech and Ameritech will attempt to resolve the problem within a reasonable time frame. Should the Parties be unable to resolve the situation, the Parties agree to abide by the dispute resolutions provisions contained in **Section 27.4** of this Agreement.

19.8 Insurance. At all times during the term of this Agreement, each Party shall keep and maintain in force at such Party's expense all insurance required by Applicable Law, general liability insurance in the amount of at least $10,000,000 and worker's compensation insurance. Upon request from the other Party, each Party shall provide to the other Party evidence of such insurance (which may be provided through a program of self-insurance).

19.9 Labor Relations. 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 (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.

19.10 Good Faith Performance. 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, as the case may be.

19.11 Responsibility to Customers. Each Party is solely responsible to its Customers for the services it provides to such Customers.

19.12 Unnecessary Facilities. No Party shall construct facilities which require another Party to build unnecessary trunks, facilities or services.

19.13 Cooperation. The Parties shall work cooperatively to minimize fraud associated with third-number billed calls, calling card calls, and any other services related to this Agreement.

19.14 LERG Use. Each Party shall use the LERG published by Bellcore or its successor for obtaining routing information and shall provide all required information to Bellcore for maintaining the LERG in a timely manner.

19.15 Switch Programming. Each Party shall program and update its own Central Office Switches and End Office Switches and network systems to recognize and route traffic to and from the other

Party's assigned NXX codes. Except as mutually agreed or as otherwise expressly defined in this Agreement, neither Party shall impose any fees or charges on the other Party for such activities.

19.16 Transport Facilities. Each Party is responsible for obtaining transport facilities sufficient to handle traffic between its network and the other Party's network. Each Party may provide the facilities itself, order them through a third party, or order them from the other Party.

19.17 FCC Conditions Certification. In order to qualify for the OSS Discounts set forth in **Section 9.6.1**, Requesting Carrier shall deliver to Ameritech and the Commission, initially and on a quarterly basis, a Certificate of Eligibility for OSS Discounts in the form set forth on **Schedule 19.17** as specifically required by Paragraph 18 of the FCC Conditions.

19.18 FCC Conditions Certification. In order to qualify for the promotional discounted prices set forth in **Section 9.6.2**, Requesting Carrier shall deliver to Ameritech and the Commission, initially and on a quarterly basis, a Certificate of Eligibility for Promotional Discounted Pricing on Unbundled Local Loops in the form set forth on **Schedule 19.18** as specifically required by Paragraph 46(e) of the FCC Conditions.

ARTICLE XX
PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

20.1 Definition of Proprietary Information.

20.1.1 **"Proprietary Information"** means:

(a) all proprietary or confidential information of a Party (a **"Disclosing Party"**) including specifications, drawings, sketches, business information, forecasts, records (including each Party's records regarding Performance Benchmarks), Customer Proprietary Network Information, Customer Usage Data, audit information, models, samples, data, system interfaces, computer programs and other software and documentation that is furnished or made available or otherwise disclosed to the other Party or any of such other Party's Affiliates (individually and collectively, a **"Receiving Party"**) pursuant to this Agreement and, if written, is marked "Confidential" or "Proprietary" or by other similar notice or if oral or visual, is either identified as "Confidential"
or "Proprietary" at the time of disclosure or is summarized in a writing so identified and delivered to the Receiving Party within ten (10) days of such disclosure; and

(b) any portion of any notes, analyses, data, compilations, studies, interpretations or other documents prepared by any Receiving Party to the extent the same contain, reflect, are derived from, or are based upon, any of the information described in **subsection (a)** above, unless such information contained or reflected in such notes, analyses, etc. is so commingled with the Receiving Party's information that disclosure could not possibly disclose the underlying proprietary or confidential

information (such portions of such notes, analyses, etc. referred to herein as **"Derivative Information"**).

20.1.2 The Disclosing Party will use its reasonable efforts to follow its customary practices regarding the marking of tangible Proprietary Information as "confidential," "proprietary," or other similar designation. The Parties agree that the designation in writing by the Disclosing Party that information is confidential or proprietary shall create a presumption that such information is confidential or proprietary to the extent such designation is reasonable.

20.1.3 Notwithstanding the requirements of this **Article XX**, all information relating to the Customers of a Party, including information that would constitute Customer Proprietary Network Information of a Party pursuant to the Act and FCC rules and regulations, and Customer Usage Data, whether disclosed by one Party to the other Party or otherwise acquired by a Party in the course of the performance of this Agreement, shall be deemed **"Proprietary Information."**

20.2 Disclosure and Use.

20.2.1 Each Receiving Party agrees that from and after the Effective Date:

(a) all Proprietary Information communicated, whether before, on or after the Effective Date, to it or any of its contractors, consultants or agents (**"Representatives"**) in connection with this Agreement shall be held in confidence to the same extent as such Receiving Party holds its own confidential information; provided that such Receiving Party or Representative shall not use less than a reasonable standard of care in maintaining the confidentiality of such information;

(b) it will not, and it will not permit any of its employees, Affiliates or Representatives to disclose such Proprietary Information to any third person;

(c) it will disclose Proprietary Information only to those of its employees, Affiliates and Representatives who have a need for it in connection with the use or provision of services required to fulfill this Agreement; and

(d) it will, and will cause each of its employees, Affiliates and Representatives to use such Proprietary Information only to perform its obligations under this Agreement or to use services provided by the Disclosing Party hereunder and for no other purpose, including its own marketing purposes.

20.2.2 A Receiving Party may disclose Proprietary Information of a Disclosing Party to its Representatives who need to know such information to perform their obligations under this Agreement; provided that before disclosing any Proprietary Information to any Representative, such Party shall notify such Representative of such person's obligation to comply with this Agreement. Any Receiving Party so disclosing Proprietary Information shall be responsible for any breach of this Agreement by any of its Representatives and such Receiving Party agrees, at its sole expense, to use its reasonable efforts (including

court proceedings) to restrain its Representatives from any prohibited or unauthorized disclosure or use of the Proprietary Information. Each Receiving Party making such disclosure shall notify the Disclosing Party as soon as possible if it has knowledge of a breach of this Agreement in any material respect. A Disclosing Party shall not disclose Proprietary Information directly to a Representative of the Receiving Party without the prior written authorization of the Receiving Party.

20.2.3 Proprietary Information shall not be reproduced by any Receiving Party in any form except to the extent (i) necessary to comply with the provisions of **Section 20.3** and (ii) reasonably necessary to perform its obligations under this Agreement. All such reproductions shall bear the same copyright and proprietary rights notices as are contained in or on the original.

20.2.4 This **Section 20.2** shall not apply to any Proprietary Information which the Receiving Party can establish to have:

(a) been disclosed by the Receiving Party with the Disclosing Party's prior written consent;

(b) become generally available to the public other than as a result of disclosure by a Receiving Party;

(c) been independently developed by a Receiving Party by an individual who has not had knowledge of or direct or indirect access to such Proprietary Information;

(d) been rightfully obtained by the Receiving Party from a third person without knowledge that such third person is obligated to protect its confidentiality; provided that such Receiving Party has exercised commercially reasonable efforts to determine whether such third person has any such obligation; or

(e) been obligated to be produced or disclosed by Applicable Law; provided that such production or disclosure shall have been made in accordance with **Section 20.3**.

20.3 Government Disclosure.

20.3.1 If a Receiving Party desires to disclose or provide to the Commission, the FCC or any other governmental authority any Proprietary Information of the Disclosing Party, such Receiving Party shall, prior to and as a condition of such disclosure, (i) provide the Disclosing Party with written notice and the form of such proposed disclosure as soon as possible but in any event early enough to allow the Disclosing Party to protect its interests in the Proprietary Information to be disclosed and (ii) attempt to obtain in accordance with the applicable procedures of the intended recipient of such Proprietary Information an order, appropriate protective relief or other reliable assurance that confidential treatment shall be accorded to such Proprietary Information.

20.3.2 If a Receiving Party is required by any governmental authority or by Applicable Law to disclose any Proprietary Information, then such Receiving Party shall provide the Disclosing Party

with written notice of such requirement as soon as possible and prior to such disclosure. Upon receipt of written notice of the requirement to disclose Proprietary Information, the Disclosing Party, at its expense, may then either seek appropriate protective relief in advance of such requirement to prevent all or part of such disclosure or waive the Receiving Party's compliance with this **Section 20.3** with respect to all or part of such requirement.

20.3.3 The Receiving Party shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Disclosing Party in attempting to obtain any protective relief which such Disclosing Party chooses to seek pursuant to this **Section 20.3**. In the absence of such relief, if the Receiving Party is legally compelled to disclose any Proprietary Information, then the Receiving Party shall exercise all commercially reasonable efforts to preserve the confidentiality of the Proprietary Information, including cooperating with the Disclosing Party to obtain an appropriate order or other reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded the Proprietary Information.

20.4 Ownership.

20.4.1 All Proprietary Information, other than Derivative Information, shall remain the property of the Disclosing Party, and all documents or other tangible media delivered to the Receiving Party that embody such Proprietary Information shall be, at the option of the Disclosing Party, either promptly returned to Disclosing Party or destroyed, except as otherwise may be required from time to time by Applicable Law (in which case the use and disclosure of such Proprietary Information will continue to be subject to this Agreement), upon the earlier of (i) the date on which the Receiving Party's need for it has expired and (ii) the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

20.4.2 At the request of the Disclosing Party, any Derivative Information shall be, at the option of the Receiving Party, either promptly returned to the Disclosing Party or destroyed, except as otherwise may be required from time to time by Applicable Law (in which case the use and disclosure of such Derivative Information will continue to be subject to this Agreement), upon the earlier of (i) the date on which the Receiving Party's need for it has expired and (ii) the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

20.4.3 The Receiving Party may at any time either return the Proprietary Information to the Disclosing Party or destroy such Proprietary Information. If the Receiving Party elects to destroy Proprietary Information, all copies of such information shall be destroyed and upon the written request of the Disclosing Party, the Receiving Party shall provide to the Disclosing Party written certification of such destruction. The destruction or return of Proprietary Information shall not relieve any Receiving Party of its obligation to treat such Proprietary Information in the manner required by this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXI
TERM AND TERMINATION

21.1 Term. The initial term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue in full force and effect until and including August 19, 2003 (the **"Initial Term"**). Upon expiration of the Initial Term, this Agreement shall automatically be renewed for additional one (1)-year periods (each, a **"Renewal Term"**; **"Renewal Term"** and **"Initial Term"** sometimes collectively referred to herein as the **"Term"**) unless a Party delivers to the other Party written notice of termination of this Agreement at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term or a Renewal Term.

21.2 Renegotiation of Certain Terms. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in **Section 21.1**, upon delivery of written notice at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term or any Renewal Term, either Party may require negotiations of any or all of the rates, prices, charges, terms, andconditions of the products and services described in this Agreement, with such resulting rates,
prices,charges, terms and conditions to be effective upon expiration of the Term. Upon receipt of notice, each Party shall have a good faith obligation to engage in such negotiations. If the Parties are unable to satisfactorily negotiate such new rates, prices, charges and terms within ninety (90) days of such written notice, either Party may petition the Commission or take such other action as may be necessary to establish appropriate terms. If prior to the expiration of the Term, the Parties are unable to mutually agree on such new rates, prices, charges, terms and conditions, or the Commission has not issued its order to establish such provisions, the Parties agree that the rates, terms and conditions ultimately ordered by such Commission or negotiated by the Parties shall be effective retroactive to the expiration date of such Term.

21.3 Default. When a Party believes that the other Party is in violation of a material term or condition of this Agreement (**"Defaulting Party"**), it shall provide written notice to such Defaulting Party of such violation prior to commencing the dispute resolution procedures set forth in **Section 27.3** and it shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures established in **Section 27.3**.

21.4 Payment Upon Expiration or Termination. In the case of the expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, each of the Parties shall be entitled to payment for all services performed and expenses accrued or incurred prior to such expiration or termination.

ARTICLE XXII
DISCLAIMER OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, NO PARTY MAKES OR RECEIVES ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES, FUNCTIONS AND PRODUCTS IT PROVIDES 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.

ARTICLE XXIII
SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement shall be 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.

ARTICLE XXIV
INDEMNIFICATION

24.1 General Indemnity Rights. A Party (the **"Indemnifying Party"**) shall defend and indemnify the other Party, its officers, directors, employees and permitted assignees (collectively, the **"Indemnified Party"**) and hold such Indemnified Party harmless against;

(a) any Loss to a third person arising out of the negligent acts or omissions, or willful misconduct (**"Fault"**) by such Indemnifying Party or the Fault of its employees, agents and subcontractors; provided, however, that (1) with respect to employees or agents of the Indemnifying Party, such Fault occurs while performing within the scope of their employment, (2) 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 (3) 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;

(b) any Loss arising from such Indemnifying Party's use of services offered under this Agreement, involving pending or threatened claims, actions, proceedings or suits (**"Claims"**) for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of Intellectual Property rights arising from the Indemnifying Party's own communications or the communications of such Indemnifying Party's Customers;

(c) any Loss arising from Claims for actual or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property right of a third person to the extent that such Loss arises from an Indemnified Party's or an Indemnified Party's Customer's use of a service provided under this Agreement; provided, however, that an Indemnifying Party's obligation to defend and indemnify the Indemnified Party shall not apply in the case of (i) (A) any use by an Indemnified Party of a service (or element thereof) in combination with elements, services or systems supplied by the Indemnified Party or persons other than the Indemnifying Party or (B) where an Indemnified Party or its Customer modifies or directs the Indemnifying Party to modify such service and (ii) no infringement would have occurred without such combined use or modification; and

(d) any and all penalties imposed upon the Indemnifying Party's failure to comply with the Communications Assistance to Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (**"CALEA"**) and, at the sole cost and expense of the Indemnifying Party, 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.

24.2 Limitation on Liquidated Damages. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in no event shall an Indemnifying Party have an obligation to indemnify, defend, hold the Indemnified Party harmless or reimburse the Indemnified Party or its Customers for any Loss arising out of a Claim for liquidated damages asserted against such Indemnified Party.

24.3 Indemnification Procedures. Whenever a Claim shall arise for indemnification under this **Article XXIV**, the relevant Indemnified Party, as appropriate, shall promptly notify the Indemnifying Party and request 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. 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. Until such time as Indemnifying Party provides such 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. 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. 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. 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 relevant Indemnified Party against, any cost or liability in excess of such refused compromise or settlement. With respect to any defense accepted by the Indemnifying Party, the relevant Indemnified Party shall 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 also shall be entitled to employ separate counsel for such defense at such Indemnified Party's expense. If the Indemnifying Party does not accept the defense of any indemnified Claim as provided above, the relevant Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ counsel for such defense at the expense of the Indemnifying Party. 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 **Article XX**.

ARTICLE XXV
LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

25.1 Limited Responsibility. A Party shall be responsible only for service(s) and facility(ies) 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 services and facilities provided by the other Party, its Affiliates, agents, subcontractors, or other persons retained by such parties. No Party shall be liable for any act or omission of another Telecommunications Carrier (other than an Affiliate) providing a portion of a service nor shall Ameritech be responsible for Requesting Carrier or Requesting Carrier's Customer's integration of service components.

25.2 Apportionment of Fault. In the case of any Loss arising from the negligence or willful misconduct of both Parties, each Party shall bear, and its obligation shall be limited to, that portion of the resulting expense caused by its negligence or misconduct or the negligence or misconduct of such Party's Affiliates, agents, contractors or other persons acting in concert with it.

25.3 Limitation of Damages. Except for indemnity obligations under **Article XXIV**, a Party's liability to the other Party for any Loss relating to or arising out of any negligent act or omission in its performance of this Agreement, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, shall be limited to the total amount properly charged to the other Party by such negligent or breaching Party for the service(s) or function(s) not performed or improperly performed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in cases involving any Claim for a Loss associated with the installation, provision, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of an individual Network Element or a Resale Service provided for a specific Customer of the other Party, the negligent or breaching Party's liability shall be limited to the greater of: (i) the total amount properly charged to the other Party for the service or function not performed or improperly performed and (ii) the amount such negligent or breaching Party would have been liable to its Customer if the comparable retail service was provided directly to its Customer.

25.4 Limitations in Tariffs. A Party may, in its sole discretion, provide in its tariffs and contracts with its Customers or third parties that relate to any service, product or function provided or contemplated under this Agreement that, to the maximum extent permitted by Applicable Law, such Party shall not be liable to such Customer 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 applicable person for the service, product or function that gave rise to such Loss and (ii) any Consequential Damages (as defined in **Section 25.5**). To the extent 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, such 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 25.4**.

25.5 Consequential Damages. In no event shall a Party have any liability whatsoever to the other Party for any indirect, special, consequential, incidental or punitive damages, including loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted or done hereunder (collectively, **"Consequential Damages"**), even if the other Party has been advised of the possibility of such damages; provided that the foregoing shall not limit a Party's obligation

under **Section 24.1** to indemnify, defend and hold the other Party harmless against any amounts payable to a third person, including any losses, costs, fines, penalties, criminal or civil judgments or settlements, expenses (including attorneys' fees) and Consequential Damages of such third person.

25.6 Remedies. Except as expressly provided herein, no remedy set forth in this Agreement is intended to be exclusive and each and every remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to any other rights or remedies now or hereafter existing under applicable law or otherwise.

25.7 By executing this Agreement, Requesting Carrier does not waive its right to receive any benefits provided by the stipulations or conditions adopted or otherwise acknowledged by the Commission or FCC in approving the SBC/Ameritech merger subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations set forth in such stipulations or conditions. In accordance with Paragraph 75 of the FCC Conditions, if any of the FCC Conditions contained in this Agreement and conditions imposed in connection with the merger under Illinois law grant similar rights against Ameritech, Requesting Carrier shall not have a right to invoke the relevant terms of the FCC Conditions contained in this Agreement, if Requesting Carrier has invoked substantially related conditions imposed on the merger under Illinois law.

ARTICLE XXVI
BILLING

26.1 Billing. Each Party will bill all applicable charges, at the rates set forth herein, in the Pricing Schedule and as set forth in applicable tariffs or contracts referenced herein, for the services provided by that Party to the other Party in accordance with this **Article XXVI** and the Implementation Plan.

26.2 Recording. To the extent technically feasible, the Parties shall record call detail information associated with calls originated or terminated to the other Party as specifically required herein.

26.3 Payment of Charges. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Requesting Carrier and Ameritech will pay each other within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of an invoice (the **"Bill Due Date"**). If the Bill Due Date is on a day other than a Business Day, payment will be made on the next Business Day. Payments shall be made in U.S. Dollars via electronic funds transfer to the other Party's bank account. Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, the Parties shall provide each other the name and address of its bank, its account and routing number and to whom payments should be made payable. If such banking information changes, each Party shall provide the other Party at least sixty (60) days' written notice of the change and such notice shall include the new banking information. If a Party receives multiple invoices which are payable on the same date, such Party may remit one payment for the sum of all amounts payable to the other Party's bank. Each Party shall provide the other Party with a contact person for the handling of payment questions or problems.

26.4 Late Payment Charges. If either Party fails to remit payment for any charges for services by the Bill Due Date, or if a payment or any portion of a payment is received by either Party after the Bill Due Date, or if a payment or any portion of a payment is received in funds which are not immediately available to the other Party as of the Bill Due Date (individually and collectively, **"Past Due"**), then a late payment charge shall be assessed. Past Due amounts shall accrue interest as provided in **Section 26.6**.

Any late payment charges assessed on Disputed Amounts shall be paid or credited, as the case may be, as provided in **Section 27.2.2**. In no event, however, shall interest be assessed on any previously assessed late payment charges.

26.5 Adjustments.

26.5.1 A Party shall promptly reimburse or credit the other Party for any charges that should not have been billed to the other Party as provided in this Agreement. Such reimbursements shall be set forth in the appropriate section of the invoice.

26.5.2 A Party shall bill the other Party for any charges that should have been billed to the other Party as provided in this Agreement, but have not been billed to the other Party (**"Underbilled Charges"**); provided, however, that, except as provided in **Article XXVII**, the Billing Party shall not bill for Underbilled Charges which were incurred more than one (1) year prior to the date that the Billing Party transmits a bill for any Underbilled Charges. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Requesting Carrier shall not be liable for any Underbilled Charges for which Customer Usage Data was not furnished by Ameritech to Requesting Carrier within ten (10) months of the date such usage was incurred.

26.6 Interest on Unpaid Amounts. Any undisputed amounts not paid when due shall accrue interest from the date such amounts were due at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1½%) per month and (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law, compounded daily from the number of days from the Bill Due Date to and including the date that payment is actually made and available.

ARTICLE XXVII
AUDIT RIGHTS, DISPUTED AMOUNTS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

27.1 Audit Rights.

27.1.1 Subject to the restrictions set forth in **Article XX** and except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, a Party (**"Auditing Party"**) may audit the other Party's (**"Audited Party"**) books, records, data and other documents, as provided herein, once annually (commencing on the Service Start Date) for the purpose of evaluating the accuracy of Audited Party's billing and invoicing of the services provided hereunder. 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) days after Audited Party receives a written notice requesting an audit and shall be completed no later than thirty (30) days after the start of such audit. Such audit shall be conducted by an independent auditor acceptable to both Parties. 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Auditing Party may audit Audited Party's books, records and documents more than once annually if the previous audit found previously uncorrected

net variances or errors in invoices in Audited Party's favor with an aggregate value of at least two percent (2%) of the amounts payable by Auditing Party for audited services provided during the period covered by the audit.

27.1.2 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 independent auditor reasonable access to any and all appropriate Audited Party employees and books, records and other documents reasonably necessary to assess the accuracy of Audited Party's bills. No Party shall have access to the data of the other Party, but shall rely upon summary results provided by the independent auditor. Audited Party may redact from the books, records and other documents provided to the independent auditor any confidential Audited Party information that reveals the identity of other Customers of Audited Party. 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.

27.1.3 If any audit confirms any undercharge or overcharge, then Audited Party shall (i) for any overpayment 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 or failure to act by the Audited Party, immediately compensate Auditing Party for such undercharge, in each case with interest at the lesser of (x) one and one-half (1½%) percent per month and (y) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Applicable Law, compounded daily, for the number of 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, as the case may be. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Requesting Carrier shall not be liable for any Underbilled Charges for which Customer Usage Data was not furnished by Ameritech to Requesting Carrier within ten (10) months of the date such usage was incurred.

27.1.4 Audits shall be at Auditing Party's expense, subject to reimbursement by Audited Party in the event that an audit finds, and the Parties subsequently verify, adjustment in the charges or in any invoice paid or payable by Auditing Party hereunder by an amount that is, on an annualized basis, greater than two percent (2%) of the aggregate charges for the audited services during the period covered by the audit. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in no event shall the Audited Party's reimbursement obligations exceed the amount of any adjustments in charges.

27.1.5 Any disputes concerning audit results shall be referred to the Parties' respective responsible personnel for informal resolution. If these individuals cannot resolve the dispute within thirty (30) 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 27.1.1**. Any additional audit shall be at the requesting Party's expense.

27.2 Disputed Amounts.

27.2.1 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") shall, 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; provided, however, a failure to provide such notice by that date shall not preclude a Party from subsequently challenging billed charges. The Non-Paying Party shall pay when due (i) all undisputed amounts to the Billing Party, and (ii) all Disputed Amounts into an interest bearing escrow account with a third party escrow agent mutually agreed upon by the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, except as provided in **Section 27.1**, a Party shall be entitled to dispute only those charges for which the Bill Due Date was within the immediately preceding twelve (12) months of the date on which the other Party received notice of such Disputed Amounts.

27.2.2 Disputed Amounts in escrow shall be subject to interest charges as set forth in **Section 26.4**. If the Non-Paying Party disputes charges and the dispute is resolved in favor of such Non-Paying Party, (i) the Billing Party shall credit the invoice of the Non-Paying Party for the amount of the Disputed Amounts along with any applicable interest charges assessed no later than the second Bill Due Date after the resolution of the Dispute and (ii) the escrowed Disputed Amounts shall be released to the Non-Paying Party, together with any accrued interest thereon. Accordingly, if a Non-Paying Party disputes charges and the dispute regarding the Disputed Amounts is resolved in favor of the Billing Party, (x) the escrowed Disputed Amounts and any accrued interest thereon shall be released to the Billing Party and (y) the Non-Paying Party shall no later than the second Bill Due Date after the resolution of the dispute regarding the Disputed Amounts pay the Billing Party the difference between the amount of accrued interest such Billing Party received from the escrow disbursement and the amount of interest charges such Billing Party is entitled pursuant to **Section 26.6**.

27.2.3 If the Parties are unable to resolve the issues related to the Disputed Amounts in the normal course of business within thirty (30) days after delivery to the Billing Party of notice of the Disputed Amounts, each of the Parties shall appoint a designated representative who has authority to settle the Disputed Amounts and who is at a higher level of management than the persons with direct responsibility for administration of this Agreement. The designated representatives shall meet as often as they reasonably deem necessary in order to discuss the Disputed Amounts and negotiate in good faith in an effort to resolve such Disputed Amounts. The specific format for such discussions will be left to the discretion of the designated representatives, however all reasonable requests for relevant information made by one Party to the other Party shall be honored.

27.2.4 If the Parties are unable to resolve issues related to the Disputed Amounts within thirty (30) days after the Parties' appointment of designated representatives pursuant to **Section 27.2.3**, then either Party may file a complaint with the Commission to resolve such issues or proceed with any other remedy available to the Parties. The Commission or the FCC or a court of competent jurisdiction may direct payment of any or all Disputed Amounts (including any accrued interest) thereon or additional amounts awarded plus applicable late fees, to be paid to either Party.

27.2.5 The Parties agree that all negotiations pursuant to this **Section 27.2** shall remain confidential in accordance with **Article XX** and shall be treated as compromise and settlement negotiations for purposes of the Federal Rules of Evidence and state rules of evidence.

27.3 Failure to Pay Undisputed Amounts. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if the Non-Paying Party fails to (i) pay any undisputed amounts by the Bill Due Date, (ii) pay the disputed portion of a past due bill into an interest-bearing escrow account, (iii) give written notice to the Billing Party of the specific details and reasons for disputing amounts, (iv) pay any revised deposit or (iv) make a payment in accordance with the terms of any mutually agreed upon 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 failing to comply with the foregoing. If the Non-Paying Party does not satisfy the written demand within five (5) Business Days of receipt, the Billing Party may exercise any, or all, of the following options:

(a) assess a late payment charge and where appropriate, a dishonored check charge;

(b) require provision of a deposit or increase an existing deposit pursuant to a revised deposit request;

(c) refuse to accept new, or complete pending, orders; and/or

(d) discontinue service.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Billing Party's exercise of (i) any of the above options shall 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 (ii) subsections (c) and (d) above shall exclude any affected order or service from any applicable performance interval or Performance Benchmark. Once disconnection has occurred, additional charges may apply.

27.4 Dispute Escalation and Resolution. Except as otherwise provided herein, any dispute, controversy or claim (individually and collectively, a **"Dispute"**) arising under this Agreement shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures set forth in this **Section 27.4**. In the event of a Dispute between the Parties relating to this Agreement and upon the written request of either Party, each of the Parties shall appoint within five (5) Business Days after a Party's receipt of such request a designated representative who has authority to settle the Dispute and who is at a higher level of management than the persons with direct responsibility for administration of this Agreement. The designated representatives shall meet as often as they reasonably deem necessary in order to discuss the Dispute and negotiate in good faith in an effort to resolve such Dispute. The specific format for such discussions will be left to the discretion of the designated representatives, however, all reasonable requests for relevant information made by one Party to the other Party shall be honored. If the Parties are unable to resolve issues related to a Dispute within thirty (30) days after the Parties' appointment of designated representatives as set forth above, either Party may seek any relief it is entitled to under Applicable Law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Parties permit the pending of a Dispute to disrupt service to any Requesting Carrier Customer or Ameritech Customer.

27.5 Equitable Relief. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this **Article XXVII** shall not be construed to prevent either Party from seeking and obtaining temporary equitable remedies, including temporary restraining orders, if, in its judgment, such action is necessary to avoid irreparable harm. Despite

any such action, the Parties will continue to participate in good faith in the dispute resolution procedures described in this **Article XXVII**.

ARTICLE XXVIII
REGULATORY APPROVAL

28.1 Commission Approval. The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement will be filed with the Commission for approval by such Commission pursuant to Section 252 of the Act. If the Commission, the FCC or any court rejects any portion of this Agreement, the Parties agree to meet and negotiate in good faith to arrive at a mutually acceptable modification of the rejected portion and related provisions; provided that such rejected portion shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement.

28.2 Amendment or Other Changes to the Act; Reservation of Rights. The Parties acknowledge that the respective rights and obligations of each Party as set forth in this Agreement are based on the text of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the FCC and the Commission as of the Effective Date. In the event of any amendment of the Act, or any legislative, regulatory, judicial order, rule or regulation or other legal action that revises or reverses the Act, the FCC's First Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 95-185 or any applicable Commission order purporting to apply the provisions of the Act (individually and collectively, an **"Amendment to the Act"**), either Party may by providing written notice to the other Party require that the affected provisions be renegotiated in good faith and this Agreement be amended accordingly to reflect the pricing, terms and conditions of each such Amendment to the Act relating to any of the provisions in this Agreement. If any such amendment to this Agreement affects any rates or charges of the services provided hereunder, such amendment shall be retroactively effective if so determined by the Commission and each Party reserves its rights and remedies with respect to the collection of such rates or charges; including the right to seek a surcharge before the applicable regulatory authority.

28.3 Regulatory Changes. If any legislative, regulatory, judicial or other legal action (other than an Amendment to the Act, which is provided for in **Section 28.2**) materially affects the ability of a Party to perform any material obligation under this Agreement, a Party may, on thirty (30) days' written notice (delivered not later than thirty (30) days following the date on which such action has become legally binding), require that the affected provision(s) be renegotiated, and the Parties shall renegotiate in good faith such mutually acceptable new provision(s) as may be required; provided that such affected provisions shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement.

28.4 Interim Rates. If the rates, charges and prices set forth in this Agreement are **"interim rates"** established by the Commission or the FCC, the Parties agree to substitute such interim rates with the rates, charges or prices later established by the Commission or the FCC pursuant to the pricing standards of Section 252 of the Act and such rates, charges and prices shall be effective as determined by the Commission or the FCC.

ARTICLE XXIX
MISCELLANEOUS

29.1 Authorization.

29.1.1 Ameritech Illinois, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Illinois, has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform the obligations hereunder.

29.1.2 Requesting Carrier is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder. Requesting Carrier represents and warrants to Ameritech that it has been or will be certified as an LEC by the Commission prior to submitting any orders hereunder and is or will be authorized to provide in the State of Illinois the services contemplated hereunder prior to submission of orders for such service.

29.2 Designation of Affiliate. Each Party may without the consent of the other Party fulfill its obligations under this Agreement by itself or may cause its Affiliates to take some or all of such actions to fulfill such obligations. Upon such designation, the Affiliate shall become a primary obligor hereunder with respect to the delegated matter, but such designation shall not relieve the designating Party of its obligations as co-obligor hereunder. Any Party which elects to perform its obligations through an Affiliate shall cause its Affiliate to take all action necessary for the performance hereunder of such Party's obligations. Each Party represents and warrants that if an obligation under this Agreement is to be performed by an Affiliate, such Party has the authority to cause such Affiliate to perform such obligation and such Affiliate will have the resources required to accomplish the delegated performance.

29.3 Subcontracting. Either Party may subcontract the performance of its obligation under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party; provided, however, that the Party subcontracting such obligation shall remain fully responsible for (i) the performance of such obligation, (ii) payments due its subcontractors and (iii) such subcontractors' compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Agreement.

29.4 Independent Contractor. Each Party shall perform services hereunder as an independent contractor and nothing herein shall be construed as creating any other relationship between the Parties. Each Party and each Party's contractor shall be solely responsible for the withholding or payment of all applicable federal, state and local income taxes, social security taxes and other payroll taxes with respect to their employees, as well as any taxes, contributions or other obligations imposed by applicable state unemployment or workers' compensation acts. Each Party has sole authority and responsibility to hire, fire and otherwise control its employees.

29.5 Force Majeure. 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 government or legal body, embargoes, epidemics,

terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, work stoppages, equipment failures, 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 delays 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.

29.6 Governing Law. Unless otherwise provided by Applicable Law, this Agreement shall be governed by the domestic laws of the State of Illinois without reference to conflict of law provisions.

29.7 Taxes.

29.7.1 Each Party purchasing services hereunder shall pay or otherwise be responsible for all federal, state, or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts, transaction or similar taxes, fees or surcharges levied against or upon such purchasing Party (or the providing Party when such providing Party is permitted to pass along to the purchasing Party such taxes, fees or surcharges), except for any tax on either Party's corporate existence, status or income. Whenever possible, these amounts shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice. To the extent a sale is claimed to be for resale, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation by the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. Failure to timely provide said resale tax exemption certificate will result in no exemption being available to the purchasing Party for any charges invoiced prior to the date such exemption certificate is furnished. To the extent that a Party includes gross receipts taxes in any of the charges or rates of services provided hereunder, no additional gross receipts taxes shall be levied against or upon the purchasing Party.

29.7.2 The Party obligated to pay any such taxes may contest the same in good faith, at its own expense, and shall be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery; provided that such contesting Party shall not permit any lien to exist on any asset of the other Party by reason of such contest. The Party obligated to collect and remit shall cooperate in any such contest by the other Party. As a condition of contesting any taxes due hereunder, the contesting Party agrees to be liable and indemnify and reimburse the other Party for any additional amounts that may be due by reason of such contest, including any interest and penalties.

29.8 Non-Assignment. (a) A Party may not assign or transfer (whether by operation of law or otherwise) this Agreement (or any rights or obligations hereunder) to a third person without the prior written consent of the other Party; provided that a Party may assign or transfer this Agreement to its Affiliate by providing prior written notice to the other Party of such assignment or transfer; provided, further, that

such assignment is not inconsistent with Applicable Law (including, the Affiliate's obligation to obtain proper Commission certification and approvals) or the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party may not assign or transfer this Agreement (or any rights or obligations hereunder) to its Affiliate if that Affiliate is a party to an agreement with the other Party under Sections 251/252 of the Act. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void ab initio.

(b) As a condition of any assignment or transfer of this Agreement (or any rights hereunder) that is permitted under, or consented to by Ameritech pursuant to, this **Section 29.8**, Requesting Carrier agrees to reimburse Ameritech for any costs incurred by Ameritech to accommodate or recognize under this Agreement the successor to or assignee of Requesting Carrier, including any requested or required (i) modification by Ameritech to its Operations Support Systems, databases, methods and procedures and records (e.g., billing, inventory, interfaces and etc.) and (ii) network/facilities rearrangement. Ameritech shall have no obligation to proceed with such activities until the Parties agree upon the charges that apply to such activities.

29.9 Non-Waiver. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and properly executed by or on behalf of the Party against whom such waiver or consent is claimed. 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.

29.10 Notices. Notices given by one Party to the other Party under this Agreement shall be in writing (unless specifically provided otherwise herein) and unless otherwise specifically required by this Agreement to be delivered to another representative or point of contact, shall be (a) delivered personally, (b) delivered by express delivery service, (c) mailed, certified mail or first class U.S. mail postage prepaid, return receipt requested or (d) delivered by facsimile; provided that a confirmation copy is sent by the method described in (a), (b) or (c) of this **Section 29.10**, to the following addresses of the Parties:

To Requesting Carrier:

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, Inc.
Attn. Joseph O Kahl
105 Carnegie Center
Princeton, NJ 08540

with a copy to:

Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLC
Attn: Anthony M. Black, Attorney
3000 K Street, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20007-5116
Fax: 202-424-7643

To Ameritech:

SBC Contact Administration
ATTN: Notices Manager
311 S. Akard, 9th Floor
Four Bell Plaza
Dallas, TX 75202-5398
Telephone: (214)-464-1933
Facsimile: (214)-464-2006

or to such other address as either Party shall designate by proper notice. Notices will be deemed given as of the earlier of (i) the date of actual receipt, (ii) the next Business Day when notice is sent via express mail or personal delivery, (iii) three (3) days after mailing in the case of first class or certified U.S. mail or (iv) on the date set forth on the confirmation in the case of facsimile.

29.11 Publicity and Use of Trademarks or Service Marks. Neither Party nor its subcontractors or agents shall use the other Party's trademarks, service marks, logos or other proprietary trade dress in any advertising, press releases, publicity matters or other promotional materials without such Party's prior written consent, except as permitted by Applicable Law.

29.12 Nonexclusive Dealings. This Agreement does not prevent either Party from providing or purchasing services to or from any other person nor does it obligate either Party to provide or purchase any services not specifically provided herein.

29.13 No Third Party Beneficiaries; Disclaimer of Agency. Except as may be specifically set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their permitted assigns, and nothing herein express or implied shall create or be construed to create any third-party beneficiary rights hereunder. 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. 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.

29.14 No License. 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.

29.15 Survival. 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, including **Articles XX, XXI**, **XXII**, **XXIV**, and **XXV**, and **Sections 3.9.4, 6.5, 10.11.3, 16.15, 16.17, 19.5.3, 21.4, 27.2, 27.3, 29.7, 29.11, and 29.14**.

29.16 Scope of Agreement. This Agreement is intended to describe and enable specific Interconnection and access to unbundled Network Elements and compensation arrangements between the Parties. Except as specifically contained herein or provided by the FCC or the Commission within its lawful jurisdiction, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to affect any access charge arrangement.

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

29.18 SBC Mergers. Ameritech and SBC Communications, Inc. have merged. By executing this Agreement, Requesting Carrier does not waive its right to receive any benefits provided by the stipulations or conditions adopted or otherwise acknowledged by the Commission or FCC in approving the Ameritech/SBC merger subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations set forth in such stipulations or conditions.

29.19 Performance Measures.

29.19.1 As used in this section, Service Bureau Provider means a company which has been engaged by Requesting Carrier to act as its agent for purposes of accessing Ameritech's OSS application-to-application interfaces.

29.19.2 As used in this section, in Illinois, Merger Condition shall mean those conditions related to the SBC Ameritech merger ordered under the Illinois Commerce Commission Docket Number 98-0555.

29.19.3 As used in this section, Collaborative Process shall mean the performance measurement collaborative process established pursuant to the Merger Conditions.

29.19.4 The performance measurements contained herein, notwithstanding any other provisions this Agreement, are not intended to create, modify or otherwise affect parties' rights and obligations. The Parties' rights and obligations are defined elsewhere, including the relevant laws, FCC and Commission decisions/regulations, tariffs, and within this interconnection agreement.

29.19.5 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 into this Agreement by reference. The Parties agree to accept and abide by the Performance Measure Remedy Plan and Schedule and the state-specific Business Rules, as posted on SBC/Ameritech's Internet website.

29.19.6 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 either Party disputes the adoption of a proposed revision from the Collaborative Process, the party seeking such adoption may raise the issue with the Commission for resolution,

with such process being the sole and exclusive process for seeking resolution of such issue. Until a final Commission order resolving the issue is effective, the parties agree to abide by the performance measures, remedy plans and Business Rules implemented by Ameritech in response to the Collaborative Process as then posted on SBC/Ameritech's Internet website. Each Party reserves its rights, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, to seek appropriate legal and/or equitable review and relief from such 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 applicablilty of the performance measures and remedy plan.

29.19.7 In addition to the exclusions described in the performance measures and remedy plans developed within the Collaborative Process, Ameritech shall not be obligated to pay liquidated damages or assessments for noncompliance with a performance measurement to the extent that such noncompliance was the result of delays or other problems resulting from actions or inaction of Requesting Carrier or of a Service Bureau Provider acting as Requesting Carrier's agent for connection to Ameritech's OSS, including Service Bureau Provider provided processes, services, systems or connectivity.

29.19.8 Since Requesting Carrier had requested, prior to June 15, 2000, that the performance measures provisions of this subsection be included in this Agreement, Ameritech shall make performance measure remedies available to Requesting Carriercommencing with May, 2000, performance data.

29.20 Entire Agreement. The terms contained in this Agreement and any Schedules, Exhibits, tariffs and other documents or instruments referred to herein, which are incorporated into this Agreement by this reference, 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. Specifically, the Parties expressly acknowledge that the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall supersede those existing arrangements of the Parties, if any. This Agreement is the exclusive arrangement under which the Parties may purchase from each other the products and services described in Sections 251 and 271 of Act and, except as agreed upon in writing, neither Party shall be required to provide the other Party a product or service described in Sections 251 and 271 of the Act that is not specifically provided herein. Neither Party shall be bound by any 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. This Agreement may only be modified by a writing signed by an officer of each Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the Effective Date.

RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.

By: _____
Printed: Scott Burnside
Title: Senior V.P., Regulatory Affairs
Date: January 8, 2001
AECN/OCN # 8702

AMERITECH IILINOIS
BY SBC COMMUNICATIONS, INC. ITS AUTHORIZED AGENT

By: _____
Printed: O. R. Stanley
Title: President-Industry Markets
Date: 1-11-01

Since this Agreement is an adoption of an existing approved Interconnection Agreement, The term "Effective Date" throughout the Agreement (excluding the title page and Preamble) shall mean January 3, 2001, except to the extent a different effective date may apply under applicable law (including commission or FCC order). The change in "Effective Date" within the Agreement is only intended so that the Parties may meet the operation obligations of the Agreement and in no way is intended to extend the Agreement beyond the termination date of the adopted Agreement.

This Agreement is the result of Requesting Carrier's adoption, pursuant to Section 252 (i) of the Act, of the terms and conditions of that certain Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 dated August 20, 2000 by and between Ameritech Illinois and Focal Communications Corporation of Illinois (the "Focal Communications Corporation of Illinois Agreement"). Filing and performance by Ameritech of this Agreement does not in any way constitute a waiver by Ameritech of its position of the illegality or unreasonableness of any rates, terms, or conditions set forth in this Agreement, nor does it constitute a waiver by Ameritech of any rights and remedies it may have to seek review of this Agreement or the Focal Communications Corporation of Illinois Agreement, or seek review in any way of any provisions included in this Agreement as a result of Requesting Carrier's election under **Section 252(i)** of the Act. By adopting this agreement, Requesting Carrier does not waive any rights it may have under the Agreement or applicable law, including any rights it may have to seek modification of the Agreement and any rights it may have under Section 252 (i) of the Act. The Parties acknowledge that, except to the extent required by applicable law (including Commission or FCC order) or by agreement of the parties, in no event shall any of the rates, terms, and conditions set forth in this Agreement apply to any products or services purchased by Requesting Carrier prior to the later of (i) the date the Commission approves this Agreement under **Section 252(e)(4)** of Act, and (ii) absent such Commission approval, the date this Agreement is deemed approved under **Section 252(e)** of the Act.

Neither Ameritech nor Requesting Carrier's execution of this Agreement and compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be construed as or is intended to be a concession or admission by either Party that any provision in this Agreement or the Focal Communications Corporation of Illinois Agreement complies with the rights and duties imposed by the Act, a decision by the FCC or the Commission, a decision of the courts, or other Applicable Law, and both Ameritech and Requesting Carrier specifically reserves their respective full rights to assert and pursue claims arising from or related to this Agreement.

SCHEDULE 1.2

DEFINITIONS

"800" means 800, 888 and any other toll-free NPA established by the FCC.

"9-1-1" means the services described in **Section 3.9**.

"9-1-1 Control Office Software Enhancement Connection Charge" is as defined in **Section 3.9.2(e)**.

"Access Toll Connecting Trunks" is as defined in **Section 5.1**.

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

"ADSL" or **"Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line"** means a transmission technology which transmits an asymmetrical digital signal using one of a variety of line codes.

"Advanced Intelligent Network" or **"AIN"** is a network functionality that permits specific conditions to be programmed into a switch which, when met, direct the switch to suspend call processing and to receive special instructions for further call handling instructions in order to enable carriers to offer advanced features and services.

"Affiliate" is As Defined in the Act.

"AMA" means the Automated Message Accounting structure inherent in switch technology that initially records telecommunication message information. AMA format is contained in the Automated Message Accounting document, published by Bellcore as GR-1100-CORE which defines the industry standard for message recording.

"Applicable Law" is as defined in **Section 19.2**.

"Approval Date" is the earlier of the date on which (i) the Commission approves this Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act and (ii) absent such Commission approval, the Agreement is deemed approved under Section 252(e)(4) of the Act.

"As Defined in the Act" means as specifically defined by the Act and as from time to time interpreted in the duly authorized rules and regulations of the FCC or the Commission.

"As Described in the Act" means as described in or required by the Act and as from time to time interpreted in the duly authorized rules and regulations of the FCC or the Commission.

"Automatic Location Identification" or **"ALI"** means a feature by which the service address associated with the calling party's listed telephone number identified by ANI as defined herein, is forwarded to the PSAP for display. Additional telephones with the same number as the calling party's, including secondary locations and off-premise extensions will be identified with the service address of the calling party's listed number.

"Automatic Number Identification" or **"ANI"** means a Feature Group D signaling parameter which refers to the number transmitted through a network identifying the billing number of the calling party. With respect to 9-1-1 and E9-1-1, "ANI" means a feature by which the calling party's telephone number is automatically forwarded to the E9-1-1 Control Office and to the PSAP display and transfer office.

"Automatic Route Selection" or **"ARS"** means a service feature associated with a specific grouping of lines that provides for automatic selection of the least expensive or most appropriate transmission facility for each call based on criteria programmed into the system.

"Bellcore" means Bell Communications Research, Inc.

"Binding Forecast" is as defined in **Section 19.5.3**.

"Blocking of Caller ID" means service in which a Customer may prevent the disclosure of the calling telephone number and name on calls made to an Exchange Service equipped with Called ID.

"BLV/BLVI Traffic" means an operator service call in which the caller inquires as to the busy status of or requests an interruption of a call on another Customer's Telephone Exchange Service line.

"Bona Fide Request" means the process described on **Schedule 2.2**.

"Business Day" means a day on which banking institutions are required to be open for business in Chicago, Illinois.

"CABS" means the Carrier Access Billing System which is contained in a document prepared under the direction of the Billing Committee of the OBF. The Carrier Access Billing System document is published by Bellcore in Volumes 1, 1A, 2, 3, 3A, 4 and 5 as Special Reports SR-OPT-001868, SR-OPT-001869, SR-OPT-001871, SR-OPT-001872, SR-OPT-001873, SR-OPT-001874, and SR-OPT-001875, respectively, and contains the recommended guidelines for the billing of access and other connectivity services.

"Calling Party Number" or **"CPN"** is a Common Channel Interoffice Signaling (**"CCIS"**) parameter which refers to the number transmitted through a network identifying the calling party.

"Carrier of Record" is as defined in **Section 10.11.3**.

"CCS" means one hundred (100) call seconds.

"Central Office" means a building or space within a building (other than a remote switch) where transmission facilities and/or circuits are connected or switched.

"Central Office Switch" means a switch used to provide Telecommunications Services, including:

(a) **"End Office Switches,"** which are used to terminate Customer station Loops for the purpose of Interconnection to each other and to trunks; and

(b) **"Tandem Office Switches,"** or **"Tandems,"** which are used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among other Central Office Switches.

A Central Office Switch may also be employed as a combination End Office/Tandem Office Switch.

"Centrex" means a Telecommunications Service associated with a specific grouping of lines that uses Central Office switching equipment for call routing to handle direct dialing of calls and to provide many private branch exchange-like features.

"CLASS Features" means certain CCIS-based features available to Customers including: Automatic Call Back; Caller Identification and related blocking features; Distinctive Ringing/Call Waiting; Selective Call Forward; and Selective Call Rejection.

"COBO" is as defined in **Section 12.12.2(b)**.

"Collo Order" is as defined in **Section 12.12.1**.

"Collo Proposal" is as defined in **Schedule 12.12, Section 2.1.**.

"Collo Response" is as defined in **Section 12.12.1**.

"Collocation" is As Described in the Act.

"Commercial Mobile Radio Service" or "CMRS" is As Defined in the Act.

"Commission" means the Illinois Commerce Commission.

"Common Channel Interoffice Signaling" or **"CCIS"** means the signaling system, developed for use between switching systems with stored-program control, in which all of the signaling information for one or more groups of trunks is transmitted over a dedicated high-speed data link rather than on a per-trunk basis and, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the CCIS used by the Parties shall be SS7.

"Consequential Damages" is as defined in **Section 25.5**.

"Contract Month" means a calendar month (or portion thereof) during the term of this Agreement. Contract Month 1 shall commence on the first day of the first calendar month following the Effective Date and end on the last day of that calendar month.

"Contract Services" is as defined in **Section 10.1.2**.

"Contract Year" means a twelve (12)-month period during the term of this Agreement commencing on the Effective Date and each anniversary thereof.

"Control Office" means the Central Office providing Tandem Switching Capability for E9-1-1 calls. The Control Office controls switching of ANI information to the PSAP and also provides the Selective Routing feature, standard speed calling features, call transfer capability and certain maintenance functions for each PSAP.

"Cross-Connect" or **"Cross Connection"** means a connection provided pursuant to Collocation at the Digital Signal Cross Connect, Main Distribution Frame or other suitable frame or panel between (i) the collocated Party's equipment and (ii) the equipment of a third-party collocated Telecommunications Carrier or the equipment or facilities (i.e., frame) of the other Party which provides such Collocation.

"Customer" means a third-party end user that subscribes to Telecommunications Services provided at retail by either of the Parties.

"Customer Listing(s)" means a list containing the names, the telephone numbers, addresses and zip codes of Customers within a defined geographical area, except to the extent such Customers have requested not to be listed in a directory.

"Customer Name and Address Information" or **"CNA"** means the name, service address and telephone numbers of a Party's Customers for a particular Exchange Area. CNA includes nonpublished listings, coin telephone information and published listings.

"Customer Proprietary Network Information" is As Defined in the Act.

"Customer Usage Data" is as defined in **Section 10.16.1**.

"Data Management System" or **"DMS"** means a system of manual procedures and computer processes used to create, store and update the data required to provide the Selective Routing (**"SR"**) and ALI features.

"Delaying Event" means (a) any failure of a Party to perform any of its obligations set forth in this Agreement, caused in whole or in part by (i) the failure of the other Party to perform any of its obligations set forth in this Agreement (including, specifically, a Party's failure to provide the other Party with accurate

and complete Service Orders), or (ii) any delay, act or failure to act by the other Party or its Customer, agent or subcontractor or (b) any Force Majeure Event.

"Delivery Date" is as defined in **Sections 12.12.2(b)** and **12.12.3(c)**.
"Derivative Information" is as defined in **Section 20.1.1(b)**.

"Dialing Parity" is As Defined in the Act.

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

"Digital Signal Level 0" or **"DSO"** means the 64 Kbps zero-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.

"Digital Signal Level 1" or **"DS1"** means the 1.544 Mbps first-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy. In the time-division multiplexing hierarchy of the telephone network, DS1 is the initial level of multiplexing.

"Digital Signal Level 3" or **"DS3"** means the 44.736 Mbps third-level in the time-division multiplex hierarchy. In the time-division multiplexing hierarchy of the telephone network, DS3 is defined as the third level of multiplexing.

"Disclosing Party" is as defined in **Section 20.1.1**.

"Dispute" is as defined in **Section 27.3**.

"Disputed Amounts" is as defined in **Section 27.2.1**.

"Documentation of Authorization" is as defined in **Schedule 10.11.1**.

"DSL" means Digital Subscriber Line.

"Effective Date" is the date indicated in the Preamble.

"Emergency Services" mean police, fire, ambulance, rescue and medical services.

"E9-1-1" or **"Enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) Service"** provides completion of 9-1-1 calls via dedicated trunking facilities and includes Automatic Number Identification (ANI), Automatic Location Identification (ALI) and/or Selective Routing (SR).

"equal in quality" is as defined in **Section 3.6**.

"Exchange Access" is As Defined in the Act.

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

"Exchange Message Record" or **"EMR"** means the standard used for exchange of Telecommunications message information among Telecommunications providers for billable, non-billable, sample, settlement and study data. EMR format is contained in Bellcore Practice BR-010-200-010 CRIS Exchange Message Record.

"FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission.

"FCC Conditions" means the Proposed Conditions included as an attachment to the FCC Merger Order.

"FCC Merger Order " means the FCC's Order approving the SBC/Ameritech merger, CC Docket No. 98-141, FCC 99-279, released October 8, 1999.

"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.

"Force Majeure Event" is as defined in **Section 29.5**.

"Forecast Provider" is as defined in **Section 19.5.3**.

"Grandfathered Services" is as defined in **Section 10.3.1**.

"Hazardous Substances" is as defined in **Section 19.4**.

"HDSL" or **"High-Bit Rate Digital Subscriber Line"** means a transmission technology which transmits up to a DS1-level signal, using any one of the following line codes: 2 Binary / 1 Quartenary (**"2B1Q"**), Carrierless AM/PM, Discrete Multitone (**"DMT"**), or 3 Binary / 1 Octel (**"3B1O"**).

"ICC Merger Order" means the Illinois Commerce Commission's Order approving the SBC/Ameritech merger, ICC Docket No. 98-0555, released September 23, 1999.

"Implementation Plan" is as defined in **Section 18.2**.

"Implementation Team" is as defined in **Section 18.1**.

"Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier" or **"ILEC"** is As Defined in the Act. "**Information Service**" is As Defined in the Act.

"Information Service Traffic" means Local Traffic or IntraLATA Toll Traffic which originates on a Telephone Exchange Service line and which is addressed to an information service provided over a Party's Information Services platform (e.g., 976).

"Initial Term" is as defined in **Section 21.1**.

"Insufficient Capacity" is as defined in **Section 16.1.2**.

"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.

"Integrated Services Digital Network" or **"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).

"Intellectual Property" means copyrights, patents, trademarks, trade-secrets, mask works and all other intellectual property rights.

"Interconnection" is As Defined in the Act.

"Interconnection Activation Date" is as defined in **Section 2.1**.

"Interexchange Carrier" or **"IXC"** means a carrier that provides interLATA or intraLATA Telephone Toll Services.

"Interim Telecommunications Number Portability" or **"INP"** is as described in the Act.

"InterLATA" is As Defined in the Act.

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

"Internet Service Provider ("ISP") is an enhanced service provider that provides internet service.

"Line Information Database(s) (LIDB)" means one or all, as the context may require, of the Line Information Databases owned individually by ILECs and other entities which provide, among other things, calling card validation functionality for telephone line number cards issued by ILECs and other entities. A LIDB also contains validation data for collect and third number-billed calls, which include billed number screening.

"Listing Update(s)" means information with respect to Customers necessary for Publisher to publish directories under this Agreement in a form and format acceptable to Publisher. For Customers whose telephone service has changed since the last furnished Listing Update because of new installation, disconnection, change in address, change in name, change in non-listed or non-published status, or other change which may affect the listing of the Customer in a directory, Listing Updates shall also include information necessary in order for Publisher to undertake initial delivery and subsequent delivery of directories, including mailing addresses, delivery addresses and quantities of directories requested by a Customer. In the case of Customers who have transferred service from another LEC to Requesting Carrier without change of address, Listing Updates shall also include the Customer's former listed telephone number and former LEC, if available. Similarly, in the case of Customers who have transferred service from Requesting Carrier to another LEC, Listing Updates shall also include the Customer's referral telephone number and new LEC, if available.

"Local Access and Transport Area" or **"LATA"** is As Defined in the Act.

"Local Exchange Carrier" or **"LEC"** is As Defined in the Act.

"Local Loop Transmission," "Unbundled Local Loop" or **"Loop"** means the transmission path which extends from the Network Interface Device or demarcation point at a Customer's premises to the Main Distribution Frame or other designated frame or panel in the Ameritech Serving Wire Center. Loops are defined by the electrical interface rather than the type of facility used.

"Local Number Portability" means the ability of users of Telecommunications Services to retain, at the same location, existing telephone numbers without impairment of quality, reliability, or convenience when switching from one Telecommunications Carrier to another.

"Local Traffic" means a call the distance of which is fifteen (15) miles or less as calculated by using the V&H coordinates of the originating NXX and the V&H coordinates of the terminating NXX or as otherwise determined by the FCC or Commission for purposes of Reciprocal Compensation; provided, that in no event shall a Local Traffic call be greater than fifteen (15) miles as so calculated.[1/]

"Logical Trunk Groups" are trunks established consistent with **Articles IV** and **V** that originate at one Party's Central Office and terminate at the other Party's Tandem or End Office. Such Logical Trunk Groups are switched only at the point where such Logical Trunk Groups terminate.

"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).

[4/] By entering into this Agreement, Ameritech does not agree that ISP-bound traffic is "local" for the purposes of application of reciprocal compensation under the Act, nor is Ameirtech voluntarily agreeing to pay reciprocal compensation for the transport and termination of ISP-bound traffic. Moreover, Ameritech reserves its rights to appeal or otherwise seek review of the Arbitration Decision.

"Main Distribution Frame" means the distribution frame of the Party providing the Loop used to interconnect cable pairs and line and trunk equipment terminals on a switching system.

"Make-Ready Work" means all work, including rearrangement or transfer of existing facilities or other changes required to accommodate Requesting Carrier's Attachments.

"MECAB" refers to the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) 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 Bellcore as Special Report SR-BDS-000983 contains the recommended guidelines for the billing of an access service provided by two or more LECs, or by one LEC in two or more states within a single LATA.

"Meet-Point Billing" means the process whereby each Party bills the appropriate tariffed rate for its portion of a jointly provided Switched Exchange Access Service.

"Multiple Bill/Single Tariff" means that each Party will prepare and render its own meet point bill in accordance with its own tariff for its portion of the switched access service.

"Network Element" is As Defined in the Act.

"Non-Electronic Order" is as defined in **Section 10.13.2(b)**.

"North American Numbering Plan" or **"NANP"** means the numbering plan used in the United States that also serves Canada, Bermuda, Puerto Rico and certain Caribbean Islands. The NANP format is a 10-digit number that consists of a 3-digit NPA code (commonly referred to as the area code), followed by a 3-digit NXX code and 4-digit line number.

"Number Portability" is As Defined in the Act.

"NXX" means the three-digit code which appears as the first three digits of a seven-digit telephone number.

"OBF" means 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).

"Occupancy Date" is as defined in **Section 12.12.2(e)**.

"Optical Line Terminating Multiplexor" or **"OLTM"** is as defined in **Section 3.3**.

"Party" means either Ameritech or Requesting Carrier, and **"Parties"** means Ameritech and Requesting Carrier.

"Physical Collocation" is As Defined in the Act.

"PIC" is as defined in **Section 10.11.4**.

"Plan" is as defined in **Section 8.1**.

"Premises" is As Defined in the Act.

"Preparation Charges" means those charges applicable to the preparation of Ameritech's Premises for Collocation, including any Central Office Build-Out (COBO) charges, cage enclosure charges and extraordinary charges.

"Primary Listing" means the single directory listing provided to Customers by Publisher under the terms of this Agreement. Each telephone configuration that allows a terminating call to hunt for an available time among a series of lines shall be considered a single Customer entitled to a single primary listing. Ameritech will publish the Primary Listing of Requesting Carrier's Wireless Customers' listing at no charge provided that Wireless Customer's listing NPA/NXX and service address fall within an identifiable Ameritech exchange. If the Customer's listing NPA/NXX and service address does not fall within an identifiable Ameritech exchange, Requesting Carrier will pay the applicable white page directory rate for that Primary Listing as well as all other Listings in addition to the Primary Listing. For resold Centrex Service, Ameritech will furnish one (1) Primary Listing for each resold Centrex System. For other resold services, Ameritech will furnish Primary Listings, if any, as described in the applicable tariffs or Ameritech Catalog.

"Proprietary Information" is as defined in **Section 20.1.1**.

"Provisioning EI" is as defined in **Section 10.13.2(a)**.

"Public Safety Answering Point" or **"PSAP"** means an answering location for 9-1-1 calls originating in a given area. A PSAP may be designated as Primary or Secondary, which refers to the order in which calls are directed for answering. Primary PSAPs respond first; Secondary PSAPs receive calls on a transfer basis only, and generally serve as a centralized answering location for a particular type of emergency call. PSAPs are staffed by employees of Service Agencies such as police, fire or emergency medical agencies or by employees of a common bureau serving a group of such entities.

"Publisher" means Ameritech's White Pages Directories publisher.

