CONNECT:Direct™
Overview CONNECT:Direct™ is the file transfer software used by AT&T to provide data exchange services to the CLECs. CONNECT:Direct™ is a product of Sterling Commerce, Inc. For more information on CONNECT:Direct™ software go to Sterling Commerce's Web site at: www.sterlingcommerce.com.

This section describes the procedures for requesting and testing CONNECT:Direct™ as the delivery option for the Electronic Daily Usage Files provided by AT&T. Application testing is required in addition to the CONNECT:Direct™ connectivity testing.

Platforms AT&T supports the following platforms for CONNECT:Direct™

SNA	IBM MVS	DEC VAX	IBM RS/6000
	IBM OS/400	IBM VSE	SUN Unix
TCP/IP	IBM MVS	TANDEM	IBM RS/6000
	HP Unix	Windows NT	SUN Unix
	OS/400	Windows 95	

Note: CONNECT:Direct™ for MS-DOS is no longer supported by AT&T.

Options The CLEC can connect to AT&T via CONNECT:Direct™ either by LAN-to-LAN or by Dial-up.

CONNECT:Direct™
LAN-to-LAN
Option If the CLEC chooses to receive their Electronic Daily Usage Files through CONNECT:Direct™ LAN-to-LAN, the connectivity must be tested to verify that the CLEC can receive data files sent from AT&T.

Prerequisites   Several steps must be completed BEFORE the connectivity testing process can begin. The CLEC must have performed the necessary steps to establish a communication pathway on its end and must:

- Have CONNECT:Direct™ software installed
- Have LAN-to-LAN connectivity between the CLEC and AT&T

Note: AT&T strongly recommends that the CLEC purchase Sterling Commerce, Inc.'s Maintenance Agreement for Vendor Assistance.

**Testing
Procedures**   The following table describes the general connectivity testing procedures for CONNECT:Direct™ LAN-to-LAN:

Task	Action
1	The CLEC contacts it's AT&T Account Team Member to request information on the CONNECT:Direct™ LAN-to-LAN delivery option.
2	The CLEC completes the CONNECT:Direct™ Connectivity Questionnaire (Attachment E at the end of this section) and sends it to the AT&T ODUF SME. This will provide AT&T with basic information to set up the connectivity test.
3	An initial conference call between AT&T and the CLEC's technical personnel is scheduled at a time and date mutually agreed upon.
4	During the initial conference call all the technical details and requirements for CONNECT:Direct™ will be discussed. AT&T and the CLEC will agree on the connectivity testing start date and schedule a conference call to perform this testing.
5	AT&T sends the CLEC a written summary of the technical details and requirements discussed during the initial conference call.
6	The connectivity test will take place during a conference call between AT&T and the CLEC's technical personnel. This test is performed to verify that the CLEC can receive data files sent by AT&T via CONNECT:Direct™ . During the test, AT&T will verify with the CLEC that the test file received is identical in size and format to the file sent.
7	Once the connectivity test is successfully completed, the CLEC will receive written notification from AT&T via e-mail confirming the success of the test.
8	Once the connectivity testing is complete, the application testing (described in the ADUF and ODUF sections of this document) can begin.

CONNECT:Direct™
Dial-up
Options   If the CLEC chooses to receive their Electronic Daily Usage Files through
                   CONNECT:Direct™ Dial-up, its Dial-up networking must be tested to verify that
                   the CLEC can download data files posted on AT&T's network.

Prerequisites Several steps must be completed BEFORE the connectivity testing process can
                   begin. The CLEC must have performed the necessary steps to establish a
                   communication pathway on its end and must:

- Have the CONNECT:Direct™ software installed
- Have a PC with modem
- Have Dial-up Networking
- Have AT&T issued Secure ID Card

Note: AT&T strongly recommends that the CLEC purchase Sterling
          Commerce, Inc.'s Maintenance Agreement for Vendor Assistance.

**Testing
Procedures**   The following table describes the general connectivity testing procedures for
CONNECT:Direct™ Dial-up:

Task	Action
1	The CLEC contacts AT&T Account Team Member to request information on the CONNECT:Direct™ Dial-up option and obtain a AT&T issued Secure ID Card if needed.
2	The CLEC completes the CONNECT:Direct™ Connectivity Questionnaire (Attachment E at the end of this section) and sends it to the AT&T ODUF SME. This will provide AT&T with basic information to set up the connectivity test.
3	An initial conference call between AT&T and the CLEC's technical personnel are scheduled at a time and date mutually agreed upon.
4	During the initial conference call, all the technical details and requirements will be discussed. AT&T and the CLEC will agree on the connectivity testing start date and schedule a conference call to perform this testing.
5	AT&T sends the CLEC a written summary of the technical details and requirements discussed during the initial conference call.
6	Since the CLEC has chosen the Dial-up option, AT&T sends the CLEC the following: • A SecurID card to allow access to the AT&T network • The "CONNECT:Direct™ or CARE In-Dial Remote Access Instructions" • Information on the Dial-up number, passwords, etc.
7	The connectivity test will take place during a conference call between AT&T and the CLEC's technical personnel. This test is performed to verify that the CLEC can download via CONNECT:Direct™ the data files posted by AT&T. During the test, AT&T will verify with the CLEC that the test file downloaded is identical in size and format to the file posted on the AT&T network.
8	Once the connectivity test is successfully completed, the CLEC will receive written notification from AT&T via e-mail confirming the success of the test.
9	Once the connectivity process is complete, the application testing (described in the ADUF and ODUF sections of this document) can begin.

Getting Help   Support for CONNECT:Direct™ may be obtained 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by calling 205-444-2912.