

# APPENDIX INW

Inward Assistance Operator Services, BLV, BLVI

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## APPENDIX INW (Inward Assistance Operator Services)

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Inward Assistance Operator Services for switched-based CLEC's or CLEC's leasing Lawful unbundled switched ports as provided by the applicable AT&T Inc. (AT&T) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and CLEC.
- 1.2 **AT&T Inc. (AT&T)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois.
- 1.3 **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** - As used herein, **AT&T MIDWEST REGION 5-STATE** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.4 **AT&T ILLINOIS** - As used herein, **AT&T ILLINOIS** means Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, the applicable AT&T-owned ILEC doing business in Illinois.

### 2. SERVICES

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

### 3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 **"General Assistance"** - A service in which an operator calls the Inward Assistance operator seeking assistance in dialing a number. The assistance could be required, for example, for attempting to dial a number where a 'no ring' condition has been encountered.
- 3.2 **"Busy Line Verification"** - A service in which an operator asks the Inward Assistance operator to verify a conversation in progress.
- 3.3 **"Busy Line Verification/ Interrupt"** - A service in which an operator asks the Inward Assistance operator to interrupt a conversation in progress, to determine if one of the parties is willing to speak to the caller requesting the interrupt.
- 3.4 **"Toll Center Code"** - Refers to a three digit Access Tandem Code (ATC) code that uniquely identifies a tandem switch in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) designated as providing access to operator services functions. An operator dials the appropriate area code + ATC + OPR SVC CODE to obtain Inward Assistance.
- 3.5 **"Operator Service Code"** - Refers to the operator dialable code assigned in the LERG for Inward Assistance.

### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 4.1 To the extent that a Party elects, in its sole discretion, to interconnect with the other Party's Operator assistance switches, the Parties' responsibilities are described below:
  - 4.1.1 It is the responsibility of the CLEC to order the necessary facilities to interconnect with **AT&T ILLINOIS**' Operator assistance switch(es). It is the responsibility of **AT&T ILLINOIS** to provide the

necessary facilities to the CLEC's point of presence in the local exchange area/LATA to interconnect with the CLEC's Operator assistance switches.

- 4.1.2 The CLEC will initiate an ASR for a one-way trunk group from its designated Operator assistance switch to the AT&T ILLINOIS Operator assistance switch utilizing MF signaling. Likewise, AT&T ILLINOIS will initiate an ASR for a one-way MF signaling trunk group from its Operator assistance switch to the CLEC's designated Operator assistance switch.
- 4.2 CLEC will furnish request for service in writing to AT&T ILLINOIS, thirty calendar (30) days in advance of the date when the Inward Assistance Operator Services are to be undertaken, unless otherwise agreed to by AT&T ILLINOIS. CLEC or its designated operator services providers shall submit Access Service Requests (ASRs) to AT&T ILLINOIS to establish any new interconnection trunking arrangements.
- 4.3 The requester of this Inward Assistance Operator Services service agreement must provide one Carrier Identification Code (CIC) for its CLEC or Independent Exchange Carrier business operation and one for its InterExchange Carrier (IXC) business operation if the requesting company wishes to receive billing data in a format that separates the service provided to the two business operations.

## 5. TOLL CENTER CODES

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

## 6. PRICING

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

## 7. MONTHLY BILLING

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

## 8. LIABILITY

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

## 9. TERMS OF APPENDIX

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

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### EXHIBIT I

#### SERVING AREA

#### OPERATOR SERVICES PROVIDER LOCATION:

#### CLEC SWITCH SERVING LOCATIONS:

<u>CITY</u>	<u>NPA-NXX</u>	<u>LATA</u>
Dixon		
Galesburg		
Pekin		

ADDITIONAL SHEETS SHOULD BE ADDED AS REQUIRED.