"Rate Center" means the specific geographic point which has been designated by a given LEC as being associated with a particular NPA-NXX code which 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; provided that a Rate Center cannot exceed the boundaries of an Exchange Area as defined by the Commission.

"Receiving Party" is as defined in **Section 20.1.1**.

"Reciprocal Compensation" is As Described in the Act.

"Referral Announcement" is as defined in **Article XVII**.

"Renewal Term" is as defined in **Section 21.1**.

"Requesting Carrier Directory Customer" is as defined in **Section 15.1**.

"Resale Implementation Questionnaire" means that certain document that contains Requesting Carrier information that allows Ameritech to populate its systems and tables so that Requesting Carrier can be established in Ameritech's internal system, a copy of which has been provided to Requesting Carrier.

"Resale Services" is as defined in **Section 10.1**.

"Resale Tariff" means individually and collectively the effective tariff or tariffs filed by Ameritech with the Commission that sets forth certain relevant terms and conditions relating to Ameritech's resale of certain local exchange Telecommunications Services within the Territory, including the applicable provisions of ICC No. 20, Part 22 and ICC No. 19, Part 22.

"Routing Point" means a location which a LEC has designated on its own network as the homing (routing) point for inbound traffic to one or more of its NPA-NXX codes. The Routing Point is also used to calculate mileage measurements for the distance-sensitive transport element charges of Switched Exchange Access Services. Pursuant to Bellcore Practice BR 795-100-100 (the **"RP Practice"**), the Routing Point (referred to as the **"Rating Point"** in such RP Practice) may be an End Office Switch location, or a **"LEC Consortium Point of Interconnection"**. Pursuant to such RP Practice, each **"LEC Consortium Point of Interconnection"** shall be designated by a common language location identifier (CLLI) code with (x)KD in positions 9, 10 and 11, where (x) may be any alphanumeric A-Z or 0-9. The Routing Point must be located within the LATA in which the corresponding NPA-NXX is located. However, Routing Points associated with each NPA-NXX need not be the same as the corresponding Rate Center, nor must there be a unique and separate Routing Point corresponding to each unique and separate Rate Center; provided only that the Routing Point associated with a given NPA-NXX must be located in the same LATA as the Rate Center associated with the NPA-NXX.

"Selective Routing" or **"SR"** means an E9-1-1 feature that routes an E9-1-1 call from a Control Office to the designated Primary PSAP based upon the identified number of the calling party.

"Service Agency" means the public agency, the State or any local government unit or special purpose district which has the authority to provide police, fire fighting, medical or other emergency services, which has requested the local telephone company to provide an E9-1-1 Telecommunications Service for the purpose of voice-reporting emergencies by the public.

"Service Control Point" or **"SCP"** is As Defined in the Act.

"Service Line" means a telecommunications link from the Central Office terminating at the PSAP.

"Service Start Date" means the later of the following: (i) the date after which Requesting Carrier has been certified as a LEC by the Commission and is authorized in the state of Illinois to provide the local Telephone Exchange Services contemplated under this Agreement (ii) the date Requesting Carrier has completed and delivered to Ameritech the Resale Implementation Questionnaire and Ameritech has populated its billing systems with the information contained therein and (iii) the date on which the Parties mutually agree that Ameritech shall begin to provision services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement or (iv) the date on which (x) the Commission approves this Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act or (y) absent such Commission approval, this Agreement is deemed approved under 252(e)(4) of the Act.

"Serving Wire Center" means the Ameritech Wire Center which would normally serve the Customer location with Ameritech's basic exchange service.

"Signal Transfer Point" or **"STP"** is As Defined in the Act.

"Sunsetted Services" is as defined in **Section 10.3.2**.

"Switched Access Detail Usage Data" means a category 1101XX record as defined in the EMR Bellcore Practice BR 010-200-010.

"Switched Access Summary Usage Data" means a category 1150XX record as defined in the EMR Bellcore Practice BR 010-200-010.

"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.

"Synchronous Optical Network" or **"SONET"** means 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 Gpbs.

"Technical Reference Schedule" is the list of technical references set forth in **Schedule 2.3**.

"technically feasible point" is As Described in the Act.

"Telecommunications" is As Defined in the Act.

"Telecommunications Act" means the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Telecommunications Assistance Program" means any means-tested or subsidized Telecommunications Service offering, including Lifeline, that is offered only to a specific category of subscribers.

"Telecommunications Carrier" is As Defined in the Act.

"Telecommunications Service" is As Defined in the Act.

"Telephone Exchange Service" is As Defined in the Act.

"Telephone Relay Service" means a service provided to speech and hearing-impaired callers that enables such callers to type a message into a telephone set equipped with a keypad and message screen and to have a live operator read the message to a recipient and to type message recipient's response to the speech or hearing-impaired caller.

"Telephone Toll Service" is As Defined in the Act.

"Unauthorized Switching" is as defined in **Section 10.11.2(a)**.

"Unused Space" means any space (i) existing in Ameritech's Premises at the time of a Collocation request, (ii) that is not subject to a valid space reservation (by Ameritech or any third party), (iii) that is not being used by Ameritech for a purpose other than to house its network facilities (e.g., utilized administrative space (including offices, common areas, conference rooms, reasonable storage and etc.) bathrooms, hallways (ingress and egress), and etc.), and (iv) on or in which the placement of any equipment or network facilities (Ameritech's or Requesting Carrier's) would not (x) violate any local or state law, rule or ordinance (e.g., fire, OSHA or zoning) or technical standards (performance or safety) or (y) void Ameritech's warranty on proximate equipment.

"Virtual Collocation" is As Defined in the Act.

"White Pages Directories" means directories or the portion of co-bound directories which include a list in alphabetical order by name of the telephone numbers and addresses of telecommunication company customers.

"Wire Center" means the Premises of a Party at which all Local Loops within a defined geographic area are converged. Such Local Loops may be served by one (1) or more Central Office Switches within such Premises.

SCHEDULE 2.1
IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE
Illinois

The interconnection activation points and interconnection activation date shall be mutually determined by the Implementation Team in accordance with **Section 3.4.4** and **Schedule 12.**

LATA	Ameritech Interconnection Central Office (AICO)	Requesting Carrier Interconnection Central Office	Interconnection Activation Date

SCHEDULE 2.2

BONA FIDE REQUEST

1. Ameritech shall promptly consider and analyze the submission of a Bona Fide Request that Ameritech provide: (a) Interconnection or access to an unbundled Network Element not otherwise provided hereunder at the time of such request; or (b) a customized service for features, capabilities, functionalities of an unbundled Network Element not otherwise provided hereunder at the time of such request.

2. A Bona Fide Request shall be submitted in writing on the Bona Fide Request Form attached hereto as Attachment 1 and, if applicable, shall include Requesting Carrier's $2,000 deposit described in **Section 6**.

3. Within five (5) Business Days of its receipt, Ameritech shall acknowledge receipt of the Bona Fide Request.

4. Within thirty (30) days (the **"Preliminary Analysis Period"**) of its receipt of all information required to be provided on the Bona Fide Request Form, Ameritech shall provide to Requesting Carrier a preliminary analysis (the **"Preliminary Analysis"**) of such Interconnection, access to such Network Element or customized feature, capability or functionality that is the subject of the Bona Fide Request. The Preliminary Analysis shall confirm that Ameritech will either offer access to the Interconnection, Network Element or customized service or will provide a detailed explanation that access to such Interconnection, Network Element or customized service is not technically feasible and/or that the request is not required to be provided under the Act. If Ameritech determines that the requested Interconnection, access to the Network Element or customized service that is the subject of the Bona Fide Request is technically feasible and is otherwise required to be provided under the Act, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier a price quote and estimated availability date for such development (**"Bona Fide Request Quote"**). Ameritech shall provide a Bona Fide Request Quote as soon as feasible, but in any event not more than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date Ameritech received such Bona Fide Request.

5. Within thirty (30) Business Days of its receipt of the Bona Fide Request Quote, the Requesting Carrier must either confirm its order pursuant to the Bona Fide Request Quote or, if it believes such quote is inconsistent with the requirements of the Act, exercise its rights under **Section 27.3**.

6. When submitting a Bona Fide Request, Requesting Carrier has two options to compensate Ameritech for its costs incurred to complete the Preliminary Analysis of the Bona Fide Request during the Preliminary Analysis Period. Requesting Carrier may either:

(a). Include a $2,000 deposit to cover Ameritech's preliminary evaluation costs and Ameritech will guarantee that the preliminary evaluation costs incurred during the Preliminary Analysis Period will not exceed $2,000, or

(b). Not make any deposit and pay the total preliminary evaluation costs incurred by Ameritech during the Preliminary Analysis Period.

Should Ameritech not be able to process the Bona Fide Request or determine that the request does not qualify for Bona Fide Request treatment, Ameritech will return the $2,000 deposit to Requesting Carrier. Similarly, if the costs incurred to complete the Preliminary Analysis are less than $2,000, the balance of the deposit will, at the option of Requesting Carrier, either be refunded or credited toward additional development costs authorized by Requesting Carrier.

7. Requesting Carrier may cancel a Bona Fide Request at any time, but shall pay Ameritech's reasonable costs of processing and/or implementing the Bona Fide Request up to the date of cancellation.

8. Unless Requesting Carrier agrees otherwise, all prices shall be consistent with the pricing principles of the Act, FCC and/or the Commission.

9. If a Party to a Bona Fide Request believes that the other Party is not requesting, negotiating, or processing the Bona Fide Request in good faith, or disputes a determination, or price or cost quote, such Party may exercise its rights under **Section 27.3**.

FORM OF
BONA FIDE REQUEST FORM

Attachment 1

1) Requested by

_____
(Company Name)

_____
(Address)

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_____ _____
(Contact Person) (Facsimile Number)

_____
(Phone Number)

_____ _____
(Date of Request) (Optional: E-Mail Address)

2) Technical description of the requested Interconnection, access to an unbundled network element, dialing parity arrangement, collocation arrangement or service (the "Request") (use additional sheets of paper, if necessary).

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3) Is the Request a modification of (i) existing services or (ii) existing access to an unbundled network element? If so, please explain the modification and describe the existing services or element(s) or indicate its name.

4) Is the Request currently available from Ameritech or any other source? If yes, please provide source's name (including Ameritech) and the name of the offering (e.g., service, access to unbundled network element or etc.).

5) Is there anything custom or specific about the manner that you would like this Request to operate?

6) If possible, please include a drawing or illustration of how you would like the Request to operate and/or interface with Ameritech's network, premises or other facilities.

7) Please describe the expected location life, if applicable, of the Request (i.e., period of time you will use it). Do you view this as a temporary or long range arrangement?

8) If you wish to submit this information on a non-disclosure basis, please indicate so here. If non-disclosure is requested, properly identify any information you consider confidential, if and as required by **Article XX** of your applicable Interconnection Agreement.

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9) List the specific Central Offices and/or Wire Centers or other points of Interconnection or access where you want the Request deployed (use additional sheets of paper, if necessary).

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10) What is the expected demand of the Request for each location (e.g., estimated number of customers, subscriber lines, number of units to be ordered)?

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Location	Estimate of demand/units
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

11) What are the pricing assumptions? In order to potentially obtain lower non-recurring or recurring charges, you may specify quantity and/or term commitments you are willing to make. Please provide any price/quantity forecast indicating one or more desired pricing points (use additional sheets, if necessary).

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12) Please indicate any other information that could assist Ameritech to evaluate your Request (use additional sheets of paper, if necessary).

13) Please classify the nature of your Request (Check one).

☐ Request for Interconnection.

☐ Request for access to an unbundled network that is not currently provided to you.

☐ Request for Collocation where there is no space available for either Physical Collocation or Virtual Collocation in the requested Ameritech Central Office.

☐ Request for a new or custom dialing parity arrangement.

☐ New service or capability that does not fit into any of the above categories.

14) What problem or issue do you wish to solve? If your Request were unavailable, how would it impair your ability to provide service?

15) Preliminary analysis cost payment option (Check one).

☐ $2000 deposit included with Request; provided, that the responsibility of [Requesting Carrier] for Ameritech's costs for Ameritech's Preliminary Analysis shall not exceed this deposit.

☐ No deposit is made and [Requesting Carrier] agrees to pay Ameritech's total Preliminary Analysis costs incurred up to and including the date Ameritech receives notice of cancellation.

By submitting this Request, [Requesting Carrier] agrees to promptly compensate Ameritech for any costs it incurs to process this Request, including costs to analyze, develop, provision, and price the Request, up to and including the date the Ameritech BFR Manager receives our written cancellation. [Requesting Carrier] also agrees to compensate Ameritech for any costs incurred by Ameritech if [Requesting Carrier] fails to authorize Ameritech to proceed with development of the Request within 30 days of receipt of the 30-day notification, or Requesting Carrier fails to order the Request within 30 days, in accordance with the final product quotation.

[Requesting Carrier]

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by:_____

its:_____

SCHEDULE 2.3

TECHNICAL REFERENCE SCHEDULE

Unbundled Local Network Elements

Unbundled Local Loop Transmission

Bellcore TA-NWT-000393
ANSI T1.413-1995 Specifications, updated (1998) Issue 2
AM TR-TMO-000122
AM TR-TMO-000123
Bellcore TR-NWT-000393
ANSI T1.102-1993, American National Standard for Telecommunication - Digital Hierarchy - Electrical Interfaces
Bellcore Technical Requirement TR-NWT-000499, Issue 5, December 1993, section 7
ANSI T1E1 Committee Technical report Number 28
ANSI T1.601-1998 for ISDN.

Interoffice Transmission Facilities

AM TR-NIS-000111
AM RT-NIS 000133
ANSI T1.101-1994, American National Standard for Telecommunications -Synchronization Interface Standard Performance and Availability
ANSI T1.102-1993, American National Standard for Telecommunications - Digital Hierarchy - Electrical Interfaces
ANSI T1.105-1995, American National Standard for Telecommunications - Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) - Basic Description including Multiplex Structure, Rates and Formats
ANSI T1.105.01-1995, American National Standard for Telecommunications -Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) - Automatic Protection Switching
ANSI T1.105.02-1995, American National Standard for Telecommunications -Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) - Payload Mappings
ANSI T1.105.03-1994, American National Standard for Telecommunications -Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) - Jitter at Network Interfaces
ANSI T1.105.03a-1995, American National Standard for Telecommunications -Synchronous Optical Network (SONET): Jitter at Network Interfaces - DS1 Supplement
ANSI T1.105.04-1995, American National Standard for Telecommunications -Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) - Data Communication Channel Protocols and Architectures
ANSI T1.105.05-1994, American National Standard for Telecommunications -Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) - Tandem Connection

ANSI T1.106-1988, American National Standard for Telecommunications - Digital Hierarchy - Optical Interface Specifications (Single Mode)

ANSI T1.107-1988, American National Standard for Telecommunications - Digital Hierarchy - Formats Specifications

ANSI T1.107a-1990, American National Standard for Telecommunications - Digital Hierarchy - Supplement to Formats Specifications (DS3 Format Applications)

ANSI T1.107b-1991, American National Standard for Telecommunications - Digital Hierarchy - Supplement to Formats Specifications

ANSI T1.117-1991, American National Standard for Telecommunications - Digital Hierarchy - Optical Interface Specifications (SONET) (Single Mode - Short Reach)

ANSI T1.119-1994, American National Standard for Telecommunications - Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) - Operations, Administration, Maintenance, and Provisioning (OAM&P) Communications

ANSI T1.119.01-1995, American National Standard for Telecommunications -Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) - Operations, Administration, Maintenance, and Provisioning (OAM&P) Communications Protection Switching Fragment

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SCHEDULE 6.0

MEET-POINT BILLING RATE STRUCTURE

A. Interstate access - Terminating to or originating from Requesting Carrier Customers served from a Requesting Carrier local exchange End Office.

Rate Element	**Billing Company**
CCL	Requesting Carrier
Local Switching	Requesting Carrier
Interconnection Charge	Requesting Carrier
Local Transport (Tandem) Termination	50% Ameritech/ 50% Requesting Carrier
Local Transport (Tandem) Facility	This will be calculated in accordance with MECAB standards, based on applicable V&H coordinates to calculate billing percentages to be applied to the respective Parties' tariffed rates
Tandem Switching	Ameritech
Entrance Facility	Ameritech

B. Intrastate access - Terminating to or originating from Requesting Carrier Customers served from a Requesting Carrier local exchange End Office.

Rate Element	**Billing Company**
CCL	Requesting Carrier
Local Switching	Requesting Carrier
Interconnection Charge	Requesting Carrier
Local Transport (Tandem) Termination	50% Ameritech/ 50% Requesting Carrier
Local Transport (Tandem) Facility	This will be calculated in accordance with MECAB standards, based on applicable V&H coordinates to calculate billing percentages to be applied to the respective Parties' tariffed rates
Tandem Switching	Ameritech
Entrance Facility	Ameritech

SCHEDULE 7.1

BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES FOR ANCILLARY SERVICES

(Please initial) _____ Requesting Carrier hereby agrees to bill and collect for Ancillary Service Traffic and agrees to comply with the remaining terms and conditions in this **Schedule 7.1**.

1.0 DEFINITIONS

"555" is a service in which Providers offer information services for a fee to Customers who dial a number using the "555" prefix.

"976" is a service in which Providers offer audio services for a fee to Customers who dial a number using the "976" prefix.

"Abbreviated Dialing" is a service in which Providers offer information services for a fee to Customers who dial a telephone number with less than seven digits.

"Adjustments" are dollar amounts that are credited to a Customer's account. The primary reason for an adjustment is typically a Customer denying that the call was made from their telephone.

"Ancillary Services" include, but are not limited to, Abbreviated Dialing, 555 services, 976 services, CPP Cellular services and CPP Paging services.

"Customer" is the individual or entity placing a call to an Ancillary Service and who thereby agrees to pay a charge associated with placing the call.

"Calling Party Pays Cellular" or **"CPP Cellular"** is a service where a Customer placing a call to a cellular telephone agrees to pay the charges for the call. Typically, an announcement is played to the Customer giving the Customer the option to accept the charges or to end the call without incurring charges.

"Calling Party Pays Paging" or **"CPP Paging"** is a service where a Customer placing a call to a pager agrees to pay the charges for the call. Typically, an announcement is played to the Customer giving the Customer the option to accept the charges or to end the call without incurring charges.

"Provider" is the entity which offers an Ancillary Service to a Customer.

"Uncollectibles" are amounts billed to Customers, which after standard intervals and application of standard collection procedures, are determined to be impracticable of collection and are written off as bad debt on final accounts. Uncollectibles are recoursed back to the Provider.

2.0 BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES

2.1 Billing Services

In the case where the Ameritech switch generates the call information, Ameritech will provide the Requesting Carrier with formatted records for each Ancillary Service billable call in accordance with each provider's requested rates as specified in **Exhibit A**. In the case where Requesting Carrier's switch generates the call information, the Requesting Carrier will provide Ameritech with call information as specified in **Exhibit A** for each call on a daily basis. Ameritech will rate the call with each provider's requested rates and return a formatted record to the Requesting Carrier. Requesting Carrier shall confirm receipt of such formatted records within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt. Requesting Carrier will render bills on behalf of Ameritech on Requesting Carrier's bills to Requesting Carrier's Customers in accordance with standard Requesting Carrier's billing processes and in the format specified in the Ancillary Services Billing and Collection Service Guidelines (**"Guidelines"**). Requesting Carrier must bill for all calls using the Ancillary Services when those calls are contained on the formatted record. Requesting Carrier shall bill all calls within thirty (30) days of receiving the file.

Requesting Carrier must comply with all federal and state requirements applicable to the provision of the Billing Services.

Requesting Carrier will provide Billing Services to Ameritech for the Ancillary Services described in this Agreement and for additional Ancillary Services that may be developed during the term of this Agreement.

2.2 Collection Services

Requesting Carrier will provide collection services in connection with bills rendered by Requesting Carrier (**"Collection Services"**). These Collection Services consist of:

- Collecting payments remitted by Requesting Carrier's Customers for calls placed to Ancillary Services billed hereunder;

- Adjusting Customer bills for Ameritech as set forth in **Section 6.0** of this **Schedule 7.1**;

– Responding to Customer inquiries and disputes;
– Remitting net proceeds to Ameritech, as provided in **Section 5.0** of this **Schedule 7.1**;

– Undertaking preliminary collection activity for delinquent accounts.

When an account being treated for collection by Requesting Carrier remains delinquent in excess of thirty (30) days, or in the event telephone service to a delinquent account is terminated, Requesting Carrier may, at its sole discretion, adjust the amount due or declare the account uncollectible and remove the delinquent amount from its Customer's bill.

2.3 Administration.

A description of the process flow, record types, and report format for the Settlement process under this **Schedule 7.1** is set forth in the Guidelines.

3.0 COMPENSATION TO REQUESTING CARRIER

Ameritech shall pay for the Billing and Collection Services described herein at the rates set forth in **Exhibit B**.

4.0 CHANGES TO PROVIDER'S SERVICES AND RATES

The amount which a Provider elects to charge those who place calls to an Ancillary Service will be at Provider's sole discretion. Ameritech shall provide to Requesting Carrier information concerning Provider's programs, including but not limited to Provider's name, rates, type of program and tax status. The charges for such submitted billable Ancillary Service calls will be shown on the Customer's bill in the format specified in the Guidelines.

5.0 SETTLEMENT WITH REQUESTING CARRIER

The amount due to Ameritech shall be the total of all billable charges submitted to Requesting Carrier, less:

a. All charges due Requesting Carrier under **Section 3.0** of this **Schedule 7.1**;

b. Amounts declared Uncollectible as provided in **Section 7.0** of this **Schedule 7.1**;

c. Adjustments as provided in **Section 6.0** of this **Schedule 7.1**;

d. Taxes collected from Customer.

Requesting Carrier shall provide Ameritech with a monthly statement of amounts billed, amounts collected, amounts adjusted, uncollectible amounts and Customer taxes by taxing authority and by Provider including the program number and the amount of taxes applied to the services, as described in the Guidelines. The monthly statement is due to Ameritech by the fifth Business Day of every month. Payment amounts owed to Ameritech by Requesting Carrier shall be due within thirty (30) days from the date of the monthly statement. Late charges on past due amounts shall accrue interest at the rate set forth in **Section 26.4** of this Agreement.

Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, all sums due to Ameritech hereunder shall be immediately due and payable.

6.0 ADJUSTMENTS

Requesting Carrier may remove a disputed charge from a Customer's account within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the message; provided that notice of the adjustment is given by Requesting Carrier to Ameritech within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the message. The form and procedure of this notice is specified in **Exhibit C**.

7.0 UNCOLLECTIBLES

Requesting Carrier may recourse to Ameritech an actual uncollectible amount from a Customer's account, provided that notice of the recourse of the uncollectible amount is given by Requesting Carrier to Ameritech within one-hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the message. The form and procedure of this notice is specified in **Exhibit C**.

8.0 TAXES

8.1 Taxes Imposed on Services Performed by Requesting Carrier. Requesting Carrier shall be responsible for payment of all sales, use or other taxes of a similar nature, including interest and penalties, imposed on Requesting Carrier's performance of Billing and Collection Services under this Agreement.

8.2 Taxes on Ancillary Services. Requesting Carrier shall be responsible for applying taxes as determined by Provider for all Ancillary messages billed hereunder as specified in the Guidelines. Each Provider shall be responsible for determining what taxes apply to the service it provides and for notifying Ameritech of those taxes. Ameritech shall notify Requesting Carrier of this information and pursuant to this Agreement Requesting Carrier shall bill and collect such taxes based on information supplied by Provider and shall remit such taxes to Ameritech. Requesting Carrier shall identify the amount of taxes and type of

taxes, by Provider. Ameritech shall then remit such collected taxes to the Provider. Provider shall remit any taxes it owes to the taxing authority.

9.0 BLOCKING

Requesting Carrier shall comply with all federal and state requirements to block Customer access to Ancillary Services upon Customer's request. Requesting Carrier shall also block Customer access to Ancillary Services upon Ameritech's request, as set forth in **Exhibit D**.

EXHIBIT A

Daily Usage Information

Ameritech will send daily usage tapes, in EMR standard format, to Requesting Carrier containing the following message information for services specified in this Agreement:

- date of the call
- calling number
- called number
- duration of call
- charge for the call excluding taxes
- identity of Provider (IP's Pseudo CIC Code as shown on the EMR record, in the CIC Code field, positions 166 and 150-153)

EXHIBIT B

Requesting Carrier Compensation

Rate per billed message:

$0.03

EXHIBIT C

Provider's Information

Initial Notification:

Ameritech will fax a copy of the 976, CPP/C, CPP/P Sponsor and Program List to Requesting Carrier within three (3) business days of receiving the following information. Fax completed page to the Resale Service Center at 1-800-260-5480.

Requesting Carrier _____

Contact Name _____

Phone Number _____

Fax Number _____

Pager Number _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip Code _____

NOTE: Call the Resale Service Center at 1-800-924-3666 with questions regarding Sponsors and Program Lists.

Updates:

Ameritech will fax to the Requesting Carrier 976, CPP/C, CPP/P Program changes, additions and/or deletions as they become available.

EXHIBIT D

General Information on Blocking

- Optional Blocking is available to consumer and business Customers that want the capability to block direct calls to Provider's services covered in this Schedule.
- Customers attempting to reach programming from accounts where blocking has been established will reach a recording informing them that the call cannot be completed.
- Access to 976 services is prohibited by tariff from providing Group Access Bridging (GAB) services whereby a Customer can be connected to parties other than the IP for the purpose of establishing a conference call.
- Collect, operator assisted, calling card, and person-to-person calls to 976 are not allowed.
- Collect and person-to-person calls to CPP/C and CPP/P are not allowed.
- Calls from WATS, hotel/motel, Ameritech Public/semi-public telephones and lines with Call Blocking will not be allowed to 976 service.
- 976 Call Blocking should not be added to accounts that have Consumer/Business Toll Restrictions.
- Call Blocking will be provided only where CO facilities permit.
- Call Blocking may not be limited to specific programs.
- Call Blocking does not block calls to other telephone companies' numbers.
- Call Blocking does not block long distance charges.
- Requesting Carrier reserves the right to provide to the general public, upon request, the complete name, address, and telephone number of the Information Providers in response to inquiries and comments referring to the Information Provider's services.
- The first time a Customer specifically disputes Pay-Per-Call charges, Customer must be informed of the availability of Call Blocking and disputed charges are adjusted accordingly on Customer's bill. Inform Customer that the Information Provider may pursue collection of charges directly with Customer.
- After the Customer specifically disputes charges, inform Customer that mandatory blocking will be established on Customer's line and disputed amount is adjusted accordingly on Customer's bill.

Inform Customer that the Information Providers may pursue collection of charges directly with Customers.

- Adjustments granted as the result of refusal to pay, denies all knowledge, unsatisfactory payment arrangements, etc., should be classified as an uncollectible adjustment and blocking should be established after first request.

- On the database, Adjustments granted as the result of poor transmission, call not completed or calls completed due to failure to establish blocking, such as service order issued incorrectly, should be classified as correct charges on the Ameritech entity code (R or NBT).

- Blocking must be imposed on those Customers who refuse to pay legitimate Per-Per-Call charges, to the extent permitted under Applicable Law.

SCHEDULE 7.7.2

OS/DA

Operator Services

A. Definitions - Operator Services consist of the following services.

1. Manual Call Assistance - manual call processing with operator involvement for the following services:

a. Calling card - the Customer dials 0+ or 0- and asks the operator to bill the call to the called number, provided such billing is accepted by the called number.

b. Collect - the Customer dials 0+ or 0- and asks the operator to bill the call to the called number, provided such billing is accepted by the called number.

c. Third number billed - the Customer dials 0+ or 0- and asks the operator to bill the call to a different number than the calling or called number.

d. Operator assistance - providing local and intraLATA operator assistance for the purposes of:

1) assisting Customers requesting help in completing calls or requesting information on how to place calls;

2) handling emergency calls;

3) verifying "no answer" and "busy" ("BLV") conditions for the Customer;

4) interrupting calls in progress for Customer ("BLVI");

5) providing local and intraLATA operator assisted call rate information; and

6) handling person to person calls.

e. Operator Transfer Service (OTS) - calls in which the Customers dials “0" and is connected to an Ameritech operator and then requests call routing to an IXC subscribing to OTS. The operator will key the IXC’s digit carrier identification code to route the Customer to the requested IXC’s point of termination.

2. Automated Call Assistance - mechanized call processing without operator involvement for the following services:

a. Merchanized calling card service (MCCS) - the Customer dials 0 and a telephone number, and responds to prompts to complete the billing information

b. Ameritech Alternatively Billed Services (AABS) - the Customer dials 0 and a telephone number and responds to prompts to process the call and complete the billing information (Requesting Carrier branding not currently available). Collect, Calling Card and third number calls can be completed.

c Automated coin toll services (ACTS) - ACTS calculates charges, relates the charge to the Requesting Carrier, and monitors coins deposited before connecting the 1+ intraLATA call.

3. Line Information Database (LIDB) Validation - mechanized queries to a LIDB for billing validation.

4. Branding - the ability, when available, to put Requesting Carrier’s brand on the front end of an OS call that is directly trunked into Ameritech’s OS switch. “Customer Branding” provides the ability, when available, to put Requesting Carrier’s brand on that portion of the OS call going out to the called/billed party.

B. Rate Application - Ameritech will provide Operator Services and will bill Requesting Carrier the applicable rates on a monthly basis, in accordance with the following methodology:

1. Operator Assistance - operator call occurrences multiplied by the per call rate, except as provided in B.5. Total call occurrences shall include all processed calls whether or not they are completed.

2. Automated Call Assistance (MCCS, AABS and ACTS) - call occurrences multiplied by the per call occurrence rate, except as provided in B.5. Total call occurrences shall include all processed calls whether or not they are completed.

3. LIDB Validation - validation occurrences multiplied by the LIDB validation per occurrence rate, except as provided in B.5. Total validation occurrences shall include all validations whether or not the call is completed.

4. Ameritech will accumulate operator occurrences, automated occurrences, and LIDB validation occurrences via its Operator Services Call Analysis System (OSCAS). OSCAS utilizes TOPS AMA recordings to produce monthly summaries of mechanized and manual call occurrences.

5. If TOPS AMA recordings are lost, destroyed or mutilated due solely to Ameritech's acts or omissions, then Ameritech may not bill Requesting Carrier for those calls for which there are no records. However, if within ninety (90) days, actual data should become available, Ameritech may bill and Requesting Carrier agrees to be responsible for those calls using actual data.

C. Rate Table

See Item X of the Pricing Schedule.

Directory Assistance

A. Definition - Directory Assistance service shall consist of the following services.

1. Home NPA Directory Assistance - those calls in which the Customer dials "1+ 411", "411", "1+555-1212" or "555-1212" or "1+Area Code +555-1212" or such other numbers as designed by Requesting Carrier to obtain Directory Assistance for local numbers located within its NPA.[1/]

2. Information Call Completion - provides a Customer who has accessed the Directory Assistance service and has received a number from the Audio Response Unit (ARU), the option of having the call completed by pressing a specific digit on a touch tone telephone.

[5/] Calls defined herein by dialing arrangement shall remain subject to this Agreement if such dialing arrangements change during the Term, unless such change makes service technically or economically impracticable.

3. Branding - the ability to put messages on the front end of a DA call that is directly trunked into Ameritech's DA switch.

B. Rate Table - See Item X of the Pricing Schedule

SCHEDULE 9.2.1

LOCAL LOOPS

Subject to **Section 1.1** of **Schedule 9.5**, Ameritech shall allow Requesting Carrier access to the Unbundled Local Loop types described in this **Schedule 9.2.1** unbundled from Local Switching and Interoffice Transmission Facilities, and according to the terms and conditions contained in this **Schedule 9.2.1**.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Ameritech Illinois agrees to provide CLEC with access to UNEs (including the unbundled xDSL Capable Loop offerings) in accordance with the rates, terms and conditions set forth in this xDSL Attachment and the general terms and conditions applicable to UNEs under this Agreement, for CLEC to use in conjunction with its desired xDSL technologies and equipment to provide xDSL services to its end user customers.

1.2 Nothing in this Attachment shall constitute a waiver by either Party of any positions it may have taken or will take in any pending regulatory or judicial proceeding or any subsequent interconnection agreement negotiations. This Attachment also shall not constitute a concession or admission by either Party and shall not foreclose either Party from taking any position in the future in any forum addressing any of the matters set forth herein.

2.0 Definitions

2.1 For purposes of this Attachment, a "loop" is defined as a transmission facility between a distribution frame (or its equivalent) in a central office and the loop demarcation point at an end user customer premises.

2.2 For purposes of this Attachment, a "subloop" is defined as any portion of the loop from Ameritech Illinois's F1/F2 interface to the demarcation point at the customer premise that can be accessed at a terminal in Ameritech Illinois's outside plant. An accessible terminal is a point on the loop where technicians can access the wire or fiber within the cable without removing a splice case to reach the wire within. The Parties recognize that this is only one form of subloop (defined as the F1/F2 interface to the customer premise) as set forth in the FCC's UNE Remand Order. Additional subloop types may be negotiated and agreed to by the Parties consistent with the UNE Remand Order.

2.3 The term "Digital Subscriber Line" ("DSL") describes various technologies and services. The "x" in "xDSL" is a place holder for the various types of DSL services, including, but not limited to ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line), HDSL (High-Speed Digital Subscriber Line), IDSL (ISDN Digital Subscriber Line), SDSL (Symmetrical Digital Subscriber Line), UDSL (Universal Digital Subscriber Line), VDSL (Very High-Speed Digital Subscriber Line), and RADSL (Rate-Adaptive Digital Subscriber Line)A "DSL-capable loop" is a loop that supports the transmission of DSL technologies

2.4 A "DSL-Capable Loop" is a loop that supports the transmission of DSL technologies.

2.5 A loop technology that is "presumed acceptable for deployment" is one that either complies with existing industry standards, has been successfully deployed by any carrier in any state without significantly degrading the performance of other services, or has been approved by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), any state commission, or an industry standards body.

2.6 A "non-standard xDSL-based technology" is a loop technology that is not presumed acceptable for deployment under Section 2.5 of this Attachment. Deployment of non-standard xDSL-based technologies are allowed and encouraged by this Agreement.

3.0 General Terms and Conditions Relating to Unbundled xDSL-Capable Loops

3.1 Ameritech Illinois is not in any way permitted to limit xDSL capable loops in favor of provisioning ADSL.

3.2 Ameritech Illinois will not impose limitations on the transmission speeds of xDSL services. Ameritech Illinois will not restrict the CLECs services or technologies to a level at or below those provided by Ameritech Illinois.

3.3 Ameritech Illinois will provide a loop capable of supporting a technology presumed acceptable for deployment or non-standard xDSL technology as defined in this Attachment.

3.4 Ameritech Illinois shall not deny a CLEC's request to deploy any loop technology that is presumed acceptable for deployment, or one that is addressed in Section 4.5 of this Attachment, unless it has demonstrated to the Commission that CLEC's deployment of the specific loop technology will significantly degrade the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services in accordance with FCC orders. Ameritech Illinois will provide CLEC with notice prior to seeking relief from the Commission under this Section.

3.5 In the event the CLEC wishes to introduce a technology that has been approved by another state commission or the FCC, or successfully deployed elsewhere, the CLEC will provide documentation describing that action to Ameritech Illinois and the Commission before or at the time of their request to deploy that technology in Texas. The documentation should include the date of approval or deployment, any limitations included in its deployment, and a sworn attestation that the deployment did not significantly degrade the performance of other services. The terms of this paragraph do not apply during the Trial Period referenced in Section 4.5 below.

3.6 Parties to this Attachment agree that unresolved disputes arising under this Attachment will be handled under the Dispute Resolution procedures set forth in this Agreement.

3.7 Liability

3.7.1 Each Party, whether a CLEC or Ameritech Illinois, agrees that should it cause any non-standard xDSL technologies to be deployed or used in connection with or on Ameritech Illinois 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") facilities.

3.7.2 For any technology, CLEC's use of any Ameritech Illinois network element, or of its own equipment or facilities in conjunction with any Ameritech Illinois network element, will not materially interfere with or impair service over any facilities of Ameritech Illinois, its affiliated companies or connecting and concurring carriers involved in Ameritech Illinois services, cause damage to Ameritech Illinois's plant, impair the privacy of any communications carried over Ameritech Illinois's facilities or create hazards to employees or the public. Upon reasonable written notice and after a reasonable opportunity to cure, Ameritech Illinois may discontinue or refuse service if CLEC violates this provision, provided that such termination of service will be limited to CLEC's use of the element(s) causing the violation. Ameritech Illinois will not disconnect the elements causing the violation if, after receipt of written notice and opportunity to cure, the CLEC demonstrates that their use of the network element is not the cause of the network harm. If Ameritech Illinois does not believe the CLEC has made the sufficient showing of harm, or if CLEC contests the basis for the disconnection, either Party must first submit the matter to dispute resolution under the Dispute Resolution Procedures set forth in this Agreement. Any claims of network harm by Ameritech Illinois must be supported with specific and verifiable supporting information.

3.8 Indemnification

3.8.1 Covered Claim: Indemnifying Party will indemnify, defend and hold harmless Indemnitee from any claim for damages, including but not limited to direct, indirect or consequential

damages, made against Indemnitee by any telecommunications service provider or telecommunications user (other than claims for damages or other losses made by an end-user of Indemnitee for which Indemnitee has sole responsibility and liability), arising from, the use of such non-standard xDSL technologies by the Indemnifying Party.

3.8.2 Indemnifying Party is permitted to fully control the defense or settlement of any Covered Claim, including the selection of defense counsel. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Indemnifying Party will consult with Indemnitee on the selection of defense counsel and consider any applicable conflicts of interest. Indemnifying Party is required to assume all costs of the defense and any damages resulting from the use of any non-standard xDSL technologies in connection with or on Indemnitee's facilities and Indemnitee will bear no financial or legal responsibility whatsoever arising from such claims.

3.8.3 Indemnitee agrees to fully cooperate with the defense of any Covered Claim. Indemnitee will provide written notice to Indemnifying Party of any Covered Claim at the address for notice assigned herein within ten days of receipt, and, in the case of receipt of service of process, will deliver such process to Indemnifying Party not later than 10 business days prior to the date for response to the process. Indemnitee will provide to Indemnifying Party reasonable access to or copies of any relevant physical and electronic documents or records related to the deployment of non-standard xDSL technologies used by Indemnitee in the area affected by the claim, all other documents or records determined to be discoverable, and all other relevant documents or records that defense counsel may reasonably request in preparation and defense of the Covered Claim. Indemnitee will further cooperate with Indemnifying Party's investigation and defense of the Covered Claim by responding to reasonable requests to make its employees with knowledge relevant to the Covered Claim available as witnesses for preparation and participation in discovery and trial during regular weekday business hours. Indemnitee will promptly notify Indemnifying Party of any settlement communications, offers or proposals received from claimants.

3.8.4 Indemnitee agrees that Indemnifying Party will have no indemnity obligation, and Indemnitee will reimburse Indemnifying Party's defense costs, in any case in which Indemnifying Party's technology is determined not to be the cause of any Indemnitee liability.

3.9 Claims Not Covered: No Party hereunder agrees to indemnify or defend any other Party against claims based on gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

4.0 Unbundled xDSL-Capable Loop Offerings

4.1 DSL-Capable Loops: For each of the loop types described in Sections 4.1.1 – 4.1.5 below, CLEC will, at the time of ordering, notify Ameritech Illinois as to the type of PSD mask CLEC intends to use and will notify Ameritech Illinois if and when a change in PSD mask is made.

4.1.1 2-Wire xDSL Loop: A 2-wire xDSL loop for purposes of this section, is a loop that supports the transmission of Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) technologies. The loop is a dedicated transmission facility between a distribution frame, or its equivalent, in a Ameritech Illinois central office and the network interface device at the customer premises. A copper loop used for such purposes will meet basic electrical standards such as metallic conductivity and capacitive and resistive balance, and will not include load coils or excessive bridged tap (bridged tap in excess of 2,500 feet in length). The loop may retain existing repeaters at CLEC's option. The loop cannot be "categorized" based on loop length and limitations cannot be placed on the length of xDSL loops. A portion of an xDSL loop may be provisioned using fiber optic facilities and necessary electronics to provide service in certain situations.The rates set forth in Section 11.1 for the 2-Wire Analog Loop shall apply to this 2-Wire xDSL Loop.

4.1.2 2-Wire Digital Loop (e.g., ISDN/IDSL): A 2-Wire Digital Loop for purposes of this Section is 160 Kbps and supports Basic Rate ISDN (BRI) digital exchange services. The 2-Wire Digital Loop 160 Kbps supports usable bandwidth up to 160 Kbps. The rates for the 2-Wire Digital Loop are set forth in Section 11.1 below.

4.1.3 4-Wire xDSL Loop: A 4-wire xDSL loop for purposes of this section, is a loop that supports the transmission of Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) technologies. The loop is a dedicated transmission facility between a distribution frame, or its equivalent, in a Ameritech Illinois central office and the network interface device at the customer premises. A copper loop used for such purposes will meet basic electrical standards such as metallic conductivity and capacitive and resistive balance, and will not include load coils or excessive bridged tap (bridge tap in excess of 2,500 feet in length). The loop may retain existing repeaters at CLEC's option. The loop cannot be "categorized" based on loop length and limitations cannot be placed on the length of xDSL loops. A portion of an xDSL loop may be provisioned using fiber optic facilities and necessary electronics to provide service in certain situations. The rates set forth in Section 11.1 for the 4-Wire Analog Loop shall apply to this 4-Wire xDSL Loop.

4.1.4 4-Wire Digital Loop: A 4-Wire Digital Loop for purposes of this Section is a 1.544 Mbps loop that will support DS1 service including Primary Rate ISDN (PRI). The 4-Wire Digital Loop 1.544 Mbps supports usable bandwidth up to 1.544 Mbps. The rates for the 4-Wire Digital Loop are set forth in Section 11.1 below.

4.1.5 Sub-Loop: In locations where Ameritech Illinois has deployed (1) Digital Loop Carrier ("DLC") systems and an uninterrupted copper loop is replaced with a fiber segment or shared copper in the distribution section of the loop; (2) Digital Added Main Line ("DAML") technology to derive two voice-grade POTS circuits from a single copper pair; or (3) entirely fiber optic facilities to the end user, Ameritech Illinois will make the following options available to CLEC. In these three situations above, where spare copper facilities are available, and the facilities meet the necessary technical requirements for the provision of xDSL and allow CLEC to offer the same level of quality for advanced services, CLEC has the option of requesting that Ameritech Illinois make copper facilities available (subject to Section 4.2 below). In addition, CLEC has the option of collocating a Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer ("DSLAM") in Ameritech Illinois's RT at the fiber/copper interface point, pursuant to collocation terms and conditions. When CLEC collocates its DSLAM at Ameritech Illinois's RT, Ameritech Illinois will provide CLEC with unbundled access to subloops to allow CLEC to access the copper wire portion of the loop. The xDSL subloops (consistent with Section 2.2 above) are defined as outlined in Sections 4.1.1 through 4.1.4 above, but only include the F2/distribution portion of the loop. Where CLEC is unable to install a DSLAM at the RT or obtain spare copper loops necessary to provision an xDSL service, and Ameritech Illinois has placed a DSLAM in the RT, Ameritech Illinois must unbundle and provide access to its DSLAM. Ameritech Illinois is relieved of this requirement to unbundle its DSLAM only if it permits CLEC to collocate its DSLAMs in the RT on the same terms and conditions that apply to its own DSLAM. The unbundling requirement with respect to DSLAMS would attach to such equipment transferred to Ameritech Illinois's advanced services affiliate. Sub loop pricing may be found in Section 11.1 below.

4.2 Ameritech Illinois shall be under no obligation to provision xDSL-capable Loops in any instance where physical facilities are not available. This shall not apply where physical facilities are availible, but require conditioning. In that event, CLEC will be given the opportunity to evaluate the parameters of the xDSL service to be provided, and determine whether and what type of conditioning shall be performed at the request of the CLEC.

4.3 Ameritech Illinois will not impose limitations on the transmission speeds of xDSL services. Ameritech Illinois will not restrict the CLEC's services or technologies to a level at or below those provided by Ameritech Illinois. For each loop, CLEC should at the time of ordering notify Ameritech Illinois as to the type of PSD mask CLEC intends to use, and if and when a change in PSD mask is made, CLEC will notify Ameritech Illinois. Likewise, Ameritech Illinois should disclose to CLEC information with respect to the number of loops using advanced services technology within the binder and type of technology deployed on those loops. Ameritech Illinois will use this information for the sole purpose of maintaining an inventory of advanced services present in the cable sheath. If the technology does not fit within a national standard PSD mask, CLEC shall provide Ameritech Illinois with a technical description of the technology (including

power mask) for the inventory purposes. Ameritech Illinois will keep such information confidential and will take all measures to ensure that CLEC deployment information is neither intentionally nor inadvertently revealed to any part of Ameritech Illinois's retail operations, to any affiliate(s), or to any other CLEC without prior authorization from CLEC. Additional information on the use of PSD masks can be found in Section 9.1 below.

4.4 In the event that Ameritech Illinois rejects a request by CLEC for provisioning of advanced services, including, but not limited to denial due to fiber, DLC, or DAML facility issues, Ameritech Illinois will disclose to the requesting CLEC information with respect to the number of loops using advanced services technology within the binder and type of technology deployed on those loops, including the specific reason for the denial, within 48 hours of the denial. In no event shall the denial be based on loop length. If there is any dispute between the Parties with respect to this Section, Ameritech Illinois will not deny the loop (subject to Section 3.4 above), but will continue to provision loops until the dispute is resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures set forth in this Agreement.

4.5 Ameritech Illinois will not deny a requesting CLEC's right to deploy new xDSL technologies that do not conform to the national standards and have not yet been approved by a standards body (or otherwise authorized by the FCC, any state commission or which have not been successfully deployed by any carrier without significantly degrading the performance of other services) if the requesting CLEC can demonstrate to the Commission that the loop technology will not significantly degrade the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services.

4.5.1 Upon request by CLEC, Ameritech Illinois will cooperate in the testing and deployment of new xDSL technologies or may direct the CLEC, at CLEC's expense, to a third party laboratory of CLEC's choice for such evaluation.

4.5.2 If it is demonstrated that the new xDSL technology will not significantly degrade the other advanced services or traditional voice based services, Ameritech Illinois will provide a loop to support the new technology for CLEC as follows:

4.5.2.1 If the technology requires the use of a 2-Wire or 4-Wire xDSL loop [as defined in this Attachment] , then Ameritech Illinois will provide with the xDSL loop at the same rates listed for a2-Wire or 4-Wire xDSL loop and associated loop conditioning as needed. Ameritech Illinois's ordering procedures will remain the same as for its 2-Wire or 4-Wire xDSL loop even though the xDSL loop is now capable of supporting a new xDSL technology.

4.5.2.2 In the unlikely event that a new xDSL technology requires a loop type that differs from that of a 2-Wire or 4-Wire loop [as defined in this Attachment], the Parties shall expend diligent efforts to arrive at an agreement as to the rates, terms and conditions for an unbundled loop

capable of supporting the proposed xDSL technology. If negotiations fail, any dispute between the Parties concerning the rates, terms and conditions for an unbundled loop capable of supporting the proposed xDSL technology shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution process provided for in this Agreement.

4.6 Technologies deployed on copper loops must be in compliance with applicable national industry standards; provided, however, CLEC can deploy technologies under Section 4.5 above for which applicable national standards have not been adopted.

4.7 If Ameritech Illinois or another CLEC claims that a service is significantly degrading the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services, then Ameritech Illinois or that other CLEC must notify the causing carrier and allow that carrier a reasonable opportunity to correct the problem. Any claims of network harm must be supported with specific and verifiable supporting information. In the event that Ameritech Illinois or a CLEC demonstrates to the Commission that a deployed technology is significantly degrading the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services, the carrier deploying the technology shall discontinue deployment of that technology and migrate its customers to technologies that will not significantly degrade the performance of other such services.

4.8 Ameritech Illinois shall not impose its own standards for provisioning xDSL services, through Technical Publications or otherwise, until and unless approved by the Commission or the FCC prior to use.

4.9 Ameritech Illinois shall not employ internal technical standards, through Technical Publications or otherwise, for its own retail xDSL that would adversely affect wholesale xDSL services or xDSL providers.

Operational Support Systems: Loop Make-Up Information and Ordering

5.1 General: Ameritech Illinois will provide CLEC with nondiscriminatory access, whether that access is available by electronic or manual means, to its OSS functions as stated in the SBC Plan of Record filed with the FCC on December 7, 1999, or any subsequent revisions or additions to the Plan. This provision will not be construed as an admission by CLEC that the Plan of Record is sufficient. In the interim, manual loop make-up data will be provided as set forth below. In accordance with the FCC's UNE Remand order, CLEC will be given nondiscriminatory access to the same OSS functions that Ameritech Illinois is providing any other CLEC and/or Ameritech Illinois or its advanced services affiliate.

5.2 Loop Pre-Qualification: Subject to 5.1 above, Ameritech Illinois's pre-qualification system will provide a near-real time response to CLEC queries. Until replaced with OSS access as provided in 5.1, Ameritech Illinois will provide mechanized access to a loop length indicator via Verigate and

Datagate for use with xDSL-based or other advanced services The loop length indicator is an indication of the approximate loop length, based on a 26-gauge equivalent and is calculated on the basis of Distribution Area distance from the central office. This is an optional service to the CLEC.

5.3 Loop Qualification: Subject to 5.1 above, Ameritech Illinois will develop and deploy enhancements to its existing Datagate and EDI interfaces that will allow CLECs, as well as Ameritech Illinois's retail operations or its advanced service subsidiary, to have real-time electronic access as a preordering function to the loop makeup information, subject to the following:

5.3.1 For loops ordered under 12,000 feet in length, Ameritech Illinois will provide a One-Step Process so that no loop qualification shall be required;

5.3.2 In addition, no loop qualification shall be required for the 2-Wire Digital Loop (e.g., ISDN/IDSL) referenced in Section 4.1.2 above; and

5.3.3 If a CLEC elects to have Ameritech Illinois provide loop makeup information through a manual process for xDSL loops not addressed in Sections 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 above, then the interval will be 3-5 business days, or the interval provided to Ameritech Illinois's affiliate, whichever is less.

5.4 Loop makeup data should include the following: (a) the actual loop length; (b) the length by gauge; and (c) the presence of repeaters, load coils, or bridged taps; and shall include, if noted on the individual loop record, (d) the total length of bridged taps, load coils, and repeaters; (e) the presence of pair-gain devices, DLC, and/or DAML, and (f) the presence of disturbers in the same and/or adjacent binder groups.

5.4.1 In accordance with the UNE Remand Order, where Ameritech Illinois has not compiled loop qualification information for itself, Ameritech Illinois is not required to conduct a plant inventory and construct a database on behalf of requesting carriers. If Ameritech Illinois has manual access to this sort of information for itself, or any affiliate, Ameritech Illinois will provide access to it to CLEC on a non-discriminatory basis. To the extent Ameritech Illinois has access to this information in an electronic format, that same format should be made available to CLEC via an electronic interface. The Parties will meet and agree to the appropriate rate for such information if not included in this Agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached, Ameritech Illinois will provide such information and the Parties will resolve the matter through the dispute resolution procedures set forth in this Agreement.

6.0 Provisioning

6.1 CLEC shall designate, at the CLEC's sole option, what loop conditioning Ameritech Illinois is to perform in provisioning the xDSL loop or subloop on the loop order. Conditioning

may be ordered on loop(s) or subloop(s) of any length at the Loop conditioning rates set forth in Section 11.4. The loop or subloop will be provisioned to meet basic metallic and electrical characteristics such as electrical conductivity and capacitive and resistance balance.

6.2 The provisioning and installation interval for a xDSL-capable loop, where no conditioning is requested (including outside plant rearrangements that involve moving a workings service to an alternate pair as the only possible solution to provide a DSL-capable loop), on orders for 1-20 loops per order or per end-user location, will be 5 business days, or the provisioning and installation interval applicable to Ameritech Illinois's tariffed xDSL-based services, or its affiliate's, whichever is less. The provisioning and installation intervals for xDSL-capable loops where conditioning is requested or outside plant rearrangements are necessary, as defined above), on orders for 1-20 loops per order or per end-user customer location, will be 10 business days, or the provisioning and installation interval applicable to Ameritech Illinois's tariffed xDSL-based services or its affiliate's xDSL-based services where conditioning is required, whichever is less. Orders for more than 20 loops per order or per end-user location, where no conditioning is requested, will have a provisioning and installation interval of 15 business days, or as agreed upon by the Parties. Orders for more than 20 loops per order which require conditioning will have a provisioning and installation interval agreed by the parties in each instance. These provisioning intervals are applicable to every xDSL loop regardless of the loop length. The Parties will meet to negotiate and agree upon subloop provisioning intervals.

6.3 Subsequent to the initial order for a xDSL capable loop or subloop, additional conditioning may be requested on such loop at the rates set forth below and the applicable service order charges will apply; provided, however, when requests to add or modify conditioning are received within twenty-four (24) hours of the initial order for a xDSL-capable loop, no service order charges shall be assessed, but the due date may be adjusted as necessary as agreed to by the parties. The provisioning interval for additional requests for conditioning pursuant to this subsection will be the same as set forth above.

6.4 The CLEC, at its sole option, may request shielded cross-connects for central office wiring at rates set forth herein.

6.5 Ameritech Illinois shall keep CLEC deployment information confidential from Ameritech Illinois's retail operations, any Ameritech Illinois affiliate, or any other CLEC.

7.0 Acceptance Testing

7.1 Ameritech Illinois and CLEC agree to implement Cooperative Acceptance Testing for xDSL loop delivery.

7.2 Should CLEC desire Cooperative Acceptance Testing, CLEC shall request such testing on a per xDSL loop basis upon issuance of the Local Service Request (LSR). Cooperative Acceptance Testing will be conducted at the time of installation of the service request.

7.3 Acceptance Testing Procedure:

7.3.1 Upon delivery of a loop to/for CLEC, Ameritech Illinois's field technician will call the Local Operations Center (LOC) and the LOC technician will call a toll free CLEC number to initiate performance of a series of cooperative tests.

7.3.1.1 Except for ISDN loops that are provisioned through repeaters or digital loop carriers, the test requires the Ameritech Illinois field technician to provide a solid short across the tip and ring of the circuit and then open circuit the loop.

7.3.1.2 For ISDN (very low band symmetric) loops that are provisioned through repeaters or digital loop carriers, the Ameritech Illinois field technician will not perform a short or open circuit.

7.3.2 If the loop passes Cooperative Acceptance Test for loop continuity test parameters defined by this Agreement for xDSL loops, CLEC will provide Ameritech Illinois with a confirmation number and Ameritech Illinois will complete the order. CLEC will be billed for the Cooperative Acceptance Test as specified below under Acceptance Testing Billing.

7.3.3 If the Cooperative Acceptance Test fails loop continuity test parameters defined by this Agreement for xDSL loops, the LOC technician will take reasonable steps to immediately resolve the problem with CLEC on the line including, but not limited to, calling the central office to perform work at such office. If the problem cannot be quickly resolved, Ameritech Illinois will release the CLEC technician, and perform the work necessary to correct the situation. Once the loop is correctly provisioned, Ameritech Illinois will contact CLEC to repeat the Cooperative Acceptance Test. When the aforementioned test parameters are met, CLEC will provide Ameritech Illinois with a confirmation number and Ameritech Illinois will complete the order. Ameritech Illinois will not complete an order that fails Acceptance Testing.

7.3.4 Since CLEC's test equipment cannot send signals through repeaters or digital loop carriers, CLEC will accept ISDN loops without testing the complete circuit. Consequently, Ameritech Illinois agrees that should CLEC open a trouble ticket

on such a loop within ten (10) business days (that is the fault of Ameritech Illinois), Ameritech Illinois will adjust CLEC's bill and refund the recurring charge of such a loop until Ameritech Illinois has resolved the problem and closed the trouble ticket.

7.3.5 Ameritech Illinois will be relieved of the obligation to perform Acceptance Testing on a particular loop and will, assume acceptance of the loop by CLEC when CLEC places the LOC on hold for over ten (10) minutes. In that case, Ameritech Illinois may close the order utilizing existing procedures. If no trouble ticket is opened on that loop within 24 hours, Ameritech Illinois may bill CLEC as if the Acceptance Test had been completed and the loop accepted, subject to Section B below. If, however, a trouble ticket is opened on the loop within 24 hours and the trouble resulted from Ameritech Illinois error, CLEC will be credited for the cost of the acceptance test. Additionally, CLEC may subsequently request and Ameritech Illinois will perform testing of such a loop under the terms and conditions of a repair request. If such loop is found by Ameritech Illinois to not meet loop continuity test parameters defined herein, Ameritech Illinois will not charge for acceptance testing done on the repair call.

7.3.6 If a trouble ticket is opened within 24 hours of a loop order completion, and the trouble is determined to be Ameritech Illinois's error, then the loop will not be counted as a successful completion for the purposes of the calculations discussed in Section B.1 below.

7.3.7 Both Parties will work together to implement Cooperative Acceptance Testing procedures that are efficient and effective. If the Parties mutually agree to additional testing, procedures and/or standards not covered by this Agreement or any commission-ordered tariff, the Parties will negotiate terms and conditions to implement such additional testing, procedures and/or standards. Additional charges may apply if any agreed-to changes require Ameritech Illinois to expend additional time and expense.

7.4 Acceptance Testing Billing

7.4.1 CLEC will be billed for Acceptance Testing upon the effective date of this Agreement for loops that are installed correctly by the committed interval without the benefit of corrective action due to acceptance testing. In any calendar month after the first sixty (60) days of the agreement, CLEC may indicate that it believes that Ameritech Illinois is failing to install loops with loop continuity and ordered conditioning eighty percent (80%) of the time within the committed intervals.

7.4.1.1 If sampling establishes that Ameritech Illinois is correctly provisioning loops with continuity and ordered conditioning eighty percent (80%) of the time, Ameritech Illinois may continue charging for Acceptance Testing for all loops that are properly installed the first time. If Ameritech Illinois is not correctly provisioning loops eighty percent (80%) of the time, or greater, then CLEC will not be billed for Acceptance Testing for the next 90 days. Immediately after the effective date of this agreement, the Parties will negotiate in good faith to agree to a method for sampling 100 random install orders; provided, however, the Parties agree that none of the orders included in such sampling shall be orders placed within the first thirty (30) days of CLEC's entry into any Metropolitan Statistical Area ("MSA").

7.4.1.1.1 ISDN Loops that have trouble tickets (that are Ameritech Illinois's fault) opened within 10 business days will be considered failures.

7.4.1.1.2 Loops that are successfully installed as a result of corrective action taken after acceptance testing will be considered failures.

7.4.1.2 In any calendar month after the 90 day no charge period, Ameritech Illinois may request that another random sample of 100 install orders be reviewed. If the sample determines Ameritech Illinois is provisioning loops correctly eighty percent (80%) of the time or greater, billing will resume.

7.4.1.3 Even if Ameritech Illinois is in period which it may bill for Acceptance Testing, Ameritech Illinois will not bill for the Acceptance Testing for loop installs that did not pass, the first time, the test parameters defined by this Agreement for xDSL loops. Ameritech Illinois will not bill for loop repairs when the repair was Ameritech Illinois problem.

7.4.1.4 Beginning November 1, 2000, Ameritech Illinois delivery commitment changes to 90%.

7.4.2 The charges for Acceptance Testing shall be $33.51 as specifically listed in Section 13.4.8(A) of the commission-ordered FCC Tariff No. 73. CLEC will use the USOC(s) UBCX+ for basic time. If requested by CLEC, Overtime or Premium time charges will apply for Acceptance Testing requests in off-hours at overtime time charges calculated at one and one half times the standard price and premium

time being calculated at two times the standard priceIf the tariff rate changes, the parties will negotiate in good faith to determine if the tariff rate changes should apply to acceptance testing.

7.4.3 Repairs

7.4.3.1 The parties will negotiate in good faith to arrive at terms and conditions for acceptance testing on repairs

8.0 Service Quality and Maintenance

8.1 Ameritech Illinois will not guarantee that the local loop(s) ordered will perform as desired by CLEC for xDSL-based or other advanced services, but will guarantee basic metallic loop parameters, including continuity and pair balance. CLEC-requested testing by Ameritech Illinois beyond these parameters will be billed on a time and materials basis at Access Tariff 73 rates.

8.2 Maintenance, other than assuring loop continuity, line balance, and verifying suitability for POTS, on unconditioned or partially conditioned loops in excess of 12,000 feet, will only be provided on a time and material basis as set out elsewhere in this Agreement. On loops where CLEC has requested that no conditioning be performed, Ameritech Illinois's maintenance will be limited to verifying loop suitability based on POTS design. For loops having had partial or extensive conditioning performed at CLEC's request, Ameritech Illinois will verify continuity, the completion of all requested conditioning, and will repair at no charge to CLEC any gross defects which would be unacceptable based on current POTS design criteria and which do not result from the loop's modified design.

8.3 Each xDSL-Capable Loop offering provided by Ameritech Illinois to CLEC will be at least equal in quality and performance as that which Ameritech Illinois provides to itself or to an affiliate.

9.0 Spectrum Management

9.1 CLEC will advise Ameritech Illinois of the Power Spectral Density ("PSD") mask approved or proposed by T1.E1 that reflects the service performance parameters of the technology to be used. The CLEC, at its option and without further disclosure to Ameritech Illinois, may provide any service compliant with that PSD mask so long as it stays within the allowed service performance parameters. At the time of ordering a xDSL-capable loop, CLEC will notify Ameritech Illinois as to the type of PSD mask CLEC intends to use on the ordering form, and if and when a change in PSD mask is made, CLEC will notify

Ameritech Illinois as set forth in Section 4.3 above. CLEC will abide by standards pertinent for the designated PSD mask type.

9.2 Ameritech Illinois agrees that as a part of spectrum management, it will maintain an inventory of the existing services provisioned on the cable. Ameritech Illinois will not use Selective Feeder Separation (SFS) and will remove any restrictions imposed by Ameritech Illinois on use of pairs for non-ADSL xDSL services. Ameritech Illinois will not deny any loops on the basis of binder group management designations or business rules created in Ameritech Illinois LFACS and LEAD databases or limit the deployment of xDSL services to certain pair ranges, with the exception of binder groups containing AMI T1 services. Ameritech Illinois may not segregate xDSL technologies into designated binder groups without Commission review and approval. Where Ameritech Illinois has already implemented BGM or reserved loop complements, Ameritech Illinois must open those binder groups to all xDSL services and all xDSL providers. Ameritech Illinois shall not deny CLEC a loop based upon spectrum management issues, subject to 9.3 below. In all cases, Ameritech Illinois will manage the spectrum in a competitively neutral manner consistent with all relevant industry standards regardless of whether the service is provided by a CLEC or by Ameritech Illinois, as well as competitively neutral as between different xDSL services. Where disputes arise, Ameritech Illinois and CLEC will put forth a good faith effort to resolve such disputes in a timely manner. As a part of the dispute resolution process, Ameritech Illinois will, upon request from a CLEC, disclose within 3-5 business days information with respect to the number of loops using advanced services technology within the binder group and the type of technology deployed on those loops so that the involved parties may examine the deployment of services within the affected loop plant.

9.3 In the event that the FCC or the industry establishes long-term standards and practices and policies relating to spectrum compatibility and spectrum management that differ from those established in this Agreement, Ameritech Illinois and CLEC agree to comply with the FCC and/or industry standards, practices and policies and will establish a mutually agreeable transition plan and timeframe for achieving and implementing such industry standards, practices and policies. If there is any dispute between the Parties with respect to this Section, Ameritech Illinois will not deny the loop (subject to Section 3.4 above), but will continue to provision loops until the dispute is resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures set forth in this Agreement.

9.4 Within thirty (30) days after general availability of equipment conforming to applicable industry standards or the mutually agreed upon standards developed by the industry in conjunction with the Commission or FCC, if Ameritech Illinois and/or CLEC is providing xDSL technologies deployed under Section 4.0 above, or other advanced services for which there is no standard, then Ameritech Illinois and/or CLEC must being the process

of bringing its deployed xDSL technologies and equipment into compliance with such standards at its own expense.

10.0 Reservation of Rights

The Parties acknowledge and agree that the provision of these DSL-Capable Loops and the associated rates, terms and conditions set forth above are subject to any legal or equitable rights of review and remedies (including agency reconsideration and court review). If any reconsideration, agency order, appeal, court order or opinion, stay, injunction or other action by any state or federal regulatory body or court of competent jurisdiction stays, modifies, or otherwise affects any of the rates, terms and conditions herein, specifically including those arising with respect to Federal Communications Commission orders (whether from the Memorandum Opinion and Order, and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 98-188 (rel. August 7, 1998), in CC Docket No. 98-147, or the FCC's First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 99-48 (rel. March 31, 1999), in CC Docket 98-147 or the FCC's Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-96 (FCC 99-238), or any other proceeding, the Parties shall expend diligent efforts to arrive at an agreement on conforming modifications to this Agreement. If negotiations fail, disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation of the actions required or the provisions affected shall be handled under the Dispute Resolution procedures set forth in this Agreement.

SCHEDULE 9.2.2

INTEROFFICE TRANSMISSION FACILITIES

Interoffice Transmission Facilities are Ameritech transmission facilities dedicated to a particular Customer or carrier, or shared by more than one Customer or carrier, used to provide Telecommunications Services between Central Offices owned by Ameritech or between Central Offices owned by Ameritech and Requesting Carrier, as provided on this **Schedule 9.2.2**.

1. Subject to **Section 1.4** below, Ameritech shall make available to Requesting Carrier access to the following types of unbundled Interoffice Transmission Facilities:

1.1. Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transmission Facilities (**"Dedicated Transport"**) are dedicated facilities connecting two Ameritech Central Offices that utilize Ameritech transmission equipment and that provide Requesting Carrier exclusive use of such facilities. In each Central Office, Requesting Carrier will Cross-Connect this facility to its own transmission equipment (physically or virtually) Collocated in each Central Office. Requesting Carrier may combine this facility with other unbundled Network Elements it purchases from Ameritech. All applicable digital Cross-Connect, multiplexing, and Collocation space charges apply at an additional cost.

1.2. **"Unbundled dedicated entrance facility"** is a dedicated facility connecting Ameritech's transmission equipment in the Ameritech Central Office in the Serving Wire Center with Requesting Carrier's transmission equipment in Requesting Carrier's Central Office.

1.3. Ameritech shall be required to make available to Requesting Carrier access to unbundled Interoffice Transmission Facilities (i) between its End Offices, and (ii) between any of its Central Offices and (x) Requesting Carrier's Central Offices or (y) any other third party's Central Offices, only where such interoffice facilities exist at the time of Requesting Carrier's request.

SCHEDULE 9.5

PROVISIONING OF NETWORK ELEMENTS

1.0 General Provisioning Requirements.

1.1 Requesting Carrier may order, from Ameritech, multiple individual Network Elements on a single order without the need to have Requesting Carrier send an order for each such Network Element if such Network Elements are for (i) the same element, (ii) a single type of service (i.e., same NC/NCI code), (iii) a single location, and (iv) the same account and Requesting Carrier provides on the order the same detail as required when such Network Elements are ordered individually.

1.2 Ameritech shall provide provisioning services to Requesting Carrier Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST. Requesting Carrier may request Ameritech to provide Saturday, Sunday, holiday, and/or off-hour provisioning services. If Requesting Carrier requests that Ameritech perform provisioning services at times or on days other than as required in the preceding sentence, Ameritech shall quote, within three (3) Business Days of Requesting Carrier's request, a cost-based rate for such services. If Requesting Carrier accepts Ameritech's quote, Ameritech shall perform such provisioning services.

1.3 Ameritech shall provide a Single Point of Contact (**"SPOC"**) for ordering and provisioning contacts and order flow involved in the purchase and provisioning of Ameritech's unbundled Network Elements. The SPOCs shall provide an electronic interface 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., CST, Monday through Friday and 5:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., CST on Saturdays. Each SPOC shall also provide to Requesting Carrier a telephone number (operational from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday) which will be answered by capable staff trained to answer questions and resolve problems in connection with the provisioning of Ameritech's unbundled Network Elements.

1.4 Ameritech shall provide to Requesting Carrier a single point of contact (the **"Unbundling Ordering Center"**) for ordering unbundled Network Elements. A telephone number will be provided from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday. This Unbundling Ordering Center is responsible for order acceptance, order issuance, and return of the Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) to Requesting Carrier as specified in this **Schedule 9.5**.
In addition, Ameritech shall provide to Requesting Carrier a single point of contact (the **"Network Element Control Center"** or **"NECC"**) for all provisioning, maintenance and repair.

1.5 Ameritech will recognize Requesting Carrier as the Customer of Record of all Network Elements ordered by Requesting Carrier and will send all notices, invoices and pertinent Customer information directly to Requesting Carrier.

1.6 For those orders submitted by Requesting Carrier through the Provisioning EI, Ameritech will provide Requesting Carrier with a FOC for each order within forty-eight (48) hours of Ameritech's receipt of that order, or within a different time interval agreed upon by the Implementation Team. The FOC shall contain the order number(s), circuit identifications, physical Interconnection, quantity, and Ameritech confirmation date for order completion, subject to facility and assignment availability (the **"Confirmation Due Date"**), which Confirmation Due Date shall be established on a nondiscriminatory basis with respect to installation dates for comparable orders at such time.

1.7 Upon work completion, for those orders submitted by Requesting Carrier through the Provisioning EI, Ameritech will provide Requesting Carrier electronically with a completed order confirmation per order that states when that order was completed.

1.8 As soon as identified, for those orders submitted by Requesting Carrier through the Provisioning EI, Ameritech shall provide notification electronically of Requesting Carrier orders that are incomplete or incorrect and therefore cannot be processed.

1.9 If Requesting Carrier is electronically bonded, as soon as identified, Ameritech shall provide notification electronically of any instances when Ameritech's Confirmation Due Dates are in jeopardy of not being met by Ameritech on any element or feature contained in any order for an unbundled Network Element. Ameritech shall indicate its new Confirmation Due Date as soon as such date is available.

1.10 For orders of Network Elements (and NP with the installation of a Loop) that require coordination among Ameritech, Requesting Carrier and Requesting Carrier's Customer, Requesting Carrier shall be responsible for any necessary coordination with the Requesting Carrier Customer.

1.11 Ameritech will expedite Requesting Carrier's orders on the same basis as it expedites orders for its retail Customers. If Ameritech will be unable to meet a Requesting Carrier expedite request, Ameritech will notify Requesting Carrier. If Requesting Carrier's request for an expedite requires Ameritech to perform work in addition to that when it expedites an order for its retail Customers, Requesting

Carrier shall compensate Ameritech to perform such work at rates determined in accordance with Section 252(d) of the Act.

1.12 Ameritech's obligation to process Requesting Carrier's Non-Electronic Orders for unbundled Network Elements, and the rates, terms and conditions applicable to such orders, shall be as described in **Section 10.13.2(b)**.

1.13 To the extent that there is any conflict between the terms and conditions of Schedule 9.2.1 and this Schedule 9.5, the terms and conditions of Schedule 9.2.1 shall prevail.

2.0 Conversion of Special Access Circuits.

Ameritech will convert Requesting Carrier's Special Access Circuits to UNEs pursuant to FCC Rule 315(b), under the conditions outlined below.

2.0.1 A special access circuit will qualify for conversion if it meets one of the three following criteria:

2.0.1.1 Requesting Carrier is the exclusive provider of the end user's local exchange service and the loop transport combination originates at a customer's premises and terminates at Requesting Carrier's collocation arrangement. This option does not allow loop/transport combinations to be connected to Ameritech services.

2.0.1.2 Requesting Carrier provides local exchange and exchange access service to the end user customer and handles at least one-third of the end user's local traffic measured as a percent of total end user customer lines; and for DS1 level and above, at least 50 percent of the activated channels on the loop portion of the loop and transport combination have at least 5 percent local voice traffic individually, loop/transport combination includes multiplexing (e.g., DS1 multiplexed to DS3 level), each of the individual DS1 facilities must meet the criteria for this option in order for the DS1/DS3 loop/transport combination to qualify for UNE treatment. This option does not allow loop/transport combination to be connected to Ameritech services.

2.0.1.3 At least 50 percent of the activated channels are used to provide originating and terminating local dial tone service and at least 50 percent of the traffic on each of these local dial tone channels is local voice traffic (measured based on Ameritech's local exchange area) and the entire loop facility has at least 33 precent local voice traffic. If a loop/transport combination includes multiplexing, each of the multiplexed channels must meet the above criteria for this option. For example, if DS1 loops are multiplexed onto DS3 transport, each of the individual DS1 circuits must meet the above criteria for this option in order for the DS1/DS3 loop/transport combination to qualify for UNE treatment. This option does not allow loop/transport combinations to be connected to Ameritech services.

2.0.1.4 For the purpose of this section, Ameritech collocation arrangements in Requesting carrier offices located at 105 Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ 08540 shall be considered "Requesting Carrier collocation arrangements."

2.0.2 Requesting Carrier must certify that the special access circuits for which it has submitted the orders to convert meet the criteria set forth in Section 2.1.1 above.

2.0.3 Requesting Carrier must pay any applicable termination charges for the special access circuits that may be terminated early in order to convert to UNEs.

2.0.4 Requesting Carrier must pay any applicable service order and administrative charges associated with the conversion of special access circuits to UNEs, as identified in the Pricing Schedule.

2.0.5 Ameritech will not take Requesting Carrier's end user customer out of service during conversion.

2.0.6 Requesting Carrier agrees to provide Ameritech the right to audit its compliance with the above criteria under the guidelines established in the ex parte letter signed by both parties and filed with the FCC on February 29, 2000 in CC Docket No. 96-98, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2.0.7 Pursuant to the Arbitration Decision, for the purposes of certifying its compliance with the criteria articulated in Section 2.3.1, above, Requesting Carrier may consider ISP-bound traffic as local in nature.[5/]

3.0 Interoffice Transmission Facilities.

3.1 Requesting Carrier shall access Ameritech's Interoffice Transmission Facilities via Collocation or any technically feasible method pursuant to **Section 2.2** of **Schedule 9.5** at the Ameritech Central Office where that element exists and each DSX or OCN circuit will be delivered to Requesting Carrier's Collocation space for an additional charge by means of a Cross-Connection. Requesting Carrier shall order Interoffice Transmission Facilities from Ameritech by delivering to Ameritech a valid and complete service order via an electronic Access Services Request ("ASR") interface. If after the Effective Date Ameritech makes available the ability to order Interoffice Transmission Facilities via the Provisioning EI. Requesting Carrier agrees to transition its ordering of such facilities from ASR to the Provisioning EI within thirty (30) days after Ameritech is capable of receiving such orders via Provisioning EI.

3.2 Ameritech shall offer Interoffice Transmission Facilities in each of the following ways:

3.2.1 As a dedicated transmission path (e.g., DS1, DS3, OC3, OC12 and OC48) dedicated to Requesting Carrier as described in **Section 1.1** of **Schedule 9.2.2**.

3.3 Where Dedicated Transport is provided, it shall include (as appropriate):

3.3.1 The transmission path at the requested speed or bit rate.

3.3.2 The following optional features are available; if requested by Requesting Carrier, at additional cost:

3.3.2.1 Clear Channel Capability per 1.544 Mbps (DS1) bit stream.

3.3.2.2 Ameritech provided Central Office multiplexing:

[5/] By entering into this Agreement, Ameritech does not agree that ISP-bound traffic is "local" for the purposes of the Act or FCC orders or rules promulgated thereunder, including those related to the conversion of special access services to UNEs. Moreover, Ameritech reserves its rights to appeal or otherwise seek review of the Arbitration Decision.

(a) DS1 to Voice/Base Rate/128, 256, 384 Kbps Transport;

(b) DS3 to DS1 multiplexing;

(c) OC3 Add/Drop
– per DS3 Add/Drop
– per DS1 Add/Drop;

(d) OC12 Add/Drop
– per OC3 Add/Drop
– per DS3 Add/Drop; and

(e) OC48 Add/Drop
– per OC12 Add/Drop
– per OC3 Add/Drop
– per DS3 Add/Drop.

3.3.2.3 Ameritech-provided OC3, OC12 and OC48 Protection on Entrance Facilities.

(a) 1+1 Protection;

(b) 1+1 Protection with Cable Survivability; and

(c) 1+1 Protection with Route Survivability.

3.4 Ameritech shall:

3.4.1 Provide Requesting Carrier exclusive use of Interoffice Transmission Facilities dedicated to Requesting Carrier in the case of Dedicated Transport;

3.4.2 Provide all technically feasible transmission facilities, features, functions, and capabilities that Requesting Carrier could use to provide Telecommunications Services;

3.4.3 Permit, to the extent technically feasible, Requesting Carrier to connect such Interoffice Transmission Facilities to equipment designated by Requesting Carrier, including Requesting Carrier's Collocated facilities; and

3.4.4 Permit, to the extent technically feasible, Requesting Carrier to obtain the functionality provided by Ameritech's digital cross-connect systems separate from Dedicated Transport.

3.5 Technical Requirements.

This **Section 3.5** sets forth the technical requirements for Dedicated Transport:

3.5.1 When Ameritech provides Dedicated Transport as a facility, the entire designated transmission facility (e.g., DS1, DS3) shall be dedicated to Requesting Carrier designated traffic.

3.5.2 Ameritech shall offer Dedicated Transport in all the currently available technologies including DS1 and DS3 transport facilities and SONET point-to-point transport facilities, at all standard transmission bit rates, except subrate services, where available.

3.5.3 For DS1 facilities, Dedicated Transport shall, at a minimum, meet the performance, availability, jitter, and delay requirements specified for Customer Interface to Central Office **"CI to CO"** connections in the applicable technical references set forth under Interoffice Transmission Facilities in the Technical Reference Schedule.

3.5.4 For DS3 facilities and higher rate facilities, Dedicated Transport shall, at a minimum, meet the performance, availability, jitter, and delay requirements specified for Customer Interface to Central Office **"CI to CO"** connections in the applicable technical references set forth under Interoffice Transmission Facilities in the Technical Reference Schedule.

3.5.5 When requested by Requesting Carrier, Dedicated Transport shall provide physical diversity. Physical diversity means that two circuits are provisioned in such a way that no single failure of facilities or equipment will cause a failure on both circuits. When physical diversity is requested by Requesting Carrier, Ameritech shall provide the maximum feasible physical separation between intra-office and inter-office transmission paths (unless otherwise agreed by Requesting Carrier). Any request by Requesting Carrier for diversity shall be subject to additional charges.

3.5.6 Upon Requesting Carrier's request and its payment of any additional charges, Ameritech shall provide immediate and continuous remote access to performance monitoring and alarm data affecting, or potentially affecting, Requesting Carrier's traffic.

3.5.7 Ameritech shall offer the following interface transmission rates for Dedicated Transport:

3.5.7.1 DS1 (Extended SuperFrame - ESF, D4);

3.5.7.2 DS3 (M13 shall be provided);

3.5.7.3 SONET standard interface rates in accordance with the applicable ANSI technical references set forth under Interoffice Transmission Facilities in the Technical Reference Schedule.

3.5.8 Upon Requesting Carrier's request, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier with electronic reconfiguration control of a Requesting Carrier specified Dedicated Transport through Ameritech Network Reconfiguration Service (ANRS) on the rates, terms and conditions in F.C.C. Tariff No. 2.

3.5.9 Ameritech shall permit, at applicable rates, Requesting Carrier to obtain the functionality provided by DCS together with dedicated transport in the same manner that Ameritech offers such capabilities to IXCs that purchase transport services. If Requesting Carrier requests additional functionality, such request shall be made through the Bona Fide Request process.

SCHEDULE 10.13.2

SERVICE ORDERING AND PROVISIONING INTERFACE FUNCTIONALITY

The Provisioning EI will provide Requesting Carrier with the ability to:

a) Obtain, during sales discussions with a Customer, access to the following Ameritech Customer service record data in a manner which is transparent to the Customer:

- Billing telephone number/name/address
- Service Location Address
- Working telephone number(s) on the account
- Existing service and features
- Blocking
- CLASS Features
- Telephone Assistance Programs, Telephone Relay Service and similar services indicator
- Special Exemption Status indicator
- Directory Listing Information
- Information necessary to identify the IntraLATA toll provider and InterLATA provider, as applicable.

b) Obtain information on all features and services available;

c) Enter the Requesting Carrier Customer order for all desired features and services;

d) Assign a telephone number (if the Requesting Carrier Customer does not have one assigned);

e) Establish the appropriate directory listing;

f) Determine if a service call is needed to install the line or service;

g) Schedule dispatch and installation, if applicable;

h) Provide installation dates to Customer;

i) Order local intraLATA toll service and enter Requesting Carrier Customer's choice of primary interexchange carrier on a single, unified order; and

j) Suspend, terminate or restore service to a Requesting Carrier Customer.

Ameritech will support four (4) transaction types: Assume; Change; New; and Delete, as described in Ameritech's Electronic Service Guide, which is based on TCIF Customer Service, Issue 5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Requesting Carrier shall be entitled to place orders to transfer a Customer to Requesting Carrier without identifying the specific features and services being subscribed by such Customer at the time of the request **("Migration-As-Is")**. However, unless agreed to by Ameritech, Migration-As-Is will not include any service subscribed which is not a Telecommunications Service.

Ameritech will expedite Requesting Carrier's orders on the same basis as it expedites orders for its retail Customers. If Ameritech will be unable to meet a Requesting Carrier expedite request, Ameritech will notify Requesting Carrier. If Requesting Carrier's request for an expedite requires Ameritech to perform work in addition to that when it expedites an order for its retail Customers, Requesting Carrier shall compensate Ameritech to perform such work at rates determined in accordance with Section 252(d) of the Act.

SCHEDULE 10.13

RESALE MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

By the end of Contract Month 1, the Implementation Team shall agree upon the processes to be used by the Parties for maintenance of Resale Services. These processes will address the implementation of the requirements of this **Schedule 10.13**.

1. Ameritech shall provide repair and maintenance for all Resale Services and Unbundled Local Loops in accordance with the terms and conditions of this **Schedule 10.13**.

2. Ameritech technicians shall provide repair service that is at least equal in quality to that provided to Ameritech Customers; trouble calls from Requesting Carrier Customers shall receive response time priority that is at parity to that of Ameritech Customers and shall be based on trouble severity, regardless of whether the Customer is a Requesting Carrier Customer or an Ameritech Customer.

3. Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier with the same scheduled and non-scheduled maintenance, including required and recommended maintenance intervals and procedures, for all Resale Services provided to Requesting Carrier under this Schedule that it currently provides for the maintenance of its own network. Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier notice of any scheduled maintenance activity which may impact Requesting Carrier's Customers on the same basis it provides such notice to its subsidiaries, Affiliates, other resellers and its retail Customers. Scheduled maintenance shall include such activities as switch software retrofits, power tests, major equipment replacements, and cable rolls.

4. Ameritech shall provide notice of non-scheduled maintenance activity that may impact Requesting Carrier Customers. Ameritech shall provide maintenance as promptly as possible to maintain or restore service and shall advise Requesting Carrier promptly of any such actions it takes.

5. Requesting Carrier shall establish the Maintenance EI within thirty (30) days of the Service Start Date and shall submit all trouble tickets via the Maintenance EI. If service is provided to Requesting Carrier Customers before the Maintenance EI is established between Requesting Carrier and Ameritech or if the Maintenance EI is subject to temporary interruption, then Requesting Carrier will transmit repair calls to Ameritech repair bureau by telephone and agrees to reimburse Ameritech for Ameritech's costs to process such repair calls.

6. Ameritech repair bureau, including the Maintenance EI to be established, shall be on-line and operational twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week except when preventative maintenance and software revisions require an out-of-service condition. Ameritech

will provide Requesting Carrier a twenty-four (24) hour advanced notification of such out-of-service conditions.

7. Ameritech shall provide progress reports and status-of-repair efforts to Requesting Carrier via the Maintenance EI. Ameritech shall inform Requesting Carrier of restoration of Resale Service after an outage has occurred.

8. Maintenance charges for premises visits by Ameritech technicians shall be billed by Requesting Carrier to its Customer, and not by Ameritech. The Ameritech technician shall, however, present the Customer with unbranded form detailing the time spent, the materials used, and an indication that the trouble has either been resolved or that additional work will be necessary, in which case the Ameritech technician shall make an additional appointment with the Customer. The Ameritech technician shall obtain the Customer's signature when available upon said form, and shall use the form to input maintenance charges into Ameritech's repair and maintenance database.

9. Dispatching of Ameritech technicians to Requesting Carrier Customer premises shall be accomplished by Ameritech pursuant to a request received from Requesting Carrier. The gateway provided by Ameritech for the Maintenance EI shall allow Requesting Carrier to receive trouble reports, analyze and sectionalize the trouble, determine whether it is necessary to dispatch a service technician to the Customer's premises, and verify any actual work completed on the Customer's premises.

10. Upon receiving a referred trouble from Requesting Carrier, the Ameritech technician will offer a dispatch appointment and quoted repair time dependent upon Ameritech's force-to-load condition. For expedites, Ameritech's maintenance administrators will override this standard procedure on a non-discriminatory basis, using the same criteria as Ameritech uses to expedite intervals for its retail Customers. If Ameritech is unable to meet a Requesting Carrier expedited request, Ameritech will notify Requesting Carrier. If Requesting Carrier's request for an expedite requires Ameritech to perform work in addition to that when it expedites an order for its retail Customers, Requesting Carrier shall compensate Ameritech to perform such work at rates determined in accordance with Section 252(d) of the Act.

11. The Implementation Plan will establish a process for disaster recovery that addresses the following:

(a) Events affecting Ameritech's network, work centers and Operational Support Systems functions;

(b) Establishing and maintaining a single point of contact responsible for disaster recovery activation, statusing and problem resolution during the course of a disaster and restoration;

(c) Procedures for notifying Requesting Carrier of problems, initiating restoration plans and advising Requesting Carrier of the status of resolution;

(d) Definition of a disaster; and

(e) Equal priority, as between Requesting Carrier Customers and Ameritech Customers, for restoration efforts, consistent with FCC Service Restoration guidelines, including, deployment of repair personnel, and access to spare parts and components.

12. If (i) Requesting Carrier reports to Ameritech a trouble report with respect to a Resale Service, Requesting Carrier, (ii) Ameritech dispatches a technician, and (iii) such trouble was not caused by Ameritech's facilities or equipment, then Requesting Carrier shall pay Ameritech a trip charge per trouble dispatch and time charges per quarter hour, in each case at the then current rates applicable in the Territory.

SCHEDULE 12.3

NON-STANDARD COLLOCATION REQUEST

1. Ameritech shall promptly consider and analyze the submission of a Non-Standard Collocation Request (**"NSCR"**) that Ameritech provide: (a) an ILEC Collocation method not otherwise provided hereunder at the time of such request, (b) Adjacent Collocation, (c) Non-Standard Bay Collocation, or (d) an increment of space not otherwise provided hereunder at the time of such request, in each case in specific Ameritech Premises.

2. An NSCR shall be submitted in writing to the NSCR Manager noted on the NSCR Form attached hereto as Attachment 1 and shall include all information necessary for Ameritech to review and analyze such NSCR.

3. Within five (5) Business Days of its receipt, Ameritech shall acknowledge receipt of the NSCR.

4. Within ten (10) days (the **"Collo Analysis Period"**) of its receipt of all information required to be provided on the NSCR Form, Ameritech shall notify (the **"Collo Analysis"**) Requesting Carrier whether Ameritech will offer such NSCR or will provide an explanation as to why Ameritech will not make such NSCR available. If Ameritech will offer the NSCR, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier a price quote and estimated availability date for such development (the **"NSCR Quote"**). Ameritech shall provide an NSCR Quote as soon as feasible, but in any event not more than thirty (30) days from the date Ameritech received such NSCR and all necessary information to process such NSCR.

5. Within twenty (20) Business Days of its receipt of the NSCR Quote, the Requesting Carrier must either confirm its order pursuant to the NSCR Quote or such request shall be cancelled.

6. Requesting Carrier may cancel an NSCR at any time, but shall pay Ameritech's reasonable costs of processing and/or implementing the NSCR up to the date of cancellation.

7. Unless Requesting Carrier agrees otherwise, all prices shall be consistent with the pricing principles of the Act, FCC and/or the Commission.

8. If a Party to an NSCR believes that the other Party is not requesting, negotiating, or processing the NSCR in good faith, or disputes a determination, or price or cost quote, such Party may exercise its rights under **Section 27.4**.

FORM OF
NON-STANDARD COLLOCATION REQUEST FORM[6/]

Attachment 1

1) Requested by

_____
(Company Name)

_____
(Address)

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(Contact Person) (Facsimile Number)

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(Phone Number)

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___
(Date of Request) (Optional: E-Mail Address)

2) Please classify your requested Collocation arrangement:

☐ ILEC Collocation

☐ Adjacent Collocation

☐ Non-Standard Bay Collocation (if above two items not applicable, complete only items 3 and 14)

[6/] Fax completed form to Ameritech's NSCR Manager at (248) 483-3738.

☐ Non-Standard Physical Collocation Area (if above three items not applicable, complete only items 3 and 15)

3) The requested Collocation method will be used to:

☐ Interconnect with Ameritech's network; and/or

☐ Access Ameritech's unbundled Network Elements

Please provide a description of all equipment you intend to Collocate (use additional sheets of paper, if necessary).

4) If ILEC Collocation, please provide the name of the ILEC offering such Collocation method and attach complete copies of all rates, terms and conditions of the approved Section 251/252 agreement or effective tariff that describes such Collocation offering.

5) Is there anything custom or specific about the manner that you would like this ILEC Collocation method to be offered?

6) If possible, please include a drawing or illustration of how you would like the ILEC Collocation method to Interconnect with Ameritech's network, Premises or other facilities.

7) List the specific Ameritech Premises in which you want the ILEC Collocation method (use additional sheets of paper, if necessary).

8) Please indicate any other information that could assist Ameritech to evaluate your request for the specific ILEC Collocation method (use additional sheets of paper, if necessary).

9) Why have you requested the ILEC Collocation method in lieu of ordering an Ameritech Standard Collocation offering? What benefits (rates, terms or conditions) do you believe the requested ILEC Collocation method will provide?

10) If you are requesting Adjacent Collocation, please describe the Adjacent Collocation you seek to deploy? Please include a description of all telecommunications equipment that you intend to place in the Adjacent Structure that will be used to connect with Ameritech. (Attach additional sheets, if necessary).

11) Please attach a site drawing that illustrates your suggested placement of the Adjacent Structure, any connecting facilities or utilities (e.g., power), and Ameritech's Premises.

12) Please provide a specific description of the Adjacent Structure, structural and mechanical, and a list of all requirements you wish Ameritech to provide, including AC and DC power.

13) Please attach true and correct copies of all approvals (governmental or otherwise) that you have received with respect to the placement of the Adjacent Structure and any necessary connecting facilities. Please also attach a letter signed by an officer of your company certifying, with no qualifications, that all governmental and other approvals and permits necessary for such Adjacent Collocation have been received.

14) If you are requesting Collocation of equipment with other than Standard Bay dimensions, please attach a fully completed Collocation order form and note such equipment dimensions in the Remarks section of that form.

15) If you are requesting APCS in increments other than one hundred (100) square feet, or New Shared Cage Collocation in increments other than fifty (50) square feet, please attach a scale drawing indicating the requested dimensions.

16) Collo Analysis cost payment option (Check one, applies to ILEC Collocation and Adjacent Collocation only).

☐ $2,000 deposit included provided, that the responsibility of [Requesting Carrier] for Ameritech's costs for Ameritech's Collo Analysis shall not exceed this deposit.

☐ No deposit is made and [Requesting Carrier] agrees to pay Ameritech's total Collo Analysis costs incurred up to and including the date Ameritech receives notice of cancellation.

By submitting this Request, [Requesting Carrier] agrees to promptly compensate Ameritech for any costs it incurs to process this NSCR, including costs to analyze, develop, provision, and price the NSCR, up to and including the date Ameritech receives our written cancellation. [Requesting Carrier] also agrees to compensate Ameritech for any costs incurred by Ameritech if [Requesting Carrier] fails to order the NSCR within twenty (20) Business Days of receipt of the NSCR Quote.

Requesting Carrier

By:_____

Its:_____

SCHEDULE 12.9.1

PHYSICAL COLLOCATION SPACE RESERVATION

Space for Physical Collocation may be reserved on the following basis:

1. Requesting Carrier may request to reserve additional space (or bays) in an Ameritech Central Office in which the Requesting Carrier has Physical Collocation for permitted telecommunications-related equipment.

2. A reservation may be maintained only by the payment of a non-recurring charge to defray the administrative costs of the reservation system (**"Reservation Charge"**).

3. The reservation can be made for an amount of space no greater than the amount of active Physical Collocation space being occupied and utilized (e.g., if Requesting Carrier is utilizing only one (1) bay in a one hundred (100) square foot space, only one (1) bay may be reserved) for Interconnection with and/or access to the Network Elements of Ameritech by Requesting Carrier in the particular Central Office.

4. The reservation takes a priority based on the date at which it is made.

5. If Ameritech receives an order for Physical Collocation in an office in which all the unoccupied space is covered by reservations, all reservations will be prioritized. The holder(s) of the lowest priority reservation(s) that when considering all higher priority reservations, still represent(s) available space sufficient to partially or completely fill the order(s) for Physical Collocation (each, an **"Option Party"**) will be given written notice of its (their) option of "enforcing" or relinquishing its (their) reservation(s).

In this case, an Option Party may enforce its reservation by payment of the recurring Physical Collocation floor space charge otherwise applicable to the reservation space (in lieu of the non-recurring Reservation Charge). The reservation will be maintained until the Physical Collocation arrangement in that office is terminated or the reservation is terminated, whichever comes first. If an Option Party decides to enforce its reservation in this manner, the holder(s) of the reservation(s) with the next higher priority will be given the option of enforcing or relinquishing its (their) reservation(s).

If an Option Party declines to enforce its reservation as indicated above, the reservation is relinquished and the reservation payment is forfeited. A new reservation may be activated by payment of another Reservation Charge, but the new reservation will be given a priority based on the date Ameritech received the reactivation reservation. The holder(s) of the reservation(s) with the next higher priority will be required to enforce or relinquish its (their) reservation(s) until such time as all Option Parties have either enforced or relinquished its (their) space reservation(s).

6. The holder of a valid reservation may place an order for Physical Collocation for the reserved space at any time. If there is sufficient unoccupied space to accommodate the order after subtracting space covered by reservations of higher priority, the order will be processed. If there is insufficient space to accommodate the order after subtracting space covered by valid reservations of Option Parties with higher priority that have been enforced, the holder's reservation shall be maintained.

7. In a Central Office, Ameritech may reserve space on the following conditions:

- The amount of space must be the least amount of space reasonably necessary for the provision of a communications-related service including Interconnection and the provision of unbundled Network Elements. Except for space reserved for switch (including Tandem Switches and STPs) conversion and growth and for augmentation and conversion of mechanical and electrical support systems and building infrastructure, the reserved space must reasonably be anticipated to be used in three (3) years.

- The total amount of space reserved cannot exceed the amount of space Ameritech is currently using in the Central Office.

8. Ameritech shall enforce its reservation in the same manner in which Requesting Carrier and other collocating Telecommunications Carriers shall be required to enforce their reservations. In that case, Ameritech may impute the floor space charge to the operations for which the space is reserved.

9. Requesting Carrier may not assign a reservation to any third party, including its Affiliate or a prospective Resident Collocator.

SCHEDULE 12.9.3

COLLOCATION CAPACITY PLANNING

By the end of Contract Month 3, Requesting Carrier and Ameritech shall jointly develop a planning process for meeting Requesting Carrier's space and intraoffice facility requirements which shall include the procedures to be followed for the Requesting Carrier quarterly forecast of anticipated additional power requirements.

SCHEDULE 12.12

DELIVERY OF COLLOCATED SPACE

1.0 Delivery of Physical Collocation Space

1.1 Upon receipt of a Collo Response, Requesting Carrier shall send written verification to Ameritech within twenty (20) Business Days that it still requires each Collocation space requested on Requesting Carrier's Collo Order for which space is available. This written verification is Requesting Carrier's firm order for service for each Collocation space requested. Subject to **Section 1.3** below, Requesting Carrier's written verification shall be accompanied by Requesting Carrier's (and, if applicable, each Resident Collocator's) payment of fifty percent (50%) of all applicable Central Office Build Out (**"COBO"**) fees (the **"Initial COBO Payment"**). COBO modifications and additions to space described in the proposal will not begin until the Initial COBO Payment has been paid. Delayed payment of the Initial COBO Payment may delay the actual Delivery Date or, if not received by Ameritech within twenty (20) Business Days of Ameritech's Collo Response, will result in cancellation of the firm order.

1.2 So long as Requesting Carrier has a satisfactory credit rating with Ameritech for the twelve (12) month period preceding the date of Requesting Carrier's Collo Order pursuant to **Section 12.12**, Requesting Carrier shall pay the COBO charges as follows:

Initial COBO Payment:	50% of COBO charges
The Date which is midway between the initial walk-through and the Delivery Date:	25% of COBO charges
Completion of space conditioning:	25% of COBO charges

1.3 If Requesting Carrier's credit rating is not satisfactory within the aforementioned period, COBO charges shall be paid 40%-40%-20% in lieu of the foregoing 50%-25%-25% schedule.

2.0 Additional Rules and Regulations Applicable to Physical Collocation Space

Physical Collocation will be provided subject to the following provisions:

2.1 Requesting Carrier will be responsible for its pro rata share of any extraordinary costs incurred by Ameritech to prepare the Collocation space for the installation of Requesting Carrier's equipment and for extraordinary costs to maintain the Collocation space for Requesting Carrier's equipment on a going-forward basis. Requesting Carrier's pro rata share will be determined in accordance with a Commission-approved methodology. Extraordinary costs may include costs for such items as asbestos removal, fire suppression system or containment,

modifications or expansion of cable entry facility, individualized DC power system infrastructure needs, increasing the capacity of the standby AC system or the existing commercial power facility requirements, installation, maintenance, repair and monitoring of security measures, conversion of non-Collocation space, compliance with federal and state requirements or other modifications required by local ordinances. Extraordinary costs do not include costs associated with maintenance and upkeep of the building.

At the initial walk-through referred to in **Section 12.12.2(b)**, Ameritech shall provide to Requesting Carrier with any information in its possession relating to Requesting Carrier's requirements for the space. Within ten (10) Business Days after the initial walk-through, Ameritech shall provide to Requesting Carrier a written proposal (the **"Collo Proposal"**) that includes the extraordinary costs associated with such space, the expected Delivery Date and an estimated date for Requesting Carrier's second COBO payment, as provided in Section 1.2. Requesting Carrier shall acknowledge acceptance of the charges in the Collo Proposal by signing it and returning a copy to Ameritech within ten (10) Business Days after Ameritech provides it to Requesting Carrier.

2.2 Requesting Carrier will be responsible for notifying Ameritech of any significant outages of Requesting Carrier's equipment which could impact any of the services offered by Ameritech, and provide estimated clearing time for restoration.

2.3 Requesting Carrier is responsible for coordinating with Ameritech to ensure that services are installed in accordance with the service request.

2.4 Requesting Carrier is responsible for testing, if necessary, with Ameritech to identify and clear a trouble when the trouble has been sectionalized (isolated) to a Requesting Carrier-provided service.

2.5 Before beginning delivery, installation, replacement or removal work for equipment and/or facilities located within the Collocation space, Requesting Carrier shall obtain Ameritech's written approval of Requesting Carrier's proposed scheduling of the work in order to coordinate use of temporary staging areas and other building facilities. Ameritech may request additional information before granting approval and may require scheduling changes. Requesting Carrier must submit written plans for equipment to be installed in the Collocation space prior to commencing installation.

2.6 Ameritech has the right to inspect Requesting Carrier's completed installation of equipment and facilities and to make subsequent and periodic inspections of the Requesting Carrier's equipment and facilities occupying a Collocation space and associated entrance conduit and riser space. If Requesting Carrier is found to be in non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this Schedule, Requesting Carrier must modify its installation to achieve compliance. Ameritech will notify Requesting Carrier in advance of such inspections, and Requesting Carrier shall have the right to be present at the time of the inspection.

2.7 See Tariff F.C.C. No. 2, Section 16 for additional terms and conditions applicable to Physical Collocation.

3.0 Delivery of Virtual Collocation Space

3.1 Ameritech shall allow periodic inspections of Virtual Collocation space where Requesting Carrier equipment is located.

3.2 Ameritech shall ensure that all applicable alarm systems (e.g., power) that support Requesting Carrier equipment are operational and the supporting databases are accurate so that equipment that is in alarm will be properly identified.

3.3 See Tariff F.C.C. No. 2, Section 16.3.

SCHEDULE 12.15

COMMON REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements are applicable to both Physical Collocation and Virtual Collocation:

1. Ameritech shall allow for a Fiber Meet arrangement between the Parties' networks and facilities at the DS0, DS1, DS3, OC3, OC12 and OC48 rates pursuant to mutual agreement of the Parties.

2. Requesting Carrier may provide basic telephone service with a connection jack for the Collocated space.

3. Ameritech shall provide adequate lighting, ventilation, power, heat, air conditioning, and other environmental conditions for Requesting Carrier's space and equipment. These environmental conditions shall comply with Bellcore Network Equipment-Building System (NEBS) standards TR-EOP-000063 or other standards upon which the Parties may mutually agree.

4. Ameritech shall provide all ingress and egress of fiber cabling to Requesting Carrier Collocated spaces in compliance with Requesting Carrier's request for cable diversity. The specific level of diversity required for each site or Network Element will be provided in the request for Collocation. Requesting Carrier will pay any additional costs incurred by Ameritech to meet any special diversity requirements of Requesting Carrier which are beyond those normally provided by Ameritech.

5. Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier with written notice five (5) Business Days prior to those instances where Ameritech or its subcontractors may be performing non emergency work that may affect the Collocated space occupied by Requesting Carrier or the AC and DC power plants that support Requesting Carrier equipment. Ameritech will inform Requesting Carrier by telephone of any emergency-related work that Ameritech or its subcontractors may be performing that may affect the Collocated space occupied by Requesting Carrier or the AC and DC power plants that support Requesting Carrier equipment. Notification of any emergency-related work shall be made as soon as practicable after Ameritech learns that such emergency work is necessary but in no event longer than thirty (30) minutes after such time. The Implementation Plan shall identify the points of contact of each Party for any notification required by this **Section 7**. For purposes of this **Schedule 12.15**, **"emergency related work"** means any activity related to fire, explosion, power cable cut, flood, or severe water leakage.

6. Requesting Carrier shall not be required by Ameritech to relocate its equipment during the Term. If Requesting Carrier, at Ameritech's request, agrees to relocate its equipment, then Ameritech shall reimburse Requesting Carrier for any and all costs reasonably associated with such relocation.

7. Power as referenced in this **Schedule 12.15** refers to any electrical power source supplied by Ameritech for Requesting Carrier equipment. It includes all superstructure, infrastructure, and overhead facilities, including cable, cable racks and bus bars. Ameritech will supply power to support Requesting Carrier equipment at equipment specific DC and AC voltages as mutually agreed upon by the Parties. Ameritech shall supply power to Requesting Carrier on a nondiscriminatory basis to that provided by Ameritech to itself or to any third person. If Ameritech performance, availability, or restoration falls below industry standards, Ameritech shall bring itself into compliance with such industry standards as soon as technologically feasible.

8. Subject to space limitations and Requesting Carrier's compliance with the applicable request process and payment requirements of this Agreement, Ameritech shall provide power to meet Requesting Carrier's reasonable needs for placement of equipment, Interconnection, or provision of service.

9. Both Requesting Carrier's power equipment and Ameritech power equipment supporting Requesting Carrier's equipment shall comply with all applicable state and industry standards (e.g., Bellcore, NEBS and IEEE) or manufacturer's equipment power requirement specifications for equipment installation, cabling practices, and physical equipment layout. Requesting Carrier may not use frame grounds to get ground returns.

10. All other equipment and facilities placed by Requesting Carrier on an Ameritech Premises, including transmission equipment, cabling, maintenance equipment and monitoring equipment, shall comply with the requirements of **Section 12.4.2**.

11. Power plant alarms shall adhere to Bellcore Network Equipment-Building System (NEBS) standards TR-EOP-000063.

12. Cabling shall adhere to Bellcore Network Equipment-Building System (NEBS) standards TR-EOP-000063.

13. Ameritech shall provide electrical safety procedures and devices in accordance with OSHA or industry guidelines.

14. Within ten (10) Business Days after the initial walk-through, Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier with a copy of any existing drawings showing Requesting Carrier's proposed Collocation space and any related Ameritech facilities, and provide information relating to measurements for necessary Requesting Carrier cabling which are not obtainable from the drawings. Any copies of drawings shall be redacted so as not to provide proprietary information of other carriers. So long as Ameritech charges other Telecommunications Carriers for the provision of the foregoing drawings and information, Requesting Carrier shall reimburse Ameritech

for the costs, if any, incurred by Ameritech to provide Requesting Carrier with the foregoing drawings and information.

SCHEDULE 12.16

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO PHYSICAL COLLOCATION

The following additional requirements shall be applicable to Physical Collocation only:

1. For each building in which Collocated space is provided and upon request by Requesting Carrier for that building, Ameritech will certify that the building complies with all applicable Ameritech internal environmental, health and safety regulations.

2. Ameritech shall permit Requesting Carrier to install, on equipment node enclosures, an intrusion alarm that can be remotely monitored by Requesting Carrier's work center; provided, however, that no such Requesting Carrier-installed equipment shall interfere with the existing use of the Central Office and such installation shall be at Requesting Carrier's sole cost and expense.

3. Ameritech shall construct the Collocated space in compliance with Requesting Carrier's request for Collocation for cable holes, ground bars, doors, and convenience outlets as such are requested by Requesting Carrier at prices to be determined.

4. Ameritech shall provide Requesting Carrier two options to receive power for its collocation space. When ordering Physical Collocation, Requesting Carrier shall specify that Ameritech provide Central Office power to Requesting Carrier either (i) from an Ameritech BDFB to each of Requesting Carrier's equipment bays or (ii) in the form of fused power feeds from Ameritech's main power distribution board to Requesting Carrier's BDFB located in the designated Requesting Carrier equipment area. The power feeders (cables) shall efficiently and economically support the requested quantity and capacity of Requesting Carrier equipment. The termination location shall be as mutually agreed upon by the Parties. If Requesting Carrier chooses to receive power via the fused power feeds, it shall pay Ameritech for all costs, as determined in accordance with the Act, incurred by Ameritech to establish such power.

5. Where available and consistent with reasonable security restrictions, Ameritech shall provide reasonable access to eyewash stations, shower stations, bathrooms, and drinking water within the Collocated facility on a 24 x 7 basis for Requesting Carrier personnel and its designated agents. Ameritech shall also provide Requesting Carrier reasonable access to parking at Ameritech's Premises, where applicable and on a nondiscriminatory basis at which Ameritech employees receive access to parking.

6. Requesting Carrier or its vendor may not temporarily or permanently remove, dismantle or modify any portion of its or any Other Collocator's cage enclosures.

7. Requesting Carrier (and its Resident Collocators) shall adhere to all rules and regulations that apply to Collocation at Ameritech's Premises. If Requesting Carrier, or any vendor performing work on its behalf, violates such rules and regulations, Requesting Carrier (and/or such vendor) shall be subject to disciplinary procedures and, if such violation causes Ameritech to incur any costs, Requesting Carrier shall promptly reimburse Ameritech for such costs.

8. To maximize available space, Requesting Carrier is responsible for removing any equipment, property or other items that it or its vendor brings into Ameritech's Premises within thirty (30) days after discontinuance or termination of any Physical Collocation arrangement. If Requesting Carrier fails to remove such materials by the foregoing date, Ameritech may remove such equipment and/or materials and charge Requesting Carrier for any and all claims, expenses, fees or other costs associated with such removal. Requesting Carrier shall hold Ameritech and any vendor that performs such removal harmless from the failure to return any such equipment, property or other items.

9. Ameritech power equipment supporting Requesting Carrier's equipment shall:

(a) Provide appropriate Central Office ground, connected to a ground electrode located within the Requesting Carrier collocated space, at a level above the top of Requesting Carrier's equipment plus or minus two (2) feet to the left or right of Requesting Carrier's final request; and

(b) Provide feeder capacity and quantity to support the ultimate equipment layout for Requesting Carrier equipment upon completion of the equipment node construction in accordance with Requesting Carrier's request for Collocation.

10. Ameritech shall within ten (10) Business Days after the initial walk-through provide Requesting Carrier with documentation submitted to and received from contractors for any work being done on behalf of Requesting Carrier that will be billed as extraordinary expenses.

11. Within thirty (30) days of Requesting Carrier's written request, Ameritech shall provide to Requesting Carrier (i) work restriction guidelines related to any restrictions on the manner in which Requesting Carrier can perform work on Ameritech's Premises and (ii) a list of Ameritech technical guidelines applicable to the Collocation of equipment in Ameritech's Premises. Requesting Carrier acknowledges that it is responsible to order such technical guidelines at its cost and expense. Ameritech will notify Requesting Carrier in a timely manner of any changes to such work restriction and technical guidelines.

12. Requesting Carrier shall not, without the express permission of an Ameritech employee, use any Ameritech equipment, furniture, frame, tools or other personal property.

13. Intervals shorter than one hundred twenty (120) days to augment existing collocation arrangements (not including augments for additional space) may be mutually negotiated by both Parties based on the specific nature of the request, work force availability, and technical feasibility.

SCHEDULE 19.17

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY
FOR OSS DISCOUNTS
[Insert Date]

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

[Name and Address of Account Manager]

[Name and Address of Services Manager]

Dear_____:

This Certificate of Eligibility for OSS Discounts (the "**Eligibility Certificate**") is delivered to you pursuant to Section 9.6 of the Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 dated as of _____, 2000 by and between our companies. Unless otherwise defined herein or the context otherwise requires, terms used herein shall have the meanings provided in the Agreement and the FCC Conditions.

[INCLUDE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION (INITIALLY AND ON A QUARTERLY BASIS)]

As a condition to receipt of the promotional provisions set forth in the Agreement, [REQUESTING CARRIER] hereby certifies to Ameritech that:

1. Requesting Carrier intends on using the following requested unbundled Local Loops to provision Advanced Services:

   [LIST]

2. The requested unbundled Loops that have obtained the OSS discounts are being used to provision Advanced Services.

In Witness Whereof, [REQUESTING CARRIER] has caused this Eligibility Certificate to be executed and delivered by its duly authorized officer this _____ day of _____, _____.

[REQUESTING CARRIER]

By:_____
Name Printed:_____

SCHEDULE 19.18

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY
FOR PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNTED PRICING
ON UNBUNDLED LOCAL LOOPS

[Insert Date]

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

[Name and Address of Account Manager]
[Name and Address of Service Manager]

Dear_____:

This Certificate of Eligibility for Promotional Discounted Pricing on Unbundled Local Loops (the "**Eligibility Certificate**") is delivered to you pursuant to Section 9.6.3 of the Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 dated as of _____, 2000 by and between our companies. Unless otherwise defined herein or the context otherwise requires, terms used herein shall have the meanings provided in the Agreement and the FCC Conditions.

As a condition to receipt of the promotional provisions set forth in the Agreement, _____ hereby certifies to Ameritech that the requested Unbundled Local Loops provided at the promotional discounted prices are being used in accordance with the FCC Conditions.

In Witness Whereof, _____, has caused this Eligibility Certificate to be executed and delivered by its duly authorized officer this day of _____, _____.

_____

By:_____
Name Printed:_____
Title:_____

PRICING SCHEDULE — ILLINOIS[1/]

ITEM I — 9-1-1 Service

See Exhibit PS-I

ITEM II — Reciprocal Compensation/Transit Service Charge

A. Reciprocal Compensation

1.	End Office Local Termination	$0.003746 per minute
2.	Tandem Switching	$0.001072 per minute
3.	Tandem Transport Termination	$0.000201 per minute
4.	Tandem Transport Facility Mileage	$0.000013 per minute[2/]

1/ Certain of the rates, charges and prices contained in this Pricing Schedule have been established by the Commission pursuant to the procedures mandated in its February 17, 1998 order, issued in Docket No. 96-0486, 96-0559, consolidated, as amended by its Amendatory Order dated April 6, 1998 (the "TELRIC Order"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, including **Section 28.2**, if the Commission, a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction issues an order in a subsequent proceeding that establishes, changes or results in rates, charges or prices that generally apply to the products and services available in this Agreement (a "Subsequent Order"), the Parties agree to substitute the TELRIC Order rates with such new or modified rates, charges or prices established in the Subsequent Order and such rates, charges and prices shall be effective in accordance with the Subsequent Order.

2/ Mileage calculated from the originating Party's point of Interconnection to the terminating

B. Transit

1.	Transit Tandem Switching	$0.004836 per minute
2.	Transit Transport Termination	$0.000189 per minute
3.	Transit Facility Mileage	$0.000093 per minute

ITEM III — Ancillary Traffic

Ancillary Services Billing and Collection:	$0.03 per message

ITEM IV — BLV/BLVI Traffic

A.	Busy Line Verification (BLV):	$0.936756 per use
B.	Busy Line Verification Interrupt (BLVI): (in addition to BLV charge)	$1.094538 per use

ITEM V — Unbundled Network Elements

A. Unbundled Loop Rates

1. Recurring Rates

Monthly Rates

Party's End Office. Pursuant to the Arbitration Decision, for the purpose of Ameritech's payment of compensation to Requesting Carrier, the assumed mileage shall be 12 miles.

	Access Area[3/]		
	A	B	C
2-Wire Analog			
Basic	$11.40	$2.59	$7.07
Ground Start	$2.64	$7.84	$12.38
COPTS Coin	$2.67	$8.09	$12.72
Electronic Key Line	$2.95	$12.18	$17.92
4-Wire Analog	$4.08	$16.82	$26.63
Digital			
ISDN - 2-Wire	$2.71	$8.88	$13.68
4-Wire 64 Kbps	$62.12	$61.34	$62.36
4-wire 1.544 mbps	$73.46	$61.45	$61.56
2-Wire ADSL-Compatible	$2.59	$7.07	$11.40
2-Wire HDSL-Compatible	$2.59	$7.07	$11.40
4-Wire HDSL-Compatible	$4.08	$16.82	$26.63
Cross Connect Charge (additional, per cross connect):			
2-wire		$0.14	
4-wire		$0.31	
6-wire		$0.45	
8-wire		$0.62	
DS1		$0.43	
DS3		$0.76	
Service Coordination Charge		$1.15	

2. Non-Recurring Rates

Service Order—Establish/Change:	$13.17 [4/] [5/]

[3] "Access Area" is defined in Ameritech's applicable tariffs for business and residential Exchange Line Services.

[4] The Service Order Charge is a per occasion charge applicable to any number of Loops ordered for the same location and same Customer account.

(Business or Residence)

Line Connection: $25.08[6/]
(Business or Residence)

	Monthly	Non-Recurring Charge
B. Interoffice Transmission Facilities DS1		
1. Entrance Facility		
- Per Point of Termination Terminating Bit Rate 1.544 Mbps		
Area A	$73.46	---
Area B	$61.45	---
Area C	$61.56	---
2. Interoffice Mileage Termination		
- Per Point of Termination 1.544 Mbps		
Area A	$17.35	---
Area B	$17.35	---
Area C	$17.35	---
Interoffice Mileage		
- Per mile 1.544 Mbps		
Area A	$1.88	---
Area B	$1.88	---
Area C	$1.88	---
3. Optional Features and Functions		
(a) Clear Channel Capability		
- Per 1.544 Mbps Circuit Arranged		

[5/] This is an interim rate per Second Interim Order.

[6] The Line Connection Charge applies to each Loop.

Area A	$443.18	---
Area B	$443.18	---
Area C	$443.18	---

(b) Interconnection Central Office Multiplexing

- DS1 to Voice/Base Rate/128.0, 256.0, 384.0 Kbps Transport

Area A	$275.34	---
Area B	$275.34	---
Area C	$275.34	---

(c) DS1 Cross Connect $000.43 ---

C. Interoffice Transmission Facilities - DS3

1. Entrance Facility
   - Per Point of Termination

(a) DS3 with Electrical interface

- Per Termination

Area A	$686.47	---
Area B	$768.77	---
Area C	$752.87	---

2. Interoffice Mileage Termination
   - Per Termination
   - Electrical

Area A	$146.93	---
Area B	$146.93	---
Area C	$146.93	---

Interoffice Mileage
- Per Mile

Area A	$29.81	---
Area B	$29.81	---

	Area C	$29.81	---

3. Optional Features and Functions

(a) Interconnection - Central Office Multiplexing

- Per Arrangement
- DS3 to DS1

Area A	$404.30	---
Area B	$404.30	---
Area C	$404.30	---

(b) DS3 Cross Connect $000.76 ---

D. Interoffice Transmission Facilities - OC-3

1) Entrance Facility
- Per Point of Termination Terminating Bit Rate 155.52 Mbps $311.34 ---

2) Interoffice Mileage Termination
- Per Point of Mileage Termination 155.52 Mbps $342.69 ---

Interoffice Mileage
- Per Mile 155.52 Mbps $208.80 ---

3) Optional Features and Functions

a) OC-3 Add/Drop Multiplexing

- Per arrangement $542.03 ---

b) Add-Drop Function

- Per DS3 Add or Drop $105.15 ---
- Per DS1 Add or Drop $32.48 ---

c) - Cross-Connection of Services OC-3 to OC-3 Cross-Connect

- Per Circuit $76.83 ---

d) 1+1 Protection			
- Per OC-3 Entrance Facility		$41.59	---
e) 1+1 Protection with Cable Survivability			
- Per OC-3 Entrance Facility		$41.59	---
f) 1+1 Protection with Route Survivability			
1) Per OC-3 Entrance Facility		Apply Rates and Charges as (d) above plus (2) below	
2) Per Quarter Route Mile		$62.34	---

E. Interoffice Transmission Facilities - OC-12

1) Entrance Facility			
- Per Point of Termination Terminating Bit Rate 622.08 Mbps		$547.79	---
2) Interoffice Mileage Termination			
- Per Point of Mileage Termination 622.08 Mbps		$571.38	---
Interoffice Mileage			
- Per Mile 622.08 Mbps		$376.16	---
3) Optional Features and Functions			
a) OC-12 Add/Drop Multiplexing			
- Per arrangement		$637.78	---
b) Add/Drop Function			
- Per OC-3 Add or Drop		$146.47	---
- Per DS3 Add or Drop		$31.77	---
c) Cross-Connection of Services OC-12 to OC-12 Cross-Connect			

-	Per Circuit	$405.01	---
d)	1+1 Protection		
-	Per OC-12 Entrance Facility	$205.74	---
e)	1+1 Protection with Cable Survivability		
-	Per OC-12 Entrance Facility	$205.74	---
f)	1+1 Protection with Route Survivability		
1)	Per OC-12 Entrance Facility	Apply Rates and Charges as (d) above plus (2) below	
2)	Per Quarter Route Mile	$54.20	---

F. Interoffice Transmission Facilities - OC-48

1)	Entrance Facility		
-	Per Point of Termination Terminating Bit Rate 2488.32 Mbps	$2,418.86	---
2)	Interoffice Mileage Termination		
-	Per Point of Mileage Termination 2488.32 Mbps	$1,269.31	---
	Interoffice Mileage		
-	Per Mile 2488.32 Mbps	$320.69	---
3)	Optional Features and Functions		
a)	OC-48 Add/Drop Multiplexing		
-	Per arrangement (not to exceed 12 DS3s or equivalent)	$724.77	---
b)	Add/Drop Function		
-	Per OC-12 Add or Drop	$317.08	---
-	Per OC-3 Add or Drop	$146.91	---

-	Per DS3 Add or Drop	$ 49.90	---
c)	Cross-Connection of Services OC-48 to OC-48 Cross-Connect		
-	Per Circuit	$981.34	---
d)	1+1 Protection		
-	Per OC-48 Entrance Facility	$848.18	---
e)	1+1 Protection with Cable Survivability		
-	Per OC-48 Entrance Facility	$848.18	---
f)	1+1 Protection with Route Survivability		
1)	Per OC-48 Entrance Facility Channel Apply Rates and Charges as (d) above plus (2) below		
2)	Per Quarter Route Mile	$96.65	---

G. Installation and Rearrangement Charges for Interoffice Transmission Facilities

	Administration Charge, Per Order	Design and Central Office Connection Charge, Per Circuit	Carrier Connection Charge Per Termination	
DS1 Service 1.544 Mbps				
	Area A	$406.61	$632.71	$585.51
DS3 Service 44.736 Mbps				
	Area A	$308.22	$671.16	$377.25

	Administration	Design and Central Office Connection	Carrier Connection Charge Per

	Charge, Per Order	Charge, Per Circuit	Termination
OC-3 Service			
155.52 Mbps	$123.65	$564.71	$875.11
OC-12 Service			
622.08 Mbps	$123.65	$564.71	$875.11
OC-48 Service			
2488.32 Mbps	$123.65	$564.71	$875.11

H. Rates for Maintenance.[7/]

1. Trip Charge - $69.27 per trouble dispatch.

2. Time Charge - $28.52 per quarter hour with a quarter hour minimum and quarter hour increments.

ITEM VI — Wholesale Resale Services

A. See **Schedule 10.1**

ITEM VII — Collocation

See Exhibit PS-VII

ITEM VIII — Structure

See Exhibit PS-VIII

ITEM IX — Service Provider Number Portability

See Section 13.8

ITEM X — Operator Services and Directory Assistance (as a TC Service)

See Exhibit PS-X

7/ Rates as of the Effective Date. The rates for maintenance shall be revised from time to time consistent with those rates that Ameritech charges its retail Customers.

ITEM XI — Signaling Networks and Call Related Databases (as a TC Service)

See Exhibit PS-X1

EXHIBIT PS-I

RATE TABLE — ILLINOIS

E911 SERVICES PROVIDED:

Automatic Number Identification (ANI), Automatic Location Identification (ALI) and selective routing (SR), charge per 100 Access Lines[1/] serviced by the E911 Network: $29.62 per month.

The per 100 Access Lines charge will include the following number of trunks per trunk group between the Ameritech Central Office and Ameritech Control Offices deemed sufficient to accommodate traffic:

Access Lines	Trunks provided at no additional charge
01 - 1,500 =	2 Trunks
1,501 - 7,500 =	3 Trunks
7,501 - 18,500 =	4 Trunks
18,501 - 33,500 =	5 Trunks

Should Requesting Carrier desire more trunks than those described above, Requesting Carrier shall acquire such additional trunks from Ameritech at rates, terms and conditions provided in Ameritech's tariffs.

Optional Manual Update: Update of the ALI/DMS data base from paper copies of service order activity furnished by Requesting Carrier, charge per updated record: $6.66

Address and Routing File: $276.55 per request per NPA (per quarter)[2/]

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1 Or fraction thereof. The minimum charge will be based upon 100 Access Lines. Number of Access Lines applicable will include all lines contained within the ALI/DMS database, including those that are outside of the Customer's geographical boundary jurisdiction, but within Requesting Carrier's exchange boundary and set for routing via the E911 network.

2 This charge applies for entire NPA or fraction thereof.

E9-1-1 Control Office Software Enhancement - Connection Charge	$1,314.83 non-recurring charge per E9-1-1 Control Office

SERVICES PROVIDED

A. Exchanges covered by Agreement:

Ameritech shall provide E911 Service described in **Section 3.9** and selected by Requesting Carrier in the Exchange Area(s) in which both of the following conditions are met: (1) Requesting Carrier is authorized to provide local exchange Telecommunications Services in such Exchange Area(s), and (2) Ameritech is the 911 service provider in such Exchange Area(s).

B. Requesting Carrier Updates:

If Requesting Carrier elects to furnish daily updates to the Customer information contained within the Requesting Carrier database, Ameritech will provide Requesting Carrier with the proper address to which updates should be sent.

COLLOCATION
EXHIBIT PS-VII
PHYSICAL COLLOCATION — ILLINOIS

	Non-Recurring Charges	Monthly Recurring
Caged Collocation:		
- 50 sq. ft. increments		
Order Charge per connect order	$554.01	---
Order Charge per disconnect order	$10.22	---
Central Office Build Out		
per Initial 50 sq. ft. per Co.	$32,844.67	---
per Add'l 50 sq. ft. on same order as and contiguous to Initial 50 sq. ft.	$12,021.33	---
Transmission Node Enclosure		
per Initial 50 sq. ft.	$2,957.51	---
per Add'l 50 sq. ft. same enclosure	$1,353.70	---
Central Office Floor Space/per 50 sq. ft.	---	$300.71
- 100 sq.ft. increments		
Order Charge per connect order	$300.50	---
Order Charge per disconnect order	$10.22	—
Central Office Build Out		
per Initial 100 sq. ft. on same order	$30,648.22	---
per Add'l 100 sq. ft. on same order as and contiguous to Initial 100 sq. ft.	$11,926.23	---
Transmission Node Enclosure		
per Initial 100 sq. ft.	$4,844.41	---
per Add'l 100 sq. ft. same enclosure	$1,631.53	---
Central Office Floor Space/per 100 sq. ft.	---	$516.28
Cageless Collocation - 36 in. x 36 in.		
Bay Foot Print		
Order Charge per connect order	$347.33	---
Order Charge per disconnect order	$11.41	---
Central Office Build Out		
per Initial Bay	$16,742.92	---

per Add'l Bay on same order as and contiguous to Initial Bay	$4,468.14	---
Central Office Floor Space per Bay	---	$87.31
Cable Vault Splicing/per Initial splice	$209.75	---
Cable Vault Splicing/per Subsequent splice	$15.55	---
Splice Testing/per Initial Splice Test	$48.13	---
Splice Testing/per Subsequent Splice Test	$2.83	---
Cable Pulling from Manhole to Cable Vault/ per First foot	$227.60	---
Cable Pulling from Manhole to Cable Vault/ per Add'l foot $1.14	---	
Cable Pulling from Cable Vault to the transmission node/per First foot	$84.93	---
Cable Pulling from Cable Vault to the transmission node/per add'l foot	$0.84	---
Power Delivery/per Power Lead	$1,802.03	---
Diverse Riser/per Floor Traversed	$501.99	---
Space Reservation Charge/per Each request	$801.93	---
Security Photo ID card per card	$10.09	---
Riser Space/Foot	---	$1.15
Entrance Conduit/per Innerduct per foot	---	$0.06

Power Consumption:		
Measurement Costs Per Customer Arrangement	$2,911.85	---
Monthly Billing Costs Per Customer Arrangement	---	$11.49
Kilowatt Engineering Costs-Existing Arrangements	$272.47	---

	Monthly Recurring	Non-Recurring Charges
Per KWH ---	$0.28	
200 Conductor Electrical Cross Connect Block	---	$64.25
Digital Cross-Connect Panel (DSX-3)/per DS-3 Termination	---	$15.21
Digital Cross-Connect Panel/per DSX-1 Panel (Up to 56 DS-1 Term)	---	$48.56
Optical Cross-Connect Panel/per OCX Panel Segment	---	$5.84
Passive Bay Termination (Bay and Panel)/ DS-1 Termination	---	$0.57
Passive Bay Termination (Bay and Panel)/ DS-3 Termination	---	$7.29
200 Electrical Conductor Termination Block (Located Outside Transmission Node)/per Each	---	$64.25
Digital Timing Source/per Synchronization Signal Provided	---	$12.81
DS-1 Repeater ---	$5.95	
DS-3 Repeater ---	$34.51	

COLLOCATION
EXHIBIT PS-VII
VIRTUAL COLLOCATION — ILLINOIS

	Non-Recurring Charge	Monthly Charge
Service Order	$115.26	---
Optical Line - Cable Vault Splicing/ per Initial Splice	$209.75	---
Optical Line - Cable Vault Splicing/ per Subsequent Splice	$15.55	---
Optical Line - Splicing Test/ per Initial Splice	$48.13	---
Optical Line - Splicing Test/ per Subsequent Splice Test	$2.83	---
Optical Line - Cable Pulling - Manhole to Vault/ per First Foot	$227.60	---
Optical Line - Cable Pulling - Manhole to Vault/ per Add'l Foot $1.14	---	
Optical Line - Cable Pulling - Vault to LGX Panel/ per First Foot	$84.93	---
Optical Line - Cable Pulling - Vault to LGX Panel/ per Add'l Foot $0.84	---	
Optical Line - Diverse Riser/per Floor Traversed	$501.99	---
Project Management Fee/per Initial 7' Bay Installed on Initial or Subsequent Order	$3,207.73	---
Project Management Fee/per Initial 7' Bay Installed on Initial or Subsequent Order/ per Add'l 7' Bay Installed on Initial		

or Subsequent Order	$1,603.87	---
Project Management Fee/ per Initial Shelf Installed on Subsequent Order	$2,405.80	---
Project Management Fee/ per additional shelf installed on subsequent order	$1,443.48	---
Project Management Fee/ per Bay Rearrangement and/or Miscellaneous Work	$1,924.64	---
Power Delivery/per 7' Bay Installed	$1,802.03	---
Thru-Connect per DSX-1 to DSX-1	$7.13	$0.24
Thru-Connect per OCX to OCX	$7.13	$1.72
7' Bay (Company Provided)/per Bay	$452.34	$26.28
7' Bay (Customer Installed/Pre-Packaged)/per Bay	---	$22.34
Optical Line - Entrance Facility/per Foot	---	$0.06
Optical Line - Riser Space/per Foot	---	$0.26
Optical Line - Riser Space/per Fiber Termination	---	$1.51
Power Consumption:		
Measurement Costs Per Customer Arrangement	$2,911.85	---
Monthly Billing Costs Per Customer Arrangement	---	$11.49
Kilowatt Engineering Costs-Existing Arrangements	$272.47	---
Per KWH ---	$0.28	
200 Electrical Conductor Cross-Connect Block/ per Block ---	$64.25	
Digital Cross-Connect Panel/ per DS-3 Termination	---	$15.21
Digital Cross-Connect Panel/ per DS-1 Panel (up to 56 DS-1 Terminations)	---	$48.56

Optical Cross-Connect Panel/ per Panel Segment	---	$5.84
Digital Timing Source per Timing Circuit	---	$2.57

CARRIER CROSS-CONNECT SERVICE FOR INTERCONNECTION (CCCSI)
Recurring Rate Element

RATE ELEMENT DESCRIPTION	ILL
Collocator to Collocator Cable Racking/Foot	$.70

NonRecurring Rate Element

RATE ELEMENT DESCRIPTION	ILL
Project Management Fee	$1,028.66

PREMISES REPORT

NonRecurring Rate Element

RATE ELEMENT DESCRIPTION	ILL
Premises Report, per Premises	Time & Materials

APPLICATION FEE

NonRecurring Rate Element[3/]

RATE ELEMENT DESCRIPTION	ILL
Application Fee, Per Request Per Premises	TBD

[3/] "TBD" means "to be determined," by Ameritech. As of the Effective Date, Ameritech has not established an Application Fee determined in accordance with Section 252(d) of the Act. Ameritech shall process Requesting Carrier's Collocation applications without payment; provided, that notwithstanding any limitations on backbilling in this Agreement, Ameritech shall bill and Requesting Carrier agrees to pay any applicable Application Fees once such fees have been determined.

Exhibit PS-VIII-2

EXHIBIT PS-VIII
STRUCTURE PRICING[4/]

POLE ATTACHMENT AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY ACCOMMODATIONS

	Non-Recurring Charge	Per Year
Administrative Fee		
- per request or assignment	$200.00	
Pole Attachment Fee		
- per pole, per year for each one foot of usable space occupied and for each power supply or equipment case or cabinet attached to a pole		$2.36
Conduit Attachment Fee		
- per foot of innerduct occupied per year		$0.41[5/]

[4/] The rates set forth above are currently the charges for the lowest existing contract available to an attaching party in the State of Illinois and shall be adjusted periodically consistent with the terms of the Agreement.

[5] If an Attaching Party occupies an entire duct, the Attachment Fee shall be two (2) times the rate per innerduct foot for the Attachment.

EXHIBIT PS-VIII
STRUCTURE PRICING[6/]

A. The following fees, rates and charges apply to Attachment to Ameritech Structure.

1. Administrative Fees. Administrative Fees cover the cost of establishing records, databases and systems, the processing of assignment of permits and similar administrative procedures to accommodate a Requesting Carrier's request for Attachment. Administrative Fees are payable with Requesting Carrier's initial request for Attachment, and for assignment of any permit, or series of permits, to a single assignee. Administrative fees are not refundable.

Administrative Fee - $200.00 per request of assignment.

2. Maps, Records and Information Charges. Maps, Records and Information charges cover the cost of researching and preparing records and information and preparing maps or drawings in order to provide access to the same to a Requesting Carrier. Charges for these services will be as follows:

a. Initial Map Preparation - The full cost to Ameritech to prepare a map or record for access by a Requesting Carrier.

b. Record Searches and Information Requests - The full cost to Ameritech to research records and assemble information to respond to a Requesting Carrier's request for information and, if applicable, to meet with the Requesting Carrier to clarify the map, record or information.

Prior to initiating Initial Map Preparation or Record Searches and Information Requests, the Requesting Carrier shall deposit with Ameritech against the charges therefor Ameritech's estimated amount of charges associated with the requested Initial Map Preparation or Record Search and Information Request. The Requesting Carrier shall pay the amount by which the costs of the request exceeds the estimate. Ameritech will reimburse to the Requesting Carrier the amount by which the deposit exceeds the actual cost of the request.

3. Make Ready Work Charges. Make Ready Work Charges include all of Ameritech's costs to prepare Structure for the Attachments of the Requesting Carrier, including engineering, field

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6/ The rates set forth above are currently the charges for the lowest existing contract available to an attaching party in the State of Illinois and shall be adjusted periodically consistent with the terms of the Agreement.

surveys, permits, construction, rearrangement, replacements, inspections, administration and supervision.

a. The charges for Make Ready Work are the full cost to Ameritech to perform the required work.

b. Prior to commencing any Make Ready Work by Ameritech, the Requesting Carrier shall deposit with Ameritech against the Make Ready Work Charges, Ameritech's estimated amount of the Make Ready Work Charges. The Requesting Carrier shall pay the amount by which the Make Ready Work Charges exceeds the deposit. Ameritech will refund to the Attaching Party the amount by which the deposit exceeds the Make Ready Work Charges.

c. For requests for access to Ameritech's Ducts, Conduit or Rights-of-way, the Requesting Carrier shall make separate deposits for field survey Make Ready Work to determine the actual availability of space based on Ameritech's records and for the Make Ready Work to prepare the Rights-of-way or conduit for the Requesting Carrier's Attachment.

d. In the event that other Requesting Carriers, including Ameritech, share in the responsibility for the modification to Ameritech's Structure, the deposits required by this section shall be the Requesting Carrier's proportionate share of the Make Ready Work Charges.

4. Attachment Fees. Attachment Fees are the recurring charges to the Requesting Carrier to place and maintain its Attachments in or on Ameritech's Structure.

a. Attachment Fees are due and payable twice each Contract Year in advance. On January 1 of each year, the Requesting Carrier will be billed for its Attachments to Ameritech's Structure in place and for which Make Ready Work has been completed as of December 1 of the previous year. On July 1 of each Contract Year, the Requesting Carrier will be billed for its Attachments to Ameritech's Structure in place and for which Make Ready Work has been completed as of June. Any Attachments made within each billing period will be billed at the time of the Attachment for the entire billing period.

b. Pole Attachment Fees

i) The Attachment Fee for poles applies to each pole on which the Requesting Carrier has placed its Attachment or for which Make Ready Work pursuant to a request for access has been completed.

ii) Pole Attachment Fee: $2.36 per pole, per year for each one foot of space occupied by the Requesting Carrier's Attachments.

c. Duct or Conduit Attachment Fees

i) The Attachment Fee for duct or conduit applies to the total number of feet of Ameritech's conduit system or ducts in which the Requesting Carrier placed Attachments or for which Make Ready Work pursuant to a request for access has been completed.

ii) The length of the duct or conduit occupied is measured from wall to wall of the manholes, or from the wall of the manhole to the end of the Ameritech's conduit system or duct occupied by the Requesting Carrier's Attachment, plus the cable racking and maintenance loop space measured by the length of the Requesting Carrier's cable within each manhole.

iii) If Requesting Carrier's partial occupancy of a continuous conduit system or duct renders the remainder of any portion thereof unusable, the Attachment Fee applies to both the portion occupied and the portion unusable.

iv) If Requesting Carrier occupies an entire duct, the Attachment Fee shall be twice (2) times the rate per Inner-duct foot for the Attachment.

v) Conduit Attachment Fee:

$0.41[7/] per foot of Inner-duct or cable racking and maintenance loop space occupied per year.

d. Rights-of-Way Attachment Fees:

i) The Attachment Fee for use of linear rights-of-way applies to the total linear footage of strips of land three feet (3') wide suitable for direct buried or trench placement of cable facilities of Ameritech's right-of-way in which the Requesting Carrier has placed Attachments or for which Make Ready Work pursuant to a request for access has been completed and is priced on a case-by-case basis.

ii) If Requesting Carrier's partial occupancy of a continuous linear right-of-way renders the remainder or any portion thereof unusable, the Attachment

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[7/] If an Attaching Party occupies an entire duct, the Attachment Fee shall be two (2) times the rate per innerduct foot for the Attachment.

Fee applies to both the portion occupied and the portion rendered unusable.

iii) The Attachment Fees for the Requesting Carrier's equipment cabinets or enclosures placed on Ameritech's rights-of-way will be priced on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the proposed Attachment and the characteristics of the right-of-way in question including the consumption of useable space of the right-of-way by the Attachment and its useability for the Attachments of others, including Ameritech's, after the Attachment.

iv) The Attachment Fees for the Requesting Carrier's Attachments to Ameritech's rights-of-way within buildings or on campuses owned by third parties will be priced on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the proposed Attachment and the characteristics of the right-of-way the Attachment and its useability for the Attachments of others, including Ameritech's, after the Attachment, and the cost to Ameritech of the right-of-way in question.

e. Period Inspection Fees

Periodic inspection fees will be assessed to cover the Requesting Carrier's portion of the costs to Ameritech to make periodic inspections of its Structure with respect to the Attachments of the Attaching Party and other attaching parties.

EXHIBIT PS-X

OPERATOR SERVICES AND DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (as a TC Service)

A. Operator Services

1. Operator Assistance Occurrences (manual) — rates will apply based on the total monthly volume and a LIDB charge will apply separately to all occurrences requiring billing validation.

   $.42 per occurrence

2. Automated Occurrences — rates will apply based on the total monthly volume, and a LIDB charge will apply separately to all automated occurrences.

   $.15 per occurrence

3. Busy Line Verification

   $.936756 per occurrence

4. Busy Line Verification — Interrupt

   $1.094538 per occurrence

5. Custom Branding — rate is one time charge assessed on a per trunk group basis.

   $850.00 per occurrence

6. LIDB Validation — one rate will apply.

   $.062160 per occurrence for customer of another LIDB provider
   $.016151 per occurrence for Ameritech LIDB customers

B. Directory Assistance

1. Home NPA Directory Assistance — rate will apply on a completed basis for all direct trunked calls.

   $.30 per occurrence

2. Information call completion — rates apply on a completed call basis.

   $.16 per occurrence

3. Branding — rate is a one-time charge assessed on a per trunk group basis.

   $850.00 per trunk group

EXHIBIT PS-XI

SIGNALING NETWORKS AND CALL-RELATED DATABASES

1. Signaling Networks — STP Access as a Service

Signaling Link	FCC No. 2, Section 8.3.1 (Pending)
Port Termination	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signaling Switching IAM	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signal Transport IAM	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signal Formulation IAM	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signal Tandem Switching IAM	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signal Switching TCAP	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signal Transport TCAP	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signal Formulation TCAP	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9

Non-Recurring Costs	NRCs
Port Termination	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Originating Point Code per service added or changed	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Global Title Address Transfer per service added or changed	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9

2. Call-Related Databases

Local STP Interconnection — Toll Free Databases access as a Service

-800DB Carrier-ID-Only	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
-800DB Routing Options	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9

Regional STP Interconnection — Toll Free Database access as a Service

-800 DB Carrier-ID-Only	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
-800DB Routing Options	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9

Carrier Provided Operator Services — LIDB Access as a Service

Interconnection at local STP

- LIDB Validation — FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
- LIDB Transport — FCC No. 2 Section 6.9

Interconnection at regional STP

- LIDB Validation — FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
- LIDB Transport — FCC No. 2 Section 6.9

AMENDMENT NO. 1

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT –ILLINOIS

by and between

AMERITECH ILLINOIS

AND

RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.

The Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement") by and between Ameritech Illinois and RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, Inc. ("CLEC"), is hereby amended as follows:

(1) To correct the 2-Wire Analog rate on page 2 the Pricing Schedule in the Agreement as follows:

	Access Area		
	A	B	C
2 - Wire Analog			
Basic	$2.59	$7.07	$11.40

(2) To correct the column heading on page 3 of the Pricing Schedule in the Agreement as follows:

	Monthly	Non-Recurring Charge
B. Interoffice Transmission Facilities DS1		
1. Entrance Facility		
- Per Point of Termination Terminating Bit Rate		
1.544 Mbps		
Area A	$73.46	---
Area B	$61.45	---
Area C	$61.56	---

2. Interoffice Mileage Termination

- Per Point of Termination

1.544 Mbps

Area A	$17.35	---
Area B	$17.35	---
Area C	$17.35	---

Interoffice Mileage

- Per mile

1.544 Mbps

Area A	$1.88	---
Area B	$1.88	---

(3) The corrected pricing schedule of the Agreement is attached hereto in its entirety.

(4) This Amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement.

(5) EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT, and such terms are hereby incorporated by reference and the Parties hereby reaffirm the terms and provisions thereof.

(6) This Amendment shall be filed with and subject to approval by the Illinois Commerce Commission (IL-CC).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment to the Agreement was exchanged in triplicate on this _____ day of _____, 2001, by Ameritech Illinois, signing by and through its duly authorized representative, and CLEC, signing by and through its duly authorized representative.

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, Inc.	**SBC Telecommunications, Inc. as agent for Ameritech Illinois***
By:_____	By:_____
Title: _____	Title: President – Industry Markets
Name: _____ (Print or Type)	Name: _____ (Print or Type)
Date:_____	Date:_____

*On January 25, 1999, the United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in *AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Utilities Board*, 119 S. Ct. 721 (1999) and on June 1, 1999, the United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Ameritech v. FCC*, No. 98-1381, 1999 WL 116994, 1999 Lexis 3671 (June 1, 1999). In addition, on November 5, 1999, the FCC issued its Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-96 (FCC 99-238), including the FCC's Supplemental Order issued *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-370) (rel. November 24, 1999), portions of which become effective thirty (30) days following publication of such Order in the Federal Register (February 17, 2000) and other portions of which become effective 120 days following publication of such Order in the Federal Register (May 17, 2000). By executing this amendment, Ameritech Illinois does not waive any of its rights, remedies or arguments with respect to such decisions and any remands thereof, including its right to seek legal review or a stay of such decisions, or its rights under the Interconnection Agreement between RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, Inc. and Ameritech Illinois.

PRICING SCHEDULE — ILLINOIS[1/]

ITEM I — 9-1-1 Service

See Exhibit PS-I

ITEM II — Reciprocal Compensation/Transit Service Charge

A. Reciprocal Compensation

1.	End Office Local Termination	$0.003746 per minute
2.	Tandem Switching	$0.001072 per minute
3.	Tandem Transport Termination	$0.000201 per minute
4.	Tandem Transport Facility Mileage	$0.000013 per minute[2/]

B. Transit

1.	Transit Tandem Switching	$0.004836 per minute
2.	Transit Transport Termination	$0.000189 per minute
3.	Transit Facility Mileage	$0.000093 per minute

1/ Certain of the rates, charges and prices contained in this Pricing Schedule have been established by the Commission pursuant to the procedures mandated in its February 17, 1998 order, issued in Docket No. 96-0486, 96-0559, consolidated, as amended by its Amendatory Order dated April 6, 1998 (the "TELRIC Order"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, including **Section 28.2**, if the Commission, a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction issues an order in a subsequent proceeding that establishes, changes or results in rates, charges or prices that generally apply to the products and services available in this Agreement (a "Subsequent Order"), the Parties agree to substitute the TELRIC Order rates with such new or modified rates, charges or prices established in the Subsequent Order and such rates, charges and prices shall be effective in accordance with the Subsequent Order.

2/ Mileage calculated from the originating Party's point of Interconnection to the terminating Party's End Office. Pursuant to the Arbitration Decision, for the purpose of Ameritech's payment of compensation to Requesting Carrier, the assumed mileage shall be 12 miles.

Ancillary Services Billing and Collection: $0.03 per message

ITEM IV — BLV/BLVI Traffic

A. Busy Line Verification (BLV): $0.936756 per use

B. Busy Line Verification Interrupt (BLVI): $1.094538 per use
(in addition to BLV charge)

ITEM V — Unbundled Network Elements

A. Unbundled Loop Rates

1. Recurring Rates

	Monthly Rates Access Area[3/]			
	A	B	C	
2-Wire Analog				
Basic	$2.59	$7.07	$11.40	**C**
ITEM III — Ancillary Traffic				
Ground Start	$2.64	$7.84	$12.38	
COPTS Coin	$2.67	$8.09	$12.72	
Electronic Key Line	$2.95	$12.18	$17.92	
4-Wire Analog	$4.08	$16.82	$26.63	
Digital				
ISDN - 2-Wire	$2.71	$8.88	$13.68	
4-Wire 64 Kbps	$62.12	$61.34	$62.36	

[3] "Access Area" is defined in Ameritech's applicable tariffs for business and residential Exchange Line Services.

4-wire 1.544 mbps	$73.46	$61.45	$61.56
2-Wire ADSL-Compatible	$2.59	$7.07	$11.40
2-Wire HDSL-Compatible	$2.59	$7.07	$11.40
4-Wire HDSL-Compatible	$4.08	$16.82	$26.63

Cross Connect Charge
(additional, per cross connect):

2-wire	$0.14
4-wire	$0.31
6-wire	$0.45
8-wire	$0.62
DS1	$0.43
DS3	$0.76

Service Coordination Charge $1.15

2. Non-Recurring Rates

Service Order—Establish/Change: $13.17 [4/] [5/]
(Business or Residence)

Line Connection: $25.08[6/]
(Business or Residence)

	Monthly	Non-Recurring Charge
B. Interoffice Transmission Facilities DS1		
1. Entrance Facility		
- Per Point of Termination Terminating Bit Rate 1.544 Mbps		
Area A	$73.46	---
Area B	$61.45	---
Area C	$61.56	---

- **C**

[4] The Service Order Charge is a per occasion charge applicable to any number of Loops ordered for the same location and same Customer account.

[5/] This is an interim rate per Second Interim Order.

[6] The Line Connection Charge applies to each Loop.

2. Interoffice Mileage Termination
   - Per Point of Termination
     1.544 Mbps

Area A	$17.35	---
Area B	$17.35	---
Area C	$17.35	---

Interoffice Mileage
- Per mile
  1.544 Mbps

Area A	$1.88	---
Area B	$1.88	---
Area C	$1.88	---

3. Optional Features and Functions

(a) Clear Channel Capability

- Per 1.544 Mbps Circuit Arranged

Area A	$443.18---C
Area B	$443.18 C---
Area C	$443.18 -C

(b) Interconnection Central Office Multiplexing

- DS1 to Voice/Base Rate/128.0, 256.0, 384.0 Kbps Transport

Area A	$275.34	---
Area B	$275.34	---
Area C	$275.34	---

(c) DS1 Cross Connect $000.43 ---

C. Interoffice Transmission Facilities - DS3

1. Entrance Facility
   - Per Point of Termination

(a) DS3 with Electrical interface

	Monthly	Non-Recurring Charge
- Per Termination		
Area A	$686.47	---
Area B	$768.77	---
Area C	$752.87	---
2. Interoffice Mileage Termination		
- Per Termination		
- Electrical		
Area A	$146.93	---
Area B	$146.93	---
Area C	$146.93	---
Interoffice Mileage		
- Per Mile		
Area A	$29.81	---
Area B	$29.81	---
Area C	$29.81	---
3. Optional Features and Functions		
(a) Interconnection - Central Office Multiplexing		
- Per Arrangement		
- DS3 to DS1		
Area A	$404.30	---
Area B	$404.30	---
Area C	$404.30	---
(b) DS3 Cross Connect	$000.76	---
D. Interoffice Transmission Facilities - OC-3		
1) Entrance Facility		
- Per Point of Termination Terminating Bit Rate 155.52 Mbps	$311.34	---
2) Interoffice Mileage Termination		

	Monthly	Non-Recurring Charge
- Per Point of Mileage Termination 155.52 Mbps	$342.69	---
Interoffice Mileage		
- Per Mile 155.52 Mbps	$208.80	---
3) Optional Features and Functions		
a) OC-3 Add/Drop Multiplexing		
- Per arrangement	$542.03	---
b) Add-Drop Function		
- Per DS3 Add or Drop	$105.15	---
- Per DS1 Add or Drop	$32.48	---
c) - Cross-Connection of Services OC-3 to OC-3 Cross-Connect		
- Per Circuit	$76.83	---
d) 1+1 Protection		
- Per OC-3 Entrance Facility	$41.59	---
e) 1+1 Protection with Cable Survivability		
- Per OC-3 Entrance Facility	$41.59	---
f) 1+1 Protection with Route Survivability		
1) Per OC-3 Entrance Facility	Apply Rates and charges as (d) above plus (2) below	
2) Per Quarter Route Mile	$62.34	---
E. Interoffice Transmission Facilities - OC-12		
1) Entrance Facility		
- Per Point of Termination Terminating Bit Rate 622.08 Mbps	$547.79	---

	Monthly	Non-Recurring Charge
2) Interoffice Mileage Termination		
- Per Point of Mileage Termination		
622.08 Mbps	$571.38	---
Interoffice Mileage		
- Per Mile 622.08 Mbps	$376.16	---
3) Optional Features and Functions		
a) OC-12 Add/Drop Multiplexing		
- Per arrangement	$637.78	---
b) Add/Drop Function		
- Per OC-3 Add or Drop	$146.47	---
- Per DS3 Add or Drop	$31.77	---
c) Cross-Connection of Services OC-12 to OC-12 Cross-Connect		
- Per Circuit	$405.01	---
d) 1+1 Protection		
- Per OC-12 Entrance Facility	$205.74	---
e) 1+1 Protection with Cable Survivability		
- Per OC-12 Entrance Facility	$205.74	---
f) 1+1 Protection with Route Survivability		
1) Per OC-12 Entrance Facility	Apply Rates and Charges as (d) above plus (2) below	
2) Per Quarter Route Mile	$54.20	---

F. Interoffice Transmission Facilities - OC-48

		Monthly	Non-Recurring Charge
1)	Entrance Facility		
	- Per Point of Termination Terminating Bit Rate 2488.32 Mbps	$2,418.86	---
2)	Interoffice Mileage Termination		
	- Per Point of Mileage Termination 2488.32 Mbps	$1,269.31	---
	Interoffice Mileage		
	- Per Mile 2488.32 Mbps	$320.69	---
3)	Optional Features and Functions		
	a) OC-48 Add/Drop Multiplexing		
	- Per arrangement (not to exceed 12 DS3s or equivalent)	$724.77	---
	b) Add/Drop Function		
	- Per OC-12 Add or Drop	$317.08	---
	- Per OC-3 Add or Drop	$146.91	---
	- Per DS3 Add or Drop	$ 49.90	---
	c) Cross-Connection of Services OC-48 to OC-48 Cross-Connect		
	- Per Circuit	$981.34	---
	d) 1+1 Protection		
	- Per OC-48 Entrance Facility	$848.18	---
	e) 1+1 Protection with Cable Survivability		
	- Per OC-48 Entrance Facility	$848.18	---
	f) 1+1 Protection with Route Survivability		
	1) Per OC-48 Entrance Facility Channel Apply Rates and Charges as		
	(d) above plus (2) below		

	Monthly	Non-Recurring Charge
2) Per Quarter Route Mile	$96.65	---

G. Installation and Rearrangement Charges for Interoffice Transmission Facilities

	Administration Charge, Per Order	Design and Central Office Connection Charge, Per Circuit	Carrier Connection Charge Per Termination
DS1 Service 1.544 Mbps			
Area A	$406.61	$632.71	$585.51
DS3 Service 44.736 Mbps			
Area A	$308.22	$671.16	$377.25

	Administration Charge, Per Order	Design and Central Office Connection Charge, Per Circuit	Carrier Connection Charge Per Termination
OC-3 Service 155.52 Mbps	$123.65	$564.71	$875.11
OC-12 Service 622.08 Mbps	$123.65	$564.71	$875.11
OC-48 Service 2488.32 Mbps	$123.65	$564.71	$875.11

H. Rates for Maintenance.[7/]

1. Trip Charge - $69.27 per trouble dispatch.

2. Time Charge - $28.52 per quarter hour with a quarter hour minimum and quarter hour increments.

ITEM VI — Wholesale Resale Services

A. See **Schedule 10.1**

ITEM VII — Collocation

See Exhibit PS-VII

ITEM VIII — Structure

See Exhibit PS-VIII

ITEM IX — Service Provider Number Portability

See Section 13.8

ITEM X — Operator Services and Directory Assistance (as a TC Service)

See Exhibit PS-X

ITEM XI — Signaling Networks and Call Related Databases (as a TC Service)

See Exhibit PS-X1

[7/] Rates as of the Effective Date. The rates for maintenance shall be revised from time to time consistent with those rates that Ameritech charges its retail Customers.

EXHIBIT PS-I

RATE TABLE — ILLINOIS

E911 SERVICES PROVIDED:

Automatic Number Identification (ANI), Automatic Location Identification (ALI) and selective routing (SR), charge per 100 Access Lines[1/] serviced by the E911 Network: $29.62 per month.

The per 100 Access Lines charge will include the following number of trunks per trunk group between the Ameritech Central Office and Ameritech Control Offices deemed sufficient to accommodate traffic:

Access Lines	Trunks provided at no additional charge
01 - 1,500 =	2 Trunks
1,501 - 7,500 =	3 Trunks
7,501 - 18,500 =	4 Trunks
18,501 - 33,500 =	5 Trunks

Should Requesting Carrier desire more trunks than those described above, Requesting Carrier shall acquire such additional trunks from Ameritech at rates, terms and conditions provided in Ameritech's tariffs.

Optional Manual Update: Update of the ALI/DMS data base from paper copies of service order activity furnished by Requesting Carrier, charge per updated record: $6.66

Address and Routing File: $276.55 per request per NPA (per quarter)[2/]

[1] Or fraction thereof. The minimum charge will be based upon 100 Access Lines. Number of Access Lines applicable will include all lines contained within the ALI/DMS database, including those that are outside of the Customer's geographical boundary jurisdiction, but within Requesting Carrier's exchange boundary and set for routing via the E911 network.

E9-1-1 Control Office Software Enhancement - Connection Charge	$1,314.83 non-recurring charge per E9-1-1 Control Office

SERVICES PROVIDED

A. Exchanges covered by Agreement:

Ameritech shall provide E911 Service described in **Section 3.9** and selected by Requesting Carrier in the Exchange Area(s) in which both of the following conditions are met: (1) Requesting Carrier is authorized to provide local exchange Telecommunications Services in such Exchange Area(s), and (2) Ameritech is the 911 service provider in such Exchange Area(s).

B. Requesting Carrier Updates:

If Requesting Carrier elects to furnish daily updates to the Customer information contained within the Requesting Carrier database, Ameritech will provide Requesting Carrier with the proper address to which updates should be sent.

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[2] This charge applies for entire NPA or fraction thereof.

COLLOCATION
EXHIBIT PS-VII
PHYSICAL COLLOCATION — ILLINOIS

	Non-Recurring Charges	Monthly Recurring
Caged Collocation:		
- 50 sq. ft. increments		
Order Charge per connect order	$554.01	---
Order Charge per disconnect order	$10.22	---
Central Office Build Out		
per Initial 50 sq. ft. per Co.	$32,844.67	---
per Add'l 50 sq. ft. on same order as and contiguous to Initial 50 sq. ft.	$12,021.33	---
Transmission Node Enclosure		
per Initial 50 sq. ft.	$2,957.51	---
per Add'l 50 sq. ft. same enclosure	$1,353.70	---
Central Office Floor Space/per 50 sq. ft.	---	$300.71
- 100 sq.ft. increments		
Order Charge per connect order	$300.50	---
Order Charge per disconnect order	$10.22	—
Central Office Build Out		
per Initial 100 sq. ft. on same order	$30,648.22	---
per Add'l 100 sq. ft. on same order as and contiguous to Initial 100 sq. ft.	$11,926.23	---
Transmission Node Enclosure		
per Initial 100 sq. ft.	$4,844.41	---
per Add'l 100 sq. ft. same enclosure	$1,631.53	---
Central Office Floor Space/per 100 sq. ft.	---	$516.28
Cageless Collocation - 36 in. x 36 in.		
Bay Foot Print		
Order Charge per connect order	$347.33	---
Order Charge per disconnect order	$11.41	---
Central Office Build Out		

per Initial Bay	$16,742.92	---
per Add'l Bay on same order as and contiguous to Initial Bay	$4,468.14	---
Central Office Floor Space per Bay	---	$87.31
Cable Vault Splicing/per Initial splice	$209.75	---
Cable Vault Splicing/per Subsequent splice	$15.55	---
Splice Testing/per Initial Splice Test	$48.13	---
Splice Testing/per Subsequent Splice Test	$2.83	---
Cable Pulling from Manhole to Cable Vault/ per First foot	$227.60	---
Cable Pulling from Manhole to Cable Vault/ per Add'l foot $1.14	---	
Cable Pulling from Cable Vault to the transmission node/per First foot	$84.93	---
Cable Pulling from Cable Vault to the transmission node/per add'l foot	$0.84	---
Power Delivery/per Power Lead	$1,802.03	---
Diverse Riser/per Floor Traversed	$501.99	---
Space Reservation Charge/per Each request	$801.93	---
Security Photo ID card per card	$10.09	---
Riser Space/Foot	---	$1.15
Entrance Conduit/per Innerduct per foot	---	$0.06
Power Consumption:		
Measurement Costs Per Customer Arrangement	$2,911.85	---
Monthly Billing Costs Per Customer Arrangement	---	$11.49
Kilowatt Engineering Costs-Existing Arrangements Per KWH ---$0.28	$272.47	---
200 Conductor Electrical Cross Connect Block	---	$64.25

	Non-Recurring Charges	Monthly Recurring
Digital Cross-Connect Panel (DSX-3)/per DS-3 Termination	---	$15.21
Digital Cross-Connect Panel/per DSX-1 Panel (Up to 56 DS-1 Term)	---	$48.56
Optical Cross-Connect Panel/per OCX Panel Segment	---	$5.84
Passive Bay Termination (Bay and Panel)/ DS-1 Termination	---	$0.57
Passive Bay Termination (Bay and Panel)/ DS-3 Termination	---	$7.29
200 Electrical Conductor Termination Block (Located Outside Transmission Node)/per Each	---	$64.25
Digital Timing Source/per Synchronization Signal Provided	---	$12.81
DS-1 Repeater	---	$5.95
DS-3 Repeater	---	$34.51

COLLOCATION
EXHIBIT PS-VII
VIRTUAL COLLOCATION — ILLINOIS

	Non-Recurring Charge	Monthly Charge
Service Order	$115.26	---
Optical Line - Cable Vault Splicing/ per Initial Splice	$209.75	---
Optical Line - Cable Vault Splicing/ per Subsequent Splice	$15.55	---
Optical Line - Splicing Test/ per Initial Splice	$48.13	---
Optical Line - Splicing Test/ per Subsequent Splice Test	$2.83	---
Optical Line - Cable Pulling - Manhole to Vault/ per First Foot	$227.60	---
Optical Line - Cable Pulling - Manhole to Vault/ per Add'l Foot $1.14	---	
Optical Line - Cable Pulling - Vault to LGX Panel/ per First Foot	$84.93	---
Optical Line - Cable Pulling - Vault to LGX Panel/ per Add'l Foot $0.84	---	
Optical Line - Diverse Riser/per Floor Traversed	$501.99	---
Project Management Fee/per Initial 7' Bay Installed on Initial or Subsequent Order	$3,207.73	---
Project Management Fee/per Initial 7' Bay Installed on Initial or Subsequent Order/		

per Add'l 7' Bay Installed on Initial or Subsequent Order	$1,603.87	---
Project Management Fee/ per Initial Shelf Installed on Subsequent Order	$2,405.80	---
Project Management Fee/ per additional shelf installed on subsequent order	$1,443.48	---
Project Management Fee/ per Bay Rearrangement and/or Miscellaneous Work	$1,924.64	---
Power Delivery/per 7' Bay Installed	$1,802.03	---
Thru-Connect per DSX-1 to DSX-1	$7.13	$0.24
Thru-Connect per OCX to OCX	$7.13	$1.72
7' Bay (Company Provided)/per Bay	$452.34	$26.28
7' Bay (Customer Installed/Pre-Packaged)/per Bay	---	$22.34
Optical Line - Entrance Facility/per Foot	---	$0.06
Optical Line - Riser Space/per Foot	---	$0.26
Optical Line - Riser Space/per Fiber Termination	---	$1.51
Power Consumption:		
Measurement Costs Per Customer Arrangement	$2,911.85	---
Monthly Billing Costs Per Customer Arrangement	---	$11.49
Kilowatt Engineering Costs-Existing Arrangements	$272.47	---
Per KWH ---	$0.28	
200 Electrical Conductor Cross-Connect Block/ per Block ---	$64.25	
Digital Cross-Connect Panel/ per DS-3 Termination	---	$15.21
Digital Cross-Connect Panel/ per DS-1 Panel (up to 56 DS-1 Terminations)	---	$48.56

Optical Cross-Connect Panel/ per Panel Segment	---	$5.84
Digital Timing Source per Timing Circuit	---	$2.57

CARRIER CROSS-CONNECT SERVICE FOR INTERCONNECTION (CCCSI)
Recurring Rate Element

RATE ELEMENT DESCRIPTION	ILL
Collocator to Collocator Cable Racking/Foot	$.70

NonRecurring Rate Element

RATE ELEMENT DESCRIPTION	ILL
Project Management Fee	$1,028.66

PREMISES REPORT

NonRecurring Rate Element

RATE ELEMENT DESCRIPTION	ILL
Premises Report, per Premises	Time & Materials

APPLICATION FEE

NonRecurring Rate Element[3/]

RATE ELEMENT DESCRIPTION	ILL
Application Fee, Per Request Per Premises	TBD

[3/] "TBD" means "to be determined," by Ameritech. As of the Effective Date, Ameritech has not established an Application Fee determined in accordance with Section 252(d) of the Act. Ameritech shall process Requesting Carrier's Collocation applications without payment; provided, that notwithstanding any limitations on backbilling in this Agreement, Ameritech shall bill and Requesting Carrier agrees to pay any applicable Application Fees once such fees have been determined.

EXHIBIT PS-VIII
STRUCTURE PRICING[4/]

POLE ATTACHMENT AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY ACCOMMODATIONS

	Non-Recurring Charge	Per Year
Administrative Fee		
- per request or assignment	$200.00	
Pole Attachment Fee		
- per pole, per year for each one foot of usable space occupied and for each power supply or equipment case or cabinet attached to a pole		$2.36
Conduit Attachment Fee		
- per foot of innerduct occupied per year		$0.41[5/]

[4/] The rates set forth above are currently the charges for the lowest existing contract available to an attaching party in the State of Illinois and shall be adjusted periodically consistent with the terms of the Agreement.

[5] If an Attaching Party occupies an entire duct, the Attachment Fee shall be two (2) times the rate per innerduct foot for the Attachment.

EXHIBIT PS-VIII
STRUCTURE PRICING[6/]

A. The following fees, rates and charges apply to Attachment to Ameritech Structure.

1. Administrative Fees. Administrative Fees cover the cost of establishing records, databases and systems, the processing of assignment of permits and similar administrative procedures to accommodate a Requesting Carrier's request for Attachment. Administrative Fees are payable with Requesting Carrier's initial request for Attachment, and for assignment of any permit, or series of permits, to a single assignee. Administrative fees are not refundable.

Administrative Fee - $200.00 per request of assignment.

2. Maps, Records and Information Charges. Maps, Records and Information charges cover the cost of researching and preparing records and information and preparing maps or drawings in order to provide access to the same to a Requesting Carrier. Charges for these services will be as follows:

a. Initial Map Preparation - The full cost to Ameritech to prepare a map or record for access by a Requesting Carrier.

b. Record Searches and Information Requests - The full cost to Ameritech to research records and assemble information to respond to a Requesting Carrier's request for information and, if applicable, to meet with the Requesting Carrier to clarify the map, record or information.

Prior to initiating Initial Map Preparation or Record Searches and Information Requests, the Requesting Carrier shall deposit with Ameritech against the charges therefor Ameritech's estimated amount of charges associated with the requested Initial Map Preparation or Record Search and Information Request. The Requesting Carrier shall pay the amount by which the costs of the request exceeds the estimate. Ameritech will reimburse to the Requesting Carrier the amount by which the deposit exceeds the actual cost of the request.

6/ The rates set forth above are currently the charges for the lowest existing contract available to an attaching party in the State of Illinois and shall be adjusted periodically consistent with the terms of the Agreement.

3. Make Ready Work Charges. Make Ready Work Charges include all of Ameritech's costs to prepare Structure for the Attachments of the Requesting Carrier, including engineering, field surveys, permits, construction, rearrangement, replacements, inspections, administration and supervision.

a. The charges for Make Ready Work are the full cost to Ameritech to perform the required work.

b. Prior to commencing any Make Ready Work by Ameritech, the Requesting Carrier shall deposit with Ameritech against the Make Ready Work Charges, Ameritech's estimated amount of the Make Ready Work Charges. The Requesting Carrier shall pay the amount by which the Make Ready Work Charges exceeds the deposit. Ameritech will refund to the Attaching Party the amount by which the deposit exceeds the Make Ready Work Charges.

c. For requests for access to Ameritech's Ducts, Conduit or Rights-of-way, the Requesting Carrier shall make separate deposits for field survey Make Ready Work to determine the actual availability of space based on Ameritech's records and for the Make Ready Work to prepare the Rights-of-way or conduit for the Requesting Carrier's Attachment.

d. In the event that other Requesting Carriers, including Ameritech, share in the responsibility for the modification to Ameritech's Structure, the deposits required by this section shall be the Requesting Carrier's proportionate share of the Make Ready Work Charges.

4. Attachment Fees. Attachment Fees are the recurring charges to the Requesting Carrier to place and maintain its Attachments in or on Ameritech's Structure.

a. Attachment Fees are due and payable twice each Contract Year in advance. On January 1 of each year, the Requesting Carrier will be billed for its Attachments to Ameritech's Structure in place and for which Make Ready Work has been completed as of December 1 of the previous year. On July 1 of each Contract Year, the Requesting Carrier will be billed for its Attachments to Ameritech's Structure in place and for which Make Ready Work has been completed as of June. Any Attachments made within each billing period will be billed at the time of the Attachment for the entire billing period.

b. Pole Attachment Fees

i) The Attachment Fee for poles applies to each pole on which the Requesting Carrier has placed its Attachment or for which Make Ready Work pursuant to a request for access has been completed.

ii) Pole Attachment Fee: $2.36 per pole, per year for each one foot of space occupied by the Requesting Carrier's Attachments.

c. Duct or Conduit Attachment Fees

i) The Attachment Fee for duct or conduit applies to the total number of feet of Ameritech's conduit system or ducts in which the Requesting Carrier placed Attachments or for which Make Ready Work pursuant to a request for access has been completed.

ii) The length of the duct or conduit occupied is measured from wall to wall of the manholes, or from the wall of the manhole to the end of the Ameritech's conduit system or duct occupied by the Requesting Carrier's Attachment, plus the cable racking and maintenance loop space measured by the length of the Requesting Carrier's cable within each manhole.

iii) If Requesting Carrier's partial occupancy of a continuous conduit system or duct renders the remainder of any portion thereof unusable, the Attachment Fee applies to both the portion occupied and the portion unusable.

iv) If Requesting Carrier occupies an entire duct, the Attachment Fee shall be twice (2) times the rate per Inner-duct foot for the Attachment.

v) Conduit Attachment Fee:

$0.41[7/] per foot of Inner-duct or cable racking and maintenance loop space occupied per year.

d. Rights-of-Way Attachment Fees:

i) The Attachment Fee for use of linear rights-of-way applies to the total linear footage of strips of land three feet (3') wide suitable for direct buried or trench placement of cable facilities of Ameritech's right-of-way in which

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[7/] If an Attaching Party occupies an entire duct, the Attachment Fee shall be two (2) times the rate per innerduct foot for the Attachment.

the Requesting Carrier has placed Attachments or for which Make Ready Work pursuant to a request for access has been completed and is priced on a case-by-case basis.

ii) If Requesting Carrier's partial occupancy of a continuous linear right-of-way renders the remainder or any portion thereof unusable, the Attachment Fee applies to both the portion occupied and the portion rendered unusable.

iii) The Attachment Fees for the Requesting Carrier's equipment cabinets or enclosures placed on Ameritech's rights-of-way will be priced on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the proposed Attachment and the characteristics of the right-of-way in question including the consumption of useable space of the right-of-way by the Attachment and its useability for the Attachments of others, including Ameritech's, after the Attachment.

iv) The Attachment Fees for the Requesting Carrier's Attachments to Ameritech's rights-of-way within buildings or on campuses owned by third parties will be priced on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the proposed Attachment and the characteristics of the right-of-way the Attachment and its useability for the Attachments of others, including Ameritech's, after the Attachment, and the cost to Ameritech of the right-of-way in question.

e. Period Inspection Fees

Periodic inspection fees will be assessed to cover the Requesting Carrier's portion of the costs to Ameritech to make periodic inspections of its Structure with respect to the Attachments of the Attaching Party and other attaching parties.

EXHIBIT PS-X

OPERATOR SERVICES AND DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (as a TC Service)

A. Operator Services

1. Operator Assistance Occurrences (manual) — rates will apply based on the total monthly volume and a LIDB charge will apply separately to all occurrences requiring billing validation.

   $.42 per occurrence

2. Automated Occurrences — rates will apply based on the total monthly volume, and a LIDB charge will apply separately to all automated occurrences.

   $.15 per occurrence

3. Busy Line Verification

   $.936756 per occurrence

4. Busy Line Verification — Interrupt

   $1.094538 per occurrence

5. Custom Branding — rate is one time charge assessed on a per trunk group basis.

   $850.00 per occurrence

6. LIDB Validation — one rate will apply.

   $.062160 per occurrence for customer of another LIDB provider
   $.016151 per occurrence for Ameritech LIDB customers

B. Directory Assistance

1. Home NPA Directory Assistance — rate will apply on a completed basis for all direct trunked calls.

   $.30 per occurrence

2. Information call completion — rates apply on a completed call basis.

   $.16 per occurrence

3. Branding — rate is a one-time charge assessed on a per trunk group basis.

   $850.00 per trunk group

EXHIBIT PS-XI

SIGNALING NETWORKS AND CALL-RELATED DATABASES

1. Signaling Networks — STP Access as a Service

Signaling Link	FCC No. 2, Section 8.3.1 (Pending)
Port Termination	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signaling Switching IAM	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signal Transport IAM	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signal Formulation IAM	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signal Tandem Switching IAM	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signal Switching TCAP	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signal Transport TCAP	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Signal Formulation TCAP	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9

Non-Recurring Costs	NRCs
Port Termination	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Originating Point Code per service added or changed	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Global Title Address Transfer per service added or changed	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9

2. Call-Related Databases

Local STP Interconnection — Toll Free Databases access as a Service

-800DB Carrier-ID-Only	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
-800DB Routing Options	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9

Regional STP Interconnection — Toll Free Database access as a Service

-800 DB Carrier-ID-Only	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
-800DB Routing Options	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9

Carrier Provided Operator Services — LIDB Access as a Service

Interconnection at local STP	
- LIDB Validation	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
- LIDB Transport	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
Interconnection at regional STP	
- LIDB Validation	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9
- LIDB Transport	FCC No. 2 Section 6.9

AMENDMENT NO. 2

TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

by and between

AMERITECH ILLINOIS
AND

RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.

The Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement") by and between Ameritech Illinois and RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, Inc. ("CLEC") is hereby amended as follows:

(1) The following Appendices are hereby amended:

Appendix 800 Database - is included and attached hereto.
Appendix Signaling System 7 – is included and attached hereto.
Appendix LIDB Service – is included and attached hereto.
Illinois Appendix Pricing Rates – are amended and attached hereto.

(2) Agreement Sections 4.4, 7.4, and 7.5 are deleted in their entirety.

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

(4) EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT, and such terms are hereby incorporated by reference and the Parties hereby reaffirm the terms and provisions thereof.

(5) This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the Illinois Commerce Commission (IL-CC).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment to the Agreement was exchanged in triplicate on this _____ day of _____, 2001, by Ameritech Illinois, signing by and through its duly authorized representative, and CLEC, signing by and through its duly authorized representative.

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois	**SBC Telecommunications, Inc., as agent for Ameritech Illinois**
By: _____	By: _____
Title: _____	Title: President – Industry Markets
Name: _____ (Print or Type)	Name: _____ (Print or Type)

*On January 25, 1999, the United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in *AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Utilities Board*, 119 S. Ct. 721 (1999) and on June 1, 1999, the United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Ameritech v. FCC*, No. 98-1381, 1999 WL 116994, 1999 Lexis 3671 (June 1, 1999). In addition, on July 18, 2000, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit issued its opinion in *Iowa Utilities Board v. FCC*, No. 96-3321, 2000 Lexis 17234 (July 18, 1999). In addition, on November 5, 1999, the FCC issued its Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-96 (FCC 99-238), including the FCC's Supplemental Order issued *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, in CC Docket No. 96-98 (FCC 99-370) (rel. November 24, 1999), portions of which become effective thirty (30) days following publication of such Order in the Federal Register (February 17, 2000) and other portions of which become effective 120 days following publication of such Order in the Federal Register (May 17, 2000). By executing this amendment Ameritech Illinois does not waive any of its rights, remedies or arguments with respect to such decisions and any remands thereof, including its right to seek legal review or a stay of such decisions, or its rights under Sections 28.2 of the Interconnection Agreement between RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, Inc. and Ameritech Illinois.

RATES SHOWN ARE APPLICABLE TO 800/LIBD/SS7 AMENDMENT ONLY	AIT Generic Rates			
ILLINOIS	AIT RECURRING		AIT NON-REC.	
	Monthly			
Line Information Database - LIDB	**USAGE**			
Validation Query (Regional STP Access Includes SMS & Sleuth)	$ 0.016151	(per query)	NA	NA
Query Transport (Regional STP Access Validation)	$ 0.000020	(per query)	NA	NA
Validation Query (Local STP Access Includes SMS & Sleuth)	$ 0.016151	(per query)	NA	NA
Query Transport (Local STP Access Validation)	$ 0.000132	(per query)	NA	NA
CNAM Database Query (Regional STP Access Includes SMS)	$ 0.009942	(per query)	NA	NA
CNAM Database Query (Local STP Access Includes SMS)	$ 0.009942	(per query)	NA	NA
Service Order Cost	NA		$ 25.00	NA
Service Establishment Charge	NA		NA	NA
LIDB Data Storage & Administration				
Manual Update	NA		$ 2.00	(Per Update
800 Database	**USAGE**			
Toll Free Database Query (Regional STP Access)	$ 0.001129	(per query)		
Call Handling and Destination (Regional STP Access)	$ 0.000125	(per query)		
Toll Free Database Query (Local STP Access)	$ 0.001237	(per query)		
Call Handling and Destination (Local STP Access)	$ 0.000234	(per query)		
SS7				
SS7 Links - Cross Connects				
STP to Collocators Cage - DS0	See Dedicated Transport			
STP to Collocators Cage- DS1	See Dedicated Transport			
STP to SWBT MDF - DS0	See Dedicated Transport			
STP to SWBT DSX Frame-DS1	See Dedicated Transport			
SS7 Links				
STP Access Connection - 1.544 Mbps	See Dedicated Transport			
STP Access Link - 56 Kbps	See Dedicated Transport			
STP Port	$ 263.19		$ 714.11	N/A
SS7 Signalling	**USAGE**			
Signal Switching/IAM msg	$ 0.000133			
Signal Transport/IAM msg	$ 0.000084			
Signal Formulation/IAM msg	$ 0.000451			
Signal Tandem Switching/IAM msg	$ 0.000299			
Signal Switching/TCAP msg	$ 0.000108			
Signal Transport/TCAP msg	$ 0.000057			
Signal Formulation/TCAP msg	$ 0.000324			
Point Code Addition	N/A		$ 24.75	N/A
Global Title Translation Addition	N/A		$ 13.31	N/A
Record				
Disconnect				

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APPENDIX 800
(Access To The Toll Free Calling Database)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Access to the Toll Free Calling Database provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

1.2 SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) means the holding company which owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.

1.3 As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.4 As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.5 As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.6 As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in California and Nevada.

1.7 As used herein, **SBC-SWBT** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.8 As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.9 As used herein, **SNET** means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.

2. DESCRIPTION

2.1 Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this Agreement, **SNET** does not offer Access to the Toll Free Calling Database under this Agreement. Rather, Access to the Toll Free Calling Database is available from **SNET** as described in Section 18.2.9, 800 Database Access, of the CT Access Service Tariff.

2.2 **SBC-12STATE**'s 800 database, an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Signaling System 7 (SS7) call-related database system, receives updates processed from the national System Management System (SMS) database. Customer records in the SMS are created or modified by entities known as Responsible Organizations (Resp Org) who obtain access to the SMS via the System Management System/800 database, Tariff FCC No. 1. 800 Service Providers must either become their own Resp Org or use the services of an established Resp Org. The services of a Resp Org include creating and updating 800 records in the SMS to download to the 800 database(s). **SBC-12STATE** does not, either through a tariff or contract, provide Resp Org service.

2.3 After the 800 customer record is created in the SMS, the SMS downloads the records to the appropriate databases, depending on the area of service chosen by the 800 subscriber. An 800 customer record is created in the SMS for each 800 number to be activated. The SMS initiates all routing changes to update information on a nationwide basis.

2.4 Access to the Toll Free Calling Database allows CLEC to access **SBC-12STATE**'s 800 database for the purpose of switch query and database response. Access to the Toll Free Calling Database supports the processing of toll free calls (e.g., 800 and 888) where identification of the appropriate carrier (800 Service Provider) to transport the call is dependent upon the full ten digits of the toll free number (e.g., 1+800+NXX+XXXX). Access to the Toll Free Calling Database includes all 800-type dialing plans (i.e., 800, 888, and other codes as may be designated in the future).

2.5 Access to the Toll Free Calling Database provides the carrier identification function required to determine the appropriate routing of an 800 number based on the geographic origination of the call, from a specific or any combination of NPA/NXX, NPA or LATA call origination detail.

2.6 There are three optional features available with 800 service:

2.6.1 Designated 10-Digit Translation;

2.6.2 Call Validation; and

2.6.3 Call Handling and Destination.

2.6.4 The Designated 10-Digit Translation feature converts the 800 number into a designated 10-digit number. If the 800 Service Provider provides the designated 10-digit number associated with the 800 number and request delivery of the designated 10-digit number in place of the 800 number, **SBC-12STATE** will deliver the designated 10-digit number.

2.6.5 The Call Handling and Destination feature allows the customer to create routing schemes utilizing:

2.6.5.1 Time of Day

2.6.5.2 Day of Week

2.6.5.3 Day of Year

2.6.5.4 Allocation of Traffic by Percentage

2.6.5.5 NPA-NXX-XXXX

2.6.6 The Call Validation feature List Turnaround feature (referred to as the Six-Digit Master Number List Turnaround feature in **SBC-2STATE**) applies when customer identification is performed for Canadian and Caribbean toll free numbers. This feature is billed in lieu of the Basic Toll Free Access Query charge.

3. AGREEMENT

3.1 Access to the Toll Free Calling Database provided under these terms and conditions is only available for use in the provision of telephone exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunication Services as specified in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and any effective rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and the State regulatory Commission.

3.2 Access to the Toll Free Calling Database is offered separate and apart from other unbundled network elements necessary for operation of the network routing function addressed in these terms and conditions, e.g., end office 800 (SSP) functionality and (CCS/SS7) signaling. This Appendix is separate from the prices, terms, conditions and billing for such related elements, and in no way shall this Appendix be construed to circumvent the prices, terms, conditions or billing as specified for such related elements.

3.3 CLEC shall address its queries to **SBC-12STATE**'s database to the alias point code of the STP pair identified by **SBC-12STATE**. CLEC's queries shall use subsystem number 0 in the calling party address field and a translations type of

254 with a routing indicator set to route on global title. CLEC acknowledges that such subsystem number and translation type values are necessary for **SBC-12STATE** to properly process queries to its 800 database.

3.4 Each Party warrants to the other that it shall send queries and SS7 messages conforming to the ANSI approved standards for SS7 protocol and pursuant to the Specifications and Standards documents attached and incorporated herein in Exhibit I. Both Parties acknowledge that transmission in said protocol is necessary for each Party to provision Access to the Toll Free Calling Database (or the equivalent thereof). Each Party reserves the right to modify its network pursuant to other specifications and standards, which may include Telcordia's specifications, defining specific service applications, message types, and formats, that may become necessary to meet the prevailing demands within the U.S. telecommunications industry. All such changes shall be announced in accordance with the then prevailing industry standard procedures. Each Party shall work cooperatively to coordinate any necessary changes.

3.5 CLEC acknowledges and agrees that CCS/SS7 network overload due to extraordinary volumes of queries and/or other SS7 network messages can and will have a detrimental effect on the performance of **SBC-12STATE**'s CCS/SS7 network and its 800 database. CLEC further agrees that **SBC-12STATE**, at its sole discretion, may employ certain automatic and/or manual overload controls within **SBC-12STATE**'s CCS/SS7 network to guard against these detrimental effects. **SBC-12STATE** shall report to CLEC any instances where overload controls are invoked due to CLEC's CCS/SS7 network. CLEC shall take immediate corrective actions as are necessary to cure the conditions causing the overload situation.

3.6 During periods of 800 database system congestion, **SBC-12STATE** shall utilize an automatic code gapping procedure to control congestion that may affect the service of all customers of **SBC-12STATE**'s 800 database. The automatic code gapping procedure used by **SBC-12STATE** shall notify the CLEC's switch of the gap length (how long CLEC's switch should wait before sending another query) and the gap duration (how long the switch should continue to perform gapping). For example, during an overload condition, the automatic code gapping procedures shall tell **SBC-12STATE**'s 800 database when to begin to drop one out of three queries received. This code gapping procedure shall be applied uniformly to all users of **SBC-12STATE**'s 800 database. **SBC-12STATE** reserves the right to manually invoke the automatic code gapping procedure to control congestion.

3.7 Prior to **SBC-12STATE** initiating service under this Appendix, CLEC shall provide an initial forecast of busy hour query volumes. CLEC shall update its busy hour forecast for each upcoming calendar year (January - December) by October 1 of the preceding year and also whenever CLEC anticipates a change

to existing forecasts. CLEC shall provide such updates each year for as long as this Appendix is in effect; provided, the obligation to provide updates shall not extend for longer than three years, assuming this Appendix in effect for that long or longer. If prior to the establishment of a mutually agreeable service effective date, in writing, **SBC-12STATE**, at its discretion, determines that it lacks adequate processing capability to provide Access to the Toll Free Calling Database to CLEC, **SBC-12STATE** shall notify CLEC of **SBC-12STATE**'s intent not to provide the services under this Appendix and this Appendix will be void and have no further effect.

3.8 CLEC shall from time to time at **SBC-12STATE**'s request, provide additional forecasted information as deemed necessary by **SBC-12STATE** for network planning in connection with this offering.

3.9 **SBC-12STATE** shall test the Access to the Toll Free Calling Database in conjunction with CCS/SS7 Interconnection Service (e.g., Appendix SS7) as outlined in Telcordia Technical References TR-NWT-000533, TR-NWT-000954, TR-TSV-000905, TP76638, GR-954-CORE, GR-905-CORE and Pacific Bell PUB L-780023-PB/NB and **SBC-AMERITECH** AM-TR-OAT-000069.

3.10 CLEC shall only use Access to the Toll Free Calling Database to determine the routing requirements for originating 800 calls. Neither CLEC nor carrier customers of CLEC, if CLEC is acting on behalf of other carriers, shall use the database information to copy, store, maintain or create any table or database of any kind or for any purpose. If CLEC acts on behalf of other carriers to access **SBC-12STATE**'s Toll Free Calling Database, CLEC shall prohibit such carriers from copying, storing, maintaining, or creating any table or database of any kind from any response provided by **SBC-12STATE** after a query to **SBC-12STATE**'s Toll Free Calling Database. CLEC shall only use this network element in connection with the provision of telephone exchange and Exchange Access services.

3.11 CLEC shall ensure that it has sufficient link capacity and related facilities to handle its signaling and toll free traffic without adversely affecting other network subscribers.

3.12 **SBC-12STATE** shall provide Access to the Toll Free Calling Database as set forth in this Appendix only as such elements are used for CLEC's activities on behalf of its local service customers where **SBC-12STATE** is the incumbent local exchange carrier. CLEC agrees that any other use of **SBC-12STATE**'s Toll Free Calling Database for the provision of 800 database service by CLEC will be pursuant to the terms, conditions, rates, and charges of **SBC-12STATE**'s effective tariffs, as revised, for 800 database services.

3.13 Ordering and Billing Inquiries

3.13.1 Ordering and billing inquires for the elements described herein shall be directed to:

3.13.1.1 For **SBC-7STATE** - the Local Service Center (LSC).

3.13.1.2 For **SBC-AMERITECH** - the AIIS Service Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

4. RATE REGULATIONS

4.1 CLEC shall pay a Local Service Order Request Charge for each CLEC request for service order activity to establish Access to the Toll Free Calling Database in the **SBC-12STATE** region.

4.2 The prices at which **SBC-13STATE** agrees to provide CLEC with Access to the Toll Free Calling Database are contained in the applicable Appendix PRICING and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

4.3 CLEC shall pay a nonrecurring charge when a CLEC establishes or changes a signaling point code. The rates and charges for Signaling Point Code(s) are described in the Appendix SS7. This charge also applies to point code information provided by CLECs allowing other telecommunications providers to use the CLEC's SS7 signaling network.

4.4 Rate Elements

There are four rate elements associated with Access to the Toll Free Calling Database:

4.4.1 Basic Toll Free Access Query Rate Element

4.4.2 Designated 10-Digit Translation Rate Element (referred to as POTS Translations in **SBC-2STATE** and **SBC-AMERITECH**)

4.4.3 Call Validation Rate Element (referred to as Multiple Destination Routing Rate Element in **SBC-2STATE**).

4.4.4 Call Handling and Destination Rate Element (referred to as Six-Digit Master Number List Turnaround Rate Element in **SBC-2STATE** and 800 Database Vertical Feature in **SBC-AMERITECH**).

4.5 CLEC shall pay the Basic Toll Free Access query rate for each query received and processed by **SBC-12STATE**'s database. When applicable, the charge for

the additional features (Designated 10-Digit Translation, Call Validation, and Call Handling and Destination) are per query and in addition to the Basic Toll Free Access query charge; and shall also be paid by CLEC.

5. MONTHLY BILLING

5.1 For information regarding billing, non-payment, disconnects, and dispute resolution, see the Agreement.

6. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

6.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the Agreement are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

APPENDIX 800
EXHIBIT I

1. SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS

1.1	Description of Subject Area And Issuing Organization	Document Number
	1.1.1 Telcordia, SS7 Specifications	TR-NWT-000246
	1.1.1.1	TR-NWT-000271
	1.1.1.2	TR-NWT-000533
	1.1.2 Telcordia, CCS Network Interface Specifications	TR-TSV-000905
	1.1.2.1	TP 76638
	1.1.2.2	TR-NWT-00095

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APPENDIX LIDB AND CNAM SERVICE

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Line Information Data Base (LIDB) Service and/or Calling Name Database Service provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.

1.2 SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) means the holding company which owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.

1.3 As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.4 As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.5 As used herein, **SBC-SWBT** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.6 As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.7 As used herein, **PACIFIC** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in California.

1.8 As used herein, **SNET** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Connecticut.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **"Database (or Data Base)"** means an integrated collection of related data. In the case of LIDB and the CNAM Database, the database is the line number and related line information.

2.2 **"Account Owner"** means a telecommunications company, including **SBC-13STATE** that stores and/or administers Line Record Information and/or Group Record Information in a Party's LIDB and/or Calling Name Database.

2.3 **"Personal Identification Number"** (PIN) means a confidential four-digit code number provided to a calling card customer to prevent unauthorized use of his/her calling card number. LIDB and/or the LIDB administrative system can store a PIN for those line numbers that have an associated calling card.

2.4 **"Query"** means a message that represents a request to a Database for information.

2.5 **"Query Rate"** means a per-query usage rate that applies to each Query received at an **SBC-12STATE** Database.

2.6 **"Query Transport Rate"** means a per-query usage rate that applies to certain Queries transported from an **SBC-12STATE** STP to the SCP where LIDB and/or the CNAM Database resides and back.

2.7 **"Response"** means a message that, when appropriately interpreted, represents an answer to a Query.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

3.1 LIDB Service and/or CNAM Query provides CLEC with certain line information that CLEC may use to facilitate completion of calls or services. **SBC-12STATE** provides LIDB Service Validation and Originating Line Number Screening (OLNS) Queries pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in the following tariffs:

3.1.1 Tariff FCC No. 2 (applicable only to **SBC-AMERITECH**)

3.1.2 Tariff FCC No. 73 (applicable only to **SBC-SWBT**)

3.1.3 Tariff SNET Connecticut Access Tariff (applicable only to **SNET**)

3.1.4 Tariff FCC No. 128 (applicable only to **PACIFIC**)

3.2 **SBC-12STATE** will provide CLEC with access to **SBC-12STATE**'s CNAM Database for CNAM Query except **SBC-AMERITECH** will provide access to its CNAM Database after May 17, 2000. CNAM Query allows CLEC to retrieve the name associated with a calling number for use in CLEC's Calling Name Delivery Service (CNDS).

3.3 All CLEC CNAM Queries to **SBC-12STATE**'s CNAM Database shall use a translations type of 005 and a subsystem number in the calling party address field that is mutually agreed upon by the Parties. CLEC acknowledges that such subsystem number and translation type values are necessary for **SBC-12STATE** to properly process Queries to its CNAM Database.

3.4 CLEC acknowledges that CCS/SS7 network overload due to extraordinary volumes of Queries and/or other SS7 network messages can and will have a detrimental effect on the performance of **SBC-12STATE**'s CCS/SS7 network. CLEC further agrees that **SBC-12STATE**, at its sole discretion, shall employ certain automatic and/or manual overload controls within **SBC-12STATE**'s CCS/SS7 network to guard against these detrimental effects. **SBC-12STATE** will report to CLEC any instances where overload controls are invoked due to CLEC's CCS/SS7 network and CLEC agrees in such cases to take immediate corrective actions as are necessary to cure the conditions causing the overload situation.

3.5 Prior to **SBC-12STATE** initiating service under this Appendix, CLEC shall provide an initial forecast of busy hour Query volumes by LIDB Service Application, including CNAM Query. If, prior to the establishment of a mutually agreeable service effective date in writing, **SBC-12STATE**, at its sole discretion, determines that it lacks adequate processing capability to provide LIDB Service and/or CNAM Query to CLEC, **SBC-12STATE** shall notify CLEC of **SBC-12STATE**'s intent not to provide the services under this Appendix and this Appendix will be void and have no further effect. Such termination will be without penalty to **SBC-12STATE**.

3.6 CLEC will update its busy hour forecast for each upcoming calendar year (January - December) by October 1 of the preceding year. CLEC shall provide such updates each year that this Appendix is in effect; provided, the obligation to provide updates shall not extend for longer than the first three (3) years this Appendix is in effect, if it is in effect that long or longer.

3.7 CLEC understands that access to **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB and/or CNAM Database may not provide CLEC with access to all of the data of all Account Owners in **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB and/or CNAM Database. When a region in **SBC-12STATE** implements LIDB Data Screening by Account Owner, certain Account Owners may choose to limit or restrict CLEC from accessing their data. CLEC understands that **SBC-12STATE** will comply with Account Owners' requests to so limit or restrict their data. Should CLEC desire access to any restricted Account Owner's LIDB Information, CLEC understands that any requests and negotiations for such access to the Account Owner's LIDB Information will be between CLEC and said Account Owner.

3.8 Account Owners are solely responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the

Line Records they store in **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB and/or CNAM Database; accordingly **SBC-12STATE** is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of those Line Records. CLEC will resolve any disputes regarding data accuracy with the appropriate Account Owner.

3.9 **SBC-12STATE** provides LIDB Service and/or CNAM Database as set forth in this Appendix only as such services are used for CLEC's activities on behalf of CLEC's local service customers where **SBC-13STATE** is the incumbent local exchange carrier. CLEC agrees that any use of **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB, for the provision of LIDB Service Applications and/or CNAM Query by CLEC outside of the area where **SBC-13STATE** is the incumbent local exchange carrier, will not be pursuant to the terms, conditions, rates, and charges of this Appendix or Agreement.

4. PRICE AND PAYMENT

4.1 CLEC will pay **SBC-12STATE** a per-Query rate for each Query initiated into **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB and/or CNAM Database. CLEC will also pay **SBC-12STATE** a per-Query Transport Rate for each Validation and OLNS Query initiated into **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB and for each CNAM Query initiated into **SBC-SWBT**'s LIDB. These rates are set forth in Appendix Pricing.

4.2 CLEC will pay a Service Establishment Nonrecurring Charge for each point code CLEC requests to activate, change, rearrange, or modify for its LIDB Service and/or CNAM Query and is set forth in Appendix Pricing. This nonrecurring charge applies per point code.

4.3 CLEC will also pay a Service Order Nonrecurring Charge for each request for service order activity to establish, change, rearrange, or modify LIDB Service, LIDB Service Application, and/or CNAM Query in **SBC-SWBT** and **SBC-AMERITECH**. The Service Order Nonrecurring Charge is set forth in Appendix Pricing.

4.4 CLEC will make payment to **SBC-12STATE** for LIDB Service and/or CNAM Query based upon the rates set forth in Appendix Pricing. All tariffed rates associated with LIDB Services and/or CNAM Query provided hereunder are subject to change effective with any revisions of such tariffs.

4.5 Except as set forth in Section 4.11, **SBC-12STATE** will record usage information for CLEC's LIDB Service Queries and/or CNAM Queries terminating to **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB. **SBC-12STATE** will use its SCPs as the source of usage data.

4.6 If there is a dispute associated with a monthly bill, the disputing Party will notify the other in writing within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of said monthly

bill or the dispute shall be waived. Each Party agrees that any amount of any monthly bill that that Party disputes will be paid by that Party as set forth in 27.0 of the Agreement.

4.7 CLEC will notify **SBC-12STATE** when CLEC discontinues use of an OPC used to Query LIDB and/or CNAM Database.

4.8 **SBC-12STATE** will apply all applicable Nonrecurring Charges to changes in previously established OPCs (other than disconnects of OPCs) as set forth in Sections 4.2 and 4.3.

4.9 Both Parties understand and agree that when CLEC uses a single OPC to originate Queries to **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB and/or CNAM Database, neither Party can identify to the other, at the time the Query and/or Response takes place, when such Queries support CLEC's CLEC operations within **SBC-12STATE**'s incumbent serving areas and when such Queries support other uses of CLEC's service platforms.

4.10 If CLEC operates in more than one (1) State in **SBC-SWBT**'s or **SBC-AMERITECH**'s incumbent region(s), **SBC-SWBT** and/or **SBC-AMERITECH** will apply company-level rates to the LIDB Services and/or CNAM Query provided to CLEC under this Agreement. **SBC-SWBT** and/or **SBC-AMERITECH** will develop these company-level rates based upon the rates established in the relevant States in their incumbent region(s) and an analysis of comparative usage of each state's LIDB and/or CNAM information.

4.11 The following applies only to **PACIFIC**:

4.11.1 Except as set forth in Sections 4.11.2 through 4.11.6, **PACIFIC** will record usage information for CLEC's LIDB Service Queries terminating to **PACIFIC**'s LIDB. **PACIFIC** will use its SCPs as the source of usage data.

4.11.2 Until such time as **PACIFIC** has the usage recording ability set forth in Section 4.5 above, CLEC will provide **PACIFIC** with usage information from which **PACIFIC** will bill CLEC for both CLEC's access and CLEC's Query-originating carrier customers' access to **PACIFIC**'s Calling Name Database and to **PACIFIC**'s LIDB for OLNS Queries. CLEC will provide such information to **PACIFIC** on a monthly basis by a date agreed to by **PACIFIC** and CLEC. CLEC will deliver such information to locations specified by **PACIFIC**. If CLEC uses a third-party's network to access **PACIFIC**'s Calling Name Database and/or **PACIFIC**'s LIDB for OLNS Queries, and CLEC's third-party network provider can record and provide **PACIFIC** with recordings of CLEC's

usage, **PACIFIC** will accept such usage provided that the requirements in this Section 4.11 will apply to CLEC's third-party network provider.

4.11.3 CLEC will provide to, or cause to be provided to, **PACIFIC** CNAM Query and/or OLNS Query usage information at no additional charge to **PACIFIC**. CLEC will either aggregate such usage by Originating Point Code or CLEC will provide **PACIFIC** with reports that identifies usage by Originating Point Code. CLEC and **PACIFIC** will agree upon the format and media type that CLEC will use to provide such usage data to **PACIFIC**. CLEC understands and agrees that **PACIFIC** cannot identify access by Account Owner until **PACIFIC** has the capability set forth in Section 4.5 above. When **PACIFIC** has the ability set forth in Section 4.5 above, **PACIFIC** will bill CLEC based upon **PACIFIC**'s own usage recordings as set forth in Section 4.5 above.

4.11.4 **PACIFIC** will have the right to audit, at its expense, all source documents, systems, records, and procedures, to verify usage Information submitted by CLEC.

4.11.5 While the provisions in Section 4.11 are in effect, CLEC agrees that **PACIFIC** will bill CLEC for all CNAM Queries and/or OLNS Queries CLEC originate or transports to **PACIFIC**'s network. CLEC will recover from its Query-originating carrier customers (if any) any charges associated with their access to **PACIFIC**'s Calling Name Database or **PACIFIC**'s LIDB for OLNS Queries, including such charges from **PACIFIC**. CLEC agrees that it will not bill its Query-originating carrier customers for any usage that CLEC has not reported to **PACIFIC** for billing. Once **PACIFIC** has the ability set forth in Section 4.5 above, **PACIFIC** and CLEC will jointly determine which, if any, of CLEC's Query-originating carrier customers will be direct-billed from **PACIFIC** as set forth in Section 4.5 above.

4.11.6 Based upon the data identified in Section 4.5 of this Appendix, **PACIFIC** will bill CLEC for its LIDB Service Queries on a monthly basis.

5. OWNERSHIP OF INFORMATION

5.1 Telecommunications companies depositing information in **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB and/or CNAM Database (i.e., Account Owners) retain full and complete ownership and control over such information. CLEC obtains no ownership interest by virtue of this Appendix.

5.2 Unless expressly authorized in writing by the Parties, CLEC will use LIDB Service and/or CNAM Query only for purposes described in this Appendix. CLEC may use LIDB Service and/or CNAM Query for such authorized purposes

only on a call-by-call basis. CLEC may not store for future use any non-CLEC data that CLEC access from **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB. **SBC-12STATE** agrees that CLEC may use reports on LIDB usage and LIDB usage statistics and information similar to LIDB usage statistics to bill its carrier customers and to estimate CLEC's facilities usage needs, and for engineering, capacity, and network planning. CLEC agrees that SWBT **SBC-12STATE** may use statistics for the same purposes. CLEC may aggregate individual LIDB statistics regarding the number of CLEC's LIDB Queries and similar type of information during a specified time period, such as a month or a year. CLEC will only publish such statistics in aggregate form and will ensure that the all non-CLEC names are redacted and cannot reasonably be identified from the published materials.

5.3 Proprietary information residing in **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB and/or CNAM Database is protected from unauthorized access and CLEC may not store such information in any table or database for any reason. All information that is related to alternate billing service is proprietary. Examples of proprietary information are as follows:

5.3.1 Billed (Line/Regional Accounting Office (RAO)) Number

5.3.2 PIN Number(s)

5.3.3 Billed Number Screening (BNS) indicators

5.3.4 Class of Service (also referred to as Service or Equipment)

5.3.5 Reports on LIDB and CNAM Query usage

5.3.6 Information related to billing for LIDB and CNAM Query usage

5.3.7 LIDB and CNAM Query usage statistics

5.4 CLEC will not copy, store, maintain, or create any table or database of any kind based upon information receives in a Response from **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB and/or CNAM Database.

5.5 If CLEC acts on behalf of other carriers, CLEC will prohibit its Query-originating carrier customers from copying, storing, maintaining, or creating any table or database of any kind based upon information they receive in a Response from **SBC-12STATE**'s LIDB and/or CNAM Database.

6. TERM AND TERMINATION

6.1 This Appendix shall remain in effect unless the Interconnection Agreement is terminated (in which event this Appendix is automatically terminated simultaneously) or this Appendix is terminated separately from the Interconnection Agreement as a whole by either Party upon written notice give ninety (90) days in advance of the termination date.

6.2 If a Party materially fails to perform its obligations under this Appendix, the other Party, after notifying the non-performing Party of the failure to perform and allowing that Party thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice to cure such failure, may cancel this Appendix upon written notice.

6.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Appendix, if legal or regulatory decisions or rules compel **SBC-12STATE** or CLEC to terminate the Appendix, **SBC-12STATE** and CLEC shall have no liability to the other in connection with such termination.

7. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

7.1 Party's sole and exclusive remedy against the other Party for injury, loss or damage caused by or arising from anything said, omitted or done in connection with this Appendix regardless of the form of action, whether in contract or in tort (including negligence or strict liability) shall be the amount of actual direct damages and in no event shall exceed the amount paid for LIDB Service if the damages are related to LIDB service and the amount paid for LIDB Service if damages are related to LIDB service.

7.2 The remedies as set forth above in this Appendix shall be the exclusive remedy against a Party, its affiliates, subsidiaries or parent corporation, (including their directors, officers, employees or agents).

7.3 In no event shall **SBC-12STATE** have any liability for system outage or inaccessibility, or for losses arising from the unauthorized use of the data by LIDB Service and/or CNAM Query purchasers.

7.4 **SBC-12STATE** is furnishing access to its LIDB and/or CNAM Database to facilitate CLEC's provision of services to its End Users, but not to insure against the risk of non-completion of any call. While **SBC-12STATE** agrees to make every reasonable attempt to provide accurate LIDB and/or CNAM Database information, the Parties acknowledge that Line Record information is the product of routine business service order activity and/or fraud investigations. CLEC acknowledges that **SBC-12STATE** can furnish Line Record information only as accurate and current as the information has been provided to **SBC-12STATE** for inclusion in its LIDB and/or CNAM Database. Therefore, **SBC-12STATE**, in

addition to the limitations of liability set forth, is not liable for inaccuracies in Line Record information provided to CLEC or to CLEC's Query originating carrier customers except for such inaccuracies caused by **SBC-12STATE**'s willful misconduct or gross negligence.

7.5 LIABILITY PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO CALLING NAME INFORMATION SERVICE:

7.5.1 CALLING NAME INFORMATION PROVIDED TO CLEC BY **SBC-12STATE** HEREUNDER SHALL BE PROVIDED "AS IS". **SBC-12STATE** MAKES NO WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, REGARDING THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE CALLING NAME INFORMATION REGARDLESS OF WHOSE CALLING NAME INFORMATION IS PROVIDED. AND, **SBC-12STATE** IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT, SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DAMAGES OR ACTIONS INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES, RESULTING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM ACTS OR OMISSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CLEC'S OR CLEC'S END USERS' USE OF THE CALLING NAME INFORMATION.

7.6 CLEC acknowledges that **SBC-12STATE**'s Calling Name Database limits the Calling Name Information length to fifteen (15) characters. As a result, the Calling Name Information provided in a Response to a Query may not reflect a subscriber's full name. Name records of residential local telephone subscribers will generally be stored in the form of last name followed by first name (separated by a comma or space) to a maximum of fifteen (15) characters. Name records of business local telephone subscribers will generally be stored in the form of the first fifteen (15) characters of the listed business name that in some cases may include abbreviations. CLEC also acknowledges that certain local telephone service subscribers may require their name information to be restricted, altered, or rendered unavailable. Therefore, **SBC-12STATE**, in addition to any other limitations of liability set forth in this Agreement, is not liable for any liability, claims, damages or actions including attorney's fees, resulting directly or indirectly from the content of any Calling Name Information contained in **SBC-12STATE**'s Calling Name Database and provided to CLEC or CLEC's query-originating carrier customers, except for such content related claims, damages, or actions resulting from **SBC-12STATE**'s willful misconduct or gross negligence.

7.7 CLEC acknowledges that certain federal and/or state regulations require that local exchange telephone companies make available to their subscribers the ability to block the delivery of their telephone number and/or name information to the terminating telephone when the subscriber originates a telephone call. This blocking can either be on a call-by-call basis or on an every call basis. Similarly,

a party utilizing blocking services can unblock on a call-by-call or every call basis.

7.8 CLEC acknowledges its responsibility to, and agrees that it will abide by, the blocking/unblocking information it receives in SS7 protocol during call set-up. CLEC agrees not to attempt to obtain the caller's name information by originating a Query to **SBC-12STATE**'s Calling Name Database when call set-up information indicates that the caller has requested blocking of the delivery of his or her name and/or number. CLEC also agrees not to block delivery of Calling Name Information on calls from blocked lines when the caller has requested unblocking. Therefore, **SBC-12STATE**, in addition to the limitations of liability set forth in this Section 7, is not liable for any failure by CLEC or CLEC's Query-originating carrier customers to abide by the caller's desire to block or unblock delivery of Calling Name Information, and CLEC agrees, in addition to any other indemnity obligations set forth in this Agreement, to hold **SBC-12STATE** harmless from and defend and indemnify **SBC-12STATE** for any and all liability, claims, damages, actions, costs losses, or expenses, including attorney's fees, resulting directly or indirectly from CLEC's or CLEC's Query-originating carrier customers' failure to block or unblock delivery of the Calling Name Information when appropriate indication is provided, except for such privacy-related claims, damages or actions caused by **SBC-12STATE**'s willful misconduct or gross negligence.

8. COMMUNICATION AND NOTICES

8.1 Ordering and billing inquiries for the services described herein from **SBC-12STATE** shall be directed to the Local Service Center (LSC).

9. CONFIDENTIALITY

9.1 The Parties' Proprietary Information is subject to the terms and conditions of Section 20 of the Agreement.

10. MUTUALITY

10.1 CLEC agrees to make its Line Record Information available to **SBC-12STATE**. Should CLEC store its Line Record information in a database other than **SBC-12STATE**'s, CLEC will make such Information available to **SBC-12STATE** through an industry standard technical interface and on terms and conditions set forth by applicable tariff or by a separate agreement between **SBC-12STATE** and the database provider. **SBC-12STATE** agrees to negotiate in good faith to reach such an agreement. If **SBC-12STATE** is unable to reach such agreement, chooses not to enter into an agreement with such a database provider, or chooses to discontinue using the services of such database provider, CLEC acknowledges that such CLEC Line Record information will be unavailable to any customer,

including any CLEC's customer, that is served by **SBC-12STATE**'s service platforms (e.g., Operator Service Systems, Signaling Transfer Points, and/or switches).

11. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

11.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the Agreement are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

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APPENDIX FOR THE PROVISION OF SS7 SERVICE

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for non-discriminatory access to the Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) signaling network provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC. CCS/SS7 is comprised of certain network elements, including Dedicated Signaling Links, Signaling Link Transport and Signaling Transfer Points (STP). In addition to such network elements, this Appendix provides for CCS/SS7 functionality and translations to support SS7 based services and applications.

1.2 SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) means the holding company which owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.

1.3 As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.4 As used herein, **SBC-12STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

1.5 As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.6 As used herein, **SBC-2STATE** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in California and Nevada.

1.7 As used herein, **SBC-SWBT** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

1.8 As used herein, **SBC-AMERITECH** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

1.9 As used herein, **PACIFIC** means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in California.

2. SERVICE DESCRIPTION

2.1 **SNET** does not offer access to the SS7 signaling network under this agreement. Rather, SS7 is available as described in DPUC ordered CT Access Service Tariff Section 18.2.8. SS7 interconnection arrangements between **SNET** and CLEC will be on an individual case basis (ICB) due to the individual architectures of both CLEC and **SNET** signaling networks and unique requirements of the individual parties.

2.2 SS7 Transport

2.2.1 SS7 as defined in this Appendix above, provides for the transporting of call setup (i.e. ISUP) signaling to each end-office subtended from the tandem in the LATA in which the interconnection occurs as outlined in this Agreement. SS7 Transport of SS7 Global Access or SS7 Access as defined in the **SBC-12STATE** below outlines the requirements by for interLATA signaling.

2.2.2 SS7 Transport provides for the routing and screening of SS7 messages from an **SBC-7STATE** pair of STPs (i.e., a mated pair) to another **SBC-7STATE** pair of STPs. In the **SBC-AMERITECH**, due to the fact that state gateway STPs are not interconnected, SS7 Transport provides for the routing and screening of SS7 messages from a **SBC-AMERITECH** pair of designated Gateway STPs (i.e., a mated pair) to another **SBC-AMERITECH** pair of STPs within the same state only. The screening of messages provides for CLEC designation of signaling points associated with the CLEC and controls which messages may be allowed by the **SBC-12STATE** STP pairs. The routing of messages provides for the transfer of a complete message between signaling links, and for a Global Title Translation (GTT) of the message address, if needed.

2.2.3 SS7 Transport provides routing of messages for all parts of the SS7 protocol. These messages may support other applications and services such as, for example, CLASS services, Message Waiting services, Toll Free Database services, Line Information Data Base (LIDB) Services, Calling Name (CNAM) Database services, Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) services and Telecommunications Industry Association Interim Standard-41 (IS-41) services. SS7 Transport will route messages to the global title address or to the signaling point code address of the message based on the translation information of **SBC-12STATE**'s STP.

2.3 Dedicated Signaling Links

2.3.1 Dedicated Signaling Links provide interconnection to **SBC-12STATE**'s signaling network. Each signaling link is a set of dedicated 56Kbps (or higher speed) transmission paths between CLEC STPs or switches and the **SBC-12STATE** STP mated pair. The CLEC designated Signaling Points of Interconnection (SPOI) are at **SBC-7STATE**'s STP, an **SBC-7STATE** serving wire center or are collocated in an **SBC-12STATE** wire center. In the **SBC-AMERITECH** the SPOI is always collocated in the **SBC-AMERITECH** STP serving office. This means of collocation is required in the **SBC-AMERITECH** for access to the **SBC-AMERITECH** STP. The links are fully dedicated to the use of CLEC and provide the screening and routing usage for the **SBC-12STATE** STP to which the link is connected. Dedicated Signaling Links are available to CLECs for their use in furnishing SS7-based services or applications to their end users or other users of SS7 signaling information.

2.4 Dedicated Signaling Links include the following elements:

2.4.1 SS7 Link Cross Connect

2.4.1.1 The SS7 Link Cross Connect provides a DS-0 or DS1 connection in the **SBC-12STATE** STP building and connects the STP Port Termination to the CLEC SPOI.

2.4.2 STP Port Termination

2.4.2.1 The STP Port Termination is the physical termination of the signaling link (i.e. 56 kbps circuit) at an **SBC-12STATE** STP. A STP Port Termination is used for each 56 kbps SS7 Link Cross Connect terminated at a **SBC-12STATE** STP.

2.4.3 STP Access Link

2.4.3.1 The STP Access Link provides a 56-kilobit per second digital facility when CLEC requires an interoffice facility to connect from the CLEC SPOI to the STP building location.

2.5 The CLEC shall provide the portion of the signaling link from the CLEC premises within the LATA to the **SBC-12STATE** STP location or the CLEC SPOI. CLEC shall identify the DS1 or channel of a DS1 that will be used for the signaling link.

2.6 CLEC shall identify to **SBC-12STATE** the facility and channel to which the SS7 Link Cross Connect shall connect. If the facility does not terminate in the STP location **SBC-12STATE** shall provide a transport facility referred to as the STP

Access Link. The STP Access Link will connect to the DS-0 cross connect at the STP location.

2.7 When CLEC uses an alternative DS1 facility or arranges, or agrees to allow, a physical degree of diversity or performance that is not in accordance with the specifications of Telcordia technical publication, GR-905-CORE, CLEC acknowledges that the performance and reliability of the SS7 protocol may be affected and the performance and reliability standards described in GR-905-CORE may be disqualified.

2.8 Dedicated Signaling Links are subject to **SBC-12STATE** compatibility testing and certification requirements pursuant to the Network Operations Forum Reference Document, GR-905-CORE and **SBC-12STATE** Technical Publication, TP76638. In the **SBC-AMERITECH** Technical Publication AM-TR-OAT-000069 will apply in addition to the documents referenced above. In **SBC-2STATE** PUB L-780023-**SBC-2STATE** may be substituted for TP76638 and first interconnections to **PACIFIC**'s signaling network per CLEC and per signaling point type of equipment will require completion of **PACIFIC**'s CCS/SS7 interconnection questionnaire. Each individual set of links from CLEC switch to **SBC-12STATE** STP will require a pre ordering meeting to exchange information and schedule testing for certification by **SBC-12STATE**.

2.9 Dedicated Signaling Links Technical Requirements

2.9.1 Unbundled Dedicated Signaling Links will perform in the following two ways:

2.9.1.1 as an "A-link", which is a connection between a switch and a home signaling transfer point (STP) mated pair; and

2.9.1.2 as a "B-link" or "D-link," which is an interconnection between STPs in different signaling networks.

2.9.2 When CLEC provides its own switch or STP, CLEC will provide DS1 (1.544 Mbps) interfaces at the CLEC-designated SPOIs. DS1 transport to the SPOI can be provided for, as previously indicated, via existing transport facilities or through CLEC purchase of an **SBC-12STATE** dedicated transport facility, previously referred to as the "Access Connection". Each 56 Kbps transmission path will appear as a DS0 channel on the DS1 interface.

2.9.3 In each LATA in which CLEC desires Dedicated Signaling Links for interconnection to the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 Signaling Network, CLEC

must purchase dedicated signaling links to each STP of a mated pair of STPs.

2.9.4 CLEC assumes the responsibility to ensure diverse routing of CLEC signaling links from CLEC switch to CLEC SPOI. **SBC-12STATE** will provide the same amount of diversity as it provides to itself in terms of diverse routing of interoffice facilities, should such facilities be necessary.

2.9.5 When CLEC requests that **SBC-12STATE** add a Signaling Point Code (SPC), CLEC will identify to **SBC-12STATE** the SPCs associated with the CLEC set of links and will pay a non-recurring charge per STP pair at the rates set forth in Appendix PRICING UNE – Schedule of Prices, "Point Code Addition". This rate element will not apply in **SBC-2STATE**.

2.9.6 CLEC will notify **SBC-12STATE** in writing thirty (30) days in advance of any material change in CLEC's use of such SS7 signaling network, including but not limited to any change in CLEC SS7 Dedicated Signaling Links, SS7 Transport and/or STP.

2.10 Signaling Transfer Points (STPs)

2.10.1 The STP element is a signaling network function that includes all of the capabilities provided by the STP switches which enable the exchange of SS7 messages between switching elements, database elements and signaling transfer point switches via associated signaling links. STP includes the associated link interfaces.

2.10.2 Use of the STP routes signaling traffic generated by action of CLEC to the destination defined by **PACIFIC**'s signaling network, excluding messages to and from an **SBC-7STATE** local switching unbundled network element. Integrated services digital network user (ISUP) and Translational Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) signaling traffic addressed to SPs associated with CLEC set of links will be routed to CLEC.

2.10.3 SS7 Transport will apply to SS7 messages transported on behalf of CLEC from a **SBC-12STATE** designated STP pair to a to a **SBC-12STATE** STP pair located in a different LATA. In the **SBC-AMERITECH** this arrangement will only be provided for STPs located in the same state. In the **SBC-7STATE**, the rate, per octet, will apply to octets comprising ISUP and TCAP messages. In the **SBC-AMERITECH** the Signal Switching and Signal Transport rates will apply to ISUP and TCAP messages. In the **SBC-2STATE**, SS7 transport is not available. However, transit signaling provides

the ability for an interconnecting network (ICN) to pass signaling information through the **SBC-2STATE** network to a third party without requiring a trunking connection by a third party with **SBC-2STATE**.

2.10.4 In such instance as CLEC utilizes **SBC-12STATE**'s Local Switching Network Element, CLEC does not separately order SS7 signaling under this method. CLEC will be charged for the use of the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 signaling on a per call basis.

2.11 STP Technical Requirements

2.11.1 STPs will provide signaling connectivity to the following network elements connected to the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 network: **SBC-12STATE** Local Switching or Tandem Switching; **SBC-12STATE** Service Control Points/Call Related Databases; Third-Party local or tandem switching systems; and Third-party-provided STPs.

2.11.2 The Parties will indicate to each other the signaling point codes and other screening parameters associated with each Link Set ordered by CLEC at the **SBC-12STATE** STPs, and where technically feasible, each Party will provision such link set in accordance with these parameters. CLEC may specify screening parameters so as to allow transient messages to cross the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 Network. The Parties will identify to each other the GTT type information for message routing. CLEC will pay a non-recurring charge when CLEC requests **SBC-12STATE** add GTT type information for message routing, in connection with its use of unbundled signaling.

2.12 Interface Requirements

2.12.1 **SBC-12STATE** will provide STP interfaces to terminate A-links, B-links, and D-links.

2.12.2 CLEC will designate the SPOI for each link. CLEC will provide a DS1 or higher rate transport interface at each SPOI. **SBC-12STATE** will provide intraoffice diversity to the same extent it provides itself such diversity between the SPOIs and the **SBC-12STATE** STPs.

2.12.3 **SBC-12STATE** will provide intraoffice diversity to the same extent it provides itself such diversity between the SPOIs and the **SBC-SWBT** STPs.

3. MANNER OF PROVISIONING

3.1 The following describes the manner of provisioning for SS7 services. Each Party will work cooperatively with the other Party and will each provide knowledgeable

personnel in order to provision, test and install SS7 Service in a timely fashion.

3.2 SS7 Transport

3.2.1 CLEC shall use SS7 Transport subject to the screening and routing information of the **SBC-12STATE** STPs. **SBC-12STATE** shall provide information to CLEC on the routes and signaling point codes served by the **SBC-12STATE** STPs. SS7 Transport shall route ISUP messages for the purpose of establishing trunk voice paths between switching machines.

3.2.2 SS7 Transport shall route TCAP queries when feasible pursuant to the SS7 Protocol to the **SBC-12STATE** "regional" STP pair that directly serves the database of TCAP message. SS7 Transport shall route TCAP responses from a **SBC-12STATE** "regional" STP pair to another **SBC-12STATE** STP pair.

3.2.3 SS7 Transport provides a signaling route for messages only to signaling points to which **SBC-12STATE** has a route. SS7 Transport does not include the provision of a signaling route to every possible signaling point. When **SBC-12STATE** does establish a route to a signaling point in a mated pair of STPs, the route may not be available to other **SBC-12STATE** pairs of STPs, until ordered. When **SBC-12STATE** or CLEC, pursuant to a service order, arranges to establish a route to a signaling point, such route to the other signaling point or other signaling network will be used by all signaling points within, and connected to, the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network pursuant to the standard requirements of the SS7 protocol.

3.3 Disputes concerning the association of a signaling point among specific link sets associated with a **SBC-12STATE** mated STP will be resolved by consultation with the signaling point owner, as defined in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG), Section 1, assignment of SPC.

3.4 Dedicated Signaling Links

3.4.1 CLEC shall designate the signaling points and signaling point codes associated with CLEC. CLEC shall provide such information to **SBC-12STATE** to allow **SBC-12STATE** to translate **SBC-12STATE** STPs. The information shall define the screening and routing information for the signaling point codes of CLEC and may include global title address, translation type and subsystem designations as needed.

3.4.2 Signaling links from **SBC-12STATE** mated pairs of STPs shall connect to CLEC premises (including collocation locations) within the same LATA. A set of links can be either:

3.4.2.1 "A" Link Sets from CLEC's Signaling Point (SP)/Service Switching Point (SSP). A minimum of two links will be required, one from the SP/SSP to each STP; or,

3.4.2.2 "B" Link Sets from CLEC's STPs that are connected to **SBC-12STATE**'s mated pair of STPs. A minimum of four links will be required (i.e. a "quad") between the two pairs of STPs. (This same arrangement is sometimes referred to as a set of "D" links.)

3.4.3 A STP Port Termination and SS7 Link Cross Connect is required for each 56-kbps access link utilized for the Service. STP locations are set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) Tariff FCC No. 4.

3.4.4 A pre-order meeting will define the **SBC-12STATE** facility availability and the degree of diversity in both the **SBC-12STATE** physical network and the CLEC physical network from signaling point to signaling point for the link.

3.4.5 When CLEC requires a STP Access Link, CLEC and **SBC-12STATE** shall jointly negotiate the degree of diversity provided among and between multiple dedicated signaling links. The negotiation shall consider the requirements of the SS7 standard protocol, the degree of diversity available in each network and the possible alternatives.

3.4.6 All applicable signaling point codes for each signaling link must be installed at each of **SBC-12STATE**'s interconnecting STPs.

3.4.7 Call set-up times may be adversely affected when CLEC, using SS7 signaling, employs Intermediate Access Tandems (IATs) in its network. **SBC-12STATE** makes no warranties with respect to call set-up times when multiple STP pairs are involved or when the signaling traffic is exchanged between two non-**SBC-12STATE** signaling points.

3.4.8 Provisioning of the SS7 Service is in accordance with **SBC-7STATE** TP76638 **SBC-AMERITECH** AM-TR-OAT-000069 and GR-905-CORE, as amended or **SBC-2STATE** PUB L780023-**SBC-2STATE**.

3.5 Use of the STP

3.5.1 When CLEC orders **SBC-12STATE** unbundled Local Switching, the use of the STP shall apply. No order or provisioning by CLEC is needed. The **SBC-12STATE** Local Switch will use the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 signaling network.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SBC-12STATE

4.1 **SBC-12STATE** shall manage the network and, at its sole discretion, apply protective controls. Protective controls include actions taken to control or minimize the effect of network failures or occurrences, which include, but are not limited to, failure or overload of **SBC-12STATE** or CLEC facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands.

4.2 **SBC-12STATE** shall determine the GTT route for messages routed to GTT, which are associated with **SBC-12STATE** signaling points.

4.3 **SBC-12STATE** shall define regional functions and local functions of its STPs. **SBC-12STATE** will route ISUP messages within the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network, subject to technical feasibility. Capacity limitations shall define a temporary technical infeasibility until the capacity limit can be resolved.

4.4 **SBC-12STATE** shall route messages generated by the action of CLEC throughout the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network as specified within this Appendix. The content of the messages is for the use of signaling points of origination and destination. **SBC-12STATE** will not use any information within messages for any purpose not required by or related to the use of the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network. **SBC-12STATE** will not divulge any message or any part of messages generated by CLEC to any other party, except as required to manage the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network or as may be required by law.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLEC

5.1 CLEC shall provision the signaling links at CLEC's premises and from CLEC's premises to **SBC-7STATE**'s STP location in a diverse, reliable and technically feasible manner. CLEC shall identify to **SBC-12STATE** the SPC(s) associated with the CLEC set of links.

5.2 CLEC shall identify to **SBC-12STATE** the GTT information for messages that route to CLEC.

5.3 When routing messages addressed to an **SBC-12STATE** Subsystem Number (SSN), CLEC shall use the **SBC-12STATE** defined SSN designation of the **SBC-12STATE** mated STP pair to which the message is routed.

5.4 CLEC shall transfer Calling Party Number Parameter information unchanged, including the "privacy indicator" information, when ISUP Initial Address Messages are interchanged with the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network.

5.5 CLEC shall furnish to **SBC-12STATE**, at the time the SS7 Service is ordered and annually thereafter, an updated three (3) year forecast of usage of the SS7 Signaling network. The forecast shall include total annual volume and busy hour busy month volume. **SBC-12STATE** shall utilize the forecast in its own efforts to project further facility requirements.

5.6 CLEC shall inform **SBC-12STATE** in writing thirty (30) days in advance of any change in CLEC's use of such SS7 Service which alters by ten percent (10%) for any thirty (30) day period the volume of signaling transactions by individual SS7 service that are planned by CLEC to be forwarded to **SBC-12STATE**'s network. CLEC shall provide in said notice the reason, by individual SS7 service, for the volume change.

6. BONAFIDE REQUEST PROCESS

6.1 Any request for SS7 service not addressed within this Appendix may be submitted to **SBC-12STATE** via the Bonafide Request ("BFR") process set forth in Appendix UNE.

7. DESCRIPTION OF RATE ELEMENTS SBC-AMERITECH

7.1 There are three types of charges that apply for SS7 Access. They are recurring, usage and nonrecurring charges. Recurring and nonrecurring charges apply for each port that is established on a STP. Usage charges apply for each Initial Address Message (IAM) or TCAP (excluding LIDB Access Service, 800 Access Service TCAP messages and LNP Database Access Query TCAP messages) message that is switched by the local STP and transported to an **SBC-AMERITECH** end office or for each IAM and TCAP message that is switched by the local STP in a hubbing arrangement.

7.2 Nonrecurring charges apply for the establishment of Originating Point Codes (OPC) and Global Title Address (GTA) Translations. An OPC charge applies for each OPC established, as well as each OPC added or changed subsequent to the establishment of STP Access. The OPC charge applies on a per service basis. A GTA Translation charge applies for each service or application (excluding LIDB Access Service and 800 Carrier-ID-Only Service) that utilizes TCAP messages. A GTA Translation charge also applies for each service (excluding LIDB Access Service and 800 Carrier-ID-Only Service) added or changed subsequent to the initial establishment of STP Access.

7.3 Signal Formulation

7.3.1 An IAM Formulation usage charge will be assessed for each IAM message formulated at the **SBC-AMERITECH** tandem for CLEC to **SBC-AMERITECH** terminated calls.

7.4 Signal Transport

7.4.1 An IAM Signal Transport usage charge will also be assessed for each IAM message that is transported from the local STP to the **SBC-AMERITECH** end office for terminating traffic. A TCAP Signal Transport usage charge will be assessed for each TCAP message that is transported from the local STP to the **SBC-AMERITECH** end office (excluding LIDB and 800 Access Service).

7.5 Signal Switching

7.5.1 An IAM Signal Switching usage charge will be assessed for each IAM message that is switched by the local STP for each IAM messages that is switched for direct routed terminating traffic. A TCAP Signal Switching usage charge will be assessed for each TCAP message that is switched by the local STP termination of non-call associated signaling messages (excluding LIDB and 800 Access Service).

7.6 Signal Tandem Switching

7.6.1 An IAM Signal Tandem Switching usage charge will be assessed for an IAM message that is switched by an **SBC-AMERITECH** STP and transported to an end office for tandem routed terminating traffic. When Signal Tandem Switching usage charges are assessed, Signal Switching and Signal Transport charges do not apply, except for SS7 Transport.

8. DESCRIPTION OF RATE ELEMENTS SBC-7STATE

8.1 The following rate elements apply to **SBC-7STATE** SS7 Service:

8.2 SS7 Transport

8.2.1 SS7 Transport shall be measured per octet of information screened and routed.

8.2.2 CLEC shall pay SS7 Transport Per Octet rate element for the screening and routing of messages by each additional **SBC-7STATE** STP pair. A usage rate applies per octet generated by action of CLEC.

8.2.3 SS7 Transport is not available in the **SBC-2STATE**.

8.3 Dedicated Signaling Links

8.3.1 SS7 Link Cross Connect

8.3.1.1 CLEC shall pay the DS-0 or DS-1 rate for the SS7 Link Cross Connect at the STP location for each Dedicated Signaling Link. Rates are per DS-0 and DS-1 bandwidth and per connection to unbundled dedicated facility or connection to a collocation cage. Rates are per month and nonrecurring installation per first or additional cross connects ordered and shall apply on a per order basis.

8.3.2 STP Port Termination

8.3.2.1 CLEC shall pay the STP Port Termination rate element for each termination of the SS7 Link Cross Connect at the **SBC-7STATE** STP. One STP Port Termination must be installed at **SBC-7STATE**'s interconnecting STP for each Dedicated Signaling Link.

8.3.2.2 There are two charges that apply to the STP Port Termination, i.e., a fixed recurring monthly rate per port termination and a nonrecurring installation charge per port.

8.3.3 STP Access Link

8.3.3.1 CLEC shall pay the STP Access Link rate element for each STP Access Link when the STP Access Link is provided. The charge includes a fixed rate per month plus a rate per mile per month.

8.4 Signaling Point Code Addition

8.4.1 CLEC shall pay the Signaling Point Code Addition rate element for the establishment and translation of each applicable CCS network signaling point code at a **SBC-7STATE** STP. CLEC shall pay a nonrecurring charge per SPC established at each STP.

8.5 Global Title Translation (GTT) Addition

8.5.1 CLEC shall pay the GTT Addition rate element for the establishment of CLEC's GTA, translation type or subsystem information in the **SBC-7STATE** STP translations. CLEC shall pay a nonrecurring charge per GTT established at each STP.

8.6 Use of the STP Per Call

8.6.1 CLEC shall pay the Use of the STP Per Call rate element for Use of the **SBC-7STATE** STP. The rate shall apply for each call originated by CLEC subscribers using the **SBC-7STATE** Local Switching Network Element. The rate is based on an assumed mean quantity of 200 octets of signaling used for each originated call times the STP Transport rate element.

8.6.2 The Use of the STP Per Call is a surrogate for STP Transport and Dedicated Signaling Links when CLEC uses the **SBC-7STATE** Local Switching network element.

9. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the Agreement are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency;

relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

ICC JUNE 9, 2004 ORDER AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

This ICC June 9, 2004 Order Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Amendment") is being entered into by and between Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois ("SBC Illinois")[1] and RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC formerly RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, Inc. ("CLEC").

WHEREAS, SBC Illinois and CLEC are parties to an interconnection agreement that was previously submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") for approval, and may have been amended prior to this Amendment (the "Agreement");

WHEREAS, the ICC issued an order ("Order") in Docket No. 02-0864, on June 9, 2004, recommending certain Illinois-specific pricing guidelines and other requirements pertaining to unbundled network elements ("UNEs") that are included in the Agreement;

WHEREAS, provisions of the Agreement require the incorporation into the Agreement of new prices based on the guidelines established by the Order; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing and except as may be otherwise expressly noted, the Parties are entering into this Amendment to incorporate pricing changes into the Agreement, subject to the reservation of rights and other provisions hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Agreement.

1.2 To the extent there is a conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Amendment and the provisions of the Agreement (including all incorporated or accompanying Appendices, Addenda and Exhibits to the Agreement), the provisions of this Amendment shall control and apply but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

2. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

2.1 On and after the Amendment Effective Date (as defined in Section 3 of this Amendment), the Agreement is hereby amended by referencing and incorporating the following:

2.1.1 Solely to conform the Agreement to effectuate certain pricing changes based on the guidelines established by the Commission, the Agreement is amended to add the attached pricing schedule labeled Attachment A (which is incorporated herein).

2.1.2 Subject to Section 2.3, and except as provided in this Section 2.1.2 and except to the extent otherwise specified in Attachment A, the new rates and rate structures shall begin to apply on June 25, 2004. To the extent the Order in Docket No. 02-0864 is overturned, and an Order requires SBC to issue a true up to CLEC, SBC will comply with the Order.

2.2 This Amendment is provided as a means by which the Parties, which have an interconnection agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, can obtain the rights and obligations under ICC orders. Nothing in this Amendment expands, contracts, or otherwise affects either Party's rights or obligations under the Agreement beyond the express provisions of this Amendment.

[1]Illinois Bell Telephone Company (previously referred to as "Illinois Bell") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameritech Corporation that offers telecommunications services, and now operates under the name "SBC Illinois" pursuant to an assumed name filing with the State of Illinois. Ameritech Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SBC Communications Inc.

2.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, including anything in the Agreement or this Amendment (including Section 2.1.2 hereof), in no event shall this Amendment result in the retroactive application of any rate or rate structure back to any date earlier than the most recent of the following: (i) the actual date that the Agreement became effective between CLEC and SBC Illinois following ICC approval or, if absent such ICC approval, the date such Agreement is deemed approved by operation of law, or (ii) June 25, 2004. By way of example only and without limiting the foregoing, if CLEC adopted the Agreement (including, as applicable, this Amendment and any other amendment) ("Adopting CLEC") pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(i) after June 25, 2004, the rate changes implemented by this Amendment could only apply under that Agreement prospectively beginning from the date that Agreement (including, as applicable, this Amendment and any other amendment) became effective between the Adopting CLEC and SBC Illinois following the ICC's order approving the adopting CLEC's Section 252(i) adoption or, if absent such ICC approval, the date such Agreement is deemed approved by operation of law ("Section 252(i) Effective Date"), and that rate changes could not in any manner apply retroactively prior to the Section 252(i) Effective Date.

2.4 To the extent the underlying Agreement does not contain terms and conditions for UNE(s) listed in Attachment A to this Amendment, this Amendment does not provide CLEC with the ability to obtain and/or order such UNEs. Rather, CLEC must negotiate a separate amendment incorporating the appropriate terms and conditions into the underlying Agreement before ordering and/or obtaining any such UNE(s) under this Agreement.

3. AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE DATE

3.1 The effective date of this Amendment shall be immediate upon approval of this Amendment by the ICC under Section 252(e) of the Act or, absent such ICC approval, the date this Amendment is filed under Section 252(e)(4) of the Act ("Amendment Effective Date"); provided, however, that the rates contained herein shall be applied in accordance with Sections 2.1.2 and 2.3 of this Amendment. In the event that all or any portion of this Amendment as agreed-to and submitted is rejected and/or modified by the ICC, this Amendment shall be automatically suspended and, unless otherwise mutually agreed, the Parties shall expend diligent efforts to arrive at mutually acceptable new provisions to replace those rejected and/or modified by the ICC; provided, however, that failure to reach such mutually acceptable new provisions within ten (10) days after such suspension shall permit either party to terminate this Amendment upon five (5) days' written notice to the other.

4. TERM OF AMENDMENT

4.1 EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED. This Amendment will become effective as of the Amendment Effective Date, and will terminate on the termination or expiration of the Agreement; provided, however, this Amendment, in whole or in part, may terminate or expire earlier pursuant to other provisions of this Amendment, including Section 6. This Amendment does not extend the term of the Agreement.

5. APPLICATION OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS

5.1 The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Amendment is the result of ICC rate orders and solely addresses pricing. Accordingly, the Parties further acknowledge and agree that no aspect of this Amendment qualifies for portability into any other state under any state or federal statute, regulation, order or legal obligation (collectively "Law"), if any. The Parties also acknowledge that the entirety of this Amendment and its provisions are non-severable, and are "legitimately related" as that phrase is understood under Section 252(i) of Title 47, United States Code.

6. RESERVATIONS OF RIGHTS

6.1 In entering into this Amendment, neither Party is waiving, and each Party hereby expressly reserves, any of the 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, including, without limitation, the following actions, which the Parties have not yet fully

incorporated into this Agreement or which may be the subject of further government review: *Verizon v. FCC, et. al*, 535 U.S. 467 (2002); *USTA, et. al* v. FCC, 290 F.3d 415 (D.C. Cir. 2002) and following remand and appeal, *USTA v. FCC*, 359 F.3d 554 (D.C. Cir. 2004); the FCC's Triennial Review Order (rel. Aug. 21, 2003); and the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, 16 FCC Rcd 9151 (2001), (rel. April 27, 2001), which was remanded in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, 288 F.3d 429 (D.C. Cir. 2002).

6.2 This Amendment does not in any way prohibit, limit, or otherwise affect either Party from taking any position with respect to the Order or any other ICC order or any issue or subject addressed or implicated therein, or from raising and pursuing its rights and abilities with respect to the Order or any other ICC order or any issue or subject addressed or implicated therein, or any legislative, regulatory, administrative or judicial action with respect to any of the foregoing.

6.3 Notwithstanding this Amendment and without limiting Section 6.2, SBC Illinois (and its affiliates) is not waiving its rights, abilities, remedies or arguments with respect to the non-applicability of, and interaction between, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (including Sections 251 and 252) to the Order or any other ICC order (including the Illinois-specific requirements regarding wholesale subject matters addressed therein). SBC Illinois (and its affiliates) fully reserves its rights to raise and take any position with respect thereto, and to pursue such rights, abilities, remedies and arguments

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6.4 Notwithstanding this Amendment and without limiting Section 6.2, CLEC is not waiving its rights, abilities, remedies or arguments with respect to any tariff revisions, interconnection amendments or other filings SBC may submit to implement the charges identified in Attachment A as becoming effective March 31, 2005. CLEC specifically reserves its rights to challenge, oppose or otherwise raise any issue with respect to such filings. Should any revision to the prices adopted by this Amendment occur as the result of any appeal from or lawsuit challenging the Order, or of any proceedings on remand from such appeal or lawsuit ("Revised Prices"), then SBC Illinois shall, to the extent required by any order in such appeal and/or remand, provide CLEC with credits or refunds for any difference between the prices adopted by this Amendment and the Revised Prices for the period commencing June 25, 2004.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 On and from the Amendment Effective Date, reference to the Agreement in any notices, requests, orders, certificates and other documents shall be deemed to include this Amendment, whether or not reference is made to this Amendment, unless the context shall be otherwise specifically noted.

7.2 This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single agreement.

7.3 This Amendment constitutes the entire amendment of the Agreement and supersedes all previous proposals, both verbal and written.

7.4 The Parties acknowledge that in no event shall any provision of this Amendment apply prior to the "Amendment Effective Date"; provided, however, that the rates contained herein shall be applied in accordance with Sections 2.1.2 and 2.3 of this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Party has caused this Amendment to be executed by its duly authorized representative.

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC
Formerly RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, Inc.

By: Thomas K. Steel

Printed: Thomas K. Steel

Title: Vice President

Date: March 21, 2005

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Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois by SBC Operations **, Inc., its Authorized Agent**

By: Larry B Cooper

Printed: LARRY B COOPER

Title: For/ President - Industry Markets & Diversified Businesses

Date: March 22, 2005

ATTACHMENT A

Line	ILLINOIS	SBC Generic Rates	USOC	Recurring	Non-Recurring	Footnote
2	NETWORK ELEMENTS					
3	Loops					
4		2-Wire Analog - Metro (Access Area A)	U2HXA	$ 5.17	See NRC prices below	
5		2-Wire Analog - Suburban (Access Area B)	U2HXB	$ 12.40	See NRC prices below	
6		2-Wire Analog -Rural (Access Area C)	U2HXC	$ 14.91	See NRC prices below	
7		2-Wire Ground Start, PBX-Metro (Access Area A)	U2JXA	$ 4.11	See NRC prices below	
8		2-Wire Ground Start, PBX-Suburban (Access Area B)	U2JXB	$ 13.13	See NRC prices below	
9		2-Wire Ground Start, PBX-Rural (Access Area C)	U2JXC	$ 16.71	See NRC prices below	
10		2-Wire COPTS Coin-Metro(Access Area A)	U2CXA	$ 4.11	See NRC prices below	
11		2-Wire COPTS Coin-Suburban(Access Area B)	U2CXB	$ 13.28	See NRC prices below	
12		2-Wire COPTS Coin-Rural(Access Area C)	U2CXC	$ 16.94	See NRC prices below	
13		2-Wire EKL-Metro(Access Area A)	U2KXA	$ 4.24	See NRC prices below	
14		2-Wire EKL-Suburban(Access Area B)	U2KXB	$ 16.30	See NRC prices below	
15		2-Wire EKL--Rural(Access Area C)	U2KXC	$ 21.62	See NRC prices below	
16		Conditioning for dB Loss		NA	See NRC prices below	
17		4-Wire Analog - Metro Access Area A)	U4HXA	$ 8.27	See NRC prices below	
18		4-Wire Analog - Suburban (Access Area B)	U4HXB	$ 27.25	See NRC prices below	
19		4-Wire Analog - Rural (Access Area C)	U4XHC	$ 34.97	See NRC prices below	
20		2-Wire Digital - Metro (Access Area A)	U2QXA	$ 5.44	See NRC prices below	
21		2-Wire Digital - Suburban (Access Area B)	U2QXB	$ 17.76	See NRC prices below	
22		2-Wire Digital - Rural (Access Area C)	U2QXC	$ 22.24	See NRC prices below	
23		4-Wire Digital - Metro (Access Area A)	4U1XA	$ 27.72	See NRC prices below	
24		4-Wire Digital - Digital - Suburban (Access Area B)	4U1XB	$ 40.49	See NRC prices below	
25		4-Wire Digitial - Rural (Access Area C)	4U1XC	$ 53.82	See NRC prices below	
26		DS3 Loop - Metro (Access Area A)	U4D3A	$ 335.73	See NRC prices below	
27		DS3 Loop - Suburban (Access Area B)	U4D3B	$ 405.76	See NRC prices below	
28		DS3 Loop - Rural (Access Area C)	U4D3C	$ 528.15	See NRC prices below	
29						
30	DSL Capable Loops					
31		2-Wire xDSL Loop				
32		PSD #1 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area A- Metro	2SLA1	$ 5.09	See NRC prices below	
33		PSD #1 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area B- Suburban	2SLA2	$ 11.57	See NRC prices below	
34		PSD #1 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area C- Rural	2SLA3	$ 17.81	See NRC prices below	
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36		PSD #2 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area A- Metro	2SLC1	$ 5.09	See NRC prices below	
37		PSD #2 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area B- Suburban	2SLC2	$ 11.57	See NRC prices below	
38		PSD #2 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area C- Rural	2SLC3	$ 17.81	See NRC prices below	
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40		PSD #3 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area A- Metro	2SLB1	$ 5.09	See NRC prices below	
41		PSD #3 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area B- Suburban	2SLB2	$ 11.57	See NRC prices below	
42		PSD #3 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area C- Rural	2SLB3	$ 17.81	See NRC prices below	
43						
44		PSD #4 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area A- Metro	2SLD1	$ 5.09	See NRC prices below	
45		PSD #4 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area B- Suburban	2SLD2	$ 11.57	See NRC prices below	

46			PSD #4 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area C- Rural	2SLD3	$	17.81	See NRC prices below		
47									
48			PSD #5 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area A- Metro	UWRA1	$	5.09	See NRC prices below		
49			PSD #5 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area B- Suburban	UWRA2	$	11.57	See NRC prices below		
50			PSD #5 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area C- Rural	UWRA3	$	17.81	See NRC prices below		
51									
52			PSD #7 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area A- Metro	2SLF1	$	5.09	See NRC prices below		
53			PSD #7 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area B- Suburban	2SLF2	$	11.57	See NRC prices below		
54			PSD #7 - 2-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area C- Rural	2SLF3	$	17.81	See NRC prices below		
55									
56		4-Wire xDSL Loop							
57			PSD #3 - 4-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area A- Metro	4SL11	$	7.93	See NRC prices below		
58			PSD #3 - 4-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area B- Suburban	4SL12	$	20.93	See NRC prices below		
59			PSD #3 - 4-Wire xDSL Loop Access Area C- Rural	4SL13	$	33.59	See NRC prices below		
60									
61		IDSL Capable Loop							
62		IDSL Loop Access Area A - Metro		UY5FA	$	5.44	See NRC prices below		
63		IDSL Loop Access Area B - Suburban		UY5FB	$	17.76	See NRC prices below		
64		IDSL Loop Access Area C - Rural		UY5FC	$	22.24	See NRC prices below		
65									
66		Loop Non-Recurring Charges							
67		Service Ordering Charge - Analog Loops - Intitial - Per Occasion (Connect + Disco		SEPUP			$	11.27	/1/
68	*	Service Order - Initial (Connect)		PENDING		NA	$	6.76	/2/
69		Service Order - (Disconnect)		PENDING			$	6.36	/2/
70	*	Service Ordering Charge - Analog Loops - Subsequent - Per Occasion		REAH9		NA	$	6.76	
71	*	Service Ordering Charge - Analog Loops - Record Work Only - Per Occasion		NR9UP		NA	$	5.78	
72	*	Line Connection charge - analog Loop - Per Termination (connect + disconnect)		SEPUC		NA	$	50.13	/1/
73		Line Connection (Connection)		PENDING			$	43.97	/2/
74		Line Connection (Initial)		PENDING			$	49.00	/2/
75		Line Connection (Additional)		PENDING			$	33.92	/2/
76		Line Connection (Disconnect)		PENDING			$	8.68	/2/
77		Line Connection (Disconnect- Initial)		PENDING			$	9.50	/2/
78		Line Connection (Disconnect- Additional)		PENDING			$	7.03	/2/
79		Service Ordering -(DS1) - Administrative Charge (Connect + Disconnect)		NR90R			$	16.74	/1/
80		Service Ordering -(DS1) - Administrative Charge (Connect)		PENDING			$	10.64	/2/
81	*	Service Ordering -(DS1) - Administrative Charge (Disconnect)		PENDING		NA	$	8.60	/2/
82		Service Provisioning (DS1) (Connect + Disconnect)		NR90U			$	206.06	/1/
83	*	DS1 - Design & Central Office (connect- Initial)		PENDING		NA	$	200.75	/2/
84		DS1 - Design & Central Office (connect- Additional)		PENDING			$	100.57	/2/
85		DS1 - Design & Central Office (Disconnect Initial)		PENDING			$	7.49	/2/
86		DS1 - Design & Central Office (Disconnect Additional)		PENDING			$	5.83	/2/
87		Service Ordering -(DS3) - Administrative Charge (Connect + Disconnect)		NR90Y			$	16.74	/1/
88	*	DS3 - Adminstrative (Connection)		PENDING		N/A	$	10.64	/2/
89		DS3 - Adminstrative (Disconnect)		PENDING			$	8.60	/2/
90		Service Provisioning (DS3) (Connect + Disconnect)		NR901			$	89.95	/1/
91		Connection		PENDING			$	84.49	/2/
92		Initial		PENDING			$	84.49	/2/
93		Additional		PENDING			$	28.79	/2/
94		Disconnection		PENDING			$	7.68	/2/

95	Initial	PENDING		$ 7.68	/2/
96	Additional	PENDING		$ 6.02	/2/
97					
98	Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) Service Order per LSR				
99	Analog Loop Service Order Charge, per ASR or LSR				
100	Electronic Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 16.61	/1/
101	Connection	PENDING		$ 10.48	/2/
102	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 8.63	/2/
103	Electronic Subsequent	PENDING		$ 10.04	
104	Manual Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 93.25	/1/
105	Connection	PENDING		$ 63.12	/2/
106	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 42.47	/2/
107	Manual Subsequent	PENDING		$ 59.18	/1/
108					
109	2-Wire Digital Loop Service Order Charge				
110	Electronic Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 16.61	/1/
111	Connection	PENDING		$ 10.48	/2/
112	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 8.63	/2/
113	Electronic Subsequent	PENDING		$ 10.04	
114	Manual Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 93.25	/1/
115	Connection	PENDING		$ 63.12	/2/
116	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 42.47	/2/
117	Manual Subsequent	PENDING		$ 59.18	/1/
118					
119	DS1 Loop Service Order Charge per ASR or LSR				
120	Electronic Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 17.27	/1/
121	Connection	PENDING		$ 11.14	/2/
122	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 8.63	/2/
123	Electronic Subsequent	PENDING		$ 10.04	
124	Manual Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 99.88	/1/
125	Connection	PENDING		$ 69.74	/2/
126	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 42.47	/2/
127	Manual Subsequent	PENDING		$ 59.18	/1/
128					
129	DS1 Transport Service Order Charge per ASR or LSR				
130	Electronic Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 17.56	/1/
131	Connection	PENDING		$ 11.44	/2/
132	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 8.63	/2/
133	Manual Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 102.83	/1/
134	Connection	PENDING		$ 72.70	/2/
135	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 42.47	/2/
136					
137	DS3 Transport Service Order Charge per ASR or LSR				
138	Electronic Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 17.56	/1/
139	Connection	PENDING		$ 11.44	/2/
140	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 8.63	/2/
141	Manual Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 102.83	/1/
142	Connection	PENDING		$ 72.70	/2/

143	Disconnection		PENDING		$ 42.47	/2/
144						

145	Central Office DS1 to Voice Mux Service Order				
146	Electronic Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 17.56	/1/
147	Connection	PENDING		$ 11.44	/2/
148	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 8.63	/2/
149	Manual Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 102.83	/1/
150	Connection	PENDING		$ 72.70	/2/
151	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 42.47	/2/
152					
153	Non-Channelized DS1 EEL Service Order				
154	Electronic Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 17.27	/1/
155	Connection	PENDING		$ 11.14	/2/
156	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 8.63	/2/
157	Manual Establish (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 101.64	/1/
158	Connection	PENDING		$ 69.74	/2/
159	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 42.47	/2/
160					
161	Provisioning				
162	2-Wire Analog Loop Connection - Initial (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 56.18	/1/
163	Connection	PENDING		$ 49.44	/2/
164	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 9.50	/2/
165	2-Wire Analog Loop Connection - Additional (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 38.85	/1/
166	Connection	PENDING		$ 33.86	/2/
167	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 7.03	/2/
168	4-Wire Analog Loop Connection - Initial (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 56.18	/1/
169	Connection	PENDING		$ 49.44	/2/
170	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 9.50	/2/
171	4-Wire Analog Loop Connection - Additional (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 38.85	/1/
172	Connection	PENDING		$ 33.86	/2/
173	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 7.03	/2/
174	2-Wire Digital Loop Connection - Initial (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 72.50	/1/
175	Connection	PENDING		$ 65.76	/2/
176	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 9.50	/2/
177	2-Wire Digital Loop Connection - Additional (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 35.44	/1/
178	Connection	PENDING		$ 30.46	/2/
179	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 7.03	/2/
180	4-Wire DS1 Digital Loop Connection - Initial (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 256.71	/1/
181	Connection	PENDING		$ 248.22	/2/
182	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 11.97	/2/
183	4-Wire DS1 Digital Loop Connection - Additional (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 141.01	/1/
184	Connection	PENDING		$ 135.15	/2/
185	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 8.25	/2/
186	Central Office Multiplexing DS1 to Voice - Initial (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 72.39	/1/
187	Connection	PENDING		$ 66.78	/2/
188	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 7.92	/2/
189	Central Office Multiplexing DS1 to Voice - Additional (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 39.58	/1/
190	Connection	PENDING		$ 36.59	/2/
191	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 4.20	/2/
192	DS1 Interoffice UDT - Collocated - Initial (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 104.45	/1/
193	Connection	PENDING		$ 95.69	/2/

194	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 12.35	/2/
195	DS1 Interoffice UDT - Collocated - Additional (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 67.78	/1/
196	Connection	PENDING		$ 61.65	/2/
197	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 8.64	/2/
198					
199	DS1 Interoffice UDT - Non-collocated - Initial (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 292.42	/1/
200	Connection	PENDING		$ 280.21	/2/
201	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 17.20	/2/
202	DS1 Interoffice UDT - Non-collocated - Additional (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 155.12	/1/
203	Connection	PENDING		$ 146.51	/2/
204	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 12.13	/2/
205	4-Wire DS1 Digital Loop to DS1 Interoffice Ded. Trnspt. Collocated - Initial (Connectio	PENDING		$ 292.84	/1/
206	Connection	PENDING		$ 280.64	/2/
207	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 17.20	/2/
208	4-Wire DS1 Digital Loop to DS1 Interoffice Ded. Trnspt. Collocated - Additional (Conne	PENDING		$ 155.01	/1/
209	Connection	PENDING		$ 146.40	/2/
210	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 12.13	/2/
211	4-Wire DS1 Digital Loop to DS1 Ded. Trnspt. Non-Collocated - Initial (Connection + Dis	PENDING		$ 368.40	/1/
212	Connection	PENDING		$ 356.20	/2/
213	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 17.20	/2/
214	4-Wire DS1 Digital Loop to DS1 Ded. Trnspt. Non-Collocated - Additional (Connection	PENDING		$ 236.90	/1/
215	Connection	PENDING		$ 228.29	/2/
216	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 12.13	/2/
217	DS3 Interoffice UDT - Collocated - Initial (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 151.91	/1/
218	Connection	PENDING		$ 139.71	/2/
219	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 17.20	/2/
220	DS3 Interoffice UDT - Collocated - Additional (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 57.39	/1/
221	Connection	PENDING		$ 48.78	/2/
222	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 12.13	/2/
223	DS3 Interoffice UDT - Non-collocated - Initial (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 177.23	/1/
224	Connection	PENDING		$ 165.03	/2/
225	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 17.20	/2/
226	DS3 Interoffice UDT - Non-collocated - Additional (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$ 64.05	/1/
227	Connection	PENDING		$ 55.44	/2/
228	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 12.13	/2/
229	Clear Channel Capability - Initial	PENDING		$ 70.32	
230	Clear Channel Capability - Additional	PENDING		$ 8.87	
231					
232	SA2UNE (NRCs)				
233	Project Administrative Charge, per service order	NRMEZ		$ 25.57	
234					
235	Private Line to UNE Conversion	NRMEZ		$ 25.57	
236					
237	Custom Routing, via LCC - New LCC, per LCC, per switch	UROPW	N/A	$ 256.29	
238	Custom Routing, via LCC - New Network Routing, per route, per switch	NR9N6	N/A	$ 59.02	/1/
239	Connection	PENDING		$ 33.94	/2/
240	Disconnection	PENDING		$ 35.36	/2/
241	Custom Routing, via AIN, of OS / DA per route, per switch	UROAN		$ 119.24	/1/

242	Connection	PENDING		$	72.22	/2/
243	Disconnection	PENDING		$	66.29	/2/
244	ULS-ST Billing Establishment, per carrier (when applicable)	NHCCQ		$	2,718.64	
245						
246	**Port Charge, per Month, per Port**					
247	Add / Rearrange each Termination	REAJG	N/A	$	48.48	
248	ISDN Prime - Add/Rearrange Channels	REAKB		$	54.39	
249						
250	**Basic Line Port**					
251	Service Order - Subsequent	NR9UV	NA	$	5.40	
252	Service Order - Record Work Only	NR9F6	NA	$	5.11	
253						
254	**Complex Line Port**					
255	Service Order - Subsequent	PENDING	NA	$	11.58	
256	Service Order - Record Work Only	NR9F7	NA	$	5.11	
257						
258	**ULS Trunk Port**					
259	Service Order - Subsequent	PENDING	NA	$	11.58	
260	Service Order - Record Work Only	NR9F8	NA	$	5.11	
261						
262						
263						
264						
265	New UNE - P Line Connection Charge					
266	Analog Loop Line Connection- Per Termination (Connection + Disconnection) /1/	SEPUC		$	26.81	/1/
267	Connection	PENDING		$	26.64	/2/
268	Initial	PENDING		$	35.97	/2/
269	Additional	PENDING		$	20.41	/2/
270	Disconnection	PENDING		$	0.24	/2/
271	Initial	PENDING		$	0.28	/2/
272	Additional	PENDING		$	0.22	/2/
273	4 Wire Digital Loop (DS1) Service Provisioning (Connection + Disconnection)	NR9OW		$	208.24	/1/
274	Connection	PENDING		$	200.75	/2/
275	Initial	PENDING		$	200.75	/2/
276	Additional	PENDING		$	100.57	/2/
277	Disconnection	PENDING		$	7.49	/2/
278	Initial	PENDING		$	7.49	/2/
279	Additional	PENDING		$	5.83	/2/
280						
281	UNE - P Service Order Charge					
282	Electronic POTS (Connection + Disconnection)	NHCHG		$	4.43	/1/
283	Connection	PENDING		$	3.08	/2/
284	Disconnection	PENDING		$	1.91	/2/
285	Manual POTS (Connection + Disconnection)	Pending		$	42.37	/1/
286	Connection	PENDING		$	31.31	/2/
287	Disconnection	PENDING		$	15.59	/2/
288	Electronic Non-POTS (Connection + Disconnection)	NHCHH		$	9.76	/1/

289	Connection	PENDING		$	7.19	/2/
290	Disconnection	PENDING		$	3.61	/2/

291	Manual Non-POTS (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$	62.09	/1/
292	Connection	PENDING		$	47.65	/2/
293	Disconnection	PENDING		$	20.35	/2/
294						
295	New UNE - P Port Connection Charge					
296	Basic Line Port (Connection + Disconnection)	UPC		$	1.20	/1/
297	Connection	PENDING		$	0.71	/2/
298	Disconnection	PENDING		$	0.70	/2/
299	Ground Start Line Port (Connection + Disconnection)	UPZ		$	1.20	/1/
300	Connection	PENDING		$	0.71	/2/
301	Disconnection	PENDING		$	0.70	/2/
302	ISDN Direct Port (Connection + Disconnection)	U2P		$	16.50	/1/
303	Connection	PENDING		$	9.66	/2/
304	Disconnection	PENDING		$	9.66	/2/
305	ISDN Prime Port (Connection + Disconnection)	UZPZD, UZQZD		$	246.04	/1/
306	Connection	PENDING		$	183.26	/2/
307	Disconnection	PENDING		$	88.49	/2/
308	Direct Inward Dialing (DID) Trunk Port (Connection + Disconnection)	UPR		$	18.35	/1/
309	Connection	PENDING		$	12.80	/2/
310	Disconnection	PENDING		$	7.81	/2/
311	Digital Trunking Trunk Port (Connection + Disconnection)	U9Z		$	108.88	/1/
312	Connection	PENDING		$	84.17	/2/
313	Disconnection	PENDING		$	34.81	/2/
314	ULS Trunk Port (Connection + Disconnection)	UROPT		$	108.88	/1/
315	Connection	PENDING		$	84.17	/2/
316	Disconnection	PENDING		$	34.81	/2/
317	Centrex Basic Line Port (Connection + Disconnection)	U3XAA-CA, U3XAB-CB, U3XAD-CD, U3XAE-CE		$	1.20	/1/
318	Connection	PENDING		$	0.71	/2/
319	Disconnection	PENDING		$	0.70	/2/
320	Centrex ISDN-BRI Line Port (Connection + Disconnection)	PENDING		$	16.50	/1/
321	Connection	PENDING		$	9.66	/2/
322	Disconnection	PENDING		$	9.66	/2/
323	Centrex EKL Line Port (Connection + Disconnection)	U3XAC-CC		$	10.15	/1/
324	Connection	PENDING		$	5.94	/2/
325	Disconnection	PENDING		$	5.93	/2/
326	Centrex Attendant Console Line Port (Connection + Disconnection)	U6A		$	1.20	/1/
327	Connection	PENDING		$	0.71	/2/
328	Disconnection	PENDING		$	0.70	/2/
329	Basic COPTS Port (Connection + Disconnection)	UYC		$	1.20	/1/
330	Connection	PENDING		$	0.71	/2/
331	Disconnection	PENDING		$	0.70	/2/
332	COPTS-Coin Line Port (Connection + Disconnection)	U5N		$	1.20	/1/
333	Connection	PENDING		$	0.71	/2/
334	Disconnection	PENDING		$	0.70	/2/
335	Port Conversion Cost	REAKD		$	0.77	
336						

337	Port Feature Add / Change Translation Charge (feature per port, per order)					
338	Basic	PENDING		$	0.94	/1/
339	Connection	PENDING		$	0.55	/2/
340	Disconnection	PENDING		$	0.55	/2/
341	Ground Start / PBX	PENDING		$	0.94	/1/
342	Connection	PENDING		$	0.55	/2/
343	Disconnection	PENDING		$	0.55	/2/
344	Basic COPTS	PENDING		$	0.94	/1/
345	Connection	PENDING		$	0.55	/2/
346	Disconnection	PENDING		$	0.55	/2/
347	COPTS - Coin	PENDING		$	0.94	/1/
348	Connection	PENDING		$	0.55	/2/
349	Disconnection	PENDING		$	0.55	/2/
350	ISDN Direct	PENDING		$	1.28	/1/
351	Connection	PENDING		$	0.75	/2/
352	Disconnection	PENDING		$	0.75	/2/
353	ISDN Prime	PENDING		$	36.68	/1/
354	Connection	PENDING		$	21.74	/2/
355	Disconnection	PENDING		$	21.08	/2/
356	Digital Trunking	PENDING		$	24.02	/1/
357	Connection	PENDING		$	14.05	/2/
358	Disconnection	PENDING		$	14.05	/2/
359	ULS Trunk	PENDING		$	24.02	/1/
360	Connection	PENDING		$	14.05	/2/
361	Disconnection	PENDING		$	14.05	/2/
362						
363	Centrex System Charges					
364	Centrex System Options for ULS-ULS-ST					
365	Common Block establishment, each	SEPUS		$	459.04	
366	Connection	PENDING		$	370.92	/2/
367	Disconnection	PENDING		$	124.21	/2/
368	System Features Change or Rearrangement, per Feature, per Occasion	REAJY		$	50.89	
369	System Feature Activation, per Feature, per Occasion					
370	Install and Remove	NR9VY		$	85.99	
371	Connection	NR9UE		$	50.89	/2/
372	Disconnection	PENDING		$	49.47	/2/
373						
	* This rate is interim, pursuant to the February 6, 2003 Order of the Illinois Commerce Commission in Docket No. 01-0662, and are subject to true-up to reflect any adjustments made by legally binding rulings in subsequent proceedings. The true-up period shall begin as of February 6, 2003, the date of the Order. True-ups pursuant to this provision shall be effectuated only upon written notice by a Party ("Noitce"). Upon such Notice, the billing party shall perform the appropriate true-up calculation and issue appropriate credits or bills to the other party. If the true-up results in additional amounts to be billed, any backbilling limitations applicable to amounts billed under this Agreement will not apply.					
374						
375	/1/ These rates will be replaced effective March 31, 2005 by the rates identified by footnote /2/.					

376		/2/	In accordance with the Order in ICC Docket 02-0864, these rates will become effective on March 31, 2005		

AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a SBC ILLINOIS
AND
RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LLC

This TRO/TRRO Amendment amends the Interconnection Agreement by and between Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois ("SBC") and RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC ("CLEC"). SBC and CLEC are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party". This Amendment applies in SBC's service territory in the State of Illinois.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, SBC and CLEC are Parties to an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended [the "Act"], dated January 11, 2001 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") released an order on August 21, 2003 in CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, and 98-147 (the "Triennial Review Order" or "TRO"), which became effective as of October 2, 2003;

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2004, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued a decision affirming in part and vacating in part the TRO, and the affirmed portions of the TRO subsequently have become final and non-appealable;

WHEREAS, the FCC released orders on August 9, 2004 and October 18, 2004 in Docket No. 01-338, ("TRO Reconsideration Orders") which subsequently became effective;

WHEREAS, the FCC released an order on February 4, 2005 in WC Docket No 04-313 and CC Docket No. 01-338, (the "Triennial Review Remand Order" or "TRO Remand"), which became effective as of March 11, 2005;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252(a)(1) of the Act, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement in order to give contractual effect to the effective portions of the TRO, TRO Reconsideration Orders, and TRO Remand as set forth herein;

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

1. The Parties agree that the Agreement should be amended by the addition of the terms and conditions set forth in the TRO/TRO Remand Attachment attached hereto.

2. Conflict between this Amendment and the Agreement. 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 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 Section 2.

3. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

4. Captions. The Parties acknowledge that the captions in this Amendment have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and in no way define or limit the scope or substance of any term or provision of this Amendment.

5. Scope of Amendment. This Amendment shall amend, modify and revise the Agreement only to the extent set forth expressly in Section 1 of this Amendment. Nothing in this Amendment shall be deemed to amend or extend the term of the Agreement, or to affect the right of a Party to exercise any right of termination it may have under the Agreement. Nothing in this Amendment shall affect the general application and effectiveness of the Agreement's "change of law," "intervening law", "successor rates" and/or any similarly purposed provisions.

6. This Amendment may require that certain sections of the Agreement shall be replaced and/or modified by the provisions set forth in this Amendment. The Parties agree that such replacement and/or modification shall be accomplished without the necessity of physically removing and replacing or modifying such language throughout the Agreement.

7. The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Amendment shall be filed with, and is subject to approval by the Commission and shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commission (the "Amendment Effective Date").

8. Reservation of Rights. Nothing contained in this Amendment shall limit either Party's right to appeal, seek reconsideration of or otherwise seek to have stayed, modified, reversed or invalidated any order, rule, regulation, decision, ordinance or statute issued by the Commission, the FCC, any court or any other governmental authority related to, concerning or that may affect either Party's obligations under the Agreement, this Amendment, any SBC tariff, or Applicable Law. Furthermore, to the extent any terms of this Amendment are imposed by arbitration, a party's act of incorporating those terms into the agreement should not be construed as a waiver of any objections to that language and each party reserves its right to later appeal, challenge, seek reconsideration of, and/or oppose such language.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment to the Agreement was exchanged in triplicate on this 22nd day of December, 2005, by Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, signing by and through its duly authorized representative, and CLEC, signing by and through its duly authorized representative.

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC

By: Joseph Kahl

Printed: Joseph Kahl

Title: Director, Regulatory & External Affairs
(Print or Type)

Date: December 14, 2005

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

By: Rebecca L Sparks

Printed: Rebecca L. Sparks

Title: AVP-Local Interconnection Marketing

Date: DEC 22 2005

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ILLINOIS TRO/TRRO ATTACHMENT

0.1 Definitions. The following definitions are applicable to this Attachment.

0.1.1 Building. For purposes of this Attachment relative to the DS1 and DS3 loop caps as defined in Rules 51.319(a)(4)(ii) and 51.319(a)(5)(ii), a "building" or a "single building" is a structure under one roof. Two or more physical structures that share a connecting wall or are in close physical proximity shall not be considered a single building solely because of a connecting tunnel or covered walkway, or a shared parking garage or parking area, unless such structures share the same street address (e.g., two department stores connected by a covered walkway to protect shoppers from weather would be considered two separate buildings). An educational, industrial, governmental or medical premises or campus shall constitute a single building for purposes of the DS1 and DS3 loop and transport caps provided that all of the structures are located on the same continuous property and the DS1 and/or DS3 loops are terminated at a single structure and are subsequently routed throughout the premises or campus, the property is owned and/or leased by the same end-user customer, and the property is not separated by a public roadway.

0.1.2 Fiber-to-the-Curb (FTTC) Loop. A Fiber-to-the-Curb Loop is defined as a (1) local Loop serving Mass Market Customers consisting of fiber optic cable connecting to a copper distribution plant that is not more than 500 feet from the customer's premises or (2) a local Loop serving customers in a Predominantly Residential MDU consisting of fiber optic cable connecting to a copper distribution plant that is not more than 500 feet from the MDU's MPOE. For purposes of the definition of FTTC and FTTH Loops, examples of a "Predominantly Residential" MDU include an apartment building, condominium building, cooperative or planned unit development that allocates more than fifty percent of its rentable square footage to residences. Notwithstanding the above, a loop will only be deemed a FTTC Loop if it connects to a copper distribution plant at a serving area interface from which every other copper distribution Subloop also is not more than 500 feet from the respective customer's premises.

0.1.3 Fiber-to-the-Home Loop. A Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) Loop is defined as a local Loop serving a Customer and consisting entirely of fiber optic cable, whether dark or lit, serving a Mass Market Customer premises or, in the case of Predominantly Residential MDUs, a fiber optic cable, whether dark or lit, that extends to the multiunit premises' minimum point of entry (MPOE).

0.1.4 Hybrid Loop is a local Loop that serves a Mass Market Customer and is composed of both fiber optic cable and copper wire or cable between the main distribution frame (or its equivalent) in an SBC wire center and the demarcation point at the customer premises.

0.1.5 Mass Market Customer is an end user customer who is either (a) a residential customer or (b) a very small business customer at a premises served by telecommunications facilities with an aggregate transmission capacity of less than four DS-0s.

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0.1.7 Non-Impaired Wire Centers for DS1 and DS3 Unbundled High-Capacity Loops. In accordance with Rule 51.319(a)(4), Unbundled DS1 Loop Non-Impaired Wire Centers are defined as wire centers serving at least 60,000 business lines and at least four fiber-based collocators. In accordance with Rule 51.319(a)(5), DS3 Loop Non-Impaired Wire Centers are defined as wire centers serving at least 38,000 business lines and at least four fiber-based collocators.

0.1.8 Tier 1 Non-Impaired Wire Centers for DS1, DS3 and Dark Fiber Unbundled Dedicated Transport. Tier 1 Non-Impaired Wire Centers are defined in accordance with Rule 51.319(e)(3)(i) as wire centers serving at least four fiber-based collocators, at least 38,000 business lines, or both.

0.1.9 Tier 2 Non-Impaired Wire Centers for DS1, DS3 and Dark Fiber Unbundled Dedicated Transport. Tier 2 non-impaired Wire Centers are defined in accordance with Rule 51.319(e)(3)(ii) as wire centers that are not Tier 1 Wire Centers, but contain at least three fiber-based collocators, at least 24,000 business lines, or both.

0.1.10 Tier 3 Wire Centers. In accordance with Rule 51.319(e)(3)(iii), Tier 3 Wire Centers are defined as wire centers that do not meet the criteria for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Wire Centers.

0.1.11 Business Lines. For purposes of determining Tier 1 and Tier 2 Wire Centers, Business Line tallies shall be calculated in accordance with the FCC's TRRO, including Rule 51.5 as follows: A Business Line is an ILEC-owned switched access line used to serve a business customer, whether by the ILEC itself or by a CLEC that leases the line from the ILEC. The number of business lines in a wire center shall equal the sum of all ILEC business switched access lines, plus the sum of all UNE loops connected to that wire center, including UNE loops provisioned in combination with other unbundled elements. Among these requirements, business line tallies (1) shall include only those access lies connecting end-user customers with ILEC end-offices for switched services, (2) shall not include non-switched special access lines, (3) shall account for ISDN and other digital access lines by counting each 64 kbps-equivalent as one line. For example, a DS1 line corresponds to 24 64 kbps-equivalents, and therefore to 24 "Business Lines." Centrex and PBX Trunks and Centrex Extensions will be counted as outlined in the ARMIS 43-08 reporting guidelines.

0.1.12 Embedded Base. Embedded Base used as a term in this Attachment is defined for TRO Affected Elements identified in Section 1.0 as those TRO Affected Elements for which CLEC had generated and SBC had accepted a valid service order requesting the provisioning of such TRO Affected Element(s) for a customer as of the date of this Attachment. For the TRO Remand Affected Elements identified in Sections 2.0 and 3.0, the Embedded Base is defined as including those customers for which CLEC had generated and SBC had accepted a valid service order requesting the provisioning of TRO Remand Affected Element(s) prior to March 11, 2005.

0.1.13 DS1 Loop. A "DS1 Loop", in accordance with Rule 51.319(a)(4), is defined as a digital local loop having a total digital signal speed of 1.544 MBps per second. A DS1 Loop includes the electronics necessary to provide the DS1 transmission rate digital UNE Local Loop having a total digital signal speed of 1.544 megabytes per second. A DS1 Loop also includes all electronics, optronics and intermediate devices used to establish the transmission path to the end user customer premises as well as any inside wire owned or controlled by SBC that is part of that transmission path. DS1 Loops include, but are not limited to, two-wire and four-wire copper loops capable of providing high-bit rate DSL services, including T1 services.

0.1.14 Fiber-Based Collocator. A fiber-based collocator is any carrier, unaffiliated with the ILEC, that maintains a collocation arrangement in an ILEC wire center, with active electrical power supply, and operates a fiber-optic cable or comparable transmission facility that (1) terminates at a collocation arrangement within the wire center; (2) leaves the ILEC wire center premises; and (3) is owned by a party other than the ILEC or any affiliate of the ILEC, except as set forth in this paragraph. Dark fiber obtained from an ILEC on an indefeasible right of use basis shall be treated as non-ILEC fiber-optic cable. Two or more affiliated fiber-based collocators in a single wire center shall collectively be counted as a single fiber-based collocator. For purposes of this definition the term "affiliate" is defined by 47 U.S.C. §153(1).

0.1.15 DS3 Loop. DS3 Loops are digital transmission channels suitable for the transport of isochronous bipolar serial data at a rate of 44.736 Mbps (the equivalent of 28 DS1 channels). A DS3 Loop includes the electronics necessary to provide the DS3 transmission rate having a total digital signal speed of 44.736 megabytes per second. A DS3 Loop also includes all of the electronics, optronics and intermediate devices used to establish the transmission path to the end user customer premises as well as any inside wire owned or controlled by SBC that is part of that transmission path.

0.1.16 Dedicated Transport. Dedicated Transport in accordance with Rule 51.319(e) and (e)(1) includes SBC transmission facilities between wire centers or switches owned by SBC, or between wire centers or switches owned by SBC and switches owned by other telecommunications carriers, including, but not limited to, DS1-, DS3- and OCn-capacity level services, as well as dark fiber, dedicated to a particular customer or carrier.

0.1.17 "Commingling" means the connecting, attaching, or otherwise linking of a UNE, or a combination of UNEs, or a network element provided pursuant to Section 271 or other applicable law to one or more facilities or services that CLEC has obtained at wholesale from SBC, pursuant to any method other than unbundling under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, or the combining of a UNE, or a combination of UNEs, or a network element provided pursuant to Section 271 or other applicable law, with one or more such wholesale facilities or services. "Commingle" means the act of commingling.

0.1.18 "Commingled Arrangement" means the arrangement created by Commingling.

0.1.19 "Enhanced Extended Link" or "EEL" means a UNE combination consisting of UNE loop(s) and UNE Dedicated Transport, together with any facilities, equipment, or functions necessary to combine those UNEs (including, for example, with or without multiplexing capabilities).

0.1.20 Entrance Facilities. Entrance Facilities are defined as dedicated transport facilities that do not connect a pair of SBC wire centers, including but not limited to, the transmission facilities that connect CLEC's networks with SBC's networks.

0.1.21 ICC. ICC means the Illinois Commerce Commission.

0.1.22 "Rule" refers to the FCC regulations set forth in Title 47 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations.

1.0 TRO Affected Elements.

1.1 TRO-Affected Elements. SBC shall not be required to provide the following to CLEC as unbundled network elements under Section 251 in accordance with the FCC's TRO, the MDU Reconsideration Order (FCC 04-191) (rel. Aug. 9, 2004) and the TRO Reconsideration Orders as follows:

(i) Intentionally left blank
(ii) OCn level dedicated transport[1];
(iii) DS1 and above Local Circuit Switching (defined as Local Switching for the purpose of serving end user customers using DS1 capacity and above Loops). To avoid any doubt, pursuant to this Attachment, SBC is no longer required to provide any ULS/UNE-P pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) except as otherwise provided for in this Attachment, e.g., the Embedded Base during the transition periods as set forth in Sections 1.0 and 2.0;
(iv) OCn loops;
(v) the feeder portion of the loop as a stand alone UNE under Section 251;
(vi) packet switching, including routers and DSLAMs;
(vii) the packetized bandwidth, features, functions, capabilities, electronics and other equipment used to transmit packetized information over Hybrid Loops, including without limitation, xDSL-capable line cards installed in digital loop carrier ("DLC") systems or equipment used to provide passive optical networking ("PON") capabilities except as provided for in Section 11.2 of this Attachment; and
(viii) Fiber-To-The-Home loops and Fiber-To-The-Curb loops, except as provided for in Section 11.1.2 of this Attachment;
(ix) SS7 signaling to the extent not provided in conjunction with unbundled local switching;
(x) any call-related database, other than the 911 and E911 databases, to the extent not provided in conjunction with unbundled local switching; and
(xi) line sharing, except as grandfathered as provided in the TRO.

1.2 Cessation of TRO Affected Elements - New Orders. SBC is not required to provide the TRO Affected Element(s) on an unbundled basis under Section 251, either alone or in combination (whether new, existing, or pre-existing) with any other element, service or functionality, to CLEC under the Agreement.

[1] Nothing herein is meant to indicate any agreement as to whether SBC is required to provide DS-0-level dedicated transport to CLECs as an unbundled network element under Section 251, or otherwise, and the parties expressly reserve their rights regarding the same. The absence of DS-0-level dedicated transport in Section 1.1 of this Amendment shall have no bearing on this issue in any other jurisdiction.

Accordingly, upon the Amendment Effective Date, CLEC will cease new orders for TRO Affected Element(s) under Section 251.

1.3 In addition to those Transition Periods set forth in other sections of this Attachment, and without limiting the same, SBC and CLEC will abide by the following transitional procedures with respect to the TRO Affected Elements:

1.3.1 With respect to TRO Affected Elements and/or the combination of TRO Affected Elements as defined in Section 1.1 of this Attachment, SBC will notify CLEC in writing as to any TRO Affected Element previously made available to CLEC that is or has become a TRO Affected Element, as defined in Section 1.1 of this Attachment herein ("Identified TRO Facility"). For purposes of the Agreement and this Attachment, such Identified TRO Facilities shall be considered TRO Affected Elements.

1.3.2 For any Identified TRO Facility SBC shall continue to provide the Embedded Base of any such TRO Affected Element without change to CLEC on a transitional basis. At any time after CLEC receives notice from SBC pursuant to Section 1.3.1 above, but no later than the end of 90 days from the date CLEC received notice, CLEC shall, using the applicable service ordering process and interface, either (i) request disconnection; (ii) submit a request for analogous access service; or (iii) identify and request another alternative service arrangement.

1.3.3 CLEC agrees to pay all non-recurring charges applicable to the transition of its Embedded Base provided the order activities necessary to facilitate such transition involve physical work (i.e., does not include the re-use of Identified TRO Facilities in the same configuration) and involve other than a "record order" transaction. The rates, terms and conditions associated with such transactions are set forth in the Pricing Schedule and/or Tariff applicable to the service being transitioned to. To the extent that physical work is not involved in the transition, the applicable service order charge will be the only applicable charge under the applicable Pricing Schedule and/or Tariff. SBC will complete CLEC transition orders in accordance with the OSS guidelines in place in support of the analogous service that the CLEC is requesting the Identified TRO Facility be transitioned to with any disruption to the end user's service reduced to a minimum or, where technically feasible given current systems and processes, no disruption should occur. Where disruption is unavoidable due to technical considerations, SBC shall accomplish such conversions in a manner to minimize a disruption detectable to the end user. Where necessary or appropriate, SBC and CLEC shall coordinate such conversions.

1.4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, including any amendments to the Agreement, at the end of the ninety day transitional period, unless CLEC has submitted a disconnect/discontinuance LSR or ASR, as applicable, under subparagraph 1.3.2(i), above, and if CLEC and SBC have failed to reach agreement, under subparagraph 1.3.2(ii) or (iii), above, as to a substitute service arrangement or element, then SBC will convert the subject element(s), whether alone or in combination with or as part of any other arrangement, to an analogous resale or access service or arrangement, if available, at rates applicable to such analogous service or arrangement.

1.5 The Parties' rights and obligations with respect to TRO Affected Elements under this Section 1.0 are also subject to Sections 13.0 and 14.0 of this Attachment.

2.0 TRO Remand Affected Unbundled Local Circuit Switching and UNE-P Elements. To avoid any doubt, pursuant to this Attachment, SBC is no longer required to provide any ULS/UNE-P pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) except as otherwise provided for in this Attachment, e.g., the Embedded Base during the transition periods as set forth in Sections 1.0 and 2.0.

2.1 In accordance with Rule 51.319(d)(2), SBC shall not be required to provide Unbundled Local Circuit Switching and UNE-P (ULS/UNE-P) Elements under Section 251(c)(3) where the ULS/UNE-P is requested or provisioned for the purpose of serving DS-0 capacity loops, in accordance with the following provisions:

2.1.1 SBC is not required to provide new ULS, either alone or in combination (as in with "UNE-P") as an unbundled network element under Section 251 of the Act for non-Embedded Base customers. SBC shall continue to provide access to ULS and UNE-P to CLEC for CLEC to serve its Embedded Base of customers in accordance with Rule 51.319(d)(2)(iii) and orders issued by the ICC. The price for such ULS and UNE-P shall be SBC's tariffed and effective ULS and UNE-P rates as of June 25, 2004, plus one dollar. CLEC shall be fully liable to SBC to pay such pricing under the Agreement effective as of March 11, 2005, including applicable terms and conditions setting forth penalties for failure to comply with payment terms, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, provided that bills rendered prior to the effective date of this Attachment that include such rate increases shall not be subject to late payments charges, as to such increases, if CLEC pays such increased amount within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Attachment.

2.1.1.1 CLEC shall be entitled to initiate feature add and/or change orders, record orders, and disconnect orders for Embedded Base customers. CLEC shall also be entitled to initiate orders for the conversion of UNE-P to a UNE line splitting arrangement to serve the same end user and UNE line splitting arrangement to UNE-P for the same end-user. CLEC shall be entitled to initiate move orders and orders for additional UNE-P lines for Embedded Base customers.

2.1.1.2 Feature adds and/or change orders as referenced in Section 2.1.1.1 include features that SBC has available and activated in the Local Circuit Switch.

2.1.1.3 In accordance with Rule 51.319(d)(4)(i), SBC shall provide a CLEC with nondiscriminatory access to signaling, call-related databases and shared transport facilities on an unbundled basis, in accordance with section 251 (c)(3) of the Act and in accordance with and only to the extent permitted by the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement.

2.1.2 SBC shall continue to provide access to ULS/UNE-P for CLEC to serve its Embedded Base of customers under this Section 2.1.2, in accordance with and only to the extent permitted by the terms and conditions set forth in this Attachment, for a transitional period of time, ending upon the earlier of:

(a) CLEC's disconnection or other discontinuance (except Suspend/Restore) of use of one or more of the ULS or UNE-P;

(b) CLEC's transition of a ULS Element(s) or UNE-P to an alternative arrangement; or

(c) March 11, 2006.

2.1.3 In accordance with Rule 51.319(d)(2)(ii), CLECs shall migrate the Embedded Base of end-user customers off of the ULS element to an alternative arrangement within 12 months of the effective date of the TRO Remand, i.e., March 11, 2006. CLEC and SBC agree to utilize the twelve-month transition period as set forth by the FCC in Paragraph 227 of the TRO Remand to perform the tasks necessary to complete an orderly transition including the CLECs submission of the necessary orders to convert their Embedded Base of ULS/UNE-P customers to an alternative service.

2.1.3.1 To the extent CLEC intends to convert its Embedded Base of ULS/UNE-P arrangements to an alternative SBC service arrangement, CLEC shall generate the orders necessary to convert its Embedded Base of ULS/UNE-P arrangements to an alternative SBC service arrangement in accordance with this ULS/UNE-P transition plan unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

2.1.3.2 SBC will complete CLEC transition orders in support of the analogous service that the CLEC is requesting the ULS/UNE-P be transitioned to with any disruption to the end user's service reduced to a minimum or, where technically feasible given current systems and processes, no disruption should occur. Where disruption is unavoidable due to technical considerations, SBC shall accomplish such conversions in a manner to minimize any

disruption detectable to the end user. Where necessary or appropriate, SBC and CLEC shall coordinate such conversions.

2.1.3.3 CLEC agrees to pay all non-recurring charges applicable to the transition of its Embedded Base provided the order activities necessary to facilitate such transition involve physical work (physical work does not include the re-use of facilities in the same configuration) and involve other than a "record order" transaction. The rates, terms and conditions associated with such transactions are set forth in the Pricing Schedule or Tariff applicable to the service being transitioned to. To the extent that physical work is not involved in the transition, the applicable service order charge(s) will be the only non-recurring charge(s) that apply.

2.1.3.4 To the extent there are CLEC Embedded Base ULS/ UNE-P arrangements in place at the conclusion of the twelve (12) month transition period, SBC, without further notice or liability, will re-price such arrangements to market-based rates.

2.2 The provisions of this Section 2.0, apply and are operative with respect to SBC's unbundling obligations under Section 251 regardless of whether CLEC is requesting ULS/UNE-P under the Agreement or under a state tariff, if applicable, and regardless of whether the state tariff is referenced in the Agreement.

2.3 The Parties' rights and obligations with respect to TRO Remand Affected Elements under this Section 2.0 are also subject to Sections 13.0 and 14.0 of this Attachment.

3.0 TRO Remand Affected Unbundled High-Capacity Loops and Transport.

3.1 SBC is not required to provision the following new DS1, DS3, and Dark Fiber Loops, and Dedicated Transport as unbundled elements under Section 251, either alone or in a Section 251 combination except as follows:

3.1.1 Dark Fiber Unbundled Loops. In accordance with Rule 51.319(a)(6)(i), SBC is not required to provide requesting telecommunications carrier with access to a dark fiber loop on an unbundled basis under Section 251.

3.1.2 DS1 Loops. In accordance with Rule 51.319(a)(4)(i), SBC shall provide CLEC, upon CLEC's request, with nondiscriminatory access to DS1 Loops on an unbundled basis to any Building not served by (a) a wire center with at least 60,000 business lines and (b) at least four fiber-based collocators. Once the wire center meets the requirements of Section 4.0 and the wire center exceeds both of these thresholds, no future DS1 Loop unbundling in accordance with Section 251 will be required of SBC in that wire center, except as otherwise set forth in this Attachment.

3.1.2.1 In accordance with Rule 51.319(a)(4)(ii), CLEC may obtain a maximum of ten unbundled DS1 Loops to any single Building in which DS1 Loops are available as Section 251 unbundled Loops.

3.1.3 DS3 Loops. In accordance with Rule 51.319(a)(5)(i) SBC shall provide CLEC, upon CLEC's request, with nondiscriminatory access to DS3 Loops on an unbundled basis under Section 251 to any Building not served by (a) a wire center with at least 38,000 business lines and (b) at least four fiber-based collocators. Once the wire center meets the requirements of Section 4.0 and the wire center exceeds both of these thresholds, no future Section 251 DS3 Loop unbundling will be required of SBC in that wire center, except as otherwise set forth in this Attachment.

3.1.3.1 In accordance with Rule 51.319(a)(5)(ii), SBC is not obligated to provision to CLEC more than one unbundled DS3 Loop to any single Building in which DS3 Loops are available as Section 251 unbundled Loops.

3.1.4 DS1 Unbundled Dedicated Transport. In accordance with Rule 51.319(e)(2) SBC shall provide CLEC, upon CLEC's request, with nondiscriminatory access to Section 251 DS1 Unbundled Dedicated Transport. Once the wire center meets the requirements of Section 4 and the wire centers on both ends of the transport route between wire centers are determined to be Tier 1 wire

centers as defined in Section 0.1.9 of this Attachment, no future Section 251 DS1 Unbundled Dedicated Transport will be required of SBC on such routes, except as otherwise set forth in this Attachment.

3.1.4.1 In accordance with Rule 51.319(e)(2), SBC is not obligated to provision to a CLEC more than ten unbundled DS1 Dedicated Transport circuits on each route on an unbundled basis.

3.1.5 DS3 Unbundled Dedicated Transport. In accordance with Rule 51.319(e)(2), SBC shall provide CLEC, upon CLEC's request, with nondiscriminatory access to Section 251 DS3 Unbundled Dedicated Transport. Once the wire center meets the requirements of Section 4.0 and the wire centers on both ends of the transport route between wire centers are determined to be either Tier 1 or Tier 2 Wire Centers as defined in Sections 0.1.9 and 0.1.10 of this Attachment, no future Section 251 DS3 Unbundled Dedicated Transport will be required of SBC on such routes, except as otherwise set forth in this Attachment.

3.1.5.1 In accordance with Rule 51.319(e)(2), SBC is not obligated to provision to a CLEC more than twelve unbundled DS3 Dedicated Transport circuits on each route where DS3 Dedicated Transport is available on an unbundled basis under Section 251.

3.1.6 Dark Fiber Unbundled Dedicated Transport. In accordance with Rule 51.319(e)(2) SBC shall provide CLEC, upon CLEC's request, with nondiscriminatory access to Dark Fiber Unbundled Dedicated Transport. Once the wire center meets the requirements of Section 4.0 and the wire centers on both ends of the transport route between wire centers are determined to be either Tier 1 or Tier 2 Wire Centers as defined in Sections 0.1.9 and 0.1.10 of this Attachment, no future Section 251 Dark Fiber Unbundled Dedicated Transport will be required of SBC on such routes, except as otherwise set forth in this Attachment.

3.2 Transition of TRO Remand Affected Unbundled High Capacity Loops and Transport. For those DS1 and DS3 Loops and DS1 and DS3 Dedicated Transport facilities that SBC is no longer required to unbundle under Section 251 under the terms of this Attachment as of March 11, 2005, SBC shall continue to provide CLEC's Embedded Base of such arrangements ordered by CLEC before March 11, 2005 for a 12-month period beginning on March 11, 2005 and ending on March 11, 2006. For those Dark Fiber Loops, and Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport facilities that SBC is no longer required to unbundle under Section 251 under the terms of this Attachment as of March 11, 2005, SBC shall continue to provide such arrangements for an 18-month period beginning on March 11, 2005 and ending on September 11, 2006.

3.2.1 During the transition periods defined in Section 3.2, the rates for the High-Capacity Loop and Transport Embedded Base arrangements (including dark fiber loop and transport arrangements), in accordance with Rule 51.319(a) and Rule 51.319(e), shall be SBC's tariffed and effective DS1 and DS3 loop, dedicated transport, and dark fiber loop and transport rates as of June 25, 2004, plus 15%. CLEC shall be fully liable to SBC to pay such pricing under the Agreement, including applicable terms and conditions setting forth penalties for failure to comply with payment terms, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement.

3.2.2 Where SBC is no longer required to provide Unbundled Loops and Transport pursuant to Section 251 as defined in Section 3.1 of this Attachment, CLEC shall generate the orders necessary to disconnect or convert the Embedded Base of High-Capacity DS1 and DS3 Loop and Transport arrangements to analogous services where available in accordance with the Unbundled Loop and Transport transition plan in Section 3.2 of this Attachment unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. With respect to Dark Fiber Loops and Transport, CLEC shall generate the orders necessary to disconnect such arrangements and return the facilities to SBC by the end of the transition period.

3.2.2.1 SBC will complete CLEC transition orders in accordance with the OSS guidelines in place in support of the analogous service that the CLEC is requesting the Loop or Transport arrangement be transitioned to with any disruption to the end user's service reduced to a minimum or, where technically feasible given current systems and processes, no disruption

should occur. Where disruption is unavoidable due to technical considerations, SBC shall accomplish such conversions in a manner to minimize any disruption detectable to the end user. Where necessary or appropriate, SBC and CLEC shall coordinate such conversions.

3.2.2.2 CLEC agrees to pay all non-recurring charges applicable to the transition of its Embedded Base provided the order activities necessary to facilitate such transition involve physical work and involve other than a "record order" transaction. The rates, terms and conditions associated with such transactions are set forth in the Pricing Schedule or Tariff applicable to the service being transitioned to. To the extent that physical work is not involved in the transition, the applicable service order charge(s) and/or non-recurring charges, if any as governed by this Agreement and/or Tariff from which the service being transitioned to is ordered, will be the only non-recurring charge(s) that apply.

3.2.2.3 If CLEC has not submitted an LSR or ASR, as applicable, to SBC requesting conversion of the Affected DS1 and DS3 Loop/Transport Elements to another wholesale service, then on March 11, 2006, SBC, at its option, shall convert such loop(s)/transport to an analogous special access arrangement at month-to-month pricing. Nothing in this Section prohibits the Parties from agreeing upon another service arrangement within the requisite transition timeframe (e.g., via a separate agreement at market-based rates). If CLEC has not submitted an LSR or ASR, as applicable, to SBC requesting that the Affected Dark Fiber Loop and Transport arrangements be disconnected and returned to SBC, SBC shall disconnect such arrangements that remain in place as of September 11, 2006.

3.3 The Parties' rights and obligations with respect to TRO Remand Affected Elements under this Section 3.0 are also subject to Sections 13.0 and 14.0 of this Attachment.

4.0 Non-Impaired Wire Center Criteria and Related Processes.

4.1 SBC has designated and posted to CLEC Online a list of wire centers where it contends the thresholds for DS1 and DS3 Unbundled High-Capacity Loops as stated in Section 0.1.7 and for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Non-Impaired Wire Centers as stated in Sections 0.1.8 and 0.1.9 have been met. SBC's designations shall be treated as controlling (even if CLEC believes the list is inaccurate) for purposes of transition and ordering unless CLEC provides a self-certification as outlined below. Until CLEC provides a self-certification for High-Capacity Loops and/or Transport for such wire center designations, CLEC will not submit High Capacity Loop and/or Transport orders based on the wire center designation, and if no self-certification is provided will transition its affected High-Capacity Loops and/or Transport in accordance with the applicable transition period. If CLEC does not provide a self-certification, CLEC will transition DS1 and DS3 Loop and Transport arrangements affected by SBC's wire center designation as of March 11, 2005 by disconnecting or transitioning to an alternate facility or arrangement, if available, by March 11, 2006 and CLEC will transition any Dark Fiber Transport arrangements affected by SBC's wire center designations as of March 11, 2005 by disconnecting or transitioning to an alternate facility or arrangement, if available, by September 11, 2006. SBC will update the CLEC Online posted list and will advise CLECs of such posting via Accessible Letter, which term for the purposes of this Section 4.0 shall be deemed to mean an Accessible Letter issued after the effective date of this Amendment, as set forth in this Section 4.0.

If the ICC has not previously determined, in any proceeding, that a wire center is properly designated as a wire center meeting the thresholds set forth in Sections 0.1.7, 0.1.8 or 0.1.9, then, prior to submitting an order for an unbundled a DS1/DS3 Loop, DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport arrangement at a wire center designated by SBC and posted to CLEC Online, CLEC shall perform a reasonably diligent inquiry to determine, to the best of CLEC's knowledge, whether the wire center meets the non-impairment thresholds as set forth in Sections 0.1.7, 0.1.8 or 0.1.9 of this Amendment. If, based on its reasonably diligent inquiry, the CLEC disputes the SBC wire center non-impairment designation, the CLEC will provide a self-certification to SBC identifying the wire center(s) that it is self-certifying for. In performing its inquiry, CLEC shall not be required to consider any lists of Non-Impaired Wire Centers compiled by SBC as creating a presumption that a wire center is not impaired.

CLEC may self-certify by sending written notification to SBC using letter, facsimile or e-mail. In the event that the CLEC issues a self-certification to SBC where SBC has deemed that the non-impairment threshold has been met in a specific wire center for High-Capacity Loops and/or Transport, CLEC can continue to submit and SBC must continue to accept and provision orders for the affected High Capacity Loops and/or Transport provided the CLEC is entitled to order such pursuant to the terms and conditions of the underlying Agreement, for as long as such self-certification remains in effect and valid pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions of Section 4.0. If CLEC makes such a self-certification, and CLEC is otherwise entitled to the ordered element under the Agreement, SBC shall provision the requested facilities in accordance with CLEC's order and within SBC's standard ordering interval applicable to such facilities. If SBC in error rejects CLEC orders, where CLEC has provided self certification in accordance with this Section 4.0, SBC will modify its systems to accept such orders within 5 business hours of CLEC notification to its account manager.

4.1.1 The parties recognize that wire centers that SBC had not designated as meeting the FCC's non-impairment thresholds as of March 11, 2005 may meet those thresholds in the future. In the event that a wire center that was not designated by SBC as meeting one or more of the FCC's non-impairment thresholds as of March 11, 2005 meets one or more of these thresholds at a later date, SBC may add the wire center to the list of designated wire centers and the Parties will use the following process:

4.1.1.1 SBC may update the wire center list as changes occur.

4.1.1.2 To designate a wire center that had previously not met one or more of the FCC's impairment thresholds but subsequently does so, SBC will provide notification to CLEC via Accessible Letter and by a posting on CLEC Online.

4.1.1.3 SBC will continue to accept CLEC orders for newly-designated DS1/DS3 Loops, DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport and/or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport without requiring CLEC self-certification for 30 calendar days after the date the Accessible Letter is issued.

4.1.1.4 In the event the CLEC disagrees with SBC's determination, and desires not to have the applicable established DS1/DS3 Loops, DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport and/or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport transitioned or disconnected as set forth in Section 4.1.1.5 below, CLEC has 60 calendar days from the issuance of the Accessible Letter to provide a self-certification to SBC.

4.1.1.5 If the CLEC does not use the self-certification process described in Section 4.0 to self-certify against SBC's wire center designation within 60 calendar days of the issuance of the Accessible Letter, the parties must comply with the Applicable Transitional Period as follows: transition applicable to DS1/DS3 Loops is within 12 months, transition applicable to DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport is within 12 months, and disconnection applicable to Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport is within 18 months. All such transitional periods apply from the date of the issuance of the Accessible Letter providing the wire center designation of non-impairment. For the Applicable Transitional Period, no additional notification will be required. DS1 Loops will continue to be provisioned for a period of 12 months from the date of the Accessible Letter for existing customers. SBC shall continue to provide access to DS1 Loops to CLEC for applicable established customer service in accordance with and only to the extent permitted by the terms and conditions set forth in this Attachment, ending upon the earlier of:

(a) CLEC's disconnection or other discontinuance of use of DS1/DS3 Loops;
(b) CLEC's transition of DS1/DS3 Loops to an alternative arrangement; or
(c) the applicable transition period.

SBC will not convert or disconnect DS1/DS3 High Capacity Loops, DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport, or Dark Fiber Transport prior to the end of the applicable transitional period

unless specifically requested by CLEC; CLEC is responsible for submitting orders to complete the transition by the end of applicable transition period.

4.1.1.6 If the CLEC does provide self-certification, SBC may dispute CLEC's self-certification as described in Sections 4.1.3 and 4.1.4 and SBC will accept and provision the applicable loop and transport orders for the CLEC providing the self-certification during a dispute resolution process.

4.1.1.7 During the applicable transition period, the rates paid will be the rates in effect at the time of the non-impairment designations plus 15%.

4.1.2 If the ICC has previously determined, in any proceeding, even if CLEC was not a party to that proceeding that a wire center is properly designated as a wire center meeting the thresholds set forth in Sections 0.1.7, 0.1.8 or 0.1.9, then CLEC shall not be entitled to DS1/DS3 Loops, DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport arrangements declassified by the non-impairment status of such wire center. SBC CLEC Online shall be updated to indicate that the wire center was the subject of an ICC determination. If CLEC withdraws its self-certification after a dispute has been filed with the ICC, but before the ICC has made a determination regarding the wire center designation, SBC's wire center designation(s) shall become effective as to CLEC, and CLEC shall not thereafter re-submit the withdrawn self-certification.

4.1.3 The Dispute Resolution process set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement shall not apply to a dispute of a CLEC self-certification. In the state of Illinois, if it desires to do so by filing a complaint at the ICC, SBC may dispute the self-certification and associated CLEC orders for DS1/DS3 Loops, DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport, and Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport pursuant to the following procedures: SBC shall notify the CLEC of its intent to dispute the CLEC's self-certification within 30 days of the CLEC's self-certification or within 30 days of the effective date of this amendment, whichever is later. SBC will file the dispute for resolution with the state Commission within 60 days of the CLEC's self-certification or within 60 days of the effective date of this Attachment, whichever is later. SBC shall include with the filing its direct case testimony and exhibits which may reasonably be supplemented. To the extent this filing contains confidential information, SBC may file that information under seal. SBC shall offer to enter into a protective agreement under which SBC would provide such confidential information to CLEC. SBC shall have no obligation to provide such confidential information to any Party in the absence of an executed protective agreement. SBC will notify CLECs of the filing of such a dispute via Accessible Letter issued within 5 business days following the filing of a dispute. If the self-certification dispute is filed with the state Commission for resolution, the Parties will not oppose requests for intervention by other CLECs if such request is related to the disputed wire center designation(s). The parties agree to urge the ICC to adopt a case schedule resulting in the prompt resolution of the dispute. During the pendency of any dispute resolution proceeding, SBC shall continue to provide the loop or transport facility in question to CLEC at the rates in the Pricing Schedule to the Agreement. If the CLEC withdraws its self-certification, or the state Commission determines through arbitration or otherwise that CLEC was not entitled to the provisioned DS1/DS3 Loops or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport under Section 251, then (with rates paid by CLEC for the affected loop or transport subject to true-up):

(a) When SBC designated relevant wire centers to be non-impaired before March 11, 2005, and a DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport is ordered by CLEC pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act pursuant to a self-certification on or after March 11, 2005, and where the self-certification is reversed before the transition period specified in Section 4.1 has expired, then CLEC shall transition the DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport according to the process in Section 4.1. Rates between the date that the circuit is provisioned and the date the circuit is transitioned shall be the equivalent special access rate or, where no such equivalent exists, the rates established in Section 3.2.1.

(b) When SBC designated relevant wire centers to be non-impaired before March 11, 2005, and a DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport is ordered by CLEC pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act pursuant to a self-certification on or after March 11, 2005, and where the self-certification is reversed after the transition period specified in Section 4.1 has expired then CLEC shall transition the DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport within 90 days of the date on which the CLEC self-certification is reversed. Rates between the date the circuit is provisioned and the date the circuit is actually transitioned shall be the equivalent special access rate or, where no such equivalent exists, the rates established in Section 3.2.1. If the CLEC has not submitted an LSR or ASR, as applicable, to SBC within 90 days of the date on which the CLEC self-certification is reversed, then SBC shall be entitled to convert the loop to an analogous SBC wholesale service of its choice or in the absence of any analogous wholesale service to disconnect the arrangement.

(c) When SBC designated relevant wire centers to be non-impaired before March 11, 2005, and a DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport is ordered by CLEC pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act before March 11, 2005, and where the self-certification is reversed before the transition period specified in Section 4.1 has expired then CLEC shall transition the DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport according to the process in Section 4.1. Rates between the date that SBC issued the Accessible Letter and the date the circuit is transitioned shall be those in Section 3.2.1.

(d) When SBC designated relevant wire centers to be non-impaired before March 11, 2005, and a DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport is ordered by CLEC pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act before March 11, 2005, and where the self-certification is reversed after the transition period specified in Section 4.1 has expired then CLEC shall transition the DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport within 90 days of the date on which the CLEC self-certification is reversed. Rates between the date SBC issued the Accessible Letter and the end of the transition period specified in Section 4.1 shall be those in Section 3.2.1. Rates during the period between the expiration of the transition period in Section 4.1 and date the circuit is actually transitioned shall be the equivalent special access rate or, where no such equivalent exists, the rates established in Section 3.2.1. If the CLEC has not submitted an LSR or ASR, as applicable, to SBC within 90 days of the date on which the CLEC self-certification is reversed, then SBC shall be entitled to convert the loop to an analogous SBC wholesale service of its choice or in the absence of any analogous wholesale service to disconnect the arrangement.

(e) When SBC issues an Accessible Letter designating relevant wire centers to be non-impaired after March 11, 2005, and a DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport is ordered by CLEC pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act pursuant to a self-certification after SBC issued the Accessible Letter, and where the self-certification is reversed before the transition period specified in Section 4.1.1.5 has expired, then CLEC shall transition the DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport according to the process in Section 4.1.1.5. Rates between the date that the circuit is provisioned or the date 30 days following the date SBC issued the Accessible Letter, whichever is later, and the date the circuit is transitioned shall be the equivalent special access rate or, where no such equivalent exists, the rates established in Section 4.1.1.7.

(f) When SBC issues an Accessible Letter designating relevant wire centers to be non-impaired after March 11, 2005, and a DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport is ordered by CLEC pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act pursuant to a self-certification after SBC issued the Accessible Letter, and where the self-certification is reversed after the transition period specified in Section 4.1.1.5 has expired then CLEC shall

transition the DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport within 90 days of the date on which the CLEC self-certification is reversed. Rates between the date the circuit is provisioned or the date 30 days following the date SBC issued the Accessible Letter, whichever is later, and date the circuit is actually transitioned shall be the equivalent special access rate or, where no such equivalent exists, the rates established in Section 4.1.1.7. If the CLEC has not submitted an LSR or ASR, as applicable, to SBC within 90 days of the date on which the CLEC self-certification is reversed, then SBC shall be entitled to convert the loop to an analogous SBC wholesale service of its choice or in the absence of any analogous wholesale service to disconnect the arrangement.

(g) When SBC issues an Accessible Letter designating relevant wire centers to be non-impaired after March 11, 2005, a DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport is ordered pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act before SBC issued the Accessible Letter, and where the self-certification is reversed before the transition period specified in Section 4.1 has expired then CLEC shall transition the DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport according to the process in Section 4.1. Rates during the period between the date that is 30 days following the date that SBC issued the Accessible Letter and the date the circuit is transitioned shall be those in Section 4.1.1.7.

(h) When SBC issues an Accessible Letter designating relevant wire centers to be non-impaired after March 11, 2005, a DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport is ordered pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act before SBC issued the Accessible Letter, and where the self-certification is reversed after the transition period specified in Section 4.1.1.5 has expired then CLEC shall transition the DS1/DS3 Loop or DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport within 90 days of the date on which the CLEC self-certification is reversed. Rates between the date 30 days after the date SBC issued the Accessible Letter and the end of the transition period specified in Section 4.1.1.5 shall be those in Section 4.1.1.7. Rates during the period between the expiration of the transition period in Section 4.1.1.5 and date the circuit is actually transitioned shall be the equivalent special access rate or, where no such equivalent exists, the rates established in Section 4.1.1.7. If the CLEC has not submitted an LSR or ASR, as applicable, to SBC within 90 days of the date on which the CLEC self-certification is reversed, then SBC shall be entitled to convert the loop to an analogous SBC wholesale service of its choice or in the absence of any analogous wholesale service to disconnect the arrangement.

4.1.4 In the event of a dispute following CLEC's self-certification, upon request by the Commission or CLEC, SBC will make available, subject to the appropriate state or federal protective order, and other reasonable safeguards, all documentation and all data upon which SBC intends to rely.

4.1.5 When more than 60 days from the issuance of an SBC designation of a wire center as non-impaired has elapsed, and if there has been no prior ICC determination of non-impairment as to the applicable wire center(s), CLEC can thereafter still self-certify for the purpose of ordering new loop and transport facilities. SBC may dispute CLEC's self-certification as described in Section 4.1.3 through 4.1.4 and SBC will accept and provision the applicable loop and transport orders for the CLEC providing the self certification during a dispute resolution process.

4.2 The provisions of Section 3.2.2, 3.2.2.1, 3.2.2.2 and 3.2.2.3 shall apply to the transition of DS1/DS3 Loops, DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport arrangements impacted by wire center designation(s). Requested transitions of DS1/DS3 Loops, DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport arrangements shall be performed in a manner that reasonably minimizes the disruption or degradation to CLEC's customer's service, and all applicable charges shall apply. Cross-connects provided by SBC in conjunction with such Loops and/or Transport shall be billed at applicable wholesale rates (i.e. if conversion is to an access product, they will be charged at applicable access rates, as of the date of conversion). Cross-connects that are not associated with such transitioned DS1/DS3

High-Capacity Loops, DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport or Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport arrangements shall not be re-priced.

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4.4 A Building that is served by both an impaired wire center and a Non-Impaired Wire Center and that is not located in the serving area of the non-impaired wire center will continue to have Affected Elements available from the impaired wire center and support incremental moves, adds, and changes otherwise permitted by the Agreement, as amended.

4.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, including any amendments to the Agreement, at the end of the Applicable Transitional Period, unless CLEC has submitted a disconnect/discontinuance LSR or ASR, as applicable, under Section 3.2.2 above, and if CLEC and SBC ILLINOIS have failed to reach agreement under Section 3.2.2.3 above as to a substitute service arrangement or element, then SBC may, at its sole option, disconnect Dark Fiber element(s), whether previously provided alone or in combination with or as part of any other arrangement, or convert the subject element(s), whether alone or in combination with or as part of any other arrangement to an analogous resale or access service, if available at rates applicable to such analogous service or arrangement.

4.6 Whenever SBC updates its wire center list pursuant to Section 4.1.1.1 and in the course of that analysis gathers and/or reviews information upon which said updates are based, SBC shall make available to CLEC, on a confidential basis, information advising when it believes a wire center has reached 90% of the number of Business Lines needed for the wire center to be classified as a Tier 1 or a Tier 2 Wire Center. In addition, SBC will specify which wire centers it considers to have 2 Fiber-Based Collocators and 3 Fiber-Based Collocators. This information shall only be used by CLEC for planning its transition off of the UNE loops and transport it purchases from SBC.

5.0 Commingling and Commingled Arrangements.

5.1 SBC shall permit CLEC to Commingle a UNE or a combination of UNEs with facilities or services obtained at wholesale from SBC. For the Commingled Arrangements listed in the Section 5.1, and any Commingled Arrangements voluntarily (i.e., not the result of state commission order) made available by SBC in the future in any of its 13 SBC ILEC states, SBC shall make such Commingled Arrangements available in Illinois. In addition, to the extent SBC is ordered by a state commission in any of the five SBC Midwest states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin) to make additional Commingled Arrangements available, SBC shall also make such Commingled Arrangements available in Illinois, as long as the UNE or combination of UNEs and the facilities or services being obtained at wholesale for that commingled arrangement are available in Illinois. The types of Commingled Arrangements which SBC is required to provide as of the date on which this Amendment is effective will be posted on CLEC Online, and updated when new Commingling Arrangements are made available. The following SBC Commingled Arrangements have been posted to CLEC Online as available and fully tested on an end-to-end basis, i.e., from ordering through provisioning and billing:

i. UNE DS-0 Loop connected to a channelized Special Access DS1 Interoffice Facility, via a special access 1/0 mux

ii. UNE DS1 Loop connected to a channelized Special Access DS3 Interoffice Facility, via a special access 3/1 mux#

iii. UNE DS3 Loop connected to a non-concatenated Special Access Higher Capacity Interoffice Facility (e.g., SONET Service)#

iv. UNE DS1 Dedicated Transport connected to a channelized Special Access DS3 Loop#

v. UNE DS3 Dedicated Transport connected to a non-concatenated Special Access Higher Capacity Loop (i.e., SONET Service)#

vi. Special Access Loop connected to channelized UNE DS1 Dedicated Transport, via a 1/0 UNE mux

vii. Special Access DS1 loop connected to channelized UNE DS3 Dedicated Transport, via a 3/1 UNE mux#

viii. UNE loop to special access multiplexer

ix. UNE DS1 Loop connected to a non-channelized Special Access DS1 Interoffice Facility or UNE DS1 Interoffice Transport connected to a Special Access DS1 Loop#

x. UNE DS3 Loop connected to a non-channelized Special Access DS3 Interoffice Facility or a UNE DS3 Interoffice Transport Facility connected to a DS3 Special Access Loop#

xi. UNE DS3 Dedicated Transport connected to a non-channelized Special Access DS3 Loop#

xii. Special Access DS1 channel termination connected to non-channelized UNE DS1 Dedicated Transport#

xiii. While not a commingling arrangement, SBC will support the connection of high-capacity loops to a special access multiplexer.

# Indicates that FCC's eligibility criteria of 47 C.F.R. § 51.318(b) applies, including the collocation requirement.

5.1.1 To the extent that SBC requires the CLEC to submit orders for the Commingling Arrangements included in 5.1 (i) through (xii) manually, the mechanized service order charge shall be applicable.

5.1.2 For any Commingling Arrangement the CLEC desires that is not included in Section 5.1 of this Attachment, or subsequently established by SBC, CLEC shall request any such desired Commingling Arrangement and SBC shall respond pursuant to the Bona Fide Request Process (BFR) as outlined in the underlying Agreement. Through the BFR process, once the Parties agree that the development will be undertaken to make a new Commingling Arrangement available, SBC will work with the CLEC to process orders for new Commingling Arrangements on a manual basis pending the completion of systems development.

5.2 Upon request and to the extent provided by Applicable Law and the provisions of the Amended Agreement, SBC shall permit CLEC to connect a Section 251 UNE or a combination of Section 251 UNEs with facilities or services obtained at wholesale from SBC (including access services) and/or with compatible network components or services provided by CLEC or third parties, including, without limitation, those Commingled Arrangements consistent with Section 5.0 of this Attachment.

5.3 For example, without limitation of this provision, SBC will, upon request, connect loops leased or owned by CLEC to a third-party's collocation arrangement upon being presented with documentation that the CLEC has authorization from the third party to connect loops. In addition, SBC will, upon request, connect an EEL leased by CLEC to a third-party's collocation upon presentation of documentation of authorization. In addition, SBC will, upon request and documentation of authorization, connect third-party loops and EELs to CLEC collocation sites. An EEL provided hereunder may terminate to a third party's collocation arrangement that meets the requirements of Section 6.3.4 upon presentation of documentation of authorization by that third party. Subject to the other provisions hereof, Section 251 UNE loops may be accessed via cross-connection to a third party's Section 251(c)(6) collocation arrangement upon presentation of documentation of authorization by that third party.

5.4 Upon request, and to the extent required by Applicable Law and the applicable provisions of this Attachment, SBC shall perform the functions necessary to Commingle a Section 251 UNE or a combination of Section 251 UNEs with one or more facilities or services that CLEC has obtained at wholesale from SBC (as well as requests where CLEC also wants SBC to complete the actual Commingling), except that SBC shall have no obligation to perform the functions necessary to Commingle (or to complete the actual Commingling) if (i) it is not technically feasible, including that network reliability and security would be impaired; (ii) SBC's ability to retain responsibility for the management, control and performance of its network would be impaired, or (iii) it would undermine the ability of other telecommunications carriers to obtain access to UNEs or to interconnect with SBC's network. If SBC denies a Commingling request on the basis of any of these conditions, and SBC's denial is challenged, SBC shall have the burden of proving its denial was appropriate. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and this Attachment, CLEC may connect, combine, or otherwise attach UNEs and combinations of UNEs to wholesale services obtained from SBC, and SBC shall not deny access to

Section 251 UNEs and combinations of Section 251 UNEs on the grounds that such facilities or services are somehow connected, combined or otherwise attached to wholesale services obtained from SBC.

5.5 SBC shall only charge CLEC the recurring and non-recurring charges in commingling service order processes where physical work is required to create the commingled arrangement as set forth in the Pricing Schedule attached to this Agreement applicable to the Section 251 UNE(s), facilities or services that CLEC has obtained at wholesale from SBC. Where there is no physical work and a record order type is necessary to create the commingled arrangement, only such record order charge shall apply. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement or any SBC tariff, the recurring and non-recurring charges applicable to each portion of a Commingled facility or service shall not exceed the rate for the portion if it were purchased separately unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties pursuant to the BFR process.

5.6 When CLEC purchases Commingled Arrangements from SBC, SBC shall charge CLEC element-by-element and service-by-service rates. SBC shall not be required to, and shall not, provide "ratcheting" as a result of Commingling or a Commingled Arrangement, as that term is used in the FCC's Triennial Review Order. As a general matter, "Ratcheting" is a pricing mechanism that involves billing a single circuit at multiple rates to develop a single, blended rate.

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5.8 SBC agrees that CLEC may request to Commingle the following elements to the extent that SBC is required to provide them pursuant to Section 271 of the Act ("271 Elements"), including but not limited to: (i) Local Loop transmission from the central office to the End Users' premises (unbundled from local switching or other services), and (ii) Local transport from the trunk side of a wireline Local Exchange Carrier switch (unbundled from switching or other services). SBC shall provide CLEC with access to these 271 Elements and 13-801 Network Elements in accordance with Section 13.0 or 14.0 of this Attachment, as applicable.

5.9 Unless expressly prohibited by the terms of this Attachment, SBC shall permit CLEC to connect an unbundled Network Element or a Combination of unbundled Network Elements with wholesale (i) services obtained from SBC, (ii) services obtained from third parties or (iii) facilities provided by CLEC. For purposes of example only, CLEC may Commingle unbundled Network Elements or Combinations of unbundled Network Elements with other services and facilities including, but not limited to, switched and special access services, or services purchased under resale arrangements with SBC.

5.10 With respect to a Commingled Arrangement, CLEC will be responsible for all Channel Facility Assignment ("CFA") and/or Assigned Point of Termination ("APOT"), The CFA/APOT are the assignments CLEC provides to SBC from CLEC's collocation arrangement.

6.0 EELs.

6.1 SBC agrees to make available to CLEC Enhanced Extended Links ("EELs") on the terms and conditions set forth below. SBC shall not impose any additional conditions or limitations upon obtaining access to EELs or to any other UNE combinations other than those set out in this Agreement. Except as provided below in this Section 6.0 and subject to this Section 6.1, SBC shall provide access to Section 251 UNEs and combinations of Section 251 UNEs without regard to whether CLEC seeks access to the UNEs to establish a new circuit or to convert an existing circuit from a service to UNEs provided the rates, terms and conditions under which such Section 251 UNEs are to be provided are included within the CLEC's underlying Agreement.

6.2 An EEL that consists of a combination of voice grade to DS-0 level UNE local loops combined with a UNE DS1 or DS3 Dedicated Transport (a "Low-Capacity EEL") shall not be required to satisfy the Eligibility Criteria set out in this Sections 6.2 and 6.3. If an EEL is made up of a combination that includes one or more of the following described combinations (the "High-Cap EELs"), each circuit to be provided to each customer is required to terminate in a collocation arrangement that meets the requirements of Section 6.3.4 below (e.g., the end of the UNE Dedicated Transport that is opposite the end connected to the UNE

loop must be accessed by CLEC at such a collocation arrangement via a cross-connect unless the EEL is Commingled with a wholesale service in which case the wholesale service must terminate at the collocation). A High-Cap EEL is either:

(A) an unbundled DS1 Loop in combination, or Commingled, with a dedicated DS1 transport or dedicated DS3 or higher transport facility or service, or to an unbundled DS3 Loop in combination, or Commingled, with a dedicated DS3 or higher transport facility or service; or

(B) an unbundled dedicated DS1 transport facility in combination, or Commingled, with an unbundled DS1 Loop or a DS1 channel termination service, or to an unbundled dedicated DS3 transport facility in combination, or Commingled, with an unbundled DS1 Loop or a DS1 channel termination service, or to an unbundled DS3 Loop or a DS3 or higher channel termination service.

6.3 SBC shall make Low Capacity EELs available to CLEC without restriction, except as otherwise provided in the Agreement or this Attachment. SBC shall provide access to the High-Cap EELS (Sections 6.2(A) and 6.2(B)) only when CLEC satisfies the following service Eligibility Criteria:

6.3.1. CLEC (directly and not via an affiliate) has received state certification (or equivalent regulatory approval, as applicable) from the Commission to provide local voice service in the area being served. By issuing an order for an EEL, CLEC certifies that it has the necessary processes and procedures in place to certify that it will meet the EELs Eligibility Criteria for each such order it submits. SBC hereby acknowledges that CLEC has received sufficient state certifications to satisfy these criteria.

6.3.1.1 At CLEC's option, CLEC may also or alternatively provide self certification via email or letter to SBC. Provided that SBC has received such self certification from CLEC, SBC shall not deny CLEC access to High-Capacity EELs. Anything to the contrary in this Section notwithstanding, CLEC shall not be required to provide certification to obtain access to Low Capacity EELs, other Combinations or individual unbundled Network Elements.

6.3.1.1.1 This alternative method of certification-by-order applies only to certifications of Eligibility Criteria set forth in this Section 6, and not to self-certifications relative to routes, Buildings and wire centers.

6.3.2 The following Eligibility Criteria must be satisfied for each High-Cap EEL, including without limitation each DS1 circuit, each DS3 circuit, each DS1 EEL and each DS1 equivalent circuit on a DS3 EEL in accordance with Rule 51.318(b)(2):

(i) Each circuit to be provided to each customer will be assigned a local number prior to the provision of service over that circuit. Each DS1circuit to be provided to each end user customer will have at least one DS-0 assigned a local telephone number (NPA-NXX-XXXX).

(ii) Each DS1-equivalent circuit on a DS3 EEL must have its own local telephone number assignment, so that each DS3 must have at least 28 local voice telephone numbers assigned to it;

(iii) Each DS1 equivalent circuit to be provided to each customer will have designed 911 or E911 capability prior to the provision of service over that circuit.

(iv) Each DS1 circuit to be provided to each customer will terminate in a collocation arrangement meeting the requirements of Section 6.3.4 of this Attachment;

(v) Each DS1 circuit to be provided to each end user customer will be served by an interconnection trunk that meets the requirements of Section 6.3.5 of this Attachment;

(vi) For each 24 DS1 EELs or other facilities having equivalent capacity, CLEC will have at least one active DS1 local service interconnection trunk that meets the requirements of Section 6.3.5 of this Attachment; and

(vii) Each DS1 circuit to be provided to each customer will be served by a switch capable of switching local voice traffic.

6.3.3 The Eligibility Criteria set forth in this Section 6.3 shall apply to any arrangement that includes more than one of the UNEs, facilities, or services set forth in Section 6.2, including, without limitation, to any arrangement where one or more UNEs, facilities, or services not set forth in Section 6.2 is also included or otherwise used in that arrangement (whether as part of a UNE combination, Commingled Arrangement, or a Special Access to UNE Conversion), and irrespective of the placement or sequence of them.

6.3.4 Pursuant to the collocation terms and conditions in the underlying Agreement, a collocation arrangement meets the requirements of this Section 6.0 if it is:

(A) Established pursuant to Section 251(c)(6) of the Act and located at SBC's premises within the same LATA as the customer's premises, when SBC is not the collocator; or

(B) Established pursuant to any collocation type defined in any SBC Tariff to the extent applicable, or any applicable CLEC interconnection agreement.

(C) Located at a third party's premises within the same LATA as the customer's premises, when the incumbent LEC is the collocator.

6.3.5 Pursuant to the network interconnection terms and conditions in the underlying Agreement, an interconnection trunk meets the requirements of Sections 6.3.2(v) and (vii) of this Attachment if CLEC will transmit the calling party's Local Telephone Number in connection with calls exchanged over the trunk.

6.3.6 Before (1) converting a High-Cap wholesale service to a High-Cap EEL, (2) ordering a new High-Cap EEL Arrangement, or (3) ordering a High-Cap EEL that is comprised of Commingled wholesale services and UNEs, CLEC must certify to all of the Eligibility Criteria set out in Section 6.3 for each circuit. To the extent the Eligibility Criteria for High Cap EELs apply, CLEC shall be permitted to self-certify its compliance with the Eligibility Criteria by providing SBC notification pursuant to Sections 6.3.1 and/or 6.3.1.1. Upon CLEC's self-certification of compliance, in accordance with this Attachment, SBC shall provide the requested EEL in accordance with this Attachment, and shall not exercise self help to deny the provisioning of the requested EEL; provided, however, that CLEC shall promptly share records of its compliance with the qualifying service criteria discussed herein upon request from SBC.

6.3.7 SBC may audit CLEC's compliance with the Eligibility Criteria by obtaining and paying for an independent auditor to audit, on no more frequently than an annual basis, CLEC's compliance in Illinois with the conditions set out in Section 6. Such an audit will be initiated only to the extent reasonably necessary to determine CLEC's compliance with the Eligibility Criteria. For purposes of calculating and applying an "annual basis", "annual basis" shall mean a consecutive 12-month period, beginning upon SBC's written notice that an audit will be performed for Illinois.

6.3.7.1 To invoke its limited right to audit, SBC will send a Notice of Audit to CLEC, identifying examples of particular High-Cap EELS for which SBC alleges non-compliance and the cause upon which SBC rests its audit. The Notice of Audit shall state the proposed scope of the audit and include all supporting documentation upon which SBC establishes the cause that forms the basis of its belief that CLEC is non-compliant. Such Notice of Audit will be delivered to CLEC with supporting documentation no less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date upon which SBC seek to commence an audit. The Notice of Audit shall identify the proposed independent auditor. Such auditor may not be substantially dependent upon either Party for work.

6.3.7.2 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties (including at the time of the audit), the independent auditor shall perform its evaluation in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants, which will require the auditor to perform an "examination engagement" and issue an opinion that includes the auditor's determination regarding CLEC's compliance with the Eligibility Criteria. The independent auditor's report will conclude whether CLEC complied in all material respects with the Eligibility Criteria.

6.3.7.3 Consistent with standard auditing practices, such audits require compliance testing designed by the independent auditor, which typically include an examination of a sample selected in accordance with the independent auditor's judgment.

6.3.7.4 SBC shall provide CLEC with a copy of the independent auditor's report within 2 business days from the date of receipt. The independent auditor's report shall state the scope of the audit that was performed. If CLEC disagrees as to the findings or conclusions of the auditor's report, CLEC may bring a dispute directly to the ICC. Prior to bringing a dispute to the ICC under this section, however, CLEC shall provide notice of the dispute to SBC so that the Parties can discuss possible resolution of the dispute. Such dispute resolution discussions shall be completed within fourteen (14) days of the date the auditor's report was provided to CLEC and CLEC may not initiate a dispute resolution proceeding at the ICC until after expiration of this fourteen (14) day period. The Dispute Resolution process set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement shall not apply to a dispute of the findings or conclusions of the auditor's report. If the auditor's report concludes that CLEC failed to comply with the Eligibility Criteria for a High-Cap EEL, CLEC must true-up any difference in payments paid to SBC and the rates and charges CLEC would have owed SBC beginning from the date that the non-compliance of the High-Cap EEL with the Eligibility Criteria, in whole or in part, began. CLEC shall submit orders to SBC to either convert all noncompliant High-Cap EELs to the equivalent or substantially similar wholesale service or disconnect non-compliant High-Cap EELs. Conversion and/or disconnect orders shall be submitted within 30 days of the date on which CLEC receives a copy of the auditor's report and CLEC shall begin paying the trued-up and correct rates and charges for each converted High-Cap EEL beginning with the next billing cycle following SBC's acceptance of such order, unless CLEC disputes the auditor's finding and initiates a proceeding at the ICC for resolution of the dispute, in which case no changes shall be made until the ICC rules on the dispute. However CLEC shall pay the disputed amount into an escrow account governed by an appropriate joint escrow arrangement, pending resolution. With respect to any noncompliant High-Cap EEL for which CLEC fails to submit a conversion or disconnect order or dispute the auditor's finding to the ICC within such 30-day time period, SBC may initiate and effect such a conversion on its own without any further consent by CLEC. If converted, CLEC must convert the non-compliant High-Cap EEL to an equivalent or substantially similar wholesale service, or group of wholesale services. Reasonable steps will be taken to avoid disruption to CLEC's customer's service or degradation in service quality in the case of conversion. Following conversion, CLEC shall make the correct payments on a going-forward basis. In no event shall rates set under Section 252(d)(1) apply for the use of any High-Cap EEL for any period in which High-Cap EEL does not meet the Eligibility Criteria for that High-Cap EEL. Furthermore, if CLEC disputes the auditor's finding and initiates a proceeding at the ICC and if the ICC upholds the auditor's finding, any disputed amounts held in escrow shall be paid to SBC and SBC shall retain any disputed amounts already paid by CLEC.

6.3.7.5 If the auditor's report concludes that CLEC failed to comply with the Eligibility Criteria for any High-Cap EELs, CLEC will reimburse SBC for a fraction of the cost of the independent auditor equal to the number of High-Cap EELs that the auditor's report finds to be non-compliant divided by the total number of all High-Cap EELs leased by CLEC that were the subject of the audit. All costs of the independent auditor for which SBC seeks reimbursement shall be commercially reasonable. The CLEC reimbursement in this Section 6.3.7.5 is only applicable where there is an auditor finding of noncompliance and no Party challenges this finding with the ICC, or if there is an auditor finding of noncompliance followed by a Party filing a challenge to this finding with the ICC followed by the ICC affirming the auditor finding of noncompliance.

6.3.7.6 To the extent the auditor's report concludes that CLEC complied with the Eligibility Criteria for all High-Cap EELS that were audited, SBC must reimburse CLEC for all of its reasonable costs associated with the audit.

6.3.7.7 CLEC will maintain the appropriate documentation to support its self certifications of compliance with the Eligibility Criteria pursuant to the document retention terms and conditions of the underlying Agreement. To the extent the underlying Agreement does not include document retention terms and conditions, CLEC will maintain the appropriate documentation to support its self certifications for as long as the Agreement is operative, plus a period of two years.

6.3.7.8 SBC can seek an audit for any particular High-Cap EEL for 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, provided that the High-Cap EEL was within the scope of such prior audit as stated in the independent auditor's report. and (ii) the twenty-four (24) month period immediately preceding the date notice of such requested audit is provided to CLEC, but in any event not prior to the date the circuit was established.

6.3.7.9 In the event the underlying Agreement does not contain a backbilling statute of limitations, backbilling pursuant to Section 6.0 is limited to two years prior to the date of the Notice of Audit.

6.4 Provisioning for EELs

6.4.1 With respect to an EEL, CLEC will be responsible for all Channel Facility Assignment ("CFA") and/or Assigned Point of Termination ("APOT"). The CFA/APOT are the assignments CLEC provides to SBC from CLEC's collocation arrangement.

6.4.2 SBC will perform all maintenance functions on EELs during a mutually agreeable timeframe to test and make adjustments appropriate for maintaining the UNEs in satisfactory operating condition. No credit will be allowed for normal service disruptions involved during such testing and adjustments. Standard credit practices will apply to any service disruptions not directly associated with the testing and adjustment process.

6.4.3 EELs may utilize multiplexing capabilities. The High Cap EEL may be obtained by CLEC if available and if CLEC meets all Eligibility Criteria set forth in this Section 6.0.

6.5 Other than the Eligibility Criteria set forth in this Section, SBC shall not impose limitations, restrictions, or requirements on requests for the use of UNEs for the service CLEC seeks to offer.

7.0 Availability of HFPL for Purposes of Line Sharing.

7.1 SBC shall make available to CLEC (or its proper successor or assign pursuant to the terms of the Agreement) line sharing over the High Frequency Portion of the Loop ("HFPL") in accordance with the TRO and associated Rules 51.319(a)(1)(i)-(iv) and (b)(1).

7.2 Grandfathered and New End-Users: SBC will continue to provide access to the HFPL, where: (i) prior to October 2, 2003, CLEC began providing DSL service to a particular end-user customer and has not ceased providing DSL service to that customer ("Grandfathered End-Users"); and/or (ii) CLEC began providing xDSL service to a particular end-user customer between October 2, 2003, and December 3, 2004 ("New End-Users"). Such access to the HFPL shall be provided at the same monthly recurring rate that SBC charged prior to October 2, 2003 as set forth in the Pricing Schedule of the Agreement, and shall continue for Grandfathered End-Users until CLEC's xDSL-base service to the end-user customer is disconnected for whatever reason, and as to New End-Users the earlier of: (1) CLEC's xDSL-base of service to the customer is disconnected for whatever reason; or (2) October 2, 2006. Beginning October 2, 2006, SBC shall have no obligation to continue to provide the HFPL for CLEC to provide xDSL-based service to any New End-Users that CLEC began providing xDSL-based service to over the HFPL on or after October 2, 2003 and before December 3, 2004. Rather, effective October 2, 2006, CLEC must provide xDSL-based service to any such new end-user customer(s) via a line splitting arrangement, over

a stand-alone xDSL Loop purchased from SBC, or through an alternate arrangement, if any, that the Parties may negotiate. Any references to the HFPL being made available as an unbundled network element or "UNE" are hereby deleted from the underlying Agreement.

8.0 Routine Network Modifications.

8.1 Routine Network Modifications – UNE Local Loops

8.1.1 SBC shall make all routine network modifications to UNE Local Loop facilities used by CLEC where the requested UNE Local Loop facility has already been constructed. SBC shall perform all routine network modifications to UNE Local Loop facilities in a nondiscriminatory fashion, without regard to whether the UNE Local Loop facility being accessed was constructed on behalf, or in accordance with the specifications, of any carrier.

8.1.2 A routine network modification is an activity that SBC regularly undertakes for its own customers. Routine network modifications include, but are not limited to, rearranging or splicing of cable; adding an equipment case; adding a doubler or repeater; adding a smart jack; installing a repeater shelf; adding a line card; deploying a new multiplexer or reconfiguring an existing multiplexer; and attaching electronic and other equipment that the ILEC ordinarily attaches to activate such loops for its own customers. Routine network modifications may entail activities such as accessing manholes, splicing into existing cable, deploying bucket trucks to reach aerial cable, and installing equipment casings.

8.1.3 Routine network modifications do not include the construction of an altogether new loop; installing new aerial or buried cable; securing permits or rights-of-way; or constructing and/or placing new manholes or conduits or installing new terminals. SBC is not obligated to perform such activities for CLEC.

8.1.4 Intentionally omitted.

8.1.5 SBC shall provide routine network modifications at the rates, terms and conditions set out in this Attachment, and in the state specific Pricing Schedule. SBC shall impose charges for routine network modifications in instances where such charges are not included in any costs already recovered through existing, applicable recurring and non-recurring charges. SBC shall expressly certify that no costs recovered by routine network modification charges are recovered by any other rate or charge. The resulting ICB rates shall continue to apply to such routine network modifications unless and until the Parties negotiate specific rates based upon actual time and materials costs for such routine network modifications or specific rates are otherwise established for such routine network modifications through applicable state commission proceedings. In the event the ICC establishes or approves a rate for a routine network modification other than adding a doubler or repeaters, installing an equipment shelf and any other necessary work and parts associated with a repeater shelf to the extent such equipment is not present on the loop or transport facility when ordered, or splicing of dark fiber, any difference between that rate and the ICB rate actually charged by SBC Illinois for such routine network modification within the two (2) years prior to the date the ICC establishes or approves a rate shall be subject to true up, unless the Parties agree to a different period for such true-up or the ICC's order establishing or approving the rate establishes, based on clear and convincing evidence presented by the Party advocating a different true-up period, that a different true-up period should apply. The Parties acknowledge that they have agreed to the 2 year true-up period set forth above in the interests of certainty and to minimize disputes.

8.2 Routine Network Modifications –UNE Dedicated Transport and Dark Fiber

8.2.1 SBC shall make all routine network modifications to UNE Dedicated Transport including Dark Fiber facilities used by CLEC where the requested UNE Dedicated Transport including Dark Fiber facilities have already been constructed. SBC shall perform all routine network modifications to UNE Dedicated Transport including Dark Fiber facilities in a nondiscriminatory fashion, without

regard to whether the UNE Dedicated Transport including Dark Fiber facility being accessed was constructed on behalf, or in accordance with the specifications, of any carrier.

8.2.2 A routine network modification is an activity that SBC regularly undertakes for its own customers. Routine network modifications include, but are not limited to, rearranging or splicing of cable, adding an equipment case, adding a doubler or repeater, adding a smart jack, installing a repeater shelf, adding a line card and deploying a new multiplexer or reconfiguring an existing multiplexer. Routine network modifications may entail activities such as accessing manholes, deploying bucket trucks to reach aerial cable and installing equipment casings.

8.2.3 Routine network modifications do not include the construction of new UNE Dedicated Transport including Dark Fiber; installing new aerial or buried cable; securing permits or rights-of-way; constructing and/or placing new manholes or conduits or installing new terminals. SBC is not obligated to perform the above stated activities for CLEC. However, when CLEC purchases Dark Fiber, SBC shall not be obligated to provide the optronics for the purpose of lighting the Dark Fiber.

9.0 Batch Hot Cut Process: The "Batch Hot Cut Process Offerings" are new hot cut processes developed after multi-state collaboration between SBC and interested CLECs. The Batch Hot Cut Process Offerings are available to CLECs in addition to any hot cut processes available pursuant to CLEC's underlying interconnection agreement. The Batch Hot Cut Process Offerings are designed to provide additional hot cut options for conversions of voice service provisioned by SBC as retail, resale, UNE-P or Local Wholesale Complete™ (including instances where such arrangement is provided through a commercial arrangement) to non-SBC-provided switching. Detailed information and documentation regarding each of the Batch Hot Cut Process Offerings (including order guidelines, supported ordering scenarios, volume limitations (where applicable), and available due date intervals/cut times) is contained on SBC's CLEC Online website (or successor website). Any future enhancements or modifications to SBC's Batch Hot Cut Process Offerings will be made in accordance with SBC's Change Management Process. SBC will ensure that its Batch Hot Cut Process Offerings comply with all applicable ICC batch cut rulings. Any changes to the volumes, provisioning, intervals or prices of SBC's Batch Hot Cut Process Offerings shall be incorporated into the Agreement by amendment, based on negotiations between SBC and CLEC, or, if necessary, in accordance with Section 252. Any disputes between SBC and CLEC relating to SBC's Batch Hot Cut Process Offerings shall be handled in accordance with the dispute resolution processes in the Agreement.

9.1 General:

9.1.1 Enhanced Daily Process: The "Enhanced Daily Process" option is designed to support hot cuts associated with new customer acquisitions. SBC places no limitations on the number of Enhanced Daily Process orders CLEC may place per day.

9.1.2 Defined Batch Hot Cut Process – The "Defined Batch Hot Cut Process" is designed to support hot cuts associated with the conversion of CLEC's embedded base customers from service provisioned using SBC -provided switching to service provisioned using CLEC-provided switching. CLEC may request up to one hundred hot cuts per day per central office using the Defined Batch Hot Cut Process. The maximum number of Defined Batch Hot Cut Process requests that SBC must accept for a single day in a single central office for all CLECs combined is two hundred lines.

9.1.3 Bulk Project Offering – The "Bulk Project Offering" is designed to support large volumes of hot cuts associated with the conversion of CLEC's embedded base customers from service provisioned using SBC -provided switching to service provisioned using CLEC -provided switching.

9.1.4 The Coordinated Hot Cut ("CHC") and Frame Due Time ("FDT") options for the Enhanced Daily Process, the Defined Batch Process, and the Bulk Project offering (collectively, the "Batch Hot Cut Offerings") are specific to these processes and may differ from CHC and FDT options offered for other hot cut offerings. The CHC option for the Batch Hot Cut Offerings allows a CLEC to request that SBC reserve central office and local operation personnel to coordinate with the CLEC during a given time frame to migrate the end user with a minimum of downtime. The FDT option for the

Batch Hot Cut Offerings allows CLEC to request that SBC perform the hot cut anytime within a given time frame (typically an hour) on the loop due date.

9.1.5 If the CLEC is acting as a wholesale switching provider to the end user's retail voice provider, the CLEC will submit Batch Hot Cut Process orders using the CLEC's OCN and the end user's retail voice provider will not issue orders to SBC. SBC will accept the Batch Hot Cut order from the CLEC acting as a wholesale switching provider and perform the batch hot cuts that cross-connect the unbundled loops to the wholesale CLEC's collocation. If CLEC requests Batch Hot Cuts while acting as a wholesale switching provider, SBC will assess the applicable charges for the Batch Hot Cut to CLEC, not to the retail voice provider. When CLEC is acting as a wholesale switching provider, it may include requests for batch hot cuts for lines currently served by one or more retail CLECs, as well as lines from its own embedded base, within the same batch.

9.2 Pricing for Batch Hot Cut Process Offerings

9.2.1 The per line rates applicable for each available Batch Hot Cut Process Offering option are set forth on the attached Batch Hot Cut Process Offerings Pricing Schedule, which is incorporated herein by this reference. The rates contained in the Batch Hot Cut Process Offering Pricing Schedule only apply to Batch Hot Cut Process Offering hot cut requests. To the extent that the rate application and/or rate structure for the Batch Hot Cut Process Offerings conflicts with provisions contained in CLEC's underlying interconnection agreement, the rate structure and/or rate application contained in the Batch Hot Cut Process Offering Pricing Schedule prevails for Batch Hot Cut Process Offering requests only. This amendment does not modify the rate structure or rates applicable for any hot cuts requested using other hot cut processes supported by CLEC's underlying interconnection Agreement.

10.0 Conversions

10.1 Conversion of Wholesale Services to UNEs

10.1.1 Upon request, SBC shall convert a wholesale service, or group of wholesale services, to the equivalent UNE, or combination of UNEs, that is available to CLEC under terms and conditions set forth in this Attachment, so long as the CLEC and the wholesale service, or group of wholesale services, and the UNEs, or combination of UNEs, that would result from the conversion meet the Eligibility Criteria that may be applicable. (By way of example only, the statutory conditions would constitute one such eligibility criterion.)

10.1.2 Where processes for the conversion requested pursuant to this Attachment are not already in place, SBC will develop and implement processes, subject to any associated rates, terms and conditions. The Parties will comply with any applicable Change Management guidelines. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Parties, such conversion shall be completed in a manner so that the correct charge is reflected on the next billing cycle after CLEC's request. SBC agrees that CLEC may request the conversion of such special access circuits on a "project" basis. For other types of conversions, until such time as the Parties have agreed upon processes for such conversions, SBC agrees to process CLEC's conversion requests on a case-by-case basis and without delay.

10.1.2.1 For UNE conversion orders for which SBC has either a) not developed a process or b) developed a process that falls out for manual handling, SBC will charge CLEC the Electronic Service Order (Flow Thru) Record charge for processing CLEC's orders until such process has been developed and CLEC agrees to immediately use the electronic process. Then SBC may charge service order charges and/or record change charges, as applicable.

10.1.2.2 Except as agreed to by the Parties or otherwise provided hereunder, SBC shall not impose any untariffed termination charges, or any disconnection fees, re-connection fees, or charges associated with converting an existing wholesale service or group of wholesale

services to UNEs or combinations of UNEs. SBC may charge applicable service order charges or record change charges.

10.1.3 SBC will complete CLEC conversion orders in accordance with the OSS guidelines in place in support of the conversion that the CLEC is requesting with any disruption to the end user's service reduced to a minimum or, where technically feasible given current systems and processes, no disruption should occur. Where disruption is unavoidable due to technical considerations, SBC shall accomplish such conversions in a manner to minimize any disruption detectable to the end user. Where necessary or appropriate, SBC and CLEC shall coordinate such conversions

10.1.3.1 When converting from a wholesale service to a UNE or combination of UNEs, the applicable non-recurring charges, if any, as governed by this Agreement and/or Tariff from which the UNE or UNE combination being converted to is ordered, shall apply.

10.1.4 SBC shall perform any conversion from a wholesale service or group of wholesale services to a unbundled Network Element or Combination of unbundled Network Elements in such a way so that no service interruption as a result of the conversion will be discernable to the end user customers.

10.1.5 Except as provided in 10.1.2, in requesting a conversion of an SBC service, CLEC must follow the standard guidelines and ordering requirements that are applicable to converting the particular SBC service sought to be converted.

11.0 FTTH Loops, FTTC Loops, Hybrid Loops and Retirement of Copper Loops.

11.1 The following terms shall apply to FTTH and FTTC Loops.

11.1.1 New Builds. SBC shall not be required to provide nondiscriminatory access to a FTTH or FTTC Loop on an unbundled basis where SBC has deployed such a Loop to premises that previously were not served by any SBC Loop.

11.1.2 Overbuilds. SBC shall not be required to provide nondiscriminatory access to a FTTH or FTTC Loop on an unbundled basis when SBC has deployed such a Loop parallel to, or in replacement of, an existing copper Loop facility, except that:

(a) SBC shall maintain the existing copper Loop connected to the particular customer premises after deploying the FTTH/FTTC Loop and provide nondiscriminatory access to that copper Loop on an unbundled basis unless SBC retires the copper Loop pursuant to the terms of Section 11.1.3.

(b) If SBC maintains the existing copper Loop pursuant to this Section 11.1.2, SBC need not incur any expenses to ensure that the existing copper loop remains capable of transmitting signals. Prior to receiving a request for access by CLEC, upon receipt of a request for access pursuant to this section, SBC shall restore the copper loop to serviceable condition and will maintain the copper loop when such loop is being purchased by CLEC on an unbundled basis under the provisions of this Attachment.

(c) For each copper loop retired pursuant to Section 11.1.3 below, SBC shall offer to provide nondiscriminatory access to a 64 kilobits per second transmission paths capable of voice grade service over the FTTH/FTTC Loop on an unbundled basis on the same rates and terms applicable under the Agreement to a DS-0 Local Loop to the same premises were such a loop available. CLEC is entitled to request any number of 64kbps paths up to the number of copper loops or subloops previously serving the customer premises that were retired.

11.1.3 Prior to retiring any copper loop or copper subloop that has been replaced with a FTTH/FTTC Loop, SBC must comply with the network disclosure requirements set forth in Section 251(c)(5) of the Act and in Rules 51.325 through 51.335 and any applicable state requirements. If a CLEC is leasing a copper loop when SBC submits its notice pursuant to the foregoing sentence, SBC shall also provide CLEC with a copy of such short term notice via an accessible letter. In addition, SBC may not retire a copper loop currently leased by a CLEC unless SBC performs, upon CLEC request, a line station transfer ("LST") where an alternative copper or non-packetized hybrid (TDM)

loop is available. In order to request an LST, CLEC must have the rates, terms and conditions for an LST in the underlying Agreement. CLEC will be billed and shall pay for such an LST at the rates set forth in the Pricing Schedule. If no such rates, terms and conditions exist in the underlying Agreement, CLEC can request an LST pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions in SBC's Generic Interconnection Agreement.

11.1.4 SBC shall not engineer the transmission capabilities of its network in a manner, or engage in any policy, practice, or procedure, that disrupts or degrades CLEC's access to, or ability to tap the full capabilities of, a local loop or subloop. As such, SBC's modification of loop plant (e.g., removing copper feeder facilities and stranding CLEC's access to distribution subloop) shall not limit or restrict CLEC's ability to access all of the loop features, functions and capabilities, including DSL capabilities, nor increase the price of any loop used by, or to be used by, CLEC. Furthermore, SBC will comply with Rules 51.325 through 51.335, and any applicable state requirements.

11.2 Hybrid Loops Generally

11.2.1 Broadband Services. When CLEC seeks access to a Hybrid Loop for the provision of broadband services SBC shall provide CLEC with nondiscriminatory access to the TDM features, functions, and capabilities of that Hybrid Loop, including DS1 or DS3 capacity (subject to CLEC's self-certification in accordance with Section 4 of this Attachment), regardless of the type of DLC systems (e.g., NGDLC, UDLC, IDLC) on an unbundled basis, to establish a complete transmission path between the SBC central office and an end user customer premise. This access shall include access to all features, functions, and capabilities of the Hybrid Loop to the extent that such are not used to transmit packetized information. In instances where both TDM and packetized functionality exist on the Hybrid Loop, SBC is required to only make the TDM functionality available on an unbundled basis. The unbundling obligation associated with DS-1 loops is not limited by the rules adopted in the TRO for hybrid loops.

11.2.2 Narrowband Services. When CLEC seeks access to a Hybrid Loop for the provision to its customer of narrowband services, SBC shall either (a) provide nondiscriminatory access to a spare home-run copper Loop serving that customer on an unbundled basis, or (b) provide nondiscriminatory access, on an unbundled basis, to an entire Hybrid Loop capable of voice-grade service (i.e., equivalent to DS-0 capacity), using time division multiplexing technology at a rate no higher than the DS-0 loop rate in the Pricing Schedule.

11.2.3 Rates. The non-recurring and recurring rates for Hybrid Loops provided pursuant to Sections 11.2.1 and 11.2.2 shall be no higher than for a copper or fiber loop of comparable capacity as set forth in the Pricing Schedule.

11.2.4 IDLC Hybrid Loops. Where a CLEC requests an unbundled loop to a premises to which SBC has deployed an IDLC Hybrid Loop, SBC can only charge the CLEC the least cost technically feasible method of unbundled access. SBC may not impose special construction or other non-standard charges (which does not include routine network modification charges permitted under Section 8.1.5 of this Attachment) to provision unbundled loops where it has deployed IDLC except as provided under this Agreement.

11.2.5 Feeder. SBC shall not be required to provide access to the feeder portion of a Loop on an unbundled, standalone basis.

12.0 Use of Section 251 Unbundled Network Elements.

12.1 Except as provided in Section 6.0 of this Attachment, SBC shall not impose limitations, restrictions, or requirements on requests for, or the use of, unbundled network elements provided under Section 251 for the service CLEC seeks to offer.

12.2 CLEC may not access an unbundled network element under Section 251 for the exclusive provision of mobile wireless services or interexchange services.

12.3 A CLEC that accesses and uses an unbundled network element provided under Section 251 consistent with paragraph 12.2 may provide any telecommunications services over the same unbundled network elements.

13.0 Section 271 Obligations.

13.1 Intentionally left blank.

13.2 Intentionally left blank.

13.3 Intentionally left blank.

13.4 Nothing in this Attachment shall expand or contract SBC's obligation, if any, to provide CLEC access to network elements pursuant to Section 271 in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. Nothing in this Attachment should be interpreted, or deemed as grounds for, amending the rates, terms and conditions (if any) by which SBC provides 271 Elements to CLEC. Provided, however, CLEC may request that any Section 251 unbundled network element or combination of network elements (including any TRO Affected Element or TRO Remand Affected Element) be reclassified as a corresponding 271 Element or Elements, provided that SBC is obligated to provide such elements under Section 271 under the Agreement. SBC will perform such reclassification at no charge.

14.0 Section 13-801 Obligations.

14.1 Section 13-801 Obligations are addressed in the attached Rider 1.

15.0 Entrance Facilities and Interconnection Facilities.

15.1 Dedicated Transport facilities that do not connect a pair of incumbent LEC wire centers, including but not limited to, the transmission facilities that connect CLEC's networks with SBC's networks, are Entrance Facilities that will no longer be Unbundled Network Elements provided pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3) under the Agreement. Effective immediately, CLEC shall not place orders for new Entrance Facilities as UNEs. As to existing Entrance Facility UNEs, CLEC must within 90 days of the Effective Date of this Attachment either request disconnection; submit a request for analogous access service; or identify and request another alternative service arrangement.

15.2 Notwithstanding Section 15.1, SBC is required to provide access to facilities that CLEC requests to interconnect with SBC's network for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service and exchange access service, in accordance with the requirements of Section 251(c)(2) of the Act ("Interconnection Facilities").

15.3 Intentionally left blank.

15.4 For avoidance of doubt, CLEC may request that an Entrance Facility UNE be reclassified as an Interconnection Facility pursuant to Section 15.1 if CLEC will use the facility for interconnection in accordance with Section 15.2. SBC will perform such reclassification at no charge.

RIDER 1

Section 13-801 Obligations

1.1 Notwithstanding any determination of non-impairment that may affect SBC's obligations under Section 251 of the Act, CLEC may purchase the network elements (as defined in Section 13-216 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act and referred to herein as "13-801 Elements"), and interconnection required by Section 13-801 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act and applicable ICC orders interpreting Section 13-801 by providing such network elements, combinations thereof and interconnection pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions set forth in SBC's intrastate tariff, ILL. C. C. No. 20, Part 19. Should SBC's intrastate tariff for any or all 13-801 network elements be canceled or withdrawn for any reason other than that SBC is no longer required by law to offer such network elements under Section 13-801, the prices, terms and conditions for 13-801 network elements in such tariff shall nonetheless be deemed to be incorporated into and to continue in effect as part of the Agreement. The prices, terms and conditions to be incorporated shall be as they existed as of the date the tariff was cancelled or withdrawn.

1.2 Intentionally left blank.

1.3 The recurring monthly rates for UNE-P in the above-referenced tariff shall be increased by $1. The recurring monthly rates for DS1, DS3 and dark fiber loops and transport in the above-referenced tariffs that SBC is not obligated to provide as unbundled network elements pursuant to Section 251(c) shall be increased by 15%.

1.4 If the Parties negotiate rates for Section 13-801 Elements other than those described in Sections 1.1 and 1.3, such revised rates shall be effective on the date of the ICC order approving an amendment to the Agreement adopting such revised rates. If the ICC issues an order in a proceeding of general applicability pursuant to Section 13-801 (g) or other applicable provision of the Illinois Public Utilities Act resulting in rates for network elements and/or interconnection provided by SBC in accordance with Section 13-801 that are different than the rates described in Sections 1.1 and 1.3, such revised rates shall be effective for purposes of this Agreement on the later of the date of the ICC order or the date that revised tariffs resulting from the ICC order become effective.

1.5 This Rider applies only to network elements that SBC is not required to offer as UNEs under Section 251 of the Act.

1.6 Upon request, SBC will reclassify at no charge any Section 251 UNE or combination of UNEs to any Section 13-801 element or elements, provided such 13-801 element or elements are provided for in this Rider.

1.7 On February 25, 2005, SBC Illinois filed a complaint and motion for preliminary injunction in federal district court for the Northern District of Illinois requesting that Court enjoin the Illinois Commerce Commission from enforcing the provisions of Section 13-801 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act, as interpreted by the June 11, 2002 Order in Docket 01-0614, the Order itself and the implementing tariffs, insofar as they would require SBC to provide unbundled access to local switching, related elements and UNE-P after March 11, 2005, on the grounds that any such requirement is inconsistent with and preempted by the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the *TRO*. To the extent the Court enjoins enforcement of one or more of SBC's obligations under Section 13-801 to provide network elements or methods of interconnection, or if SBC's obligation to provide one or more network elements or methods of interconnection under Section 13-801 is otherwise discontinued, enjoined or vacated by any court, the ICC, the FCC or the Legislature, the affected obligation shall automatically terminate and SBC shall no longer be required to provide such Section 13-801 network elements under the Agreement and this Amendment.

RIDER 2

Batch Hot Cut Process Offerings Pricing Schedule

Rate Element	USOC	Rate
Enhanced Daily Rates		
Enhanced Daily FDT Basic	NRFHA	$29.84
Enhanced Daily CHC Basic	NRFHB	$33.92
Enhanced Daily IDLC Basic	NRFHC	$89.31
Defined Batch Rates		
Defined FDT Basic	NRFHD	$25.28
Defined CHC Basic	NRFHE	$26.64
Defined FDT Expanded	NRFHF	$25.62
Defined CHC Expanded	NRFHG	$26.92
Defined IDLC Basic	NRFHH	$88.65
Bulk Batch Rates		
Bulk FDT Basic	NRFHJ	$25.21
Bulk CHC Basic	NRFHK	$26.57
Bulk FDT Expanded	NRFHL	$25.54
Bulk CHC Expanded	NRFHM	$26.86
Bulk FDT Premium	NRFHN	$27.68
Bulk CHC Premium	NRFHO	$29.30
Bulk IDLC Basic	NRFHP	$88.65

AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a SBC ILLINOIS AND RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LLC

WHEREAS, effective December 1, 2004, the Illinois Commerce Commission has made changes to the Illinois Administrative Code (the "Code"), Title 83, Chapter I subchapter f, Part 725, Section 725.810 regarding the process for collecting and remitting all applicable 911 fees and surcharges on a per line basis to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") or other governmental authority responsible for collection of such fees and surcharges, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree that the existing Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") by and between Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois[1] ("SBC Illinois") and RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC ("CLEC") is hereby amended as follows:

(1) To the extent that the Agreement contains a "9-1-1" or "E9-1-1" section of the Resale Appendix[2] governing CLEC's resale operations, (hereafter, "Reseller CLEC"), the parties agree to add the following terms:

(A) Upon the Effective Date of this Amendment, and no later than November 30, 2005, the Parties hereby agree to comply with the changes made by the Illinois Commerce Commission to the Illinois Administrative Code (the "Code"), Title 83, Chapter I, subchapter f, Part 725, Section 725.810, regarding collection and remittance of all applicable 911 fees and surcharges. (B) The Reseller CLEC is responsible for remitting the aforementioned 9-1-1 surcharges or fees regardless of whether such 9-1-1 surcharges or fees are billed and/or collected from the Resale End User, and regardless of whether they are itemized on a per-line basis or simply included as a part of the overall charges assessed to the Resale End User.

(B) Beginning on the effective date of this Amendment, and no later than November 30, 2005, SBC Illinois will cease billing the 9-1-1 surcharges to the Reseller CLEC on the monthly Resale Services bill, and SBC Illinois will cease remitting the 9-1-1 surcharges to the applicable municipalities or government agencies on the Reseller CLEC's behalf. SBC Illinois' obligations to route the Resale End User's 9-1-1 calls to the appropriate PSAP, and to administer the 9-1-1 database, where applicable, will remain unchanged by this change in billing processes.

(2) All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain unchanged.

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

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

(5) In entering into this Amendment and carrying out the provisions herein, neither Party waives, but instead expressly reserves, all of its rights, remedies and arguments with respect to any orders, decisions, legislation or proceedings and any remands thereof and any other federal or state regulatory, legislative or judicial action(s), including, without limitation, its intervening law rights (including intervening law rights asserted by either Party via written notice predating this Amendment) relating to the following actions, which the Parties have not yet fully incorporated into this Agreement or which may be the subject of further government review: *Verizon v. FCC, et. al*, 535 U.S. 467 (2002); *USTA v. FCC*, 290 F.3d 415 (D.C. Cir. 2002) and following remand and appeal, *USTA v. FCC*, 359 F.3d 554 (D.C. Cir. 2004); the FCC's Triennial Review Order, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, and 98-147 (FCC 03-36) including,

[1] Illinois Bell Telephone Company (previously referred to as "Illinois Bell"), is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ameritech Corporation and now operates under the name "SBC Illinois" pursuant to an assumed name filing with the State of Illinois. Ameritech Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SBC Communications Inc.
[2] Or the 911 section of the standalone Resale Agreement, if a standalone Resale Agreement is in place.

without limitation, the FCC's MDU Reconsideration Order (FCC 04-191) (rel. Aug. 9, 2004) and the FCC's Order on Reconsideration (FCC 04-248) (rel. Oct. 18, 2004); the FCC's Order on Remand (FCC 04-290) in WC Docket No. 04-312 and CC Docket No. 01-338 (rel. Feb. 4, 2005) ("TRO Remand Order"); and the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, 16 FCC Rcd 9151 (2001), (rel. April 27, 2001) ("ISP Compensation Order"), which was remanded in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, 288 F.3d 429 (D.C. Cir. 2002) to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking as to Intercarrier Compensation, CC Docket 01-92 (Order No. 01-132) (rel. April 27, 2001).

(6) This Amendment shall be filed with and subject to approval by the Illinois Commerce Commission and hereinafter referred to as Effective Date of this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment to the Agreement was exchanged in triplicate on this 14th day of December, 2005, by SBC Illinois, signing by and through its duly authorized representative, and CLEC, signing by and through its duly authorized representative.

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC

By: Joseph Kahl

Name: JOSEPH KAHL
(Print or Type)

Title: DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(Print or Type)

Date: 12/8/05

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

By: M. Auinbauh

Name: Mike Auinbauh
(Print or Type)

Title: AVP-Local Interconnection Marketing

Date: DEC 14 2005

FACILITIES-BASED OCN # _____

ACNA _____

AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a AT&T ILLINOIS AND RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LLC

This Amendment amends the Interconnection Agreement by and between Illinois Bell Telephone Company[1] d/b/a AT&T Illinois ("AT&T Illinois") and RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC ("CLEC"). AT&T and CLEC are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party". This Amendment applies in AT&T's service territory in the State of Illinois.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, AT&T and CLEC are Parties to an Interconnection Agreement (the Agreement) under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), approved 7/11/2001 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, AT&T, members of the CLEC community and representatives of the state Commission staffs for Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin recently participated in a Six Month Review for the purpose of determining whether to modify the current Commission-approved/ordered Performance Measures and Remedies Plan (the "Plan") for the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin ("Six Month Review"); and

WHEREAS, that Six Month Review resulted in agreed upon changes to the Plan submitted to the state Commission for approval; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252(a)(1) of the Act, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement to implement the Six Month Review Plan by updating the existing performance measures and remedies provisions of the Agreement as set forth herein;

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

1. The Parties agree that the Agreement should be amended by replacing the existing performance measures and remedies provisions of the underlying Agreement with the new Appendix Performance Measurements attached hereto.

2. Conflict between this Amendment and the Agreement. 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 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 paragraph 2.

3. Scope of Amendment. This Amendment shall amend, modify and revise the Agreement only to the extent set forth expressly in paragraph 1 of this Amendment. Nothing in this Amendment shall be deemed to amend or extend the term of the Agreement, or to affect the right of a Party to exercise any right of termination it may have under the Agreement. Nothing in this Amendment shall affect the general application and effectiveness of the Agreement's "change of law", "intervening law", "successor rates" and/or any similarly purposed provisions.

4. This Amendment may require that certain sections of the Agreement shall be replaced and/or modified by the provisions set forth in this Amendment. The Parties agree that such replacement and/or modification shall be accomplished without the necessity of physically removing and replacing or modifying such language throughout the Agreement.

[1] Illinois Bell Telephone Company (previously referred to as "Illinois Bell" or "SBC Illinois") now operates under the name "AT&T Illinois" pursuant to an assumed name filing with the State of Illinois.

5. The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Amendment shall be filed with, and is subject to approval by the Commission and shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commission (the "Amendment Effective Date"). Provided however, the revised performance measures and remedies of the new Appendix Performance Measurements shall be implemented as of December 1, 2007 for performance beginning with December 2007 results.

6. Reservation of Rights. 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.

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC

By: Joseph O. Kahl

Printed: Joseph O. Kahl

Title: Sr. Director, Regulatory Affairs
(Print or Type)

Date: July 17th, 2008

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

By: Eddie A. Reed, Jr.

Printed: Eddie A. Reed, Jr.

Title: Director - Interconnection Agreements
(Print or Type)

Date: 8-7-08

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APPENDIX PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE means the AT&T ILECs as identified in the General Terms and Conditions operating in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. The performance measurements and remedy plan referenced herein, notwithstanding any provisions in any other appendix in this Agreement, are not intended to create, modify or otherwise affect Parties' rights and obligations. The existence of any particular performance measure, or the language describing that measure, is not evidence that CLEC is entitled to any particular manner of access, nor is it evidence that AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE is limited to providing any particular manner of access. The Parties' rights and obligations to such access are defined elsewhere, including the relevant laws, FCC and state Commission decisions/regulations, tariffs, and within this interconnection agreement.

1.2 Performance Measurements means the set of performance measurements approved by the specific State Commission in the state-specific proceeding(s) listed in Section 1.8 below. The first set of measurements effective under this agreement is that first submitted in the proceeding listed in Section 1.8 below after October 15, 2007. For purposes of implementation, such measures shall be effective as of December 1, 2007 for performance beginning with December 2007 results, except for Michigan, where these measurements will be effective with the first full month of performance after Commission approval of the measures.

1.3 AT&T Midwest Remedy Plan means the first remedy plan filed for State Commission review and approved in the state-specific proceeding listed in Section 1.8 below on or after October 15, 2007. For purposes of implementation, that remedy plan shall be effective as of December 1, 2007 for performance beginning with December 2007 results, except for Michigan, where the remedy plan will be effective with the first full month of performance after Commission approval of the plan.

1.4 Any subsequent Commission-approved additions, modifications and/or deletions to the Performance Measurements, shall be automatically incorporated into this Agreement by reference in the first full month following the effective date of the Commission's order, or as otherwise agreed-to by the Parties.

1.5 Any future Commission-ordered additions, modifications and/or deletions to the AT&T Midwest Remedy Plan (and its supporting documents) in the proceedings or under the Rule as listed in Section 1.8 below, or any successor proceeding or Rule, to which no Party has objected, shall be automatically incorporated into this Interconnection Agreement by reference in the first full month following the effective date of the Commission's order, or as otherwise agreed by the Parties.

1.6 AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE's agreement to implement this Performance Measurements Plan will not be considered as an admission against interest or an admission of liability in any legal, regulatory, or other proceeding relating to the same performance. AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE and CLEC agree that CLEC may not use the existence of this Plan as evidence that AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE has discriminated in the provision of any facilities or services under Sections 251 or 252, or has violated any state or federal law or regulation. AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE's conduct underlying its performance measures, and the performance data provided under the performance measures, however, are not made inadmissible by these terms. Any CLEC accepting this performance measurements plan agrees that AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE's performance with respect to this plan may not be used as an admission of liability or culpability for a violation of any state or federal law or regulation.

1.7 Nothing herein shall be interpreted to be a waiver of AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE's right to argue and contend in any forum, in the future, that sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 impose no duty or legal obligation to negotiate and/or mediate or arbitrate a self-executing liquidated damage and remedy plan.

1.8 Sources of Commission authority over Performance Measures and/or the AT&T Midwest Remedy Plan:

- Illinois – 83 IL. Administrative Code Part 731
- Indiana – Cause No. 41657

- Michigan – Case No. U-11830
- Ohio – Case No. 00-942-TP-COI
- Wisconsin – 6720-TI-198 (Performance Measurements only)
- Wisconsin – AT&T Midwest Remedy Plan as approved by the Commission in CLEC-specific ICA

1.9 Provisions of this Performance Measurements Appendix will terminate in accordance with Section 6.5 (Section 6.6 for Illinois and Michigan) of the AT&T Midwest Remedy Plan.

AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ILLINOIS TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a AT&T ILLINOIS AND RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LLC

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois[1], as the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in Illinois (hereafter, "AT&T-Illinois" or "ILEC"), and RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier in Illinois (hereafter, "RCN" or "CLEC") hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties", hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated January 11, 2001 ("Interconnection Agreement" or "Agreement").

WHEREAS, ILEC made an offer to all telecommunications carriers in the state of Illinois (the "Offer") to exchange traffic on and after September 1, 2004 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).

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Amendment is to include in CLEC's Interconnection Agreement the rates, terms and conditions of the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan for the exchange of ISP-bound traffic lawfully compensable under the FCC ISP Compensation Order ("ISP-bound Traffic").

WHEREAS, this Amendment is intended to supersede any and all contract sections, appendices, attachments, rate schedules, or other portions of the underlying Interconnection Agreement that set forth rates, terms and conditions for the terminating compensation for ISP-bound Traffic exchanged between ILEC and CLEC. Any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Amendment and provisions of the underlying Interconnection Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of this Amendment.

WHEREAS, this Amendment is also intended to extend the term of the underlying Interconnection Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1.0 Rates, Terms and Conditions of FCC's Interim ISP Terminating Compensation Plan

1.1 ILEC and CLEC hereby agree that the following rates, terms and conditions shall apply to ISP-bound Traffic exchanged between the Parties on and after the date this Amendment becomes effective pursuant to Section 9 of this Amendment.

1.2 Compensation Rate Schedule

1.2.1 The rates in this section 1.2 apply only to the termination of ISP-bound Traffic, which is subject to the rebuttable presumption in Section 1.3.

1.2.2 The Parties agree to compensate each other for the transport and termination of ISP-bound Traffic on a minute of use basis, at $.0007 per minute of use.

[1] Illinois Bell Telephone Company (previously referred to as "Illinois Bell" or "SBC Illinois") now operates under the name "AT&T Illinois" pursuant to an assumed name filing with the State of Illinois.

1.3 ISP-bound Traffic Rebuttable Presumption

1.3.1 In accordance with Paragraph 79 of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order, CLEC and ILEC agree that there is a rebuttable presumption that any of the combined Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-bound traffic exchanged between CLEC and ILEC exceeding a 3:1 terminating to originating ratio is presumed to be ISP-bound Traffic subject to the compensation terms in this Section 1.0. Either party has the right to rebut the 3:1 ISP presumption by identifying the actual ISP-bound Traffic by any means mutually agreed by the Parties, or by any method approved by the Commission. If a Party seeking to rebut the presumption takes appropriate action at the Commission and the Commission agrees that such Party has rebutted the presumption, the methodology and/or means approved by the Commission for use in determining the ratio shall be utilized by the Parties as of the date of the Commission approval and, in addition, shall be utilized to determine the appropriate true-up as described below. During the pendency of any such proceedings to rebut the presumption, CLEC and ILEC will remain obligated to pay the presumed rate for the exchange of traffic (Reciprocal Compensation rates for traffic below a 3:1 ratio, $.0007 for traffic above the ratio). Such true-up shall be retroactive back to the date a Party first sought appropriate relief from the Commission.

2.0 Reservation of Rights

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

3. Section 21.1 Term of Article XXI Term and Termination of the underlying Interconnection Agreement is amended by adding the following section:

21.1.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 21.1, the original expiration date of this Agreement, as modified by this Amendment, will be extended for a period of three (3) years commencing January 7, 2008 until January 7, 2011 (the "Extended Expiration Date"). The Agreement shall expire on the Extended Expiration Date; provided, however, that during the period from the effective date of this Amendment until the Extended Expiration Date, the Agreement may be terminated earlier either by written notice from RCN, by AT&T Illinois pursuant to the terms of the Agreement's early termination provisions, by mutual agreement of the parties, or upon the effective date of a written and signed superseding agreement between the parties. At the conclusion of the Extended Expiration Date, the renewal provisions set forth in the Section 21.1 of the Agreement shall apply unless a Party delivers to the other Party written notice of termination of this Agreement at least one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the Extended Expiration Date.

4. The Parties acknowledge and agree that AT&T Illinois shall permit the extension of this Agreement, subject to amendment to reflect future changes of law as and when they may arise.

5. This Amendment is coterminous with the underlying Interconnection Agreement.

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

7. Every rate, term and condition of this Amendment is legitimately related to the other rates, terms and conditions in this Amendment. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the change of law provisions of the underlying Interconnection Agreement, including but not limited to the "Intervening Law" or "Change of Law" or "Regulatory Change" section of the General Terms and Conditions of the Interconnection Agreement and as modified in this Amendment, are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and inextricably intertwined with this the other rates, terms and conditions of this Amendment.

8. 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.

9. This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the Illinois Commerce Commission and shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commission.

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC

Signature: Joseph Kahl

Name: Joseph Kahl
(Print or Type)

Title: Sr. Director, Regulatory Affairs
(Print or Type)

Date: June 13th, 2008

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

Signature: [signature]

Name: Director - Interconnection Agreements
(Print or Type)

Title: Director-Interconnection Agreements

Date: 6.24.08

SWITCH-BASED OCN # 8702

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RESALE OCN # 8702

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AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a AT&T ILLINOIS
AND
RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LLC

This Amendment modifies the Interconnection Agreement by and between Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois[1] ("AT&T") and RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC ("CLEC"). AT&T and CLEC are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party". This Amendment applies in AT&T's service territory in the State of Illinois.

WITNESSETH:

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 7/11/2001 and further amended from time to time (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties amended said Agreement (the "TRO/TRRO Amendment") pursuant to the Illinois Commerce Commission's ("IL-CC's") Order in Case No. 05-0442 regarding implementation of the FCC's Triennial Review Order and Triennial Review Remand Order (the "Illinois Order"); and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2007, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois issued an order reversing, in part, the Illinois Order; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement and, more specifically, the TRO/TRRO Amendment, to reflect the Court's decision;

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

1. The TRO/TRRO Amendment, under the Illinois TRO/TRRO Attachment thereto, is amended as stated below:

   1.1 The clause "serving Mass Market Customers" is deleted from the text of Section 0.1.2;

   1.2 The clause "serving a Mass Market Customer premises" is deleted from the text of Section 0.1.3;

   1.3 The clause " serves a Mass Market Customer and " is deleted from the text of Section 0.1.4; and

   1.4 The text of Section 0.1.5 is removed in its entirety and replaced with "Intentionally left blank."

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

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

4. The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Amendment shall be filed with, and is subject to approval by, the IL-CC and shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commission.

[1] Illinois Bell Telephone Company (previously referred to as "Illinois Bell" or "SBC Illinois") now operates under the name "AT&T Illinois" pursuant to an assumed name filing with the State of Illinois.

5. Reservation of Rights. 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.

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC

By: Joseph Kahl

Printed: Joseph Kahl

Title: Sr. Director, Regulatory Affairs
(Print or Type)

Date: 6/18/08

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

By: Eddie A. Reed, Jr.

Printed: Eddie A. Reed, Jr.

Title: Director – Interconnection Agreements

Date: 6-26-08

Resale OCN ***8702***
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Switch Based OCN ***8702***
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AT&T Wholesale Amendment

Contract Number: 18294

AMENDMENT

BETWEEN

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T ILLINOIS

AND

RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LLC

Signature: eSigned - Joseph Kahl

Name: eSigned - Joseph Kahl
(Print or Type)

Title: Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs
(Print or Type)

Date: 11 Jun 2013

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC

Signature: eSigned - Kristen E. Shore

Name: eSigned - Kristen E. Shore
(Print or Type)

Title: Director
(Print or Type)

Date: 12 Jun 2013

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

State	Resale OCN	CLEC OCN
ILLINOIS	8702	8702

Description	ACNA Code(s)
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AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LLC AND ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a AT&T ILLINOIS

This Amendment (the "Amendment") amends the Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 by and between Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois ("AT&T ILLINOIS") and RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC ("CLEC"). AT&T ILLINOIS and CLEC are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party".

WHEREAS, AT&T ILLINOIS and CLEC are parties to an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), approved January 24, 2002 and as subsequently amended (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to modify certain rates and terms related to Emergency Number Service Access; and

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

1. The rates for Emergency Number Service Access in Exhibit A supersede the corresponding recurring and nonrecurring rates for ANI/ALI/SR and Database Management.

2. AT&T ILLINOIS shall no longer provide ANI/ALI/SR and Database Management Access Routing Files, also known as the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG), via CD-ROM, and the CD-ROM rate in the Appendix Pricing is deleted.

3. The Exhibit PS-I to Appendix Pricing is deleted.

4. The following language is added to the Article III Interconnection Pursuant to Section 251(c)(2) Section 3.8 9-1-1 Service:

   CLEC shall order the appropriate number of trunks based on the following table at the rates set forth in the Pricing Schedule - Illinois. The number of trunks required is based on the number of Access Lines provided by CLEC in each 911 default routing area as specified in the Trunk Group Design Guide on CLEC On-line.

Access Lines	Trunks Required
01 - 1,500	2 Trunks
1,501 - 7,500	3 Trunks
7,501 - 18,500	4 Trunks
18,501 - 33,500	5 Trunks
>33,500	To be separately negotiated

   AT&T ILLINOIS shall provide E911 Service selected by Requesting Carrier in the Exchange Area(s) that meet both of the following conditions: (1) Requesting Carrier is authorized to provide local exchange Telecommunications Services in such Exchange Area(s), and (2) AT&T ILLINOIS is the 911 service provider in such Exchange Area(s).

5. Conflict between this Amendment and the Agreement. 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 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 paragraph 5.

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

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. This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the State Commission and shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commission.

PRICING SHEETS

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
5	IL	EMERGENCY NUMBER SERVICES	Emergency Number Service Access - ANI/ALI/SR and Database Management	OE9XX	9S89X			$ 517.97		
5	IL	EMERGENCY NUMBER SERVICES	Emergency Number Service Access - ANI/ALI/SR and Database Management - Per 100 Records or part thereof	OE9XX	9S89X		$ 3.82			100 Records or part thereof

AT&T Wholesale Amendment

AMENDMENT

BETWEEN

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T ILLINOIS

AND

RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LLC

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Date: 06 Apr 2017

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LLC AND ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T ILLINOIS

This Amendment (the "Amendment") amends the Interconnection Agreement by and between Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T ILLINOIS ("AT&T ILLINOIS") and RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC ("CLEC"). AT&T ILLINOIS and CLEC are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party".

WHEREAS, AT&T ILLINOIS and CLEC are parties to an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), and as subsequently amended (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to modify existing procedures for Percent Local Usage Factors between the Parties; and

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, all of which are hereby incorporated within this Amendment by this reference and constitute a part of this Amendment.

2. PERCENT LOCAL USAGE FACTORS

   2.1. Each Party will provide to the other, an annual report with Percent Local Usage (PLU) calculated by dividing the Local MOU delivered to a Party for termination by the total MOU delivered to a Party for termination.
   2.2. PLU factors will be calculated during the 2nd quarter of the current year based on the amount of actual volume delivered during the 1st quarter of the same year.
   2.3. The frequency of PLU updates is hereby adjusted from quarterly to annually.

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

4. 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.

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

6. For all States except Arkansas, Ohio, California, and Wisconsin: This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the State Commission and shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commission ("Amendment Effective Date"). For Arkansas: This Amendment shall be filed with the Arkansas Public Service Commission and shall become effective upon filing ("Amendment Effective Date"). 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 ("Amendment Effective Date"). For California: Pursuant to Resolution ALJ 181, this filing will become effective, absent rejection of the Advice Letter by the Commission, upon thirty days after the filing date of the Advice Letter to which this Amendment is appended ("Amendment Effective Date"). For Wisconsin: Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 196.40, this Amendment shall become effective ten (10) calendar days after the mailing date of the final order approving this Amendment ("Amendment Effective Date").

AT&T Wholesale Amendment

AMENDMENT

BETWEEN

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State	Resale OCN	ULEC OCN	CLEC OCN
ILLINOIS	8702	- - -	8702

Description	ACNA Code(s)
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AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LLC AND ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T ILLINOIS

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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 July 11, 2001, and as subsequently amended ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to implement the *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al*., WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Second Report and Order, FCC 15-71, Released June 22, 2015 ("FCC Lifeline Order"); 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 amend the Agreement to implement the *Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to* 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Enforcement of Obsolete ILEC Legacy Regulations That Inhibit Deployment of Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 14-192, Released December 28, 2015 (FCC 15-166) ("FCC US Telecom Forbearance Order"), and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to modify certain provisions related to Termination of Agreement After Initial Term Expiration and to modify certain provisions related to Customer Information 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 – Customer Information Services and Exhibit B - Pricing Sheet, all of which are hereby incorporated within this Amendment by this reference and constitute a part of this Amendment.

2. Lifeline and Link Up Services

   2.1. The rates, terms and conditions related to Lifeline and Link Up service offerings will no longer be effective, and Lifeline and Link Up service will no longer be available under the Agreement, beginning 180 days after the effective date of the FCC Lifeline Order.

3. Intercarrier Compensation

   3.1. The Parties hereby implement the intercarrier compensation rates reflected in the Pricing Sheet attached hereto as Exhibit B, 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 B hereby supersede the existing rate elements included in the Agreement for purposes of reciprocal compensation.

4. Forbearance

   4.1. The rates, terms and conditions related to the unbundling of a 64 kbps voice-grade channel to provide narrowband services over fiber where an incumbent LEC retires a copper loop it has overbuilt with a fiber-to-the-home or fiber-to-the-curb loop are deleted from the Agreement.

5. Termination of Agreement After Initial Term Expiration

5.1. Sections 21.1 through 21.3 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement are hereby replaced with the following:

21.1 Term. The initial term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue in full force and effect until and including August 19, 2003 (the "Initial Term").

21.2 Termination for Nonperformance or Breach:

21.2.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, either Party may terminate this Agreement and the provision of any Interconnection 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. If the nonperforming Party fails to cure such nonperformance or breach within the forty-five (45) calendar day period provided for within the original Notice, then the terminating Party will provide a subsequent written Notice of the termination of this Agreement and such termination shall take effect immediately upon delivery of written Notice to the other Party.

21.2.2 If, at any time during the term of this Agreement, AT&T-21STATE is unable to contact CLEC pursuant to the Notices provision hereof or any other contact information provided by CLEC under this Agreement, and there are no active services being provisioned under this Agreement, then AT&T-21STATE may, at its discretion, terminate this Agreement, without any liability whatsoever, upon sending of notification to CLEC pursuant to the Notices Section hereof.

21.3 Termination of Agreement after initial term expiration:

21.3.1 Where CLEC has no End Users or is no longer purchasing any services under this Agreement, CLEC may terminate the Agreement by providing "Notice of Termination" to AT&T-21STATE at any time after the initial term of this Agreement. After termination the Parties' liability for termination of this Agreement shall be limited to obligations under the Survival Section of this GT&C.

21.3.2 Where CLEC has End Users and/or is purchasing Interconnection Services under this Agreement and either Party seeks to terminate this Agreement, CLEC shall cooperate in good faith to effect an orderly transition of service under this Agreement. CLEC shall be solely responsible (from a financial, operational and administrative standpoint) to ensure that its End Users are transitioned to a new LEC prior to the expiration or termination date of this Agreement.

21.3.3 If at any time within one hundred and eighty (180) days or any time thereafter of the expiration of the Term, if either Party serves "Notice of Expiration" or Notice of Termination (if served after Expiration), CLEC shall have ten (10) calendar days to provide AT&T-21STATE written confirmation to the Notice of Expiration indicating if CLEC wishes to pursue a successor agreement with AT&T-21STATE or terminate its Agreement. CLEC shall identify the action to be taken in each of the applicable state(s). If CLEC wishes to pursue a successor agreement with AT&T-21STATE, CLEC shall attach to its written confirmation or Notice of Expiration, a written request to commence negotiations with AT&T-21STATE under Sections 251/252 of the Act and identify each of the state(s) to which the successor agreement will apply. Upon receipt of CLEC's Section 252(a)(1) request, the Parties shall commence good faith negotiations for a successor agreement.

21.3.4 If the Parties are in "Active Negotiations" (negotiations within the statutory clock established in the Act under Section 252(b)) or have filed for arbitration with the Commission upon expiration date of the Agreement, AT&T-21STATE shall continue to offer services to CLEC pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions set forth in this

Agreement until a successor agreement becomes effective between the Parties. AT&T-21STATE's obligation to provide services under this Agreement beyond the expiration date is conditioned upon the Parties' adherence to the timeframes established within Section 252(b) of the Act. If CLEC does not adhere to said timeframes or CLEC withdraws its arbitration or obtains an extension of time or continuance of such arbitration without AT&T-21STATE's consent, AT&T-21STATE may provide Notice to CLEC that all services provided thereafter shall be pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions set forth in AT&T-21STATE's then current standard interconnection agreement ("Generic") as found on AT&T's CLEC Online website.

21.3.5 Either on or following the expiration date of this Agreement, if the Parties have not entered into a new agreement or are not in Active Negotiations as described in Section 21.3.4 above, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect on a month to month basis unless both Parties mutually agree to terminate, or either Party provides "Notice of Termination" as provided for in Section 21.3.

21.3.6 AT&T-21STATE may reject a request under Section 252 for a new agreement if CLEC has an outstanding balance under this Agreement. CLEC may send a subsequent notice under Section 252 when the outstanding balance has been paid in full.

6. Customer Information Services (CIS)

6.1. With the exception of 6.3 herein, delete all rates, terms and conditions pertaining to Customer Information Services, including but not limited to services related to Operator Services (OS), Directory Assistance (DA), Directory Assistance Listings (DAL), Inward Assistance Operator Services (INW) and White Pages (e.g., Busy Line Verification (BLV), Busy Line Verification/Interrupt (BLV/I), etc.) from the Agreement.

6.2. Add Attachment 06 - Operator Services and Directory Assistance (OS/DA), attached hereto as Exhibit A; and the Operator Services and Directory Assistance (OS/DA) rates reflected in the Pricing Sheet, attached hereto as Exhibit B, to the Agreement.

6.3. Add the following provisions to the Attachment or Appendix for Resale

CIS.1 For Resale service, AT&T will provide Customer Information Services to CLEC's End Users where technically feasible and/or available to AT&T retail End Users. Dialing, response, and sound quality will be provided in parity to AT&T retail End Users.

CIS.2 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.

CIS.3 Interexchange carrier traffic (e.g., sent-paid, information services and alternate operator services messages) received by AT&T 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.

CIS.4 AT&T shall not be responsible for the manner in which utilization of Resale Services or the associated charges are 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.

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.

If CLEC does not wish to be responsible for payment of charges for calling card, collect, or third number billed calls (Alternately Billed Traffic or "ABT") or 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 the responsibility of CLEC 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 Express 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.

7. The Parties agree to replace Section 29.10 from the Agreement with the following language:

29.10 Notices

29.10.1 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:

29.10.1.1 delivered by electronic mail (email).

29.10.1.2 delivered by facsimile.

29.10.2 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:

29.10.2.1 delivered by electronic mail (email) provided CLEC has provided such information in Section 29.10.4 below.

29.10.2.2 delivered by facsimile provided CLEC has provided such information in Section 29.10.4 below.

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

29.10.3.1 the date of actual receipt.

29.10.3.2 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.

29.10.3.3 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.

29.10.4 Notices will be addressed to the Parties as follows:

NOTICE CONTACT	CLEC CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Joseph Kahl Senior Director, Regulatory and External Affairs
STREET ADDRESS	650 College Road East, Suite 3100
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Princeton, NJ 08540
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EMAIL ADDRESS	joseph.kahl@rcn.net

	AT&T CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Contract Management ATTN: Notices Manager
FACSIMILE NUMBER	(214) 712-5792
EMAIL ADDRESS	The current email address as provided on AT&T's CLEC Online website

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

29.10.5 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 29.10. 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.

29.10.6 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 29.10 notice provision; CLEC shall also update its CLEC Profile through the applicable form and/or web-based interface.

29.10.7 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.

8. The Parties agree to add the following definitions to the General Terms and Conditions in the Agreement:

"AT&T-21STATE" means the AT&T owned ILEC(s) doing business in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

"AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE" means the AT&T owned ILEC(s) doing business in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

9. There shall be no retroactive application of any provision of this Amendment prior to the Effective Date of an adopting CLEC's agreement.

10. 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.

11. 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.

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

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

14. Signatures by all Parties to this Amendment are required to effectuate this Amendment. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts. Each counterpart shall be considered an original and such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

15. For Illinois: 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.

ATTACHMENT 06 – OPERATOR SERVICES AND DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

(f/k/a CUSTOMER INFORMATION SERVICES)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Attachment sets forth the rates, terms and conditions under which AT&T-21STATE shall provide Operator Services/Directory Assistance (OS/DA) and Listings.

1.2 OS/DA:

1.2.1 This Attachment sets forth the rates, terms and conditions under which the Parties shall jointly carry out OS/DA on a wholesale basis for CLEC End Users residing in AT&T-21STATE's local Exchange territory, regardless of whether CLEC is serving its End Users via:

1.2.1.1 CLEC's own physical Switches; or

1.2.1.2 Resale of AT&T-21STATE Retail OS/DA service.

1.2.2 CLEC shall be the retail OS/DA provider to its End Users, and AT&T-21STATE shall be the wholesale provider of OS/DA operations to CLEC. AT&T-21STATE shall answer CLEC's End User OS/DA calls on CLEC's behalf, as follows:

1.2.2.1 When the End User dials 0- or 0+ the telephone number, AT&T-21STATE shall provide the Operator Services described in Section 3.4 below. CLEC may set its own retail OS/DA rates, and CLEC therefore acknowledges its responsibility to obtain (a) End User agreement to the OS/DA retail rates (e.g., by tariff or contract), and (b) any necessary regulatory approvals for its OS/DA retail rates.

1.2.2.2 In response to CLEC End User inquiries about OS/DA rates, where available and technically feasible, AT&T-21STATE operators shall quote CLEC retail OS/DA rates, provided by CLEC (see Section 3.6 below). If further inquiries are made about rates, billing and/or other "business office" questions, AT&T-21STATE's OS/DA operators shall direct the calling party's inquiries to a CLEC-provided contact number (also see Section 3.6 below).

1.2.3 CLEC shall pay the applicable OS/DA rates found in the Pricing Sheet based upon CLEC's status as a Facilities-Based CLEC or a reseller. Provided however, CLEC may serve both as a reseller and as a facilities-based provider and CLEC may convert its facilities-based End Users to Resale service, or vice versa, as described below in Section 3.6.7 below.

1.2.3.1 CLEC acknowledges and understands that wholesale OS/DA rates differ between Resale and facilities-based service, and that both types of OS/DA wholesale rates are listed in the Pricing Sheet.

1.2.3.2 Billing and payment details, including the assessment of late payment charges for unpaid balances, are governed by the General Terms and Conditions in this Agreement.

1.3 Listings:

1.3.1 This Attachment sets forth terms and conditions that apply to Resale and Facility-Based CLECs for subscriber listing information provided by AT&T-21STATE.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 "Consolidated Reference Rater (CRR)" provides reference information (business office and repair numbers) and rate quotes for CLEC End Users.

2.2 "Facilities-Based CLEC" means a CLEC that provides service through its own switch or a Third Party provider's switch.

2.3 "General Assistance" means a service in which the End User dialing - 0 asks the OS operator for assistance. The operator will respond in accordance with OS methods and practices that are in effect at the time the End User makes an OS call where available and technically feasible.

2.4 "Listings" means information identifying the listed names of subscribers of carriers and subscribers' telephone numbers, addresses or primary advertising classification or any combination, and that carrier or affiliate has published, caused to be published or accepted for publication in any directory format.

2.5 "Services" means Operator Services/Directory Assistance (OS/DA) and Listings.

2.6 "Toll Center Code" means the three digit access tandem code ("ATC") that uniquely identifies a tandem switch in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) designated as providing access to operator services functions.

3.0 OPERATOR SERVICES (OS) / DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (DA)

3.1 Dialing Parity:

3.1.1 AT&T-21STATE will provide OS/DA to CLEC's End Users with no unreasonable dialing delays and at dialing parity with AT&T-21STATE retail OS/DA services.

3.2 Response Parity:

3.2.1 Where available and technically feasible, CLEC's End Users shall be answered by AT&T-21STATE's OS and DA platforms with the same priority and using the same methods as for AT&T-21STATE's End Users.

3.2.2 Any technical difficulties in reaching the AT&T-21STATE OS/DA platform (e.g., cable cuts in the OS/DA trunks, unusual OS/DA call volumes, etc.) will be experienced at parity with AT&T-21STATE End Users served via that same AT&T-21STATE End Office Switch.

3.3 Requirements to Physically Interconnect:

3.3.1 This section describes the physical interconnection and trunking requirements for a Facilities-Based CLEC to interconnect with AT&T-21STATE's OS/DA switches.

3.3.2 The demarcation point for OS/DA traffic between the Parties' networks need not coincide with the point of interconnection for the physical interconnection of all other inter-carrier voice traffic, but at a minimum must be in the Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) in which the CLEC's OS/DA traffic originates.

3.3.2.1 Because CLEC's switch may serve End Users in more than one LATA, the Parties agree that CLEC's OS/DA traffic originates from the physical location of the End User dialing 0, 411, or 555-1212 and not the physical location of CLEC's switch.

3.3.2.2 To the extent CLEC is serving via circuit-switched wireless technology, the physical location of the End User dialing 0, 411, or 555-1212 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.

3.3.3 The Parties will establish an OS/DA demarcation point at the AT&T-21STATE's OS/DA switch. By mutual agreement, an alternative OS/DA demarcation point may be determined based on the following factors:

3.3.3.1 The size and type of facilities needed to carry CLEC's switch-based OS/DA traffic;

3.3.3.2 Whether CLEC wishes to interconnect for OS or DA, or both;

3.3.3.3 Whether CLEC or CLEC's Affiliate is collocated in an AT&T-21STATE local tandem office and wishes to use the collocation as the OS/DA demarcation point; and

3.3.3.4 Whether CLEC or CLEC's Affiliate already has existing OS/DA facilities in place to the AT&T-21STATE's OS/DA platforms.

3.3.4 CLEC shall be financially responsible for the transport facilities to the AT&T-21STATE's switch(es). CLEC may self-provision these OS/DA facilities, lease them from Third Parties, or lease them from AT&T-21STATE's intrastate Special Access Tariff. CLEC shall remain financially responsible for the transport facilities to the AT&T-21STATE's switch(es) and/or any one-way trunk groups from its designated operator assistance and directory assistance (or OA/DA) switch to the AT&T-21STATE operator assistance switch until CLEC initiates and successfully disconnects such transport facilities and/or trunk groups.

3.3.5 General OS/DA Trunking Requirements:

3.3.5.1 CLEC will initiate an Access Service Request (ASR) for all OS/DA trunk groups from its switch to the appropriate AT&T-21STATE OS/DA switches as a segregated one-way trunk group utilizing Multi-Frequency (MF) signaling. Unless technically infeasible, AT&T-21STATE will provision all such one-way trunk groups in the same manner and at the same intervals as for all other interconnection trunks between the Parties.

3.3.5.2 CLEC will employ Exchange Access Operator Services Signaling (EAOSS) from the AT&T-21STATE End Offices to the AT&T-21STATE OS/DA switches that are equipped to accept 10-Digit Signaling for Automatic Number Identification (ANI).

3.3.5.3 Where EAOSS is not available, 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-21STATE OS/DA switch for each served Numbering Plan Area (NPA) in the LATA.

3.3.6 Specific OS/DA Trunk Groups and Their Requirements

3.3.6.1 Operator Service Trunks:

3.3.6.1.1 CLEC shall establish a one-way trunk group from CLEC's switch to the AT&T-21STATE OS 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 ASRs on this one-way trunk group.

3.3.6.2 DA/DA Call Completion (DACC) Trunks:

3.3.6.2.1 Where permitted, CLEC shall establish a one-way trunk group from CLEC's switch to the AT&T-21STATE DA 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.

3.3.6.2.2 In AT&T-12STATE, 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 from that used for a DA/DACC only trunk group. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group.

3.3.6.2.3 In AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE, if OS/DA/DACC is transported together on a combined trunk group, then the group will be designated with an appropriate traffic use code and modifier. CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASRs on this one-way trunk group.

3.4 Operator Services Call Processing and Rates:

3.4.1 AT&T-21STATE will assess its OS charges based upon whether the CLEC End User is receiving (a) manual OS (i.e., provided via an operator), or (b) automated OS (i.e., an OS switch equipment voice recognition feature, functioning either fully or partially without operators where available and technically feasible). The Pricing Sheet contains the full set of OS recurring and nonrecurring rates.

3.4.2 AT&T-21STATE will provide OS to CLEC End Users where available and technically feasible to AT&T-21STATE End Users served in accordance with OS methods and practices in effect at the time the CLEC End User makes an OS call.

3.5 Directory Assistance Call Processing and Rates:

3.5.1 AT&T-21STATE DA charges are assessed on a flat rate per call, regardless of call duration. The Pricing Sheet contains the recurring and nonrecurring rates.

3.5.2 AT&T-21STATE will provide DA Services to CLEC End Users where available and technically feasible to AT&T-21STATE End Users served in accordance with DA Services methods and practices that are in effect at the time CLEC End User makes a DA call. AT&T-21STATE will provide the following DA services to a CLEC End User:

3.5.2.1 Local Directory Assistance - Consists of providing published name and telephone number.

3.5.2.2 Directory Assistance Call Completion (DACC) - A service in which a local or an intraLATA call to the

requested number is completed.

3.5.2.3 National Directory Assistance (NDA) - A service whereby callers may request published name and telephone number outside their LATA or local calling area for any listed telephone number in the United States.

3.5.2.4 Reverse Directory Assistance (RDA) - Consists of providing listed local and national name and address information associated with a telephone number.

3.5.2.5 Business Category Search (BCS) - A service whereby callers 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.

3.6 OS/DA Non-recurring Charges for Loading Automated Call Greeting (i.e., Brand Announcement), Rates and Reference Information:

3.6.1 CLEC End Users will hear silence upon connecting with the OS/DA switch. As an alternative to silence, CLEC may custom brand for which custom brand charges will apply.

3.6.1.1 CLEC will provide announcement phrase information, via Operator Services Translations Questionnaire (OSTQ), to AT&T-21STATE in conformity with the format, length, and other requirements specified for all CLECs on the AT&T CLEC Online website.

3.6.1.2 AT&T-21STATE 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. CLEC will be responsible for paying subsequent loading and testing charges.

3.6.1.3 CLEC understands that End Users may not perceive silent announcements as ordinary mechanical handling of OS/DA calls.

3.6.1.4 CLEC agrees that if it does not brand the call, CLEC shall indemnify and hold AT&T-21STATE harmless from any regulatory violation, consumer complaint, or other sanction for failing to identify the OS/DA provider to the dialing End User.

3.6.2 AT&T-21STATE will be responsible for loading the CLEC provided recording 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-21STATE End Users. CLEC will be responsible for paying the initial recording announcement loading charges, and thereafter, the per-call charge as well as any subsequent loading charges if new recordings or silent announcements are provided as specified above.

3.6.3 Branding 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 facilities-based operations, and therefore two separate recordings could be loaded into each switch, each incurring the branding or silent load charge. These charges are mandatory, nonrecurring, and are found in the Pricing Sheet.

3.6.4 Where Consolidated Reference Rater ("CRR") is available and technically feasible, the applicable CLEC-charged retail OS/DA rates and a CLEC-provided contact number (e.g., reference to a CLEC business office or repair center) are loaded into the system utilized by the OS operator.

3.6.5 Where CRR is available and technically feasible, AT&T-21STATE 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.

3.6.6 CRR load charges are assessed per loaded set of rates/references, where CRR is available and technically feasible, per OCN, per state. For example, a CLEC reseller may choose to rate differently than its Facilities-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, with each loading incurring the rate/reference charge. These charges are mandatory, nonrecurring and are found in the Pricing Sheet.

3.6.7 Converting End Users from prior branded service to CLEC or silent-branded service, or between Resale and facilities-based service:

3.6.7.1 To the extent that CLEC has already established the branding/silent announcement recording in AT&T-21STATE 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.

3.6.7.2 To the extent that CLEC has not established the branding announcement recording in AT&T-21STATE 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 3.6 above, and at the rates set forth in the Pricing Sheet.

4.0 LISTINGS

4.1 General Provisions:

4.1.1 Subject to AT&T-21STATE's practices, as well as the rules and regulations applicable to the provision of listings, AT&T-21STATE will make available to CLEC, for CLEC End Users, non-discriminatory access to listings, as described herein.

4.1.2 AT&T-21STATE will meet state requirements to make available listings through itself or a contracted vendor to provide listings for its ILEC Territory, as defined in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

4.2 Responsibilities of the Parties:

4.2.1 Subject to AT&T-21STATE's practices, as well as the rules and regulations applicable to the provision of white page directories, AT&T-21STATE will include in appropriate white pages directories the primary alphabetical listings of CLEC End Users located within the AT&T-21STATE ILEC Territory. When CLEC provides its subscriber listing information to AT&T-21STATE listings database, CLEC will receive for its End User, one primary listing in AT&T-21STATE white pages directory and a listing in AT&T-21STATE's DA database at no charge, other than applicable service order charges as set forth in the Pricing Sheet.

4.2.1.1 Except in the case of a Local Service Request (LSR) submitted solely to port a number from AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE, if such listing is requested on the initial LSR associated with the request for services, a single manual service order charge or electronic service order charge, as appropriate, will apply to both the request for service and the request for the directory listing. Where a subsequent LSR is placed solely to request a directory listing, or is placed to port a number and request a directory listing, separate service order charges as set forth in AT&T-21STATE's tariffs shall apply, as well as the manual service order charge or the electronic service order charge, as appropriate.

4.2.1.2 Listing Information Confidentiality:

4.2.1.2.1 AT&T-21STATE will afford CLEC's directory listing information the same level of confidentiality that AT&T-21STATE affords its own directory listing information.

4.2.1.3 Unlisted/Non-Published End Users:

4.2.1.3.1 CLEC will provide to AT&T-21STATE the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all CLEC End Users who wish to be omitted from directories. Non-listed/Non-Published listings will be subject to the rates as set forth in AT&T-21STATE's tariffs and/or service guidebooks. AT&T-21STATE does not provide a resale discount for any listings.

4.2.1.4 Additional Listings:

4.2.1.4.1 Where a CLEC End User requires listings in addition to the primary listing to appear in the white pages directory, AT&T-21STATE will offer such listings at rates as set forth in AT&T-21STATE's tariffs and/or service guidebooks. AT&T-21STATE does not provide a resale discount for any listings. CLEC shall furnish to AT&T-21STATE subscriber listing information pertaining to CLEC End Users located within the AT&T-21STATE

ILEC Territory, along with such additional information as AT&T-21STATE may be required to include in the alphabetical listings of said directory. CLEC shall refer to the AT&T CLEC Online website for methods, procedures and ordering information.

4.2.2 CLEC will provide accurate subscriber listing information of its subscribers to AT&T-21STATE via a mechanized feed of the directory listing information to AT&T-21STATE'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 Agreement, or upon CLEC reaching a volume of two hundred (200) listing updates per day, whichever comes first. CLEC's subscriber listings will be interfiled (interspersed) in the directory among AT&T-21STATE's subscriber listing 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 DA database or the directory listing of a CLEC End User. CLEC must submit all listing information intended for publication by the directory close (a/k/a last listing activity) date.

4.2.3 Distribution of Directories:

4.2.3.1 Subject to AT&T-21STATE's practices, as well as the rules and regulations applicable to the provision of white page directories, each CLEC subscriber may receive one copy per primary End User listing, as provided by CLEC, of the appropriate AT&T-21STATE white pages directory in the same manner, format and at the same time that they are delivered to AT&T-21STATE's subscribers.

4.2.4 AT&T-21STATE shall direct its publishing vendor 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 installation, repair, customer service and billing information.

4.2.5 Use of Subscriber Listing Information:

4.2.5.1 Subject to AT&T-21STATE's practices, as well as the rules and regulations applicable to the provision of white page directories, AT&T-21STATE agrees to serve as the single point of contact for all independent and Third Party directory publishers who seek to include CLEC's subscriber (i.e., End User) listing information in an area directory, and to handle the CLEC's subscriber listing information in the same manner as AT&T-21STATE's subscriber listing information. In exchange for AT&T-21STATE serving as the single point of contact and handling all subscriber listing information equally, CLEC authorizes AT&T-21STATE to include and use the CLEC subscriber listing information provided to AT&T-21STATE DA 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-21STATE's use of CLEC's subscriber listing information in AT&T-21STATE's DA, DA related products and services, and directory publishing products and services.

4.2.5.2 AT&T-21STATE 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's subscriber list information to directory publishers, CLEC agrees that it will receive no compensation for AT&T-21STATE'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 interfiled (interspersed) with AT&T-21STATE'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-21STATE.

4.2.6 CLEC further agrees to pay all costs incurred by AT&T-21STATE and/or its Affiliates as a result of CLEC not complying with the terms of this Attachment.

4.2.7 This Attachment 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.

4.2.8 Breach of Contract:

4.2.8.1 If either Party is found to have materially breached the Listings terms of this Attachment, the non-breaching Party may terminate the Listings terms of this Attachment by providing written Notice to the breaching Party, whereupon this Attachment shall be null and void with respect to any issue of white pages directory published sixty (60) or more calendar days after the date of receipt of such written Notice. CLEC further agrees to pay all costs incurred by AT&T-21STATE and/or its Affiliates and vendor as a result of such CLEC breach.

4.2.9 General Conditions for Listings:

4.2.9.1 Notwithstanding the foregoing, AT&T-21STATE reserves the right to suspend, modify or terminate, without penalty, any Listings Service offerings that are provided under this Attachment on ninety (90) days' written notice in the form of an Accessible Letter.

4.2.9.2 CLEC shall be solely responsible for any and all legal or regulatory requirements for the modification or discontinuance of Listings products and/or services to CLEC End Users under this Section.

5.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR OPERATOR SERVICES (OS), DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (DA)

5.1 Notwithstanding the foregoing, AT&T-21STATE reserves the right to suspend, modify or terminate, without penalty, any OS and/or DA feature of Service(s) offerings that are provided under this Attachment on one hundred eighty (180) days' written notice in the form of an Accessible Letter.

5.2 Termination:

5.2.1 If the CLEC terminates OS and/or DA service prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, CLEC shall pay AT&T-21STATE, within thirty (30) calendar days of the issuance of any bills by AT&T-21STATE, all amounts due for actual services provided under this Attachment, 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-21STATE pursuant to this Attachment prior to its termination. The rates applicable for determining the amount(s) under the terms outlined in this Section are those specified in the Pricing Sheet.

5.3 CLEC shall be solely responsible for any and all legal or regulatory requirements for the modification or discontinuance of OS and/or DA products/services to CLEC End Users under this Attachment.

6.0 TERMINATION – ENTIRE ATTACHMENT 06 – OPERATOR ASSISTANCE AND DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES

6.1 The Parties reserve the right to suspend or terminate, without penalty, this Attachment in its entirety on one hundred eighty (180) days' written notice. The Attachment will be coterminous with the ICA or will continue until the Party desiring to terminate this Attachment provides one hundred eighty (180) days' written Notice to the other Party of the date the Attachment will terminate ("Termination Date"), whichever date is earlier.

Pricing Sheet
Exhibit B

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	IL	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	IL	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
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES	Directory Assistance, per call	XPU	OPEN		$0.40	NA		per call
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES	Directory Assistance National Directory Assistance (NDA), per call	XPU	OPEN		$0.65	NA		per call
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES	Directory Assistance Reverse Directory Assistance (RDA), per call	XPU	OPEN		$0.65	NA		per call
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES	Directory Assistance Business Category Search (BCS) / where applicable, per call	XPU	OPEN		$0.65	NA		per call
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES	Directory Assistance Call Completion (DACC), per call	XPU	OPEN		$0.15	NA		per call
6	IL	OPERATOR SERVICES/DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE AUTOMATED CALL GREETING	Branding - Other - Initial/Subsequent Load, per switch per OCN				NA	$1,800.00	$1,800.00	per switch, per OCN
6	IL	OPERATOR SERVICES/DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE AUTOMATED CALL GREETING	Branding and Reference/Rate Look Up, per OS/DA call	XPU	OPEN		$0.03	NA		per OS/DA call
6	IL	OPERATOR SERVICES/DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE AUTOMATED CALL GREETING	Branding-Facility Based-Initial/Subsequent Load - Branding, per trunk group				NA	$800.00	NA	
6	IL	OPERATOR SERVICES/DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE RATE/REFERENCES	Rate Reference - Initial Load, per state, per OCN				NA	$5,000.00		per OCN
6	IL	OPERATOR SERVICES/DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE RATE/REFERENCES	Rate Reference - Subsequent Load, per state, per OCN				NA		$1,500.00	per OCN
6	IL	OPERATOR CALL PROCESSING	Operator Services Fully Automated Call Processing, per call	XPU	OPEN		$0.15	NA		per call
6	IL	OPERATOR CALL PROCESSING	Operator Assisted Call Processing -- All Types, per work second	XPU	OPEN		$0.03	NA		per work second
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES	DA Listing - per listing for initial load				NA	$0.04	NA	per listing
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES	DA Listing - per listing for subsequent updates				$0.06		NA	per listing
6	IL	RESALE APPLICABLE DISCOUNTS	Resale Local Directory Assistance				21.46%	NA		discount
6	IL	RESALE APPLICABLE DISCOUNTS	Resale Local Operator Assistance Services				21.46%	NA		discount
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES	Resale National Directory Assistance (NDA), per call				$0.65	NA		per call
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES	Resale Reverse Directory Assistance (RDA), per call				$0.65	NA		per call
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES	Resale Business Category Search (BCS) / where applicable, per call				$0.65	NA		per call
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES	Resale Directory Assistance Call Completion (DACC), per call				$0.15	NA		per call
6	IL	BRANDING - DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE	Resale Directory Assistance Branding - Other - Initial/Subsequent Load, per switch, per OCN				NA	$1,800.00		per switch, per OCN
6	IL	BRANDING - DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE	Resale Directory Assistance Brand and Reference/Rate Look Up, per call				$0.03	NA		per OS/DA call
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE CUSTOMER BRANDING ANNOUNCEMENT	Resale Directory Assistance Rate Reference - Initial Load, per state, per OCN				NA	$5,000.00		per OCN
6	IL	DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE CUSTOMER BRANDING ANNOUNCEMENT	Resale Directory Assistance Rate Reference - Subsequent Load, per state, per OCN				NA		$1,500.00	per OCN
6	IL	DIRECTORY LISTING PRODUCT	White Page Directory Listings					NA	NA	per listing
6	IL	DIRECTORY LISTING PRODUCT	Non Published/Non List Directory Listings					NA	NA	per listing

INTERCONNECTION AMENDMENT

BETWEEN

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC D/B/A AT&T ILLINOIS

AND

RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LLC

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Date: 03 Dec 2019

Illinois Bell Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T ILLINOIS by AT&T Services, Inc., its authorized agent

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LLC AND ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T ILLINOIS

This Amendment (the "Amendment") amends the Interconnection Agreement by and between Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T ILLINOIS("AT&T") and RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC ("CLEC"). AT&T and CLEC are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party".

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"), signed January 11, 2001 and as subsequently amended (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to implement the FCC Orders FCC-19-66 and FCC-19-72 in WC Dkt. No. 18-141; Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks which was filed with the FCC on May 4, 2018 ("FCC UNE and Resale Forbearance Order"); and

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"). Exhibit A to this Amendment contains DS1/DS3 UDT 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 DS1/DS3 UDT elements subject to the FCC UNE and Resale Forbearance Order.

   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. Nothing in this Amendment is intended to alter any rights or obligations of either Party with respect to facilities for network interconnection provided pursuant to Section 251(c)(2) of the Act.

8. 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.

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

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

11. 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.

12. For Illinois: 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

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.

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IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Analog Loop -Rural (Access Area C)	MUJ++, EE7JX, UOB++, UOR++	U2HXC	C
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Analog Loop - Suburban (Access Area B)	MUJ++, EE7JX, UOB++, UOR++	U2HXB	B
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Analog Loop - Metro (Access Area A)	MUJ++, EE7JX, UOB++, UOR++	U2HXA	A
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Ground Start Loop, Analog/Reverse Battery-Rural(Access Area C)	MUJ++, EE7JX, UOB++, UOR++	U2WXC	C
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Ground Start Loop, Analog/Reverse Battery-Suburban(Access Area B)	MUJ++, EE7JX, UOB++, UOR++	U2WXB	B
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Ground Start Loop, analog/Reverse Battery-Metro(Access Area A)	MUJ++, EE7JX, UOB++, UOR++	U2WXA	A
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Ground Start Loop, PBX-Rural (Access Area C)	MUJ++, EE7JX, UOB++, UOR++	U2JXC	C
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Ground Start Loop, PBX-Suburban (Access Area B)	MUJ++, EE7JX, UOB++, UOR++	U2JXB	B
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire Ground Start Loop, PBX-Metro (Access Area A)	MUJ++, EE7JX, UOB++, UOR++	U2JXA	A
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire COPTS Coin Loop-Rural (Access Area C)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++	U2CXC	C
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire COPTS Coin Loop-Suburban (Access Area B)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++	U2CXB	B
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire COPTS Coin Loop-Metro (Access Area A)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++	U2CXA	A
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire EKL - Rural (Access Area C)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++	U2KXC	C
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire EKL - Suburban (Access Area B)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++	U2KXB	B
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	2-Wire EKL - Metro (Access Area A)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++	U2KXA	A
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	4-Wire Analog Loop - Rural (Access Area C)	MUJ++, EE7KX, UOB++, UOR++	U4HXC	C
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	4-Wire Analog Loop - Suburban (Access Area B)	MUJ++, EE7KX, UOB++, UOR++	U4HXB	B

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IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	4-Wire Analog Loop - Metro Access Area A)	MUJ++, EE7KX, UOB++, UOR++	U4HXA	A
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	Loop Non-Recurring Charges - Service Ordering Charge - Analog Loops - Intitial - Per Occasion (Connect + Disconnect Service Order - Initial (Connect)	MUJ++, EE7JX, EE7KX, EE7LX, UOB++, UOR++	SEPUP	
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	Loop Non-Recurring Charges - Service Ordering Charge - Analog Loops - Intitial - Per Occasion (Connect + Disconnect) Service Order - (Disconnect)	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++	NKCG6	
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	Loop Non-Recurring Charges - Service Ordering Charge - Analog Loops - Subsequent - Per Occasion	MUJ++, EE7JX, EE7KX, EE7LX, UOB++, UOR++	REAH9	
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	Loop Non-Recurring Charges - Service Ordering Charge - Analog Loops - Record Work Only - Per Occasion	MUJ++, EE7JX, EE7KX, EE7LX, UOB++, UOR++	NR9UP	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS1 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Areas	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	CZ4XA	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS1 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Areas	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	CZ4XB	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS1 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Areas	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	CZ4XC	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS1 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Areas	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	1YZXA	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS1 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Areas	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	1YZXB	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS1 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Areas	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	1YZXC	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Areas	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	CZ4XA	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Areas	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	CZ4XB	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Areas	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	CZ4XC	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Areas	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	1YZXA	

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IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Areas	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	1YZXB	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Areas	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	1YZXC	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Areas	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	CZ4WA	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Areas	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	CZ4WB	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Interoffice Mileage Termination - Per Point of Termination - All Areas	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	CZ4WC	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Areas	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	1YZBA	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Areas	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	1YZBB	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Interoffice Mileage - Per Mile - All Areas	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	1YZBC	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Multiplexing DS1 to Voice Grade	UB5++, UK1++	QMVXA	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Multiplexing DS1 to Voice Grade	UB5++, UK1++	QMVXB	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Multiplexing DS1 to Voice Grade	UB5++, UK1++	QMVXC	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Multiplexing DS3 to DS1	UB5++, UK3++	QM3XA	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Multiplexing DS3 to DS1	UB5++, UK3++	QM3XB	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Multiplexing DS3 to DS1	UB5++, UK3++	QM3XC	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Cross Connects DS1	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	CXCDX	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Cross Connects DS3	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	CXCEX	

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IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Optional Features & Functions - DS1 Clear Channel Capability - Per 1.544 Mbps Circuit Arranged	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	CLYXA	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Optional Features & Functions - DS1 Clear Channel Capability - Per 1.544 Mbps Circuit Arranged	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	CLYXB	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Optional Features & Functions - DS1 Clear Channel Capability - Per 1.544 Mbps Circuit Arranged	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	CLYXC	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Installation & Rearrangement Charges - DS1 Administration Charge - Per Order	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	ORCMX	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Installation & Rearrangement Charges - DS1 Design & Central Office Connection Charge - Per Circuit	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	NRBCL	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Installation & Rearrangement Charges - DS1 Carrier Connection Charge - Per Order	UB5++, EE7MX, UK1++	NRBBL	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Installation & Rearrangement Charges - DS3 Administration Charge - Per Order	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	ORCMX	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Dedicated Transport Installation & Rearrangement Charges - DS3 Dedicated Transport Installation & Rearrangement Charges - DS3 Design & Central Office Connection Charge - Per Circuit	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	NRBC4	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Carrier Connection Charge - Per Order	UB5++, EE7NX, UK3++	NRBDT	
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) Service Order per LSR - Analog Loop Service Order Charge, per ASR or LSR - Electronic Establish Connection	EE7JX	NKCAR	
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) Service Order per LSR - Analog Loop Service Order Charge, per ASR or LSR - Electronic Establish Disconnection	EE7JX	NKCAS	
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) Service Order per LSR - Analog Loop Service Order Charge, per ASR or LSR - Electronic Establish	EE7JX	NKCAT	

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IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) Service Order per LSR - Analog Loop Service Order Charge, per ASR or LSR - Manual Establish Connection	EE7JX	NKCAU	
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) Service Order per LSR - Analog Loop Service Order Charge, per ASR or LSR - Manual Establish Disconnection	EE7JX	NKCAV	
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) Service Order per LSR - Analog Loop Service Order Charge, per ASR or LSR - Manual Establish Manual Subsequent	EE7JX	NKCAW	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS1 Transport Service Order Charge Per LSR or ASR - Electronic Establish Connection	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS1 Transport Service Order Charge Per LSR or ASR - Electronic Establish Disconnection	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS1 Transport Service Order Charge Per LSR or ASR - Manual Establish Connection	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS1 Transport Service Order Charge Per LSR or ASR - Manual Establish Disconnection	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Transport Service Order Charge Per LSR or ASR - Electronic Establish Connection	EE7NX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Transport Service Order Charge Per LSR or ASR - Electronic Establish Disconnection	EE7NX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Transport Service Order Charge Per LSR or ASR - Manual Establish Connection	EE7NX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	DS3 Transport Service Order Charge Per LSR or ASR - Manual Establish Disconnection	EE7NX		
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	Non-Channelized DS1 EEL Service Order - Electronic Establish Connection	EE7MX	NKCB4	
IL	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP	Non-Channelized DS1 EEL Service Order - Electronic Establish Disconnection	EE7MX	NKCB5	
IL	OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEM	Provisioning - 2-Wire Analog Loop Connection - Initial Connection	EE7JX	NKCB8	
IL	OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEM	Provisioning - 2-Wire Analog Loop Connection - Initial Disconnection	EE7JX	NKCB9	
IL	OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEM	Provisioning - 2-Wire Analog Loop Connection - Additional Connection	EE7JX	NKCBA	

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IL	OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEM	Provisioning - 2-Wire Analog Loop Connection - Additional Disconnection	EE7JX	NKCBB	
IL	OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEM	Provisioining - 4-Wire Analog Loop Connection - Initial Connection	EE7KX	NKCBC	
IL	OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEM	Provisioining - 4-Wire Analog Loop Connection - Initial Disconnection	EE7KX	NKCBD	
IL	OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEM	Provisioning - 4-Wire Analog Loop Connection - Additional Connection	EE7KX	NKCBE	
IL	OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEM	Provisioning - 4-Wire Analog Loop Connection - Additional Disconnection	EE7KX	NKCBF	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - Central Office Multiplexing DS1 to Voice - Initial Connection	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - Central Office Multiplexing DS1 to Voice - Initia Disconnection	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - Central Office Multiplexing DS1 to Voice - Additional Connection	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - Central Office Multiplexing DS1 to Voice - Additional Disconnection	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - DS1 Interoffice UDT - Collocated Initial Connection	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - DS1 Interoffice UDT - Collocated Initial Disconnection	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - DS1 Interoffice UDT - Collocated Additional Connection	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - DS1 Interoffice UDT - Collocated Additional Disconnection	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - 4-Wire DS1 Digital Loop to DS1 Interoffice UDT - Collocated - Initial Connection	EE7MX	NKCBT	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - 4-Wire DS1 Digital Loop to DS1 Interoffice UDT - Collocated - Initial Disconnection	EE7MX	NKCBU	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - 4-Wire DS1 Digital Loop to DS1 Interoffice UDT - Collocated - Additional Connection	EE7MX	NKCBV	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - 4-Wire DS1 Digital Loop to DS1 Interoffice UDT - Collocated - Additional Disconnection	EE7MX	NKCBW	

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IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - DS3 Interoffice UDT - Collocated - Initial Connection	EE7NX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - DS3 Interoffice UDT - Collocated - Initial Disconnection	EE7NX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - DS3 Interoffice UDT - Collocated - Additional Connection	EE7NX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - DS3 Interoffice UDT - Collocated - Additional Disconnection	EE7NX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - Clear Channel Capability Initial, Install	EE7MX	NKCC6	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - Clear Channel Capability Additional, Install	EE7MX		
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Provisioning - Clear Channel Capability Additional, Disconnect	EE7MX	NKCC7	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Channelized Facility from Cage, DS1 , Design and Coordination Charge	EE7MX	NKCC9	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Channelized Facility from Cage, DS3, Design and Coordination Charge	EE7MX	NKCCA	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Non-Channelized Facility from Cage, DSO, Design and Coordination Charge	EE7JX, EE7KX, EE7LX	NKCCB	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Non-Channelized Facility from Cage, DS1, Design and Coordination Charge	EE7MX	NKCCC	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Non-Channelized Facility from Cage, DS3, Design and Coordination charge	EE7NX	NKCCD	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Channelized Facility from POP, DS1, Design and Coordination charge	EE7MX	NKCCE	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Channelized Facility from POP, DS3, Design and Coordination Charge	EE7NX	NKCCF	

Exhibit A

State	Product	Rate Element Description	COS (Class of Service)	USOC	Zone
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Channelized Facility from POP, DS0, Design and Coordination Charge			
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Non-Channelized Facility from POP, DSO, Design and Coordination Charge			
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Non-Channelized Facility from OPO, DSO, Design and coordination Charge	EE7JX, EE7KX, EE7LX	NKCCG	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Non-Channelized Facility from POP, DS1, Design and Coordination Charge	EE7MX	NKCCH	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Non-Channelized Facility from POP, DS3, Design and Coordination Charge	EE7NX	NKCCJ	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - Private Line to UNE Conversion			
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Special Access to UNE Conversion - AC2U Project Administrative Activity Per Service Circuit	EE7JX, EE7KX, EE7LX, EE7MX, EE7NX	NKCC8	
IL	UNBUNDLED DEDICATED TRANSPORT	Routine Modiifications to Existing Facilities Charge	MUJ++, UOB++, UOR++, UB5++, EE7MX, EE7NX, UK3++, UK1++